

Dance your way to Noche Caliente

By Jenny Sali
Staff Writer

Get ready to dance Bryant University because Noche Caliente is almost here. Spanish for "Hot Night," Noche Caliente has been a tradition here at Bryant since 2006. It's a night where people from all cultures can get together and enjoy Latin music and modern hip-hop, reggae, and R&B. Since 2007, a dance contest has been held, in which any couple can sign up and have a chance at winning. The last couple left standing receives a \$200 award (two \$100 Visa gift cards).

The event this year takes place Saturday October 17 from 9:00pm-1:00am. There is a \$3 fee for non-students before 10:00pm and \$5 after 10:00pm; Bryant students get in free.

Latino Heritage Month is a growing experience at Bryant. Luis Gonzalez, VP of Latino View at MSU says "Even though the history of LHM at Bryant dates back to the early 1990s, it is very difficult to attract the attention of students to attend certain events. Since 2007, I feel that this month has been growing slowly, but surely."

Gonzalez knew that if he was elected VP it would be a challenge but he decided to run because he feels passionately about his Latin culture.

Latino Heritage Month Finale is celebrated during Parents and Family weekend. It's Saturday, October 24th and starts around 2:00pm outside Bryant Center. This year, the event will include the following: a Flamenco dance group, Puerto Rican and Peruvian dance groups, and a well-known salsa group from URI, known as eXposure. Lots of finger food will be provided, in addition, there will be popcorn, cotton candy, and slushies. Since it is Parents and Family weekend, there will be a clown for the kids on the lawn, outside the Bryant Center.

Gonzalez adds that these events could not have been complete without the help of his co-chairs, Christofer Flores and Dorothy Perez-Rivera and the amount of work his committee put into this year's LHM was amazing.



(Courtesy of Alex Perullo)

Helping Tanzania

By Brendan Heller
Contributing Writer

Project Tanzania, a non-profit organization at Bryant University, is set to kick-off a Buy-A-Box campaign on October 15th. Sophomore Chris Brida and Project Tanzania's founder, Professor Alex Perullo, have developed the campaign as a fund-raiser to send textbooks to universities throughout Tanzania.

"With Buy-A-Box, faculty at Bryant will donate \$20 to cover the shipping for a box of textbooks to be sent to Tanzania, which is in eastern Africa, just south of Kenya," Brida said.

In addition to collecting for the shipment of textbooks to Tanzania, Brida spent his summer collecting donations for a Project Tanzania scholarship fund. He put donation cans in six Dunkin Donuts around his home in western Massachusetts for one month and ten

days. In total, he collected \$2,804 for the organization.

"All of the money that we have raised will be put into a scholarship fund that will give at least two \$1,000 scholarships to students already enrolled in universities in Tanzania," Brida said.

For the student to receive the scholarship, according to Brida, they will need to submit a personal essay about their life and hardships they have faced, and have a recommendation submitted on their behalf. Brida, Perullo, and four other students involved in the organization will sit on the application selection process.

"We don't want to just have these monetary scholarships. By my senior year, I hope to establish a deal with Bryant University that will waive full tuition and room and board in order to allow a student from Tanzania to attend Bryant University for one school year,"

Students and faculty come together to make a difference

Brida said excitedly.

Last week Brida met with Dr. Tom Eakin, Vice President of Student Affairs, who seemed very excited about the idea, according to Brida. Next week he has a meeting scheduled with Dean David Lux of the College of Arts and Sciences, and said he hopes to meet with President Ron Machtley very soon in order to get his plan approved.

"Everyone should have the opportunity to receive a college education, regardless of where they live and their economic status. By allowing one student to receive a quality education at Bryant for one year, hopefully it will change their life," Brida said.

"It will give them the opportunity to help change other lives, giving other students the hope and desire they need to earn a quality education."

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Leaders emerge through ODK

By **Brigit Clancy**
Variety Editor

Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) is a national leadership honors society that recognizes and honors academic excellence, commendable leadership, and service in extracurricular activities and encourages development of campus citizenship. New members from the student body and faculty will be inducted into the Bryant chapter of ODK on Sunday, Oct. 25.

ODK was founded December 3, 1914 at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia by 15 student and faculty leaders. It is the first national college honor society to recognize and honor leadership and service in extracurricular activities and to encourage development of general campus citizenship. According to the organization's website, ODK has initiated over 300,000 members since it was founded.

ODK recognizes achievement in five areas of campus life. These areas are scholarship; athletics; campus/community service; social/religious activities and campus government; journalism, speech and the mass media; and creative and performing arts.

Bryant's chapter of ODK is one of 313 across the United States. ODK was established at Bryant in May of 2005. Since then, about 150 students and faculty members have been inducted.

Four students lead Bryant's chapter of ODK, President Jeff Steacie, '10, Vice President Cailin Rocco, '10, Treasurer Christine Hayden, '10, and Secretary Danny Hackenson, '10. Each member of this executive board (e-board) plays a specific role in the organization.

As the President, Steacie stated his primary role is to ensure the continued growth and leadership of ODK. "We have made great strides this year to add value to our society and to be aware of our brand recognition on campus," he said. "My role is to make sure we strengthen our internal structure, while exploring new opportunities to make our organization better."

Vice President Rocco stated, "My role is to help facilitate meetings and assist the e-board with decisions that will bring ODK to a new level of quality and recognition."

Hackenson defined his role as Secretary as very straightforward. "I keep accurate minutes for ODK meetings and stay actively involved in the strategic planning for the society. I also, however, have been part of the push for transparency in the e-board for its members as well as re-defining the purpose and mission of ODK at Bryant," he said.

To each of these leaders, being a member of ODK has a different meaning. Steacie emphasizes the students' involvement in ODK. "By being in ODK, student leaders

get to share their opinions and views with other student leaders," Steacie commented. "There are numerous ways to build bridges and bonds between organizations and support one another at the same time. Members have the opportunity to partake in conferences and special events, as well as network with other leaders."

Rocco stated, "The importance of being in ODK stems from the honor and interest by and for members. Not only does membership give students and faculty a feeling of accomplishment and recognition, but it allows these individuals to learn from each other and grow together."

"The importance of being in ODK is to bring together those students who epitomize the integrated roles of leadership and scholarship on college campuses," said Hackenson. "Being in ODK expands your network of interactions as it brings together five distinct phases of campus life."

"Being in ODK means that you are one of the premier student leaders of this campus and that you have managed to maintain the balance between academics and involvement," said Hackenson. "ODK brings together the brightest and best leaders from [the five phases of campus life]. Being in ODK means you have made a difference on this campus."

On Sunday, Oct. 25, Steacie, Rocco, Hayden, and Hackenson as well as the cur-



Omicron Delta Kappa is a leadership honor society recognized at Bryant

rent members of ODK will welcome new members into the chapter. The current members are putting together an induction ceremony to honor all new members. Thirty-five inductees will be recognized. Out of 83 students that applied for membership, 30 will be inducted. Five faculty members will be honored with these students.

Rich Hurley, Assistant Director of the Center for Student Involvement and the Faculty Secretary of ODK, said, "Each year I am amazed at the quality of nominees, with 83 incredible student

leaders to choose from this year, our current members had a very difficult decision to make in the voting process. I personally, as the Faculty Secretary, feel honored to work with such a devoted group of students from so many different facets of campus. Although they represent all forms of involvement, they all seem to have the same personal mission: making positive change for the Bryant community."

Let's Talk About Sex!

By **Sara Larrabee**
Staff Writer

The "birds and the bees", the "talk", the "S word", that awkward conversation with your parents or your school teachers we never wanted to have. Yes, the topic is sex. We all learned about what sexual intercourse was at a very young age, but as we grew up it became more apparent in our everyday lives. Sex on the television, in movies, in the classroom, in our books, our music, and just about everywhere. That is why the Bryant Debaters, one of the many clubs here on campus, chose this topic to discuss at their meeting last week. "There is usually a good turnout at the meetings," said the Debaters President, Dan Holland "but we always welcome more contributors! So come, discuss, respect, and have a good time." The Debaters meetings are held Thursdays at 7:00pm in Meeting Room 1 of the Bryant Center.

There are so many opinions about sex, so it was great to hear from real-life college students about what they thought. The general consensus at this meeting was "when you are ready, it's okay, as long as you are safe and smart about it. But if you're not ready, then you're not ready, and there is no

rush." We talked about the ideology of waiting for marriage to have sex, versus the "natural human desire, want, and need" to have sex before being married. Some debaters thought that sex is "a beautiful way to show your love and passion towards your partner", while others looked at it as a way to "suppress a physical instinct" and a strong desire to "feel good". When the discussion turned toward the religious aspect of having pre-

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marital sex, we were all considerate in regards to the differences in beliefs that each one of us held, as well as those of the campus and the world. In general, the opinion of the group was that "you can be religious, but still enjoy having sex."

As stated earlier, there have been so many technological advances, that it makes it very hard to hide sex from our everyday lives. In modern-day advertising, "sex sells", and is an underlying tone in almost any commercial. For products such as beer, showing a

half naked woman throwing herself at a guy only because he has this certain type of beer, is going to make people think, "Hey, if I buy that kind of beer, then a hot girl is going to jump all over me!" Which in reality, we all know is never going to happen, but somewhere over the past few decades, "sexy advertising" has made its way into our minds and controls what we think and what we buy. Even recent family television shows, such as ABC

Family's "The Secret Life of the American Teenager", MTV's "16 and Pregnant", and movies such as "Juno", have told our culture that it is okay to have sex young and before marriage, and to become pregnant as a teenager, and have a child, you can work through it and it will not ruin a young life. There were so many examples discussed at this meeting, but the point here is that media has had a direct influence on our generation's views on sex, especially when compared to years past.

Even in education, the system is changing from purely "abstinence education" to "safe-sex education" because society is realizing how accepting the American culture has become of having sex at younger and younger ages. One Debate contributor even argued that "sex is unnecessarily made a taboo in our society." Unfortunately, this is where our discussion stopped because our time had run out, but there is still plenty to discuss. So whether you agree or disagree with these statements, you should definitely bring your respective opinions to the next meeting of the Bryant Debaters! We promise it should be a fruitful and lively discussion and there will be refreshments! Look out for future emails about the upcoming topics we will discuss.

If you would like to get the word out about your club I'd be happy to attend one of your meetings. Contact me, Sara Larrabee at slarrabee@bryant.edu.



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Calling all students to Cardboard City

By Andrew Pantuosco
Contributing Writer



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Greek Life will be hosting the first annual Cardboard City at Bryant University. Cardboard City is a fun-filled philanthropy event adopted by countless schools in the United States. **Who:** You . . . as part of a team of 3-5 people **What:** Come out with your team and build a cardboard house (materials supplied), eat food, and have a good time while benefiting a cause **When:** Friday October 16, **From:** 3:00 pm – 12:00 am **Where:** Bryant Center Patio **Why:** Philanthropy event to

raise money, food, and awareness for the homeless **Cost:** \$5 1 canned food item per team **What better way to spend your Friday night than eating food, listening to music, hanging out with great people . . . and building cardboard houses?!** Come out and raise awareness for the homeless while partaking in this fun event. Got questions? Want to register a team? Visit the Cardboard City table in the Rotunda for the next two weeks.

Avenue Q: Sesame Street for adults!

By Zafirah Zainal
Staff Writer

First there was Sesame Street, and now there's Avenue Q. New York is really the last place I would think puppets come from, but this is not the first time I've been proven wrong.

Coincidentally, the first time I found out about Avenue Q was through a poster I saw in Providence promoting its run at the Providence Performing Arts Center. Then I got an email promoting the free Student Arts and Speaker Series (SASS) trip to watch the show in Providence! So of course I wanted to know more.

In simple words, Avenue Q is a multiple Tony Award winning musical that is basically the potty-mouth version of Sesame Street. So instead of pre-school ABC learning, expect some more, ahem, adult material coming your way when you watch this show.

The Student Arts and Speaker Series will

be sponsoring a free trip to the Providence Performing Arts Center on Wednesday, October 21st. So take advantage of this opportunity and get the most bang out of your Student-Involvement-Fee buck! Free tickets can be picked up at the 3rd floor of the Bryant Center and a \$10 deposit is required. Tickets will also be available on October 16th to Faculty & Staff as well as guests for a non-refund-

able price of \$10.00 and \$20.00 respectively. *'Avenue Q is a multiple Tony Award winning musical that is basically the potty-mouth version of Sesame Street.'*

At press time, tickets were in high demand – so hurry on up to secure your seat at the avant-garde musical when it comes to town.

If you have any questions about the SASS-sponsored trip, please be sure to contact Emily Coutu at ecoutu@bryant.edu or Megan Sage at msage@bryant.edu.

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 OCT 9 2009-Friday at 22:40
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 OCT 9 2009-Friday at 14:00
 Location: RESIDENCE HALL
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 OCT 10 2009-Saturday at 16:45
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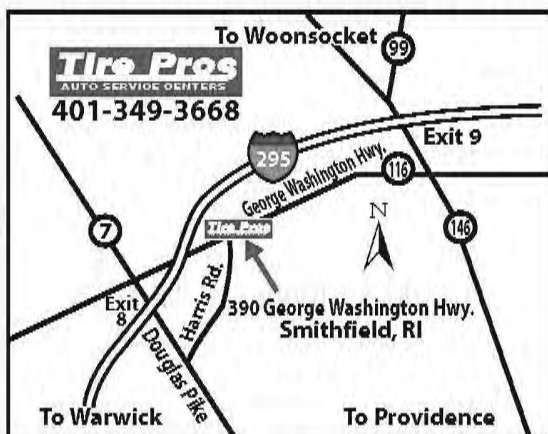
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Study Abroad Spotlight

Dominic Manzano



Reason for going

I decided to study abroad in Rome, Italy for the Spring 2009 semester because I felt that a drastic cultural change could only benefit my life and growth into a mature adult. Although it was difficult at first to leave my lifestyle, family, and friends behind, I came back feeling a lot more independent and with a lot of new friends.

Best experience/memory

My best memory while studying abroad was when my father came to visit for a week. He had always wanted to go to Italy, and with me studying there for a semester he had no choice but to visit me. While he was visiting we were able to take a day trip to Bari, Italy where his grandparents, my great grandparents, were originally from.

How was the school different from Bryant

University?

The university I attended in Rome, John Cabot, was actually very similar to Bryant University. It reminded me of Bryant because it was a small-knit community in which everyone knew one another.

How did this experience change you?

This experience has changed me tremendously because it allowed me to broaden my horizon in terms of different cultures and lifestyles. I also came back feeling more mature and independent.

Would you study abroad again given the opportunity?

If I were given the opportunity to study abroad again I would do it in a heartbeat. This past semester studying abroad in Rome was the best time of my life, and I wouldn't pass it up for anything in the world.

CSI Spotlight

Amy Angeloni



Amy's Involvements:

Student Senate, Colleges Against Cancer, ODK

Favorite Quote:

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel" - Maya Angelou

A Piece of Advice for your peers:

Don't get too comfortable. If you feel yourself just going through the motions or becoming bored, step everything up a notch! Bring in a new idea to your class or club. Always make sure you find ways to stay excited and creative about everything you are doing.

A statement on why you are involved:

I have learned so much about myself by being involved. Each new role that I take on shows me more of me, and teaches me lessons I will carry with me to my future. I have made friends I will keep forever, and working with them daily makes me know that Bryant is definitely the place I am supposed to be.

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The Student Entrepreneur: Personal Strengths and Weaknesses

By Michael Adams
Assistant Editor in Chief

As I pondered these last few weeks about the direction of my company, it really got me thinking about what I want to do. I know, some of you may be confused right now. "But, you own a business. You already know what you want to do!" It's not that simple. Yes, I own a business and can check that off my bucket list, but more importantly, beyond owning a business, what do I want to do, what am I good at, and where does my passion lie?

There are many aspects to a business, from finance to operations, marketing to management. I'm going to confess and say that I don't like all of them. There, I said it. Right now, I wear just about every hat in my company. I've baked energy bars, done the invoicing, delivered to retailers on a weekly basis, made business cards, analyzed months of QuickBooks data, and even managed my parents (OK, the last one is a little weird—it's more like they manage me). Regardless, you can clearly tell that I am the chief cook and bottle washer. But, it was this position that I am in that got me thinking about which of those things I'm really good at. I'm a marketing major, so naturally, I love marketing and branding. I could do product samplings every day of the week; interacting with

customers and seeing their reactions after just tasting one of my products, but at the same time, design business cards, sell sheets, and our website. I love sales, too. Landing new accounts and working alongside them to create a mutually beneficial relationship is very exciting to me. I love working down to the very second, cranking out numbers to see where we can get rid of waste and become more efficient. Lastly, I love

owner, those numbers don't mean much unless I can push product out the door and hop out of the red—good thing I have my brother to outsource to for all number crunching and analysis needs! I'm not going to always pawn the numbers off on my brother. This is a weakness that I realize I need to work on. As an entrepreneur, you need to be good at every aspect of business or at least understand it. I'm all of 21 years old—this stuff takes time.

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exercise. You may not own a business (although, I am meeting more and more students on this campus that do run the show), but you still have strengths and weaknesses. Play to your strengths and work on turning your weaknesses around—just like in a job interview. You may be horrible at something, but you are definitely really good at something else. For your personal brand's sake do this five minute activity. It will really help you see what you need to work on, and you might even find that you don't need to work on anything—Ha! Who am I kidding? Nobody's perfect.

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An employee at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing inspects sheets of the new twenty dollar bill (MCT Campus)

Cash Is King: Preserving Your Wealth in Uncertain Times

By Chris Wallace
Staff Writer

A well known quote from some financial advisors during tough economic times is, "Cash is King". In other words, keep-

ing your wealth in cash or cash equivalents is the safest bet. Examples include CD's, bonds, and treasury notes. A Certificate of Deposit in a bank is a deposit to the bank made by an account holder in which the bank pays a specified interest rate to hold their money for a specified period of time. There, not only will your money appreciate in value, but it is guaranteed safe, whereas stocks do not guarantee either of these conditions. The disadvantage to holding a CD is that most banks issue a financial penalty (usually about 10% of principle) should you decide to withdraw your money before the maturity date. The bank will outline the interest rate they pay for each CD. There are different types of CD's, varying by time and interest rate, with a maturity anywhere from 6-months to 10+ years. Usually, the longer the maturity of the CD, the higher the interest rate is. Although CD's are safe, always find a well known bank in your area with a good reputation, and make sure the deposits are guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). If the bank goes under, the FDIC will reimburse the saver for the money deposited in the account. Being picky in choosing a bank is essential given the record number of bank failures in recent months.

Another way to store your wealth is in corporate or municipal bonds, as well as government debt, or T-bills. Bonds are simply a promise to pay by the bond issuer to the bond holder. When you buy a corporate bond, for example, you are "buying their debt", or in layman's terms lending the company or government money. I do not consider corporate bonds to be completely safe, as there is always a risk of the company going bankrupt, in which case bondholders of the company get paid first, however there is no guarantee they will be paid the original price of the bond. If you are willing to take a little risk in a solid company with good fundamentals, and you can find an attractive interest rate, then corporate bonds might be for you.

A more secure long term investment is in government debt, called treasury notes, or T-bills. These investments are similar to stocks in that they are traded over various exchanges, and you can buy them through a brokerage firm such as Scottrade, E-trade, or Fidelity, much like a stock. Their interest rates vary directly with the price of the bond. If the price of the bond goes up, the interest rate goes down (less return on your money). Likewise, if the price of the bond goes down, the interest rate goes up (greater return on your money). There are various types of treasury bills, distinguished by their maturity, anywhere from less than a year to 30-year notes. Generally, bond prices fluctuate inversely relative to stock prices. While the prices of stocks are going down, the price of government debt usually goes up, and vice versa. If the stock market continues its bear market, then there will be a "flight to safety" by investors. This will mean increased demand for safe assets such as CD's and bonds, sending their prices up. If you invest in a safe asset class such as these now, you will be at a relative advantage when the price of bonds start to go up because you will have bought them at a bargain.

No matter what unfolds in financial markets and the economy in the coming months and years, it can never hurt to stay away from risky assets in uncertain times such as these. If risky assets such as stocks start to fall again, not only will you have the peace of mind knowing your money is safe, but when the stock market reaches its true bottom, the investing opportunity of a lifetime will be there in stocks, and you will have the capital to invest for a better tomorrow. In the meantime, "Cash is King".

Roberto Roundings: The Netflix Prize

By Michael Roberto
Faculty Columnist

Fortune had a good article on the Netflix prize, arguing that it is a good case study on mass collaboration. Indeed, it is. Some 40,000 teams competed for the \$1 million prize. The competition entailed the development of an improvement

more diverse array of titles. Yet, it needs to recommend movies, including many lesser known and older titles, that customers will enjoy. Customers don't know these movies necessarily, so they must trust Netflix to help them discover what they will enjoy.

What is Netflix's leg up on the competition? It's not just better statisticians... after all, this was a public competition. Here is the key: As Netflix's customer base grows, it's movie recommendation engine improves. Why? The algorithms became more refined as the data about customer preferences become richer and more plentiful. Thus, we have a network effect here. The value to a particular customer rises as the number of Netflix customers rises, because the recommendation engine gets better! With a huge stable of customers, Netflix has a huge advantage over rivals because of its proprietary database and algorithms. They can't simply be matched by having better statisticians... you also need the sample size and history that Netflix has. No one else does at the moment.

Steve Swasey, Vice President of Corporate Communications for Netflix (MCT Campus)



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in the movie recommendation engine at Netflix. Why is this so valuable to Netflix? The business model at Netflix entails being able to accurately help predict what a customer will enjoy, with a particular focus AWAY from the hit new releases. A focus on new releases requires movie rental companies, such as Blockbuster, to stock huge numbers of a title when it is released, only to then find itself with a huge amount of excess inventory just a few weeks later. Thus, Netflix would like to rent out a

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Football team wins homecoming battle over Wagner; falls to Fordham

Courtesy of Bryant Athletics

Senior tailback Jerell Smith rushed for 178 yards on 31 carries and added a fourth quarter touchdown to lead the Bryant University football team to a 6-2 win over visiting Wagner College before 3,262 at a rain-soaked Bulldog Stadium Saturday afternoon. With the win, Bryant improves to 3-1 overall and 2-0 in Northeast Conference play as the Bulldogs are now a perfect 6-0 on Homecoming & Reunion Weekend under coach Marty Fine.

A steady rain throughout the day turned the game into a defensive battle as neither team could find the end zone and went into the break scoreless as the two teams combined for just 283 yards.

Late in the third, Wagner would finally get on the board first after forcing the Bulldogs to punt deep in their own territory. Bryant never managed to get the punt off as the centering pass sailed over punter Tim Miscovich and out of the back of the end zone giving Wagner a 2-0 lead.

Perhaps the key play of the game came as the Bulldogs faced a fourth-and-three play



Senior Jerell Smith rushed for 178 yards and scored from 17 yards out in the fourth quarter to help lead the Bulldogs past Wagner 6-2 at Bulldog Stadium. It was the ninth time in Smith's career that he ran over the century mark. (Courtesy of Bryant Athletics)

on the Wagner 30 yard line. Quarterback Mike Croce picked up a good block by Smith in the backfield allowing the sophomore signal caller enough time to connect with tight end Matt Tracey

down the sideline for a 13 yard pass play and a first down at the Wagner 17. On the very next play, Smith broke free down the left side for a 17-yard touchdown giving the Bulldogs a 6-2 lead

with 10:29 left, a lead they would not relinquish. For Smith, it was the ninth time in his career he has gone over the 100 yard mark.

Bryant however would see its two-game win streak come

to an end as the Bulldogs dropped a 35-7 non-conference decision at Fordham University Saturday night at Jack Coffey Field. The loss drops Bryant to 3-2 on the season while Fordham, winners of two straight after opening the year 0-3, improves to 2-3 on the year.

In the first-ever matchup between the two schools, Bryant had trouble containing Fordham's standout quarterback John Skelton who completed 18 of 32 passes for 183 yards, plus throwing for two touchdowns and rushing for another in the victory.

Bryant would finally get on the scoreboard late in the third as Tim Mastrino hauled in a 28-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Croce to make it 28-7. But that was all the Bulldogs would get as the Rams held Bryant to just 219 offensive yards including 134 yards on the ground. Jerell Smith, last week's NEC Co-Offensive Player of the Week, led Bryant with 86 yards rushing on 19 carries. Croce completed 12 of 28 passes for just 85 yards.

Bryant returns to NEC play this Saturday when the Bulldogs travel to Albany to face the Great Danes.

Bulldogs shut out at home, fall, 2-0 to Lock Haven Sunday afternoon

Courtesy of Bryant Athletics

The Bryant University field hockey team fought hard, but couldn't thwart the offense of Lock Haven forward Amy Hordendorf, as the Bulldogs fell to the Lady Eagles, 2-0, Sunday afternoon at the Bryant Turf Complex.

Bryant (4-8, 1-2 Northeast Conference) fell into an early 1-0 hole just 7:37 into the contest, as Hordendorf dribbled

into the middle from the right side, lofting a shot past Bryant goalkeeper Kundayi Mawema (Harare, Zimbabwe).

Mawema would make four saves through the opening frame to keep the home side's deficit at just one entering the break, as the Bulldogs survived five minutes of man-down action when sophomore Aly Czerniak (Holyoke, Mass.) was issued a yellow card with just over seven minutes to play in the first half.

But it wouldn't take long for Hordendorf and the Lady Eagles (11-3, 2-0) to up their advantage to two goals after the intermission. Just three minutes into the second half, Mary Keister connected with Alanna Lewis on a penalty

corner. Lewis sent the ball sailing toward the Bryant cage, where Hordendorf got a touch, deflecting the ball into the net for her second tally of the day.

The 2-0 score would stick, dropping the Bulldogs to 4-8 overall and 2-1 at home.

Lock Haven outshot the Bulldogs, 16-6, putting 10 of those on goal to Bryant's one. The Lady Eagles earned nine penalty corners to the Bulldogs' four while Mawema made eight saves between the pipes for the Bulldogs. Her Lock Haven counterpart, Erin Terreson, made one stop.

Bryant is back in action this Friday, Oct. 16, when they travel to New Jersey to take on Rider University at 4:00 p.m.



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Upcoming Lacrosse Game: AWAY vs. Rider University, October 16th at 4:00 pm.

Top Dogs



Kundayi Mawema

Year: Senior

Sport: Field Hockey

Mawema posted back-to-back shutouts for the Bulldogs in victories over Holy Cross and Robert Morris. She has a .800 save percentage on the season.



Jason Thresher

Year: Senior

Sport: Golf

After taking a third-overall individual finish at this week's Connecticut Cup, senior Thresher was named the Northeast Conference Golfer of the Week.

And the real season begins

By David Niles
Staff Writer

After months of waiting and sheer boredom, Thursday we were finally able to watch some NHL hockey. Just kidding. I am talking about the beginning of the MLB playoffs (hopefully you continued reading after the first sentence). I refer to it as the "Real Season" because it seems as if we have devalued the regular season in almost all our professional sports.

Before we look at the MLB, I first must address the NHL and NBA because their regular and postseason formats are borderline absurd. Consider that over half the teams in each league make the playoffs. The NBA and NHL regular seasons include 81 and over 100 games, respectively, and span about seven months. After all those games and all that time how is the best team in the league rewarded. Well, they get one additional home game. That's right. The best team in the NBA and NHL and a team that may be under .500 are given basically the exact same chance to win in the playoffs, even though one team may have won 30 more games over the course of seven months.

At least with baseball it is an accomplishment to reach the playoffs. Instead of allowing mediocrity to be enough to earn a postseason bid, only eight of thirty teams make the playoffs. But again, the regular season is 162 games and lasts over half the year. A wild card team can get hot over the course of a short five game series and take out an opponent that established

themselves as clearly the better team over the course of 162 games. What is a better determinant of excellence, a 162 game sample or a three to five game sample? Obviously what makes the playoffs great

entire regular season?

I think the sport that gets it right is the NFL. The top two teams from each conference not only get home-field advantage but they get a bye. They allow enough teams in

benefit from such a format, contracting the number of teams they have in order to eliminate the bad teams, and at the same time reward the top teams with byes. We all know this will never happen

in. However, I like it that only elite teams make the playoffs, so I think another solution is in order. For decades only the top team from each league (AL and NL pennant winners) made the playoffs (there was the World Series and that was it). I think we should really reward the pennant winners again. I think the pennant winner from each league should get home-field advantage for the entire first round, the other two division winners keep the current format, and the wild card winner be treated as such, and be forced to play on the road. A second solution could be to allow the pennant winner to choose which team they want to play in the first round. This would make things fairly exciting leading up to the games. I can just imagine all the "disrespect" talk that the chosen team would bring to media sessions after being identified as the easiest opponent by the pennant winner.

Lastly, we could allow for two wild card teams in each league and make them have a one game play-in game. It would be exciting, and again, somewhat punish a wild card team by having to win an additional game, not putting them on equal footing with division winners. This year we essentially had a play-in game between the Tigers and Twins. And what an exciting game that was!

Unfortunately, none of these changes will probably happen in the near future, or ever. For now we should just remain thankful that we at least have a playoff system (don't get me started with the BCS).



As many teams do, the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim celebrate their American League Division Series sweep of the Boston Red Sox by showering themselves in beer and champagne. The Angels swept the Red Sox in three games to advance to the American League Championship Series against the New York Yankees. (MCT Campus)

is that the team with the better record doesn't always win. Nonetheless, is it fair that these top tier teams in any sport are not given more of a reward than an additional home game for what they have accomplished during an

(12 of 32) that there are competitive wild card races but not too many that mediocre teams can get into the postseason. The twelve team format is also what allows for the first round byes. I think the NBA and NHL would

because less teams and less games means less ticket sales, games on TV, and money in the owners' pockets.

As for baseball, they could also adopt the twelve team format, expanding from the current eight teams allowed

Double Overtime Thrillers in Big Soccer Weekend



Despite a career day for freshman keeper Kelsi Jacob, St. Mary's was able to score the game winning goal in the 103rd minute of play. (Courtesy of BryantBulldogs)

By Eva Mahan
Staff Writer

Following a week of disappointing shut-outs against Northeast Conference foes St. Francis and Quinnipiac, the men's soccer team was looking for redemption against Central Connecticut State University at home on Sunday. The Bulldogs rose and earned their first conference

victory with a thrilling 3-2 double overtime win.

After a scoreless first half, CCSU attacked in the 60th minute of play as Blue Devil senior Raphael Guimares rebounded his own free kick and fired a hard shot into the upper right corner. Two minutes later, the Blue Devils scored again, but this time in the wrong goal, after a header from Bulldog's Taylor Sabo

(Scarborough, Maine) hit off the right post and was bobbed by a Blue Devils defenseman into his own net.

Tied at one goal a piece heading into the 80th minute, freshman Sean Reilly (Monroe, N.Y.) received a beautiful pass from junior Sean Kaukas (Glastonbury, Conn.) and tallied his first ever collegiate goal as he bent the ball past The Blue Devil's goalie into

the left side-netting.

Just two minutes later, the Blue Devils scored again off of another rebounded free kick and evened the score at 2-2, with just eight minutes of regulation play remaining. The score would remain fixed through the first ten minute overtime and into the fourth minute of second overtime when freshman Mike da Fonte (Ossining, N.Y.) followed Reilly's lead, also tallying his first collegiate goal, off a nice feed from Matt Brown (South Easton, Mass.).

The sudden death double overtime game would end with impressive fashion in the Bulldogs favor at 3-2.

"We have battled hard this year and have challenged a few of the toughest teams in the region," said head coach Seamus Purcell. "The work ethic has been tremendous and we continue to improve each and every day. Looking forward to the rest of the season, we look to turn some heads in the NEC conference."

The women's soccer team left fans on the edge of their seats in the second double overtime nail biter of the day on Sunday. This one unfortunately did not swing in the Bulldog's favor as they were ousted 2-1 by Northeast Con-

ference opponent Mount St. Mary's.

In what seemed like a mirror image of the men's scoreless first half, the Bulldog's first goal came in the 55th minute of play as sophomore Kaitlyn Hinck (Bow, N.H.) was fed by freshman Alex Bengston (Andover, Mass.) and sent the ball into the upper left corner, giving the Bulldogs a 1-0 advantage.

The Mount would even the score in the 88th minute of play, forcing overtime, off a long shot from sophomore Sadie Winship.

The first ten minute overtime period went without a goal from either side and with the Mount controlling the tempo of play, the Bulldogs were only able to get a few good looks and in the 103rd minute, Mount St. Mary's senior Emily Menotti netted the game winning goal.

Bulldog's freshman goalkeeper Kelsi Jacob (Mahwah, N.J.) recorded a career high 14 saves in the loss as the Bulldogs outshot The Mount 31-24 on the day.

The men's and women's team will return on Friday October 16th at home against nationally ranked Monmouth at 3:00 p.m. and NEC opponent Sacred Heart at 7:00 p.m. respectively.

For a Full Sports Schedule
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Keep your dirty water, I love the Big Apple

By Jackie Ammirato
Assistant Sports Editor

Being from New York, when conversations in Salmo turn to the topic of professional sports it can seem like a world dominated by Boston. At this time of year, the conversation inevitably turns to either the Red Sox or the Patriots and frequently includes both. This weekend, however, the tide changed. On Sunday, within a matter of hours the Red Sox were knocked out of the playoffs by the Angels and the Patriots suffered an overtime loss to the Broncos (who last year finished 8-8). Suddenly, normally very talkative Boston fans were rendered speechless.

One day brought two Boston immortals, Jonathan Papelbon and Tom Brady back down to Earth. Papelbon entered the game on Sunday having pitched twenty-six scoreless post season innings. He proceeded to allow two inherited runners to score in the eighth and gave up three runs with two out in the ninth.

Meanwhile, Tom Brady has not been earning his god-like reputation so far this season. In five games, Brady has yet to complete a pass for more than 40 yards and he's thrown 10 fewer touchdowns than he had at this point in 2007. Through five games, Brady has a quarterback rating of 85.9. Both Kevin Kolb and David Garrard have higher QB ratings than Brady (and if you're saying to yourself, "who?" - my point exactly). The rein of Boston immortality, at least for now is over.

So what is going on a mere 200 miles southwest of campus you might ask? Well, let's start with the Yankees. While playing their first season in a new stadium, the Yankees finished the regular season 103-59, eight games ahead of the Red Sox. They then went on to the ALDS where they outscored the

Twins 15-6 on their way to sweeping the series. The Yankees will have to defeat the Angels in the ALCS to really rub it in the faces of Red Sox Nation. But for now, the simple fact is the Yankees are still playing while the Red Sox sit at home watching from the couch.

Moving on to the NFL; the Jets started off the season an impressive and frankly surprising 3-0. They have since lost steam, currently sitting at 3-2. The Patriots also sit at 3-2, however the Patriots' record is a second place 3-2. The two teams faced off on September 20th with the Jets coming out on top, 16-9. So until the rematch on November 22nd, Jets fans have exclusive bragging rights.

Often overlooked on this campus because they are part of the NFC, the New York Giants have started the season off 5-0. The Giants are one of only five teams to reach this point in the season undefeated, marking only the third time in their 85 year history that they have started off 5-0. Last time was in 1990 and that year the Giants ended up defeating Buffalo in the Super Bowl (just saying).

Last week the Giants beat up on the Oakland Raiders, winning 44-7. Eli Manning played only the first half, and completed eight of ten passes for 173 yards and two touchdowns; finishing with a perfect passer rating of 158.3. The Giants travel to New Orleans this weekend and look to keep their unbeaten streak alive against the 4-0 Saints.

So to drive the point home, for probably the first time in my year plus on campus, Boston fans are quiet while New York fans bask in glory. The Yankees are in the ALCS; the Red Sox are not. The Jets sit in first place in the AFC east; the Patriots are in second. And the Giants sit at 5-0. Granted we undoubtedly won't have much to say once the NHL and NBA seasons get under way, but for now I think it's fair to say, Go New York!



Red Sox manager Terry Francona takes out reliever Jonathan Papelbon after he gave up the winning runs in the top of the ninth to the Los Angeles Angels. (MCT Campus)

Coach's Corner

By Tim Brien
Staff Columnist

The Chace Wellness/Fitness Center is offering a great way to get our Bryant family into top shape. The addition of Fitness Assistants has already been making a huge impact into the workouts of the many members who frequent the gym.

Senior Kyle Riordan has been training with many students in the Cross-Fit method of fitness training. Cross-Fit is a unique approach to fitness in that it requires a higher rate of metabolic training that helps reduce body fat while increasing lean muscle mass.

Senior Hezekiah Ross is also on hand to offer many of our freshmen insights and techniques that have help him develop as one of our Bulldog Football players. He enjoys working with the new members and getting them familiar with the equipment in the fitness center.

Juniors Kelly Mikolsz and Brandie Simmonds have been busy working with the many students who have signed up for additional training such as toning, core, and cardio exercises. They are training people in small groups and on individual time periods.

Sophomore Dylan Ford who is an ACE Certified Personal Trainer has been helping build more muscle mass and toning to both student and support staff and is always happy to offer his services to anyone who wants to come in and improve their fitness and healthy lifestyle choices.

The Fitness Assistants are a FREE service, and there are plans to add more to the staff as this program is rapidly expanding. So please come on in to the Fitness Center and let the Staff help you with your fitness goals.



Kyle Riordan and Kelly Mikolsz. (MCT Campus)

Bulldog Bites

By Jackie Ammirato
Assistant Sports Editor

NEC Player of the Week

Morganne Downing

Women's tennis player, junior Morganne Downing became Bryant's first-ever NEC women's weekly award winner when she was named the NEC Player of the Week this week. Downing led the Bulldogs to an NEC victory over Monmouth with wins at No. 1 doubles and No. 1 singles.

Women's Tennis

The women's tennis team picked up their first Northeast Conference win of the season this weekend. Forced to spend some extra time in Salmo because of weather delays, the Bulldogs defeated Monmouth 5-2 in front of a good size home crowd.

Bryant started off strong, winning all three doubles matches. Juniors Morganne Downing and Katie Francazio won at number one doubles, 8-4. Junior Valeria Cuoto Cuervo and freshman Irma Rodriguez teamed up for the 8-2 victory at number 2 doubles. Senior Chelsea Downing and junior Dana Tausek completed the Bryant sweep, winning number 3 doubles, 8-4.

The Bulldogs took four of the six singles matches, led by an impressive 6-1, 6-0 victory at number one singles by Morganne Downing. Cuoto Cuervo won at number three singles, 7-5, 6-1 and sophomore Kate McBabe won at number six singles, 6-3, 6-4.

With the match already won, Rodriguez had lost her first set at number 5 singles, 6-2. But she battled back and won the second set in an exciting 7-5 fashion. So Rodriguez headed into a tiebreak and with all of her teammates looking on, pulled out a 10-8 victory to win the match.

The Bulldogs look to improve on their 1-3 record, when they travel to Connecticut this weekend for the New England Championships, hosted by Sacred Heart and Fairfield.

Men's Tennis

On Friday, the men's tennis team took the Port Jefferson Ferry over to Long Island, to take part in the inaugural Stony Brook Invitational. Junior Nikolai Hill gave the team its only singles win, defeating Pedro Munoz of Dowling, 8-1, in singles flight B. Hill fell to the top-seed, 6-1, 6-0 in the quarterfinals.

However, Hill and his doubles partner, sophomore Daniel Cournoyer were able to advance to the semifinals. Hill and Cournoyer, competing in flight B doubles, defeated a team from Dowling, 8-4 in the first round. They then went on to defeat a team from Middlebury College, in an exciting fashion, ending up with a 9-8 win thanks to an 8-6 victory in the tiebreak.

In doubles flight A, the team of Cristian Balestrieri and Juan Martin Parades defeated a team from Queens, 8-3 in the first round, but fell in the quarterfinals, 8-5 to a team from Concordia.

The team heads to Pennsylvania, October 24th and 25th, for the Lehigh Invitational.

Football

The Bulldogs head to upstate New York this weekend to take on the Great Danes of the University of Albany. Bryant looks to defend its 2-0 record in NEC play, while the Great Danes looks to continue its streak of 16-straight NEC wins. The Bulldogs return home on October 24 to take on Central Connecticut.

Bryant On Tap

Friday, October 16th:

Men's Soccer, HOME vs. Monmouth, 3:00 pm

Field Hockey, at Rider, 4:00 pm

Women's Soccer, HOME vs. Sacred Heart, 7:00 pm

Saturday, October 17th:

Cross Country, at Albany Invitational, 10:00 am

Football, at Albany, 1:00 pm

Volleyball, HOME vs. Long Island University, 4:00 pm

Volleyball, HOME vs. Quinnipiac, 7:00 pm

Sunday, October 18th:

Golf, at New England Championships

Field Hockey, at Sacred Heart, 12:00 pm

Women's Soccer, at Fairleigh Dickinson, 1:00 pm

Men's Soccer, HOME vs. Mount St. Mary's, 1:00 pm

Volleyball, HOME vs. St. Francis (NY), 1:00 pm

Volleyball, HOME vs. Quinnipiac, 4:00 pm

Students Out Speak

"If you could be anyone of the opposite sex, who would it be and why?"



"Gloria Estefan because she sings Everlasting Love."
-Ryan Phillips '12



"Ben Bryant because he's the wittiest person ever."
-Emily Swaine '12

"I'd be Beyonce because of Venus Vs. Mars."
-Steve Branch '10



"I'd be Jay-Z because I'm in the empire state of mind."
-Jasmine Lewis '11



"I'd be Serena Williams 'cause she's ferocious and competitive."
-Rob Sinewick '12

"Ellen Degeneres because she's married to Portia De Rossi."
-Matt Goody '12



"Denzel Washinton 'cause he's amazing."
-Fatima Rizvan '13



Surprise, prize



President Obama speaks at a press conference after winning the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize (MCT Campus)

By Drew Green
Opinion Editor

Maybe the two American Nobel Prize winners in Economics can tell us the worth of President Obama's Nobel Peace Prize? My guess is that even those two laureates are probably as befuddled as anyone other than the Swedes that awarded President Obama said distinction. While it is obvious – at least from my view – that this award is not completely based on accomplishments, but rather accomplishments in waiting, I think it would have been better if those who voted for President Obama had waited to give him this prestigious

award. Granted, Obama is not the first sitting president to win the award, Teddy Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson also won the award in office for their various efforts. The question is whether Obama's "extraordinary efforts to strengthen international diplomacy and co-operation between peoples" will result in accomplishments, or if they will remain efforts. This is going back a ways, but it could be akin to Wilson winning because of his efforts in establishing the League of Nations – a solid reason indeed to win the Nobel Peace Prize, that's after ninety years of hindsight though.

I look at this award and

personally ask myself what Obama has done to deserve it. Now, while he has worked extensively at international diplomacy and at a mission of supporting – and espousing – world peace through various speeches, he has yet to show a distinct finality in any of his actions. Some may say I am being rough on him as they would likely point out the fact that diplomacy is not a means of establishing peace overnight, but it is the most peaceful way of reaching that goal. With that, I agree. However, Obama has continued and escalated a war, something that rarely leads to actually achieving peace for everyone. So there is a little

conflict here, his actions, on one hand; display and promote peace, while on the other they counteract peace – or at least some would argue.

So while there is some head scratching about Obama's legitimacy for this award, there is one aspect to which I can trace back a reasoning for heightening Obama as a devoted advocate of peace. Besides the international community's general admiration of the man, there is an issue of said community's disdain for our previous president. It is a stretch and I do not fully endorse it as the sole reason for Obama receiving of this award, but former President Bush did not do much to endear himself to the global community and those actions – from an international perspective – seem to be providing Obama with a little more clout each time he offers an address to or advocates for peace between people of different heritages, ethnicities, and cultures.

The concept of this is what we have been missing for eight years' does not support a reason to administer the distinction, but it does seem probable as a factor.

In this sense, the whole award may be little more than a means of declaring a preference for how a president should conduct himself rather than a president being worthy on his own behalf. Obviously, Obama has not reached the apex as Jimmy Carter has in terms of actions aimed at peace and amity, but he has made strides to that end.

More important than if Obama was appropriate for

the award is whether he will be judged hereto forth by his ability to generate peace or not. Those who oppose him will most certainly point to this in their efforts of belittling him if there is nothing to directly point to in terms of his successes regarding peace. But in reality is not the job of the president to advocate and establish as much peace as possible regardless of any outside influences? The short answer is yes.

So why is Obama now held to a standard of having to accomplish more than his previous sitting peers? If he did not win then he would have still been expected to push for peace around the world and he certainly would have maintained a stance as an advocate of peace.

I do not know what will be accomplished by President Obama in the next three – maybe seven – years in office and beyond, but I do know that people will now look at what he accomplishes and say, "well, now does that really deserve a Nobel Peace Prize." He may be a Nobel Peace Laureate in name, but it appears as though he will not be granted that title by the minds of many until they feel he rightfully deserves it.

As with most anything involving politics, the battle of public opinion is hard fought and ironically devoid of peace. But as with all efforts involving peace, the first step is peace of mind and by all accounts the new Peace Laureate will undoubtedly require such a trait moving forward.

Simon Says: Can you teach an old dog new tricks?



By Toby Simon
Staff Columnist

Her father and uncle started the dance hall Roseland in Philadelphia and New York City, so she grew up around nightclubs and live performance. She can be a mean lady; don't cross her or be silly or forget for a moment who you are dealing with, but oh the soft spot.when I turned one she wrote me a birthday card: "Have your mother show you this when you're older and I make more sense to you: My love for you is irrational and uncategorical."

My kids and nieces and nephew call her Nana. Four months ago she became a great grandmother so we now call her "Bnana" or big nana. And of course, she's quite tiny so the name really fits.

One thing I will say about Nana is that she is a real trouper. She's game for just about anything. About a year and a half ago she had her aortic valve replaced and that took its toll. But she's back now, raring to go. And still a lot of fun. And did I mention she's going on 87?

This past weekend I was with her in New York where she happily resides. Years ago when she re-

I have an absolutely wonderful mother in law. She really is. And I know how lucky I am. She's been in my life for over forty years so we have a very close and loyal relationship.

In my daughter Lizzie's book Detour she describes her grandmother (my mother in law) this way:

My father's mother is a hot-shot theater producer.

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alized she needed to become computer literate, she hired a student to give her tutorials. She quickly mastered word processing and soon learned how to email. Although she gets impatient with her computer (who doesn't?) she's on line often. Unlike most of us, she reads every email that comes her way.

Someone told her about Facebook. And being the trouper that she is, she said to this person, "sure, you can give me a Facebook account." But this person didn't show her how to get on Facebook or how to use it. This past weekend, I spent a couple of hours helping Nana master the fine art of Facebook.

I knew it would take a while when I told her she could find FB through internet explorer. She's got an AOL email account, so all of her computer comings and goings are through AOL. She only wanted to access FB that way. She had no picture on her profile so we spent a long time looking at her desktop to find the picture she wanted to post. She doesn't use the Picture file, in fact, all of her documents are in one huge file. And when I explained about the Picture file and how much easier it would be if she put her photos there, she wanted no part of it.

We loaded a very funny picture of her wearing a hard hat, outside the construction of a new theater in New York. It may be the only picture of a fetching elderly woman with a hard hat, cane and hearing aid. Priceless.

Then I tried to show her how to share stories, photos, Youtube clips, newspaper articles, etc on FB. She was getting tired and cranky. Did I say it was



Nana and Hard Hat (Courtesy of Toby Simons)

midnight? I was getting cranky too.

So we called it a night. Whether she'll remember any of our tutorial is another question. She can remember with exquisite clarity the conversations and experiences of forty years ago, but her short term memory is beginning to show signs of age. So's mine.

We are of course FB friends, as are all her grandchildren, son-in-law, daughter, and son. Throw in a few others, and she has 15 friends. I also tried to explain the concept of having many friends and when I went through some of my friends who she knows, I showed her how to befriend someone and encouraged her to do so. "No, I don't want to" she said and I left it at that.

As the wonderful Haitian proverb goes: "piti, piti wazo fe nich li" (little by little the bird builds it's nest)

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The Ant Thomas Corner

We should feel responsible?

By **Anthony Thomas**
Staff Writer

Feel free to look up these accounts yourself to hold me accountable. In 1999, 23 year old Amadou Diallo, a black immigrant was shot at 41 times to his death on his doorstep, because his wallet was mistaken for a gun. In 2006, 23 year old Sean Bell, a black man was shot at 50 times to his death in his car on his wedding day; the defendants claimed self defense, but no gun was found in the car.

In 2008, 22 year old Oscar Grant, was killed execution like, one shot to his back while he was face down on the ground. September 24, 2009, Derrion Albert, a sixteen year old black youth was caught in a brawl and was brutally beat to death with kicks and wooden planks. There are a lot of commonalities in each situation. The first three killings were committed by officers, the officers in Diallo and Bell's case were acquitted, and the second two are videos on YouTube.

Before you look at the videos please prepare yourself to watch these brutal acts and to feel responsible for these situations as a human being, because you should. I do, and it is extremely difficult not to let my emotions

overpower me and sensibly write an article.

I too have lost a friend and a cousin to violence. Growing up in what everyone calls "the hood"; I have a special relation to these situations. My appearance and presentation of myself makes it very hard to tell, but with slight variation I have been in each of the situations that are presented in this article. I have been in countless negative interactions with the police, countless fights, and a few brawls. I never thought about them being life and death situations, especially in fights; being harassed by police and getting into fights were normal. Was it normal for you? Whether it was or was not normal you should feel responsible as a human being for the police abuse and violent streets flooding the major cities of your United States of America.

The reason you should feel responsible is that your tax dollars employ police and fund violence prevention initiatives or the lack there of. It is easy to chalk it up and say the parents need to do a better job at home. Which I do feel is very valid, but a parent and their household are completely out of the realm of a single person's control. Also in a perfect world parents are supposed to be at work from nine to five, which means eight to ten of those hours

(depending upon the commute of the parent from their workplace to home) is spent away from their children.

This can leave the child in school for six hours, and either in an after school program or unsupervised for two to four hours. These precious moments can be used for the progress or the destruction of a child and we have a responsibility to every child at the very least within this country.

Education and after school programs are dually funded by tax dollars and private donations. I can only speak for myself, but I think it also applies to the vast majority when I say most of the negativity that occurred in my life happened outside of the supervision of an adult. What can we do? Instead of ignoring, being oblivious, and/or ignorant to the Amadou Diallo's, Sean Bell's, Oscar Grant's, and Derrion Albert's we can pay closer attention to where we are putting our money and what it is going towards; we can fund programs, sit on boards, and enforce better practices for the police; so we do not have the guilt as a human being for these frequent occurrences.

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Don't judge me by facebook



(MCT Campus)

By **David Nelligan**
Staff Writer

stay up to date with information in the world. Between Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, LinkedIn, Skype, and Flickr, just to mention a few, the world is cluttered with information that most people probably don't even really care about. They are merely acceptable ways to brag about oneself. But I am not here to bash these sites (except Twitter), as I do spend about 90% of my time consumed with Facebook; my problem is with the regulation by schools, work places, and other institutions that reprimand people for things that they post, even if they are legal. I can understand punishing those who are using drugs, creating vandalism, or committing other crimes, but for posting a picture chugging a beer or dressed up in a silly costume for Halloween is ridiculous.

As I prepare for the job search process, everyone I talk to from teachers to career services personnel advise cleaning up my Facebook page. They then reveal the horror stories of how people have not been hired or even fired for what was discovered on these social networking sites. As far as I am concerned the

normal work week is from 9-5 Monday through Friday. What I do outside of that time should not concern my employer in the least bit. So what if I enjoy getting black out drunk, taking random pictures with clowns because for some odd reason we thought it would be a good idea to go to the circus, and posting them for the world to see? As long as I show up on time and work hard my employer should not care what I do in my free time. I mean we have all learned throughout many of our classes here at Bryant that business is a numbers game, and it's the people who can produce that retain their jobs and move up the corporate ladder; and if I help the company grow and become more profitable isn't that more important than my private life?

Now my problem with Twitter. It seemed like all of a sudden this pointless use of messaging came in to the world like a whirlwind, and to my hopes was going to leave just as fast, but unfortunately it has taken over the media. Everyone and their mother is now tweeting about absolutely nothing. Lance Armstrong, whose time in the media needs to come to a close as well, Tweets "Just landed back in ATX. Landed to the North which can never be a bad thing this time of the year. #coolerwhenthe door goes down?". Hey thanks for the update Lance, wouldn't be able to continue my day without that bit of information. I also found another great one from Heidi Montag from The Hills, "laying on the couch with my hubby and puppy watching tv this is the perfect night!". Really Heidi? That is something you Tweet to your fans? Why in the world does anyone care about this? The creators of Twitter should rewrite their mission statement to read: Twitter, the fastest way to communicate boring, mundane, and useless information to anyone who will listen.

Observations

Compiled by Bryant Students

Congratulations Toby Simon

For those of you who are not aware, Toby Simon was honored last week as one of the Rhode Island Commission on Women's Women of the year, with her distinction in Advocacy. Way to go and keep up to outstanding work, Toby!

It is Getting Cold Again, so Turn up the AC?

It is the middle of October now, so it makes perfect sense that the Air Conditioning is still running or that there is just no heat. Please turn the heat on, it's cold enough.

The Colors, Look at the Colors

One of the best things about fall is when the leaves turn colors. Thankfully we have a campus where we can take in autumn's beauty.

Weekly Goose Report

The geese are back over the at library and they are louder and angrier than ever. There was even an account of a moshpit taking place. Cross their path with caution

Omelette Lady Update

If you remember the omlet lady that used to work the omelette bar on the weekends and is now sadly gone, go to the Starbucks at the Lincoln mall and let her know the weekends are not the same without having her superb omelette to start the day.

Send Observations to agreen1@bryant.edu.

Bryant Said What!?

Compiled by Bryant Students

"Guy 1: I predict that I will die on January 7, 19...

Guy 2: Umm?

Guy 1: Wait, what did I just say?"

"Guy 1: It's just a circuit.

Guy 2: I don't know, I didn't go to Devry. I'm not an HVAC technician."

"I got paid to film two lesbians... getting married."

"That sounded like a crisis hotline call."

"I wish I had a better vagina."

"I'm going for a headshot because I don't want to put pants on."

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Bulldog flicks: *Whip It*

This adventure has heart, but needs brains

By Coburn Childs

Staff Writer

A teenage girl from small-town Texas gets an opportunity to turn her life around and "be her own hero" in *Whip It*, actress Drew Barrymore's directorial debut. As a comedy, *Whip It* pretty much falls flat. However, that is not to say the movie is bad, for it succeeds as a feel-good story

passion along the way. The only problem is that Bliss' stern mother knows nothing of her secret hobby; in fact, she strongly wants Bliss to compete in beauty pageants and ace her SATs. She would certainly be aghast if she were to find out that her daughter is competing in something as scandalous and dangerous as the rough-and-tumble roller-derby league!

From this basic premise, the movie plays out in your typical fashion. Try out for the team. Lie to the parents. Suffer a few setbacks in training. Start to succeed. Along the way, Bliss comes out of her shell and finds new possibilities—including a budding romance with the lead singer of a hip, young band—starting to open up for her. Soon she is a roller-derby star, gaining the friendship, support, and confidence of her "Hurl Scout" skating team pals. The plot is really nothing we haven't already seen numerous times, but what makes this movie different is the approach that it takes in the second half, specifically in Bliss' relationships with her parents and best friend.

Whip It has plenty of heart. Unfortunately, it could have used more brains. The script tries to be original, but it feels like a forced indie-type film that should have come out around the time of other similar movies, such as *Napoleon Dynamite*, *Little Miss Sunshine*, or *Juno*. With the exception of Napoleon, those were also much better movies. Because of this



Drew Barrymore, Ellen Page, and Kristen Wiig race to the finish. (MCT Campus)

"forced originality" factor, the movie seems very familiar and is only average until the second half, when it takes a few turns that give the film's credibility a much-needed boost. These second half's plot advancements make for a number of poignant, human moments between Bliss and Pash, as well as Bliss and her teammates; and there are some unexpected twists to the inevitable confrontation Bliss has with her mom.

The strongest part of this movie is the cast, mostly all of whom rise above the so-so material they are given to work with. Ellen Page turns in a great performance as Bliss. Playing the timid girl who begins to find her inner strength that she never knew

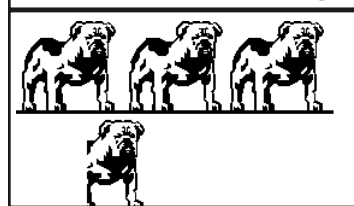
she had, Page brings a genuine and brutal honesty to the role, while still not abandoning that same wry wit we fell in love with in *Juno*. The supporting cast consists of Marcia Gay Harden—who seems to thrive on always playing the uptight and stern characters—as Bliss' disapproving mother, as well as Drew Barrymore, SNL's Kristen Wiig, and Juliette Lewis as some of the tough-chick skaters who guide Bliss throughout her journey. Also noteworthy is Alia Shawkat ("Maebey" from TV's critically praised but prematurely cancelled *Arrested Development*) as Pash, who provides a handful of the movie's few funny moments. Oh, and Jimmy Fallon also makes an (unnecessary) ap-

pearance as the derby announcer. His scenes are barely even worth a mention.

Overall, even though this type of story has been told countless times before, *Whip It* is still better than your average feel-good movie. Although the film has flaws, Barrymore has done a solid job for her directing debut. *Whip It* is buoyed by a strong cast and an ending that goes beyond the usual Disney-fied "follow your heart" message that we are so used to seeing in films of this type. It is with just a few reservations that I recommend this light-hearted and encouraging story about overcoming obstacles and pursuing your dreams—it makes for a pleasant way to spend a couple of hours on a cold autumn day.

I give *Whip It* 3.5 out of 5 Bulldogs.

This movie earned 3.5 out of 5 bulldogs



with a lot more depth and heart to it than meets the eye.

The story centers around Bliss Cavendar (Ellen Page, who you probably remember as *Juno*), a shy high-school student living a boring life in a middle-of-nowhere town with an overbearing mother, a dead-end waitressing job, and only her best friend Pash to keep her company. Her life is turned around when she attends an underground women's roller-derby competition and realizes that she would love nothing more than to be in those girls' shoes—err, skates. After trying out for—and making—the roller-derby league, she subsequently begins to grow in confidence and spirit, making new friends and finding her

30 Rock returns in top form

By Verne Gay

MCT Campus

REASON TO WATCH: Fourth season begins. **CATCHING UP:** Desperately seeking his birth dad, Jack Donaghy (Alec Baldwin) had finally landed on a semi-likely suspect who was teaching at Bennington College and was working on a three-volume biography of Jimmy Carter titled "From Peanut to President." But Milton Green (Alan Alda) also needed a new kidney, and, reluctant to parcel out one of his own, Jack threw a star-studded televised benefit and got people like Elvis Costello, Mary J. Blige and Clay Aiken to perform. (Clay? Jack had some damaging information on him, too.) Meanwhile, Liz (Tina Fey) had become convinced that "TGS With Tracy Jordan" had only a couple seasons left, so decided to segue to a new career as author and self-help TV guru. Her one-line catch phrase—"It's a deal-breaker," originally crafted for Jenna (Jane Krakowski)—was always preceded by pithy quotes about relationships (rough examples: "If your boyfriend has three ears / is a porn addict / vampire ... it's a deal-breaker").

PREMIERE (AND NEXT WEEK): In the months separating Season 3 from 4, much has happened in the real world of GE and the fake "30 Rock"-ified world of GE. Donaghy remains vice president of East Coast Television and Microwave Oven Programming, but he's worried about the state of the economy and TV. He fears "TGS" has lost touch with America and its roots—a reason he has every-one eating "cheesy blaster" hot dogs, and has or-

'When a show falls so deeply in love with its own wonderful cleverness that no one else has a clue what's going on ... it's a deal-breaker.'

dered Pete (Scott Adsit) and Liz to start looking for new talent in the comedy clubs because Jenna and Tracy (Tracy Morgan) don't test well in Middle America. But GE's fixation on cutting costs has led to adjustments in the product line—a new mam-mogram model is called "Gitterdone 2000"—and Jack also has begun work on a new microwave.

These machines, he hopes, will be heavier, with four doors and wheels, and break down frequently—built-in obsolescence! He also refuses to take government handouts, especially after learning former rival Devon Banks (Will Arnett) has joined the Obama administration's efforts to bail out troubled corporate giants. Jenna and Tracy are making efforts to meet up with Middle America. NBC page Kenneth Parcell (Jack McBrayer) leads a fight to win back overtime pay—which Jack has cut.

BOTTOM LINE: When a show gets too full of itself after a long run of Emmy victories ... it's a deal-breaker. When a show falls so deeply in love with its own wonderful cleverness that no one else has a clue what's going on ... it's a deal-breaker. When a show starts to rely endlessly on stunt-casting just to mix things up ... it's a deal-breaker. (When a critic can no longer think of any fresh new way to praise a great show ... altogether, now ... a deal-breaker.) No deal-breakers this week. "30 Rock" is just fine. This was the best comedy on TV last season. So far, a mere one episode in, "Rock" remains the best comedy—though probably dead-even with "Curb Your Enthusiasm." There's no shame in this two-way tie.

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Two buds and a microbrew

A review of Gritty's Halloween Ale (ABV: 6.0%, 6pk: \$7.99)

By Bryan Regele and Justin Andrews
Staff Writers

Good beer is something that should not be ignored. That being

said, we decided to revive Ryan and Joe's old column on specialty beers from a few years back. Though like them we sometimes find ourselves downing pitchers of 'Gansett with our fellow seniors, we really enjoy brews that have a stronger taste than what comes from your faucet. For those of you who share our passion of a craft brew, we rate our picks on five criteria – appearance, aroma, taste, feel, and drinkability. For the rest of you who simply go for the cheap brews, we hope that we can encourage you to branch out and enjoy what the real brew masters are creating right here in New England. Everyone should appreciate good beer, but be 21 or older, and please do it responsibly.

Continuing with our fall sentiments we headed back to the packy for another seasonal micro. Feeling a bit adventurous, we really looked for something new to share with you guys and girls, so we chose something we had never had – Gritty McDuff's Halloween Ale. Gritty's was first established in 1988 as a small

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brew pub in Old Port, Maine, specializing in English style food and craft beer. Since then they have added two additional locations in Freeport and Auburn, and have increased their brewing to offer kegs and bottles throughout New England. Gritty's today still focuses on English style beers, offering a traditional pub ale, a bitter, a brown, a stout, and four seasonal choices. We've previously tried their Black Fly Stout on tap up in Boston with positive results, so we were excited to find this Halloween Ale on sale down here.

Poured from a spookily-labeled amber long-neck into a pint glass, the Halloween Ale is a dark copper-amber color. A low level of carbonation produces little substantial head. We'd compare it to strong nut brown ale in appearance. The aroma is rather weak but we note caramel and bitter malts similar to Red Hook's ESB.

The first taste of the Halloween Ale is bitterer than we would expect from a beer with a low scent. It definitely is the strongest fall seasonal that we have tasted. There are no overwhelming spices or fruit flavorings in the Halloween Ale, only a bit of initial sweet malt before the bitters take over the taste buds. It's a complex robust taste of hops and light undertones of wood. You can definitely taste the alcohol at 6.0% and the borderline low carbonation makes this sit like a pale ale, with a strong aftertaste that limits its drinkability. We'd suggest that you pair the Halloween with tortilla chips and a fall salsa to accompany its dryness.

Overall, we really like Gritty's differentiated strategy with this offering as it sets them apart from the traditional Oktoberfest and pumpkin ales of fall. We think that it is this unique positioning that has kept it around since 1990. That being said, the Halloween Ale is still a robust and warm beer that bodes well in the cold weather. Be prepared for its bitter character though or you might be a bit frightened by the first sip (no pun intended).

Gritty McDuff's should consider moving into the Portsmouth or Boston areas to the south if they would like to expand again. The fact that they were a bit ahead of the curve in the industry, having been established in 1988, is an indication of the founders' real passion in beer. For its uniqueness and favorable taste, we have decided to rate Gritty's Halloween Ale at 4.5 out of 6 bottle caps. It's definitely a solid seasonal for those of you who like bitter beers. So make sure you consider this brew when you suit up in your costume in a few weeks before it disappears from the shelves until next year.

Spoof's amusing, if you're not a Jane Austen purist

By Tish Wells
MCT Campus

"Sense and Sensibility and Sea Monsters" is a hoot, but Jane Austen purists will shudder.

Ben H. Masters, playwright and author, has created an amusing mash-up of Jane Austen's classic novel using Jules Verne's fantasy, Robert Louis Stevenson's adventures, the eldritch horror of H.P. Lovecraft, and extensive use of a thesaurus.

Austen's original "Sense and Sensibility" covers two years in the life of the three Dashwood daughters — mostly the elder two, Elinor and Marianne — as they fall in and out of love, according to the rigid social strictures of the 19th century English Regency period. Survival dominates "Sea Monsters" where every fish lusts for human blood.

"As the party watched in horror, Miss Bellwether was wrapped inside the quivering blanket-shape of the beast and consumed, the stomach acids of the enormous jellyfish dissolved her flesh, emanating a sickening sizzling noise, followed by a sort of unholy belch. And then as quickly as it came, the creature dragged itself back into the sea, the tide withdrew; and all that was left of Miss Bellwether was a pile of corroded bones, a clump of hair and a whalebone corset."

In Austen's version, Elinor is known for "strength of understanding, and coolness of judgment." Winters changes this to "an excellent heart, a broad back and sturdy calf muscles, and she was admired by her sisters and all who knew her as a masterful driftwood whittler."

The flighty Marianne is described as "her sorrows, her joys, could have no moderation. She spoke sighingly of the cruel creatures of the water even the one who had so savaged her father, lending them such flowery appellations as "Our Begilled Tormentors" or "the Unfathomable Ones."

Elegant Regency London has become Sub-Marine Station Beta, an undersea glass-domed metropolis constantly under attack by the aquatic world.

"Outside the Dome, enough blood was left in the (filtration assistant's) upper portion for him to remain conscious, and he watched in horror as his lower portion was chewed to death by the great beast. Marianne paused — and no one spoke. The anglerfish finished the legs and began its assault on the remain-

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Celebrity Round-Up

Kanye, David Letterman and the latest on Hollywood news

By Carlos Ramos
Staff Writer

Almost a month after the whole VMA incident, Beyonce broke her silence to "O" (The Oprah Magazine), explaining Kanye West's outburst: "He was standing up for art." She elaborates by saying that while they were announcing the nominees, he said "You have this award." Beyonce was nice enough to give the spot light to Taylor Swift when Beyonce won Video of the Year.

It was made official last week, Kanye West will no

longer be co-headlining the "Fame Kills" tour with Lady Gaga. Lady Gaga will continue to do the tour; no specifics about why Mr. West dropped from the tour have been out. He mentioned during an interview with Jay Leno that he wanted to take some time off.

For all the Jessica Alba fans who have been wondering where she has been they might want to read this. Alba is set to join the cast of Little Fockers, the third installment of the highly successful franchise series starring Ben Stiller and Robert De Niro. She is set to play an attractive

pharmaceutical rep whose looks wreak havoc on male characters in the story.

Don't call her Heidi Klum anymore. The supermodel and "Project Runaway" host filed a petition to change her last name to Samuel. Her husband Seal's full name is Seal Henry Olusegun Olumide Adeola Samuel. Heidi Samuel; doesn't have the same ring to it. The couple has been married since 2005, and just gave birth to their fourth child, a daughter named Lou Sulola Samuel, on October 9th.

Making headlines yet again are Jon and Kate. Well, it's more like Jon, as he tries to keep television crews from filming his kids. Technically Jon owns the home where Kate and kids are staying. His lawyer tells Entertainment Tonight that he is trying to stop his family from being "the victims of a trainwreck."

Ever wonder how much your favorite TV actors get paid? TV Guide has released its list of top paid actors and bringing it home for the male actors was "Two and Half Men" star Charlie Sheen for his role as Charlie Harper. Sheen takes home \$875,000 an episode. For females it was a tie with \$400,000 for Mariska Hargitay of SVU, and Desperate Housewives stars Eva Longoria Parker, Teri Hatcher, Marica Cross and Felicity Huffman. It must be tough



Letterman admits to sexual affairs. (MCT Campus)

bringing that paycheck home.

Another big scandal in the late night news buzz is with the host of The Late Show with David Letterman. Robert "Joe" Halderman, a producer for the CBS news program 48 Hours was indicted on a charge of grand larceny for seeking \$2 million in hush money from Letterman. Letterman did admit to having sexual affairs with women employed by his show. The extortion plot was that if Halderman didn't receive the money he wanted he would write a screenplay or

book about "the terrible stuff" Letterman had done.

In music news: Barbra Streisand's "Love Is the Answer" enters the Billboard 200 at #1 selling 180,000 units. She is the only artist to have a #1 album in each of the last five decades. Streisand beat out Paramore's "Brand New Eyes" that came in #2 selling 175,000 units, and Mariah Carey's "Memoirs of an Imperfect Angel" at #3 selling 168,000 units.



Kanye cancels his tour. (MCT Campus)

What the experts say you should be reading

By Allen Pierleoni
MCT Campus

We asked three book-industry experts to recommend two must-read books for the fall.

KATHRYN POPOFF, vice president for adult trade-merchandising at Borders Books: Fiction: *The Hour I First Believed* by Wally Lamb. "His books always make you think about them for months after you finish reading them." Nonfiction: *Hot, Flat, and Crowded: Why We Need a Green Revolution* by Thomas L. Friedman. "It's really topical and addresses hot-button issues everybody should be well-versed on."

DAVID CALLANAN, site merchandiser for the Amazon.com Online Bookstore: Fiction: *The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo* by Stieg Larsson. "This crime thriller has enough twists and turns that you don't want it to end." Nonfiction: *The Irregulars* by Jennet Conant. A fascinating look at young-readers author Roald Dahl's early life as a British spy in pre-World War II Washington. His spy ring encompassed (James Bond creator) Ian Fleming and Bill Stephenson — code name Intrepid, one of the most well-known spymasters of the 20th century."

SARA NELSON, editor-in-chief of Publishers Weekly magazine: Fiction: *The Hour I First Believed* by Wally Lamb. "It's been 10 years since he last published. It's a great American novel, with sweep and size and personality." Nonfiction: *The Hemingses of Monticello: An American Family* by Annette Gordon-Reed. "She explores the connection between Thomas Jefferson and his slave Sally Hemings (and the families that resulted)."

Spoof

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ing portion of the filtration assistant. The ocean fogged with blood."

"Sea Monsters" actually gives a large part to the third daughter, Margaret, who now has sharpened teeth, a bald head and mutters Lovecraftian-style chants, "K'yaloh D'argesh F'ah! K'yaloh D'argesh F'ah!"

The heroic Colonel Brandon, afflicted by a sea-witch curse, has tentacles on his face (think Davy Jones in the "Pirates of the Caribbean" movies) while the duplicitous Willoughby, who attracts Marianne, is a treasure hunter — not too far from Austen's original portrayal.

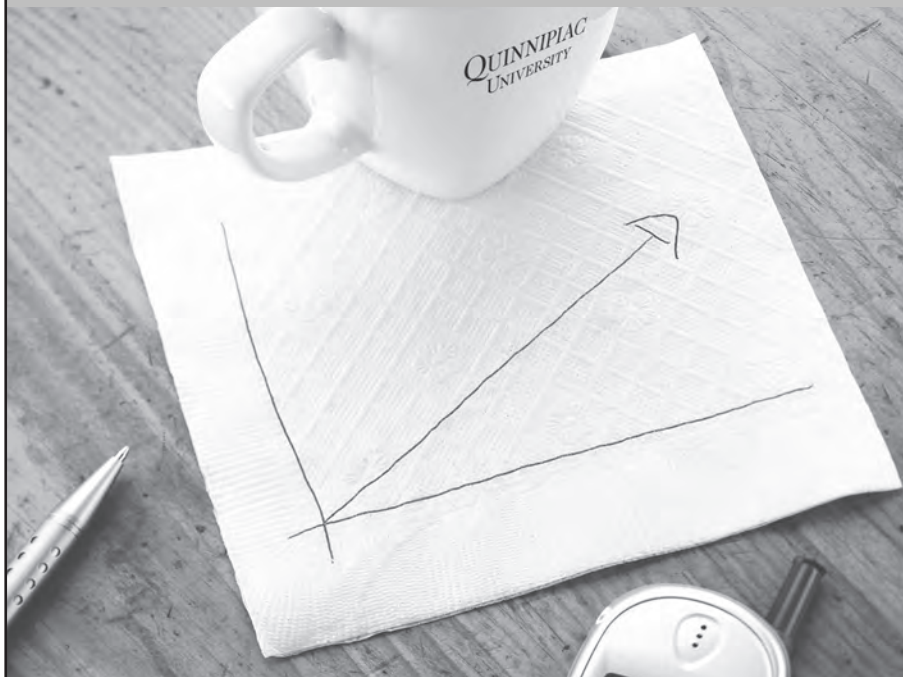
If you don't take any of it too seriously — and how could you? — "Sense and Sensibility and Sea Monsters" is an entertaining addition to the overwhelming tide of Austen-related books.

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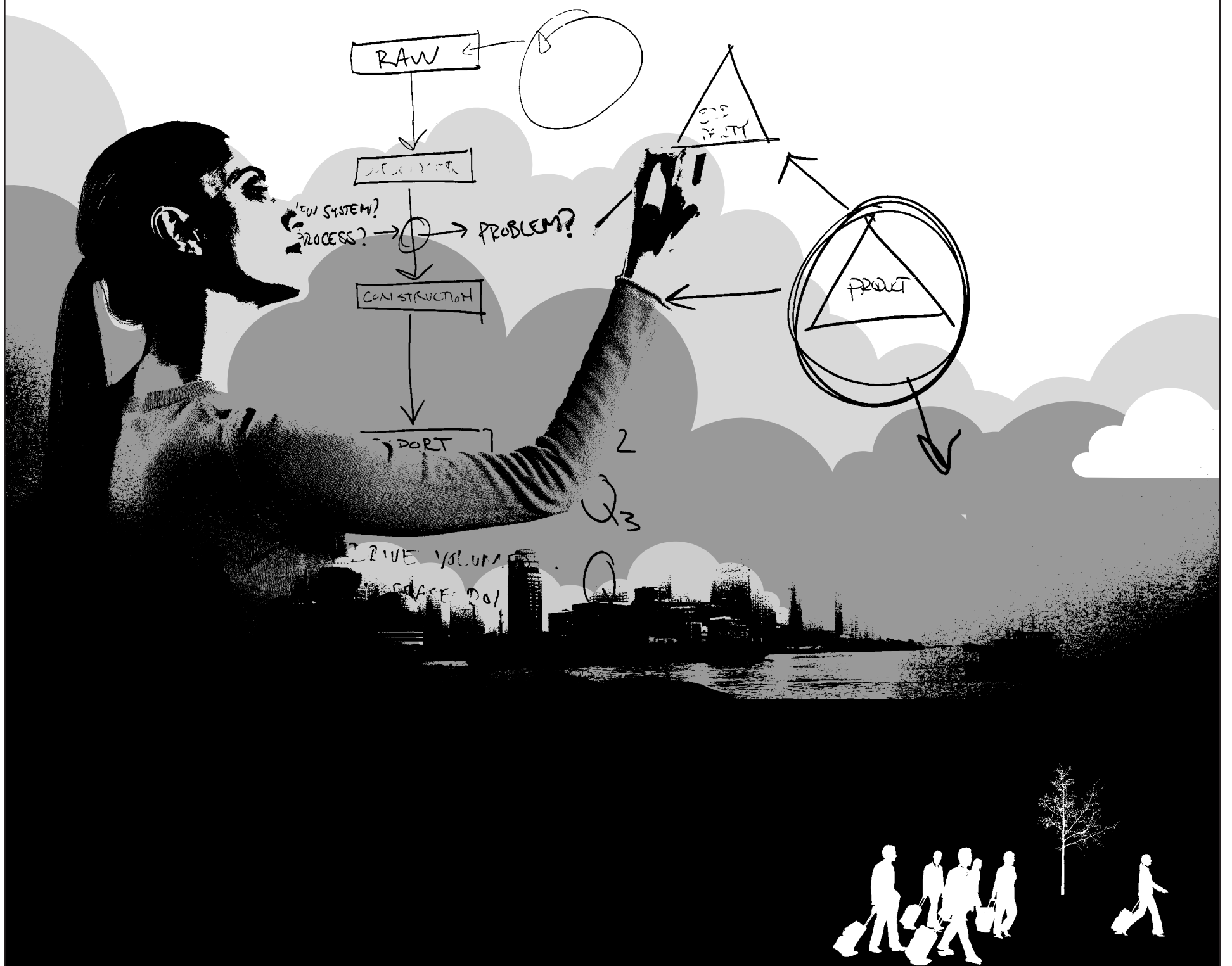
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