

## Bryant Pride raises awareness for gay rights

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Each year there are numerous blood drives at Bryant University, which students are encouraged to participate in. There are obviously many benefits to donating blood. Blood donations are used to help people with cancer, sickle cell anemia, blood disorders, and other illnesses. In fact, according to the American Red Cross, every two seconds someone in the United States needs blood. However some people are not allowed to donate blood, for example, sexually active homosexual men.

The Red Cross asks all potential donors if they have had male-to-male sex or sexual activity with a male who might be bisexual within the last twelve months. If someone answers yes to either of these questions, they are not allowed to donate blood, even if protection was used during the sexual activity.

The Red Cross does not ask heterosexual donors if they have safe sex. This means heterosexual donors who have had unsafe sex with multiple partners can give blood, but gay or bisexual men who have had protected sex with one partner cannot. A straight man who has had unprotected sex with several prostitutes can give blood after one year.

This ban was put in place in 1983, when people legitimately thought that HIV and AIDS were gay diseases. Research has shown that AIDS is a disease that affects people of all genders, races, and sexual orientations, yet the ban is still in place.

Approximately 10% of the world population is gay, which means that is 10% less blood that could be used to save lives.

In order to raise awareness about this issue, members of

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## Ye Old Mr. Bryant: The knights of Salmanson compete



2009 Mr. Bryant contestants. Pictured (L-R): Mark Barry, Taylor Zink, Pat Helmas, Aj Papa, Eric MacCarthy, Cory Cloutier, Jarrod Gibbons, Aaron Fortin and Kyle Rudden. Not Pictured: Jose Batista and Ronnie Blanchard (Jessica Komoroski)

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Many try each year, but only one can be crowned the coveted title of Mr. Bryant. They spill blood, sweat, and tears as they prepare for what could be one of the most important nights of their lives. The contestants will be tried in the most grueling of challenges, which include casual wear, evening wear, talent, and the dreaded on stage question, which is sure to have judges as well as audience members holding their breaths, hoping to avoid any Carrie Prejean moments. This year's batch of competitors know what lies at stake and are sure to give the crowd one of the most entertaining nights of the semester. Some of this year's hopefuls include:

Eric MacCarthy, a sophomore who is looking to avenge his loss during his high school's male pageant contest, says he is putting everything behind preparing for Mr. Bryant so that history does not repeat itself. He also hopes that by winning this competition his mother will finally acknowledge him as her son when in public.

Taylor Zink is an avid music lover and fan of the outdoors as he is an active participant with WJMF, is the former Bands and Concerts co-chair on SPB, and is a member of BOAC and the Ski and Snowboard Club here on campus. He is also preparing for what he calls "the performance of the century", which will include the likes of Salt 'n' Peppa, Beverly Hills Cop, Alice DeeJay, Flo Rida, MGMT, two MicroKorg Synthesizers, and a drum machine.

Jose Batista is representing the senior class and feels it is his duty and obligation to run for Mr. Bryant. One of the few modest contestants, Jose is just happy to be a part of the competition and is looking to have fun, but feels confident that his tall, dark, and handsome features could bring home the title.

Kyle Rudden is a sophomore who credits the tremendous support he has received in joining the competition for his confidence. He would like to give a special thanks to the LV Staff, Tom Brady, and Robb Rodriguez for the inspiration. Kyle believes his incredible good looks and performance in honor of

Heath Ledger will seal the title for him and his fan club.

A.J. Papa, a senior, is a returning Mr. Bryant competitor looking to redeem himself for last year's performance. He feels Mr. Bryant should be someone who personifies Bryant, and with his involvement in organizations such as intramurals, the senior class committee, and being a resident assistant, he is the man to be dubbed Mr. Bryant. A.J. also hopes this could be a launching pad on to other competitions such as Mr. Rhode Island or even Mr. Universe someday.

Mark Barry, also representing the senior class, is looking to be Bryant's knight in shining armor. Mark has been preparing for this competition his whole life, starting in kindergarten with some modeling for a fundraiser. Mark may also have the most on the line of all the competitors, saying, "winning the competition would validate my existence as a human being, I could finally lead a life of purpose."

Cory Cloutier is a sophomore who keeps very busy as a Student Senate Class Co-Chair, Student Programming Board Late Night Co-Chair,

SAA Member, Helping Hands Member, and as an Orientation Leader. Cory is also a returning Mr. Bryant competitor and last year's People's Choice Award champion; he has prepared a particular dance with a group of friends imitating a very famous dance group from America's Best Dance Crew.

Jarrod Gibbons is a junior, a member of the Student Senate, Sigma Chi Fraternity, and H.E.A.L. He feels winning Mr. Bryant will give him the edge he needs when applying to law school after graduating from Bryant.

With only a few weeks left to go, and an upcoming Thanksgiving meal that may throw them off their intense workout and diet routines, the pressure is ever rising. The Bryant community should be circling their calendars for December 4th and grab their seats early in Janikies as the contestants are sure to put on one memorable show.

The other Mr. Bryant contestants are Ronnie Blanchard, Aaron Fortin, and Patrick Helmas.

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# The Patriot Battalion competes in Annual Army Ten-Miler

**Patriot Battalion ROTC**  
*Contributing Writer*

WASHINGTON, D.C., Sunday Oct. 4, 2009 – A team of Army ROTC cadets from The Patriot Battalion, Providence RI competed today in the 25th annual Army Ten-Miler.

The Patriot Battalion placed 129th out of 488 teams overall and 21st among 56 ROTC teams from about 50 schools.

Team members from The Patriot Battalion included Geoffrey Ensby (Bryant '10), Amberly Glitz (PC '12), Patrick O'Donnell (PC '11), Gregory Cello (PC '11), Christopher Lyon (PC '11), Andrew Lucid (PC '12) and Lauren Magrane (PC '11).

The team arrived on Friday night and spent the weekend taking in the sites and sounds of Washington, D.C.

"The entire trip in fact, was an amazing experience. By arriving late Friday night, the team was able to spend the entire day Saturday touring the national monuments and museums, finishing off the evening with dinner at an Italian restaurant," said Amberly Glitz.

"Despite the variety of fascinating activities occupying our time the rest of the weekend, the Sunday morning race was indisputably the high-

light of the trip," she continued.

The ten mile course led the team through the heart of the city alongside soldiers and their families.

"The opportunity offered a great team building prospect to those cadets who chose to participate, and was – in short – nothing less than yet another incredible experience sponsored by the Patriot Battalion," said Glitz

The race began and ended at the Pentagon, crossed the Potomac River and ran along the national mall to loop around the U.S. Capitol building, forming a 10-mile circuit.

A record field of about 30,000 competitors ran this year's race. The Army Ten-Miler is among the largest races in the country. The event attracts runners from around the world. This year's race featured competitors from as far away as Brazil, Japan, and Korea.

The race is held every year in the nation's capital in conjunction with the Association of the United States Army national convention.

More information about the Army Ten-Miler can be found at [www.armytenmiler.com](http://www.armytenmiler.com).

For more information on Patriot Battalion ROTC contact Major Tucker Shosh at 401-865-2025 or [tshosh@providence.edu](mailto:tshosh@providence.edu).

# Greek Corner

By Andrew Pantuosco  
*Contributing Writer*



(Courtesy of Andrew Pantuosco)

Over 80 members of Greek Life attended the annual Greek Ball on Saturday, November 7th. The Greeks enjoyed dinner, dancing, and an awards presentation at Lancellotta's in North Providence. As expected, the event was a great success and will continue to be the highlight of future fall semesters.

"The Greek Ball brought Bryant's Greek Life community together. I was really happy to see everyone come together for an enjoyable night," said Kelly Hollister, President of Delta Zeta.

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 Location: TOWNHOUSE  
 Summary: A report of a person with flu like symptoms. EMS was activated.  
**LARCENY**  
 NOV 10 2009-Tuesday at 17:50  
 Location: UNISTRUCURE  
 Summary: A computer external hard drive, the case and cables were reported stolen.  
**LARCENY**  
 NOV 11 2009-Wednesday at 01:50  
 Location: RESIDENCE HALL  
 Summary: A student removed a backpack from the DPS patrol car.  
**POLICE INFORMATION**  
 NOV 11 2009-Wednesday at 14:51  
 Location: DISPATCH CENTER  
 Summary: A student reported a possible assault on campus.  
**DRUG ACTIVITY**  
 NOV 11 2009-Wednesday at 23:30  
 Location: RESIDENCE HALL  
 Summary: A report of possible drug activity. Smithfield Police have one male in

custody.  
**EMT CALL** Medical Services Rendered NOV 12 2009-Thursday at 00:38  
 Location: TOWNHOUSE  
 Summary: A report of a person with a lacerated wrist. EMS was activated.  
**EMT CALL** Medical Services Rendered NOV 13 2009-Friday at 00:43  
 Location: COMMUTER PARKING LOT  
 Summary: A report of an intoxicated student that lost consciousness. EMS was activated.  
**LARCENY**  
 NOV 14 2009-Saturday at 02:01  
 Location: RESIDENCE HALL  
 Summary: A report of stolen cash.  
**DRUG ACTIVITY**  
 NOV 14 2009-Saturday at 02:47  
 Location: RESIDENCE HALL  
 Summary: One male was arrested by Smithfield Police for drug activity.  
**ASSAULT** Assault and/or Battery NOV 14 2009-Saturday at 03:00  
 Location: RESIDENCE HALL  
 Summary: A report of a student being as-

saulted.  
**EMT CALL** Medical Services Rendered NOV 15 2009-Sunday at 01:21  
 Location: RESIDENCE HALL  
 Summary: A report of an intoxicated female. EMS was activated.  
**VANDALISM** (School Building)  
 NOV 15 2009-Sunday at 01:50  
 Location: RESIDENCE HALL  
 Summary: An RA reported a broken window in a residence hall.  
**VANDALISM**  
 NOV 15 2009-Sunday at 02:33  
 Location: RESIDENCE HALL  
 Summary: A report of a broken window screen.  
**FIRE ALARM**  
 NOV 15 2009-Sunday at 04:30  
 Location: TOWNHOUSE  
 Summary: An activated fire alarm cause by a water leak.  
**DRUG ACTIVITY**  
 NOV 15 2009-Sunday at 05:15  
 Location: TOWNHOUSE  
 Summary: Drug paraphernalia and marijuana were found during a fire alarm.

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The DPS Crime Prevention Officers:

**"TIP OF THE WEEK"**

Remember to lock your room doors and suite doors when leaving for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Bring valuables home with you.

Many thefts occur when areas are left unsecure during holiday breaks!

## Bryant Pride

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Bryant Pride and numerous Bryant faculty and staff members handed out fliers stating the rules which ban gay men from donating blood outside of the most recent blood drive, which was last Tuesday and Wednesday.

So, how can you help? Next time there is a blood drive on campus, consider donating for those who cannot. A new law has been proposed entitled the U.S. Blood Donor Nondiscrimination Resolution, which asks the federal government to repeal a rule that bans healthy gay and bisexual men from donating blood.

This law is currently being proposed in California and is moving to their state senate in January. If you feel strongly about this issue, you can help by contacting your own state senator and urge them to make changes within your state.

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# Residence Life implements new program model

By Jessica Komoroski  
Editor-in-Chief

A new programming model was implemented in the Office of Residence Life to give resident assistants (RAs) an opportunity to build community in their residence halls throughout the 2009-2010 school-year. RAs will now be able to bring speakers, presentations, games and social events directly into their living areas to enhance the resources provided to students.

The 'model' is a set of guidelines and themes that RAs are expected to direct their programs towards. It includes basic elements of college life that have been considered important by the department for college students to experience. Beyond social events such as pizza parties and study

breaks, the new elements include global, personal, and professional success. Certain programs that can fit into these models might be, respectively, a community service initiative, a tobacco awareness workshop and a resume critique.

RAs, who head up residence hall programming at Bryant University, are expected to put on two programs a month. "This enhances residence hall living in that it makes the RAs more visible to the students and it builds relationships among students living in close quarters" said third year RA Matthew St. Peter ('10).

This initiative is meant to give RAs the flexibility to program around the needs of their residents. The past model did not focus on the students, but rather the needs of administration, which made it more challenging for RAs to offer successful programs.

"Last year, an RA put on a Kwanzaa program developed under the theme of community service because they had already put on a multicultural program," explained Assistant Director of Residence Life, Kristin Wodarski Biggins. She continued "The RA had many residents of African descent and knew they would enjoy an ethnic gathering, yet she had to fib details on paperwork just to get it approved."

The former model had been in place for four years. It did not encourage RAs to get to know their residents because the goals were limited to fulfilling certain categories. The new model now provides RAs with the opportunity to explore a broad range of subcategories within the 'success' elements.

"I am putting on a program that will allow students to play illegal

'drinking' games with water. After the games, I will be handing out a worksheet discussing the dangers of binge drinking and how easily this can happen. It will be considered a personal success program and will fit under the health and wellness subcategory," explains St. Peter.

Students are encouraged to attend as many programs as possible in order to get to know their RA and feel more comfortable with them on a personal level. RAs must be visible for residents who may be struggling with the adjustment to college, and programs are a way for RAs to offer themselves as resources to their residents, Wodarski said.

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## Turkey tid-bits

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1. Americans feast on 535 million pounds of turkey on Thanksgiving.
2. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, more than 45 million turkeys are cooked and eaten in the United States at Thanksgiving. That number represents one sixth of all the turkeys sold in the U.S. each year!
3. Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be our national bird.
4. Domesticated turkeys cannot fly, however wild turkeys can fly up to 55 miles per hour over short distances.
5. Only male (tom) turkeys gobble. Females make a clicking noise. The famous gobble is actually a seasonal mating call.
6. The heaviest turkey ever raised weighed in at 86 pounds – about the size of a German Shepherd! (But turkeys are normally not used as police animals.)
7. A turkey under 16 weeks of age is called a fryer. A five to seven month old turkey is called a roaster.
8. The Turkey Trot, a ballroom dance in the 1900s, was named for the short, jerky steps of the turkey. It became popular mainly because it was denounced by the Vatican as "suggestive."
9. Turkeys are known to spend the night in trees! (Maybe to escape the Thanksgiving table?)
10. Turkeys can drown if they look up when it's raining!
11. A turkey's field of vision is 270 degrees--one of the main reasons they're able to elude some hunters.



# Study Abroad Spotlight: Adam Noga

**Name:** Adam Noga  
**University:** Beijing Foreign Studies University  
**Location:** Beijing, China  
**Partner:** IES Study Abroad

**Reason for going**

After visiting several major cities in China for a short time with the Sophomore International Experience, I knew that traveling back to Asia was a must, and the best way to so was probably through studying abroad. Even though China is a rather large country, I knew right away that Beijing was where I wanted to call home. Not only is it one of the largest and most populated cities in China, but Beijing is also home to thousands of years of history, notable tourist destinations and major up and coming global enterprises that largely affect the global economy.

**Best experience or memory**

One of my best experiences while studying abroad was a ten mile hike along the Great Wall. After driving three hours outside of Beijing I was dropped off at one of the well known guard towers of the Great Wall. After a six hour trek over grueling and history-ridden terrain, I arrived in a small rural village where I was told stories that had been passed down through generations regarding the Great Wall and the blood sweat and tears that went into building it. The next morning, I woke at 4 am, climbed to the tallest point of the Great Wall, and amazingly watched as the sun rose over hundreds of miles of the Great Wall of China.

**How was the school different from Bryant University?**

Although Beijing Foreign Studies' was hustling and bustling with around ten thousand Chinese college students, my classes were quite small, each one totaling ten or so international students. Because there was such a large language barrier, each of my

classes was designed to accommodate English speaking students with classes being taught by Chinese-American professors. Although the international dorm in which I lived was quite luxurious, Chinese students who attended the school were limited to small dorm rooms which often housed up to eight students, small bathing houses outside of the dorms, as well as a cafeteria that was often very crowded with very limited food options.

**How did this experience change you?**

As you can imagine, spending four months in China is a real eye opener. I left the country with huge respect for the American culture and the amazing number of opportunities we are presented with even at such a young age. With almost twenty million people in Beijing alone, not a day went by without hearing or experiencing firsthand the struggles that Chinese citizens must go through on a daily basis. We may take it for granted, but the lifestyles and activities that we take part in on a daily basis can only be experienced in dreams by millions of much less fortunate people around the world.



**Would you study abroad again given the opportunity?**

Without a doubt I would absolutely study abroad again. In addition to meeting some amazing people and being exposed to a totally different culture, I walked away learning a lot about myself as well as some important personal values that I was unaware of before my journey.



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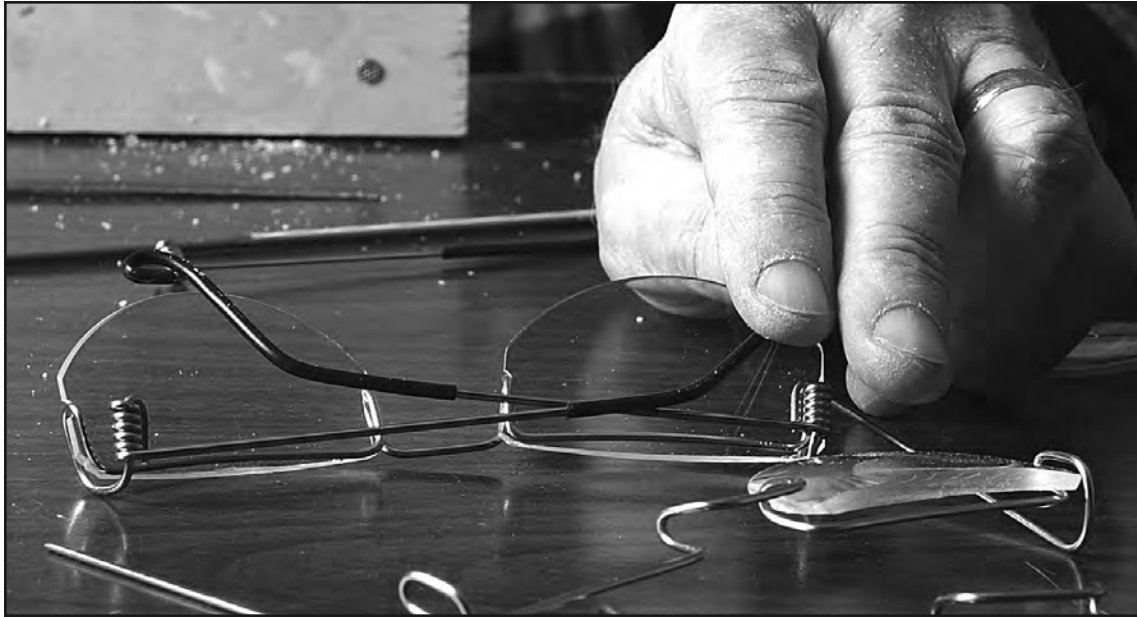
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## Change Makers: Adaptive Eyecare



(MCT Campus)

By **Brandon Dobro**  
Business Editor

Whether for-profit or not-for-profit, organizations with social missions deserve to be recognized. ChangeMakers is a new column with the intent of shining a light on those people who do good.

**Organization name:** Adaptive Eyecare  
**Location:** Oxford, UK  
**Founded:** 1996

**Type:** Non-profit

**Website:** [www.adaptive-eyecare.org](http://www.adaptive-eyecare.org)

**Product:** The world's first universal eye glass

**Problem:** There are 153 million people in the world who either cannot see, or have very poor eyesight. For those who have eye trouble, you know that it is not an easy process to obtain prescription eye glasses. It is a process that takes time and sometimes several visits to the optician in order to ensure that the right lenses are made. It is quite costly as well. This is a problem, since ninety percent of those with poor eyesight are in the third world. Making matters worse, there is just one optician to every 4,500 people in Britain, compared to one optician to every 1,000,000 people in Africa. With most of the third-world unable to see and so few opticians able to provide them with inexpensive glasses, millions of people throughout the world cannot even see their own loved ones. Lacking the ability to see has severe consequences in the third world: chil-

dren cannot read in school, and adults can neither weave clothes nor hunt.

**Idea:** Oxford Professor Joshua Silver has invented a pair of eye glasses based off of the idea that the fatter the lens, the more effective the glasses. The durable plastic lenses are filled with clear sacs of fluid, which are connected to two small syringes that are attached to the arms of the glasses. The user changes the power of the glasses simply by adjusting a dial next to the syringe that controls the amount of water allowed in the lens. Once the correct amount of water has been dialed in and the user can see, they can easily screw in a pin that blocks off the water flow. Silver's team has discovered that this device is so simple that anyone can make their own pair of prescription glasses with hardly any guidance.

Even with a target cost of just \$1 a pair, it is still no easy feat to distribute these glasses to the millions who need them. They are hoping that by making deals with humanitarian programs that span hundreds of villages, awareness will increase and governments along with the United Nations will get involved. While there are many naysayers, Adaptive Eyewear hopes to have 1 billion glasses distributed by 2020. "Things are never simple," says Silver in an interview with *The Guardian*. "But I will solve this problem if I can. And I won't let people stand in my way." Spoken like a true social entrepreneur.

## Intuition at Mann Gulch

By **Michael Roberto**  
Faculty Columnist

For those who don't know the Mann Gulch story, here's a bit more information. The fire happened in the Hellena National Forrest in Montana and claimed 13 firefighters' lives. When the fire "blew up" that day, the leader - Wag Dodge - yelled to his team that it was a "death trap." Everyone began to run for the ridge, but Dodge soon realized that they probably could not outrun the fire. He bent down and lit another small fire in a grassy area with a match. Then, Dodge placed a handkerchief over his mouth and lay down in the smoldering ashes. Since the grassy area quickly burned, leaving nothing but dirt, the blaze went right over Dodge - leaving him unharmed. He had deprived the forest fire of the necessary fuel. Unfortunately, none of his crewmembers joined him in that grassy area. When he yelled to them to join him, they thought he was crazy. They had never seen such a tactic. They ran for the ridge instead, and most of them did not survive.

Where did Dodge come up with this tactic? He came to an intuitive decision. No such technique had ever been used by any smokejumper. He invented it on the spot. This tragic situation highlights one of the challenges associated with intuitive decision-making. People often don't understand your thought process when you make a "gut" decision, and thus they may be unlikely to follow your lead. Leaders must take great care to explain the rationale for all their decisions, but especially those that did not involve formal analysis.

In this case, Dodge didn't even have time to explain his thinking. Thus, he needed his crew members to believe deeply in him, but they did not. He had not built the rapport and credibility with his team necessary to elicit their buy-in at this critical moment. In short, leaders need to build a reservoir of trust within their team, long before they make critical choices for which they want buy-in and cooperation.

Michael Roberto is a Trustee Professor of Management at Bryant University. He has recently authored, "Know What You Don't Know: How Great Leaders Prevent Problems Before They Happen." His blog can

## Radio on the same decline as newspapers

By **Keith Murray**  
Faculty Columnist

An "inside business" issue these days—and especially inside the world of marketing communication—has to be the future of terrestrial radio; this pertains to what most lay people would refer to as traditional radio, such as AM and FM broadcasting listened to, historically, in cars, tabletop sets, alarm clocks, and desk sets at work.

Yesterday the *Wall Street Journal* ran a story that reports that Clear Channel, via its parent, CC Media, reported its third quarter in a row of advertising losses in the range of about 20% each. [Hell, that's about 60% in aggregate in my book!] Clear Channel is the largest owner and operator of AM, FM and short-wave radio stations in the U.S.

Clearly, it is too early to say exactly what the trajectory of terrestrial radio will be like; after all, we're in the middle

of a prolonged economic recession—and the decline in media advertising is affecting all media, not just radio. Nonetheless, one has to take seriously all the talk that the decline of radio has begun and might well follow newsprint into—maybe into a new reality and economic business model, if not decline and oblivion.

Several independent indicators seem to support such apprehensions, including the shift of ad dollars directed towards on-line information sources—and at an increasing rate at that! Since the "science" of tracking radio listenership—and I use the word "science" in this context very loosely—has never been seen as particularly trustworthy, one can look to other signs along the way that support the ascendancy of other media and the demise of traditional radio. Let's enumerate some of the more obvious ones.

First, much of radio listening has occurred in automobiles—hence the marketing use of the term, "drive time." Less and less listening to radio is happening in autos today; instead people are talking on mobile phones or electing to listen to personal audio devices such as MP3 players of one sort or another. Why would a person want to take the chance of maybe hearing their favorite song on the radio, when they could otherwise listen to a playlist of their own making in which all of the songs are their favorites?

More and more new vehicles are coming stocked with subscription-based satellite radio units—making obsolete the need to listen to paid commercials for up to 40% of the time in the car. [When I am forced—out of sheer boredom—to turn on terrestrial radio, I now think it odd and annoying to hear so many commercials. I ask myself "Who still really does this?"—particularly if they've ever been liberated by bring-along devices that permit listening to one's favorite music, podcasts, recorded books, etc.]

At home, the picture is changing as well—for the worse insofar as traditional radio is concerned—and in

not-so-subtle ways. Internet radio is making inroads into people's listening preferences—again with no or fewer commercials. Cable companies are now delivering specialty "radio" alternatives to people's

homes—also with no or fewer commercials.

It's too early to write the obituary for terrestrial radio, but all the signs indicate that the long life we might have expected for it is not in store. Even with an economic recovery, it is likely, in my opinion, that much of the losses in radio will not be re-gained. With the loss of listeners, even if ad rates stayed the same [and they likely will not!], effective advertising cost will rise, mirroring the plight of newspapers today.

This is the case for the simple explanation that much in the way of direct and better (read, advertising-diminished, or advertising-free) listening alternatives exist. And where chance remains to listen to the "radio," other activities will continue to supplant idle time that used to be spent by individuals alone with a terrestrial radio signal source.

The times have clearly changed for paper-printed newspapers [See yesterday's *WSJ* article by Nat Worden "Ad revenue eludes newspapers" for more bad news for newsprint] but the "signs of the times" are that radio will likely be following predictably along behind. As they say in the broadcast business: stay tuned.

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## Smith and the Bulldogs run past St. Francis 35-12

*Courtesy of Bryant Athletics*

Senior tailback Jerrell Smith (Brooklyn, NY) rushed for a career-best 239 yards and three touchdowns as Bryant University snapped its five-game losing skid with a 35-12 win over visiting Saint Francis (PA) at a rain-soaked Bulldog Stadium Saturday.

Bryant (4-6, 3-4 NEC) scored on its first three possessions: two coming on a pair of long touchdown runs by Smith, the first coming on a 23-yard run on the sixth play of the Bulldogs' opening drive. Following a fumble by Red Flash running back Jude Yearwood after taking a hard hit by Bulldog safety Andre Whyte (Bennington, Vt.), Smith broke free for a 20-yard run to put the Bulldogs up 14-0 just 3:26 into the game.

Saint Francis (2-7, 1-5) would quickly answer as freshman running back Kyle Harbridge scored on a 62-yard run down the middle, but the point after failed and the Bulldogs led 14-6.

From there, it was all Bryant. Freshman standout Jordan Brown (Glastonbury, Conn.) did his part, giving the Bulldogs good field position with a 49 yard kick return



**Jerrell Smith ran for a career best 239 yards on the Bulldogs senior day, with over 100 of those coming in the first quarter alone.** *(Courtesy of Bryant Athletics)*

down to the Saint Francis 33 yard line. On fourth-and-two, quarterback Mike Croce (Waterbury, Conn.) connected with wide-open tight end Matt Tracey (Bow Mar, Colo.) for a 25-yard touchdown, making it 21-6 with still more than six minutes remaining in the first quarter.

Smith was already over 100 yards rushing as the first quarter came to a close, and

the senior wasn't through yet. Midway through the second, Smith broke through the defense and out-raced the Red Flash secondary for a 77-yard touchdown run, his third of the game, to put the Bulldogs up 35-12.

With the rain making the conditions on the field difficult, neither team could find the end zone in the second half as both teams combined

for a total of 12 fumbles in the game - mostly on quarterback snaps.

Smith's previous career-best was a 221-yard performance against Southern Connecticut last year. His 239 yards on Saturday is the fifth-best single-game rushing performance in school history and gives him 2,975 career rushing yards in three seasons. Former standout

Lorenzo Perry holds the school record of 313 yards in a game back in 2005.

Croce was 8-of-11 passing for 88 yards and two touchdowns - both to his tight end Tracey. Bryant's defense held Saint Francis to 2 yards passing and 131 yards rushing on the day as the Red Flash's Harbridge had a fine day with 114 yards on 17 carries.

Teammate Jude Yearwood was limited to just 18 yards rushing. Peter Gauthier (Woonsocket, R.I.), playing in his final game at Bulldog Stadium and one of 22 seniors honored prior to the start of Saturday's game, had six tackles including a big sack that forced a Saint Francis fumble in the third quarter.

Whyte had five tackles and one forced fumble while Jason Riffe (Newton, Mass.) also had five stops including two for a loss. Also honored during the Senior Day ceremony was defensive back Anthony Castelli (Cranston, RI / Cranston West) who made a tackle in Saturday's game.

The Bulldogs will wrap up the 2009 season, the school's second competing at the Division I level (FCS), next Saturday when they head to Pittsburgh to face Duquesne University at noon.

## Swimming splashes by Providence

**Brendan Heller**  
*Staff Writer*

Bryant University Women's Swim Team defeated Providence College 276.5 to 240.5 in a historic night for the Bryant Bulldogs Swim Team. In a night where the Bulldogs took down the pool record in the 200 yard medley relay and finished first in every single event, the Bulldogs defeated Providence College for the first time in the program's young history.

The swim team is in only the second year of competing at the Division I level, and they defeated Providence College in convincing fashion, winning every event on the night, and taking first, second, and third right from the start in the first individual event of the meet in the 1000 yard free. The Providence College swim team is part of the Big East Conference, while the Bryant Women's Team is part of the Northeast Conference.

The team was led by the freshmen trio of Kim Carballera (East Setauket, NY),

Casey Ostrander (Yarmouthport, MA), and Molly Smith (Belmont, MA), all of whom took first place in their respective individual events. Carballera finished first in the 1000, 200, and 500 yard freestyle events, while Ostrander won the 100 yard backstroke and the 50 and 100 yard freestyle. Smith took first in the 100 and 200 yard breaststroke events and swam the breaststroke leg of the winning 200 medley relay. Sophomore Abby Whittaker (Salisbury, MA) also won two individual events for the Bulldogs, touching first in both the 100 and 200 yard butterfly events, and swam the butterfly leg of the winning 200 medley relay. Senior Jessica Looney (Goffstown, NH) also added a first place finish for the Bulldogs in the 200 yard backstroke, and swam the backstroke leg for the winning 200 medley relay, which set the pool record of 1:55.03.

The Bryant University Men's Swim Team put up a valiant effort against the Providence Friars, but came up on

the short end, falling 143-118 to their Big East intrastate rival. The Bulldogs were led by sophomores Kevin McDonald (North Haven, CT) and Sean Martell (Nashua, NH). McDonald posted victories in the 100 and 200 yard backstrokes and swam the backstroke leg of the 200 yard medley relay. Martell won the 100 and 200 yard breaststroke events and swam the breaststroke leg of the 200 medley relay. Junior Steven Ngyuen (San Jose, CA) won the 200 yard freestyle and sophomore Alex Kosenski (Point Pleasant, NJ) won the 100 yard freestyle. The medley relay team of freshman Steve Sinclair (Middletown, MA), junior Matt Derwin (Cheshire, CT), Martell and McDonald set a pool record in the first event of the night with a time of 1:41.80.

On Saturday, November 21, 2009 the Bulldogs travel to Fairfield, CT to take on the Fairfield Stags in a non-conference dual meet with the MAAC opponent.



**Bryant finished first in every single event and defeated Providence College for the first time in the program's history.**

*(Courtesy of Bryant Athletics)*

### Casey Ostrander

*Year: Freshman*

*Sport: Swimming*

Freshman standout Casey Ostrander was named the NEC Swimmer of the Week after helping lead the Bulldogs to a win over Providence last Friday.



### Jerrell Smith

*Year: Senior*

*Sport: Football*

Smith was named the Northeast Conference Offensive Player of the Week for his 239-yard rushing performance in last Saturday's 35-12 win over Saint Francis.



**Top Dogs**



# And the crowd goes wild...somewhere



Former Colts wide receiver Marvin Harrison once said that he would rather play in an empty stadium, and now his wish could become a reality. (MCT Campus)

By David Niles  
Staff Writer

The NFL has a serious problem. The sport, which garners America's most attention, draws the highest TV ratings and is as lucrative and profitable as almost any industry, is facing a difficult

dilemma. People love the NFL, as shown by the TV ratings this year, which have experienced a jump higher than any other year in the last two decades, and dwarf all other sports. However, this is exactly where the problem lies.

The problem with football is that it is in fact a great tele-

vision sport. You can actually see more of the game through instant replays and close up action than you could get sitting in the stadium. Now with HD television, at-home viewing is even more attractive; combined with the cost and process to actually attend a game.

Attending an NFL game is an all-day event. The game is 3 hours long but most get to the stadium two to three hours early to avoid the worst traffic and to tailgate. If you live an hour from the stadium you probably need to budget a 2-3 hour trip to get there because of the traffic anyway. So you end up needing to leave your house about 5 hours before game time. Then there is the three hour game, and another 2-3 hours home in traffic. That comes to a ten to twelve hour day for three hours of action. Then you add in the costs of tickets (hundreds of dollars apiece), concessions (the average fan will spend almost twenty dollars), and parking (another fifty dollars). Then consider

you are sitting hundreds of feet away from the field on a hard plastic seat in the bitter cold, maybe sitting next to some drunken jerk yelling R-rated profanities while you try to cover your young son's ears.

Or you could take that money and buy a beautiful HD television and watch every game "in glorious HD" (not to mention all the other television you watch all year long). You can still barbeque on the grill, have plenty of snacks, not to mention sit in a heated environment with your feet up in a comfy chair. You don't have to commit your entire day to watching one game and can do other things during the day to enjoy your weekend (or do what I do and watch 2 hours of pregame, 6 hours of games, followed by an hour of postgame, followed by another three hour game, and an hour postgame). You can enjoy the games with family and friends, and have just as much fun high-fiving with them and screaming at the tel-

evision as you would at the game itself.

When you consider these factors, as well as the flailing economy, it is no wonder television ratings are so high, while ticket sales continue to drop. The problem for fans is that if stadiums don't sellout, then blackouts are to come. No longer can you watch your home town team. The NFL feels obligated to resort to blackouts or else they know ticket sales will continue to dwindle.

However, the league brings in revenue mostly through television contracts, and if it continues to blackout games in the long run, I would have to think advertisers will begin to voice their opposition. Money talks, and the NFL can't continue to keep fans from watching their teams.

Marvin Harrison, known for his shyness and reserved demeanor, once said he would prefer to play games in an empty stadium. Although Marvin is no longer in the league, it appears that this could become a reality.

## Men's Basketball drops three games in three days to begin second D1 season

Brendan Heller  
Staff Writer

The Bryant University Men's Basketball Team tipped off their season last weekend in the World Vision Invitational in Providence with games against Providence College, Mercer University, and Bucknell University. On Friday night, the Bulldogs were dominated by Providence College, falling 96-53, the worst loss that the team has suffered in the program's brief Division I history. On Saturday, the Bulldogs faced similar results as they were defeated 80-56 by Mercer University. On Sunday afternoon, the Bulldogs took a step in the right direction when they were edged out 59-56 by the Patriot League's Bucknell University.

In the season opener, the Bulldogs were overpowered in every aspect of the game by their in-state foe Providence College on their home court. Junior Barry Latham was the leading scorer for Bryant, scoring 12 points off the bench. Freshman Vladyslav Kondratyev also chipped in with 9 points in his first official game in a Bulldog uniform.

Providence, which plays in the Big East Conference (which is arguably the toughest and deepest conference in all of college basketball) had many questions coming into the game with 8 new players, and they were all answered in their season opener. The Friars, who last season defeated Pittsburgh, the number one ranked team in the country at the time, dominated the Bulldogs up and down the floor all night. They jumped out to a lead from the tip, and never looked back. Their lead got up to as much as 51 points with 3:45 remaining in the game. The Friars scored 30 points off Bryant turnovers, while the Bulldogs scored 0 points off turnovers by the Friars.

Red-shirt sophomore Papa Lo, playing in his first game



The Bulldogs season started off on a low point as they lost all three of their games over their opening weekend. (Courtesy of Bryant Athletics)

as a member of the Bryant University basketball team said, "They were just better than us. They were faster, more athletic, and just better."

Fast-forward about 20 hours, and the Bulldogs were back on the court at the Dunkin Donuts Center to match up with Mercer University, a school from Atlanta, Georgia that plays in the Atlantic Sun Conference. This is a team that defeated Division I powers Auburn and Alabama last season in consecutive games, a team with much more experience and success at the Division I level than Bryant, which is in just the second year of the transition process of becoming an official Division I program. In similar fashion as the previous night, the Bulldogs let the game get away right from the start, falling behind 18-4 in the opening moments. They were never able to fully recover from the big first half deficit with a half-time score of 45-21.

With 15 minutes left in the second half, however, the Bulldogs got some spirited play off the bench from Papa Lo, who did not see the court in the first half. When Lo entered the game, the team went on a run, narrowing the lead significantly while most of the Mercer starters were resting on the bench. Senior Cecil Gresham, Bryant's leading scorer from a year ago, found his stroke for the first time of the season and scored 10 of his 17 points in the second half. Freshman Raphael Jordan, in just his second game at the collegiate level, scored 12 points for the Bulldogs.

With four minutes remaining, Lo dove on the ground for a loose ball, forcing a turnover by Mercer. Lo had a big impact in the second half of the game, securing 8 rebounds, 4 points, and a block, in an effort that led to Bryant and Mercer both scoring 35 points in the second half.

The 24 point deficit that the Bulldogs lost can be attrib-

uted to their first half offensive woes, but they took much better care of the ball in the second half, and were able to get some good looks at the basket, tying Mercer in second half points, losing 80-56.

After the game, Coach Tim O'Shea said, "Papa had to sit the first half to get him a little emotional. These kids want to see minutes, and sitting on the bench keeps them hungry."

It certainly showed in how much effort they played with in the second half, and the Bulldogs gained some confidence in the second half of the loss to Mercer; but heading into day 3 of the World Vision Invitational they were still looking for their first win on the season.

On Sunday, the Bulldogs came into their game with Bucknell University with nothing to lose and everything to gain. Bucknell was in the same situation as Bryant, having lost both of their games to start out the season in the four team invitational. Bucknell, however, unlike Bryant, was not a team that is searching for their identity. They are a team that will contend for a Patriot League conference title this year, and lost to Mercer by only 2 points and Providence by 11 points the night before. Bryant, on the contrary, was searching for their identity, confidence, and pride.

In this game, the Bulldogs didn't get run out of the gym in the first half. At half-time, they were only down by 10 points. In fact, halfway through the first half they got their first lead of the season.

It was in this third game of the season that Coach O'Shea saw a glimmer of hope in his team. Their confidence started to come back after they were continuously dominated for the first 90 minutes of the season before they were even able to gain a lead on their opponent. After the first half, they were trailing Bucknell 25-15 in a defensive battle. Papa Lo, who earned the start

in this game from the previous night's performance, was a force in the paint, altering several shots and soaring above the rim for several rebounds.

The second half started off slowly for the Bulldogs, who succumbed to Bucknell's increasing defensive pressure, falling behind by 20 points 5 minutes into the half. Then things started to click, and Gresham started to find his shot. He had 9 points in the first half, but Coach O'Shea wanted him to take the game over and be more aggressive. That is just what Gresham did; scoring 17 of his game high 26 points in the second half. The Bulldogs closed the lead to within 2 points with 31 seconds left after Latham hit a three, but they wouldn't get any closer than that after Jordan had his lay-up partially blocked with time winding down.

Gresham took over the game in the second half, something that made Coach O'Shea very hopeful for the future. "Cecil is our go to guy, our leading scorer. We need him to make big shots. Now all we need to do is get him hitting those shots earlier in the game," Coach O'Shea said after the game.

While no one is ever happy with a loss, at a time when a program is transitioning into the Division I level, a team needs to find ways to get confidence, find their identity, and have pride.

"Dealing with the types of losses that we have had in our first two games is one of the hardest things for a coach," O'Shea said. "The second year in the transition process is almost even more difficult than the first year," he said.

Sunday afternoon, however, the Bulldogs made O'Shea's job a little easier in the second half. "That was probably the best effort Bryant has had in a basketball game in the two years that I have been here," he said.



# Second half run not enough for Bulldogs



The Bulldogs were led by senior captain Courtney Schermerhorn's (Lowell, Mass.) 14 points and 7 rebounds, and sophomore Lekia Cowen's 11 points. (Courtesy of Bryant Athletics)

**Eva Mahan**  
Staff Writer

After an impressive second half come from behind victory over Assumption in exhibition play, the women's basketball team entered their first regular season game confident and ready to start their 2009-2010 season Saturday night at Dartmouth. Some opening game jitters cursed the Bulldogs early, as they went down 12-0 in the opening four minutes, and unfortunately, their push in the second half was not enough to compensate for previous falter as they collected a 57-47 loss.

After the first four minutes were behind them, the Bulldogs evenly matched Dartmouth's intensity for the remainder of the first half,

trading baskets and heading into the locker room still down 12. The Bulldogs regrouped over the break and came back out determined to avenge their deficit and redeem themselves for their shooting performance of only 16.7 percent.

With just over eight minutes left in the second half, the Bulldogs kicked into high gear and came back to within five due to a greatly improved shooting percentage of 35.5 percent from the field, and 50 percent from three point land in the second half. The drive was led by sophomore Lekia Cowen's (Hopedale, Mass.) 11 points, three of which came from beyond the arc in a short four minute span.

The Bulldogs' defense also picked up the intensity

in the second half, as they tallied five steals and nine turnovers.

Even faced with full court pressure in the final five minutes, Dartmouth was able to hang onto their slim lead in the second half and beat out the Bulldogs in their home opener.

The Bulldogs were led by senior captain Courtney Schermerhorn's (Lowell, Mass.) 14 points and 7 rebounds, and Cowen's 11 points. Freshman Katie Whittington (Twinsburg, Ohio) contributed offensively, dishing out 5 assists in her college basketball debut.

The Bulldogs will host Holy Cross on Wednesday, November 18th at 7 p.m. at the Athletic Center for their 2009-2010 home opener.

## Coach's Corner

### Ask The Coach:

**Question:** I have been under a lot of pressure with studying and I am finding it hard to get to the Fitness Center and get a workout in. My lifting has been suffering from this. What should I do?

**Answer:** It is important for you to be a student first and then focus on getting some exercise in order to relax from the pressure of the workload that you are under. Try making time to come in and exercise for the relaxation of enjoying some time away from studies. Try different lifting exercises that focus on lighter weights and more of a variety of exercises especially ones that you don't usually do. Your body will feel re-

freshed after exercising and you will find it easier to focus on your studies afterward. Please try to remember that you will face many of these types of challenges long after you finish college, and it is important to find time for yourself to relax and exercise.

### Coach Tim's Weekly Workouts

**Day #1**  
Walking Lunges: 3 sets of 10  
Leg Press: 3 sets of 10  
Push-ups 2 sets of 12  
Lat-Pull down: 3 sets of 8  
Bench Press: 4 sets of 8  
Dumbbell Curls: 3 sets of 10  
Crunches 2 sets of 25

**Day #2**  
Incline Bench press: 3 sets

of 8  
Lying Dumbbell Press: 4 sets of 8  
Seated cable rows: 3 sets of 10  
Leg extensions: 4 sets of 8  
Leg curls: 4 sets of 8  
Triceps Extensions: 4 sets of 10  
Dips 2 sets of 8  
Leg raises: 3 sets of 15

**Day #3**  
Stability Ball wall squats: 3 sets of 10  
Dumbbell Shoulder press: 3 sets of 10  
Upright rows: 3 sets of 8  
Incline Dumbbell Press: 3 sets of 7  
Lunges 3 sets of 10  
Barbell curls: 3 sets of 10  
Triceps dumbbell Press: 3 sets of 8  
Stability Ball Crunches: 3 sets of 15

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## Bulldog Bites

By Jackie Ammirato  
Assistant Sports Editor

### Volleyball

The Bulldogs closed out the 2009 season with a road trip to New York last weekend. Saturday, the team snapped a five game losing streak with a 3-0 victory over St. Francis. The Bulldogs were led offensively by sophomore Maria Scocca who had 12 kills, and sophomore Jazmin Stoner and freshman Macy Mitrovich, each contributing 11 kills. The offense was fueled by 35 assists from freshman Jadith Lorenzo, who along with junior Robyn Gardner contributed seven digs.

Sunday, however the Bulldogs were overmatched against the first place Long Island University Blackbirds. Mitrovich and Scocca once again led the Bulldog offense with six and five kills respectively. Seniors Julie Geniotti and Adriana Fuertes each contributed seven assists. Gardner again led the team with 16 digs.

The Bulldogs end the season with an 11-23 overall record, 6-10 in the Northeast Conference.

### NEC Offensive Player of the Week

#### Jerell Smith

For his performance in last week's Bulldog win over St. Francis (Pa.), Smith was named the NEC Offensive Player of the Week. Smith ran for 239 yards in the game, moving him to within 25 yards of the 3,000 career yards mark. He scored three rushing touchdowns in the game, on runs of 23, 22, and 77 yards. His 239 yards are the most by any NEC running back this season.

Smith's three touchdowns give him 17 in his career, good for fourth all-time in school history.

### Football

The Bulldogs travel to Pittsburgh this weekend to face Duquesne in the season finale. The Bulldogs are coming off a 35-12 win over St. Francis (Pa.), which ended a five game losing streak. In the past two seasons, Bryant is 5-0 against NEC teams from Pennsylvania.

Last season in the first ever meeting between the two schools the Bulldogs trailed Duquesne 10-9 going into the fourth quarter. Thanks to a Lindsay Gamble rushing touchdown and an interception returned for a touchdown by Cheyenne Ray, the Bulldogs were able to pull off the 24-10 victory.

Duquesne comes into the game off a last second 45-42 win over Sacred Heart last week. The Bulldogs (4-6) and the Dukes (3-7) will face off at 12:00 pm on Saturday.

### Club Sports

Want to see your club team in *The Archway*?  
Email [archway@bryant.edu](mailto:archway@bryant.edu)

## Bryant On Tap

### Friday, November 20th:

Men's Basketball, at Harvard, at 7:00pm

### Saturday, November 21st:

Football, at Duquesne, at 12:00 pm

Women's Basketball, HOME vs. Lafayette, at 1:00 pm

Swimming, at Fairfield Invitational, at 1:00 pm

### Tuesday, November 24th:

Women's Basketball, HOME vs. Brown, at 7:00 pm

### Wednesday, November 25th:

Men's Basketball, HOME vs. Brown, at 4:00 pm

### Sunday, November 29th:

Women's Basketball, at St. Bonaventure, at 1:00 pm

### Monday, November 30th:

Men's Basketball, at Army, at 7:00 pm

### Tuesday, December 1st:

Women's Basketball, at Colgate, at 7:00 pm

### Thursday, December 3rd:

Men's Basketball, at Long Island University, at 7:30 pm



# Speak Out

"If you could be any Thanksgiving dish, what would you be?"



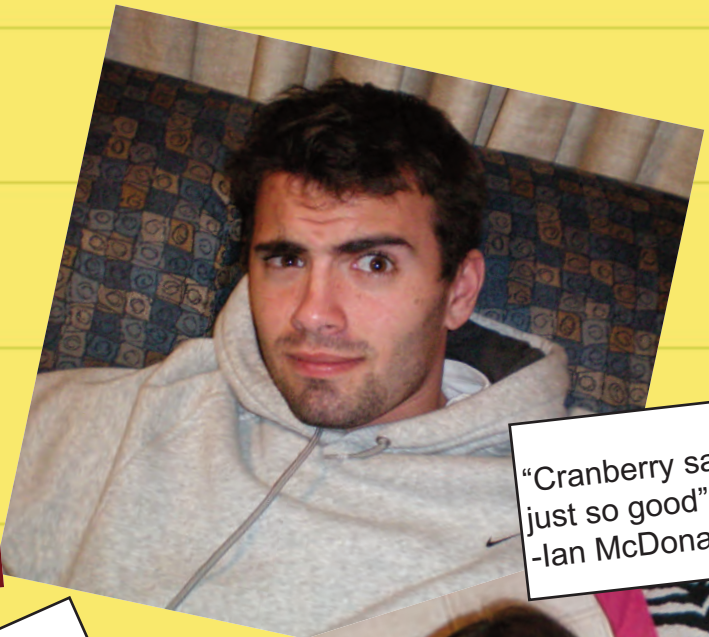
"The plate so I can have all the dishes"  
-Mike Doyle '12



"Gravy so I can be on top of everything"  
-Kaylene O'Brien '11



"Apple pie cause its yummy"  
-Leah Gallicchil '11



"Cranberry sauce because its just so good"  
-Ian McDonald '12



"A turkey breast because it was once the turkey chest"  
-Mike Silva '12



"Pumpkin pie cause its made from pumpkins"  
-Michelle Hochstadt '11



## Going, going, gone rogue What will Sarah Palin do next?

By Drew Green  
Opinion Editor

I guess I am just feeding the beast that is Sarah Palin by writing an article about her. However, as she has been everywhere this past week and a half in the run-up to, and release of her book, I feel it appropriate to discuss this marvel of modern day politics and social wonderment.

So where do you begin with the thrill from Wasilla? I assume the most logical beginning is how we were all introduced to her: the republican campaign for the presidential election. To assume that the majority of people had never heard of her before Senator McCain announced her as his running mate is not much of a stretch. Claiming that no one has heard from her since that moment is another issue altogether – and it only seems like we will be hearing more. Throughout the election period Palin was a galvanizing figure and one who took the brunt of many jokes and quips. If the campaign was not her formal introduction to society at large, then it must be Tina Fey that cemented Palin as a known political figure for quite some time to come.

Alas, despite the combination of McCain and Palin's mavericky ways, the two obviously lost the election. Losing detracts from the momentum for some, and is the spelling of a movement

back to irrelevance for many a former vice presidential candidate who lost an election, but not for Palin. The end of the election was merely the beginning of a new period. This could have been viewed as Palin's time to rejuvenate her potential for a run at the presidency in 2012 by establishing herself as a leader in the republican party and pushing Alaska forward with about two years left in her role as governor. Although this may have been the conventional wisdom, Palin has proven that as a maverick she does not stick to conventional wisdom. In mid July Palin resigned – quit – her position as governor to go on to bigger and better things – books, book tours, and other various speaking engagements where the press is not allowed (how courteous).

I will admit that it is a testament to Palin that she can remain relevant to society a year after McCain lost the campaign. This truly shows that as a society we have an interest in all things Palin – or at least we like to watch her implode on national television every few months in the hope that Tina Fey will find some new inspiration. To all of the Palinites out there, and all of the political analysts, the question remains: what will Palin do going forward? Is she actually done with politics? Will she remain solely a public figure that fights politics from outside the beltway? As of right now those ques-

tions are anyone's guess.

One could assume that since Palin's book tour is going through towns in states that are typically swing states, that yes, she is planting the seed. On the other hand, by all accounts that I have read regarding the book – I will not read it myself since when I want to read something about politics, I want it to have some depth – it is more of a lament of all things political and her general account of the campaign and who she liked and/or did not like. Personally, I cannot tell which one of these is the ploy.

Thankfully we had the Oprah interview. While Oprah tried to coax an answer out of Palin regarding her aspirations, Palin had a typical response to that type of question: a non-answer. Overall though, the interview seemed pretty in tune with Palin's recent encounters with politics: negative. Albeit, the conversation revolved around the only things she is known for: being the presidential running mate and her daughter's relationship with her ex-boyfriend and baby's daddy. I do not care about these fluffy topics though. Where is the substance?

I think it is apparent that the only reasons that Palin is still in the public eye is because there is a group that wants her to run for president, a group that is interested in seeing her run for president, and a group that wants to know if she will run



Sarah Palin on the cover of her new book, "Going Rogue" (MCT Campus)

for president so they can start attacking her now. I will assume she realizes this, and give her credit for being adept at creating anticipation and buzz. Conversely, she needs to realize that it will be now or never for her. She is at the height of her period as a public figure where almost everyone knows her name – something that does not last too long for politicians – and she is still close enough to politics to be viable. If she waits past the next election it will be interesting if she ever runs for office again and if she remains a large public figure. As for now, only Palin

knows at this point what her future holds in terms of aspirations. Will we all be watching with some type of anticipation? Yes. Whether that anticipation will be in the form of excitement, curiosity, paranoia, fear, wonderment, or something else will all depend on the individual. Regardless of the emotion, it does not stop us from wondering if 2011 will bring an announcement that she will be running for the republican candidacy. However, if she is truly going to keep her mavericky form, then would she not have to try challenge President Obama?

## It's time to oust our room phones



By Michael Adams  
Assistant Editor-in-Chief

Is yours unplugged? Is it collecting dust? Do you even know what I'm talking about? I'm talking about those VOIP phones in all of our rooms. You know, the same phones that are used on *The Office*. Except, they actually use the phones for real (some would argue humorous)

reasons. Well, judging by those first two sentences in my article, I would love to get rid of these phones for a multitude of reasons.

Reason number one, we have phones. I believe they are called cellular telephones. Yup, the phones that every college student on this friggin' planet has and uses more than ever now – to text more than talk actually. So, why exactly do we need these fancy VOIP phones – to check the weather? That's what my phone is for (well, I don't have a smart phone right now, but I use that ancient method called my computer's internet connection). Now, I might use it to prank call the rest of my housemates just for giggles, but it takes too long to find their extension. I need to type their name letter by letter only to find out that I typed in Chris, not Christopher. Oh, too bad. I'll just walk across the hall and knock on his door – much more effective.

Second reason: No one even has these babies plugged in. I have talked to numerous classmates of mine and they have unplugged their phones. It's

not illegal or anything. In fact, I think it's a great idea. I'm unplugging mine. Oh, wait, I have a roommate. I best ask him first. You never know – that phone could be his lifeline to society, the link to what's going on this week. Oops, that's what Facebook is for. So, let's get back on track here.

If you don't have your phone plugged in, fine, that is your choice, but you might miss those emergency broadcasts that get sent out once in a blue moon. These messages have maybe been blasted across the whole system three times during my whole tenure here. What were the messages? Two of them were tests followed by DPS screaming into megaphones, riding around on golf carts, waking

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the entire campus up. The third one was when we had a snow day. I almost bought a lottery ticket. We were some of the privileged few that got to witness a snow day at Bryant University, the skating rink of the northeast and the proud recipients of the worst snow clearing I have ever seen (Freshman: just wait and see. Bring your shovels back from turkey break).

So, great, the phone was useful for one snow day. They also sent us an e-mail and we got a nice little text message. Wow, three methods of communi-

tion. Jackpot. At least they know how to get in touch with us.

Third reason: I don't even know how to use it. Someone (probably my housemate) called me a few months ago and I couldn't even get to my voicemail after trying every password under the sun. I'm sure the voicemail was not time-sensitive, but what if it actually had useful information on it? Oh, well. Life goes on. I wouldn't even know who to call to reset my password. Maybe I can do it on my phone. No idea. I mean, I did just learn three weeks ago that Bryant actually has a telephone operator. Yep – switchboard operator, basically. She sits in between the doors to the library – always wondered what she did. I don't think we need an operator, but you know what, we probably don't need a lot of things.

Finally, and probably the best reason of all time: you can save money, Bryant University. In a recent article written in the Burlington Free Press, it states that the University of Vermont is saving \$500,000 annually – the University of Kentucky is saving \$840,000 annually by removing the landline phones. While their student populations are far greater than Bryant's, we could save a good chunk of change.

In the age of Blackberry's and iPhones, Bryant should be stepping it up. We, as students, lose a part of ourselves if our phone is misplaced. We do a lot on our phones from a quick Google search to setting up appointments, texting, and making a grocery list. Meet us where we are now. I know you might not want to damage the long-term relationship with Cisco Systems, but sometimes all good things need to come to an end. Times, they are 'a changing.

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# Words of Wellness: Time to kick some butt(s)



By Jen Diprete  
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The American Cancer Society's Great American Smoke-out was Thursday, November 19. Colleges Against Cancer along with Health Services provided awareness programming on Wednesday, November 18. Research indicates that quitting a tobacco habit is as difficult as quitting a heroin addiction. That in itself speaks volumes.

I speak with many students who are fearful of quitting cigarettes anticipating unwelcomed weight gain. The average former smoker may put on an initial 5 lbs, but that can be quickly burned with a sound exercise plan! While it may be more culturally acceptable in many parts of the world to use tobacco products, from a health and well being standpoint, there are far more negatives that outweigh the positives.

During the spring of 2004, the Surgeon General released a report indicating that, "cigarette smoking significantly harms almost every major organ of the body." It is hands-down, the worst habit that anyone can pick up.

Most major illnesses list tobacco use as a major contributing factor. Here are some to name a few: heart disease, diabetes, cancer, stroke, and autoimmune illnesses.

Many women who have been smokers find it hard to conceive a baby once they reach a point in their life when they are ready to become pregnant. Women also shouldn't smoke if they are on birth control. Individuals with asthma will find that smoking restricts breathing and may incite or exacerbate an asthma

attack.

As a result of the Surgeon General's Report, the list of diseases caused by smoking has been expanded to include abdominal aortic aneurysm, acute myeloid leukemia, cataract, cervical cancer, kidney cancer, pancreatic cancer, pneumonia, periodontitis, and stomach cancer. I don't know about you, but that is one list I want to be sure I stay off of!

Here are some examples of how smoking impacts the human body:

**The brain** – Arteries leading from the heart and lungs carry oxygen and other chemicals to the brain. Smoking a cigarette sends chemicals to the brain, changing its chemistry and affecting a smoker's mood. Nicotine reaches the brain ten seconds after smoke is inhaled.

**The eyes** – If you smoke, you have a two to three times greater risk of developing cataracts (cataracts causes the eye's lens to turn white, basically making for cloudy vision). Cataracts are a leading cause of blindness world wide.

**Mouth/throat** – Smokers have more gum disease than nonsmokers. Smoking causes mouth cancer, throat cancer, cancer of the larynx (voice box), and cancer of the esophagus. Smokers are more likely to have upper respiratory tract infections such as colds and sore throats due to viral or bacterial infections. Smoking harms the body's ability to fight infections.

**The lungs** – Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in the United States. Smoking causes about 90% of lung cancer deaths in men and about 80% in women. Smoking low-tar cigarettes does not substantially reduce the risk of lung cancer. Smoking causes injury to the airways and sacs of your lungs which can lead to chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) which includes emphysema. COPD is the fourth leading cause of death in the United States. Smoking is related to chronic coughing and wheezing among adults, chil-

dren, and adolescents.

**The heart** – Smoking causes coronary heart disease which is the leading cause of death in the United States. Smoking causes hardening of the arteries. Smoking causes a bulge in the wall of the aorta near the stomach (abdominal aortic aneurysm). Poisons from cigarettes are carried everywhere blood flows as a result of the heart pumping blood around your body.

**Bladder, kidneys, stomach, and pancreas** – Smoking can cause cancer in each of these vital organs.

If this isn't enough to change your mind about cigarette smoking, tobacco causes wrinkles, speeds up the aging process, causes stains on teeth, skin, clothing, and furniture, turns nails beds and skin yellow, and constricts blood vessels making you more sensitive to temperature changes.

Don't forget secondhand smoke which can cause the same problems and has more toxins which have been filtered out by the lungs. Secondhand smoke is composed of side-stream smoke (smoke released from the burning end of a cigarette) and exhaled mainstream smoke (smoke exhaled by the smoker). Cigarette smoke contains more than 4,000 chemical components. The National Toxicology Program (2006) estimates that at least 50 chemicals in secondhand smoke are known to be toxic or cancer-causing.

The good news is that quitting is possible. In fact, within 20 minutes of quitting your heart rate drops. Two weeks to three months after quitting your heart attack risk begins to drop and lung function begins to improve. And one year after quitting your risk of heart disease is half that of a smoker's. The human body has an amazing capacity to heal itself, but you have to take the first step. So put out that cigarette and contact the Office of Health and Wellness Education at extension 6703 to get back on the right track. You only have one body, treat it well!

# You know what really grinds my gears...



By Michael Adams  
Assistant Editor-in-Chief

Ok, so I'm back at it again with another rant. This time it's about the good old English language, but more specifically, the people that have great ideas. Yep—ideas. Maybe these people with great ideas have visited Chiner—it's in Asier, ya

know? Better yet, these same people with great ideas have an even better idea: they think we should have another President. Barack Obama should not have won the election. Well, then who should have won? Duh, his evil brother, Barack Obamer.

I don't mean to completely take a stab at people that add 'er' to any word ending in 'a' (ok, so maybe I do), but I'm guilty of not pronouncing my T's—it's a Vermont thing. Go ahead, bash me for it, but at least I don't add letters to words that aren't even there. It's like caramel—not carmel. Sorry, but you must have missed that second 'a' there. Yeah, it's been there for centuries. Hard to believe, I

know.

When it all comes down to it, you don't have great ideas. That's like an electronic deer. There you go Apple, make an iDeer—people in New England would love it! I just don't get it. I know you probably got it from your mom or your dad, but you can read. You know there is no 'er' on the end of idea and you know there is a second 'a' in caramel. So please, I ask of you, continue to think of great ideas on your trip to Asia, and make note that we will continue, and always have had, one President. His name is Barack Obama. He probably likes caramel sauce on his ice cream.

# Observations

Compiled by Bryant Students

## It's Turkey Season

Although it is that time of year when turkey is on everyone's mind and soon to be in everyone's stomach, please do not kill any of the wild turkeys that can occasionally be found on campus. Yes, Bryant has turkeys, you do not see them as often as the geese, but they are around.

## The Bryant Zoo

The Roger Williams Zoo should have called Bryant to let us know that they were going to unleash ten times the amount of seagulls and pigeons than found on Noah's Ark onto our campus.

## Red light, Green Light

The DPS gate is not a children's game. We were taught in drivers ed that red means stop and green means go. Why do DPS officers have to play with our minds. We're let through on red lights and stopped on green. Sounds like my ex-wife.

Send Observations to [agreen1@bryant.edu](mailto:agreen1@bryant.edu).

# Bryant Said What!?

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"I went to Victoria's Secret and tried on that new bra and it was like... BAM!"

"It's like having sex with a Muppet."

"I just sent you an invitation... browse all females."

"I'm at the point where I'm 30 and live in a dorm and barely make enough money to get through the month."

"Found my ID...in my butt."

Person 1: "There's no way a turkey pops out a little baby turkey!"

Person 2: "There is no such thing as turkey eggs. How do you think people have kids? People eggs?"

Person 1: "Have you heard of Harpoon Winter Lager?"

Person 2: "No."

Person 1: "It tastes like Christmas."

Person 2: "What does Christmas taste like?"

Person 1: "I don't know, but it just tastes like Christmas."

"You're missing Thanksgiving dinner at Salmo. It's so good! I ate in, straight up, three minutes."

"Can I just finger it quick? Is that weird?"

E-mail funny quotes to [agreen1@bryant.edu](mailto:agreen1@bryant.edu).

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# Battle of the sexes

## Annoying tendencies to avoid

By David Nelligan  
Staff Writer

Hopefully by now you have been following a long with the Battle of the Sexes articles between me and the lovely Ms. Durkin as we try to discuss the grey areas of dating in college. This week I am taking the time to help out the females on campus by explaining to them the little things they can avoid doing to help them keep their men.

In all relationships both people are at fault for little annoying tendencies and habits, so I would like to take a look at the main ones girls should steer clear of to keep from scaring off their guys.

The first is a question that girls always seem to ask, usually when lying in bed or watching television: "What are you thinking about?" The problem is not necessarily with the question, but with the reaction to the guy's response. If the guy does not say something cute and sweet like, "I am just thinking of you" and instead says what he is actually thinking about like how on Earth Tom Brady threw to Kevin Faulk when

Wes Welker was wide open on fourth and one in last week's game against the Colts, do not get upset. In fact, be happy that he is actually being honest with you because if the guy is physically with you, then he does not need to be thinking about you.

The next tip is, do not talk about your ex-boyfriends. We do not want to hear about them what-so-ever. Unless you are talking negatively about them or say something like, "You are better than all of my exes in every way, shape, and form", do not bring them up. If you need to tell a story and your ex has something to do with it, somehow be creative, and leave him out of it. It does not matter how secure your guy says he is, or gives that excuse, "well you're with me now, so he's the loser, and I don't care"; we all care, and none of us want to hear about them.

My third tip is about keeping equal time with each other's friends. It always seems to work out that a couple hangs out with the girl's friends much more than the guy's friends. This is com-

pletely not fair to the guy who probably has to endure listening to a bunch of gossip and other topics that he just does not care about. However, this would be fine if the girls had to endure listening to conversations such as sports and video games just as much, but that is never the case. For a relationship to work there has to be balance on both ends.

This leads me to my next topic which has to do with television. If us guys can sit through episodes of "Sex and the City", "America's Next Top Model", and "Gossip Girl" then you girls can sit through sporting events and episodes of "South Park". Like the balance with friends, there needs to be a balance over who has the remote control. Now girls, this means even if the guy hands it to you and tells you to pick whatever you want, at least try and pick something you both might enjoy.

This next tip has to do with communication. In order to have a good relationship there has to be good communication, and not just from the guy's side of the spectrum. Time and time again it's the men being yelled at and scru-

tinized for having poor communication skills and not listening, but ladies you can be at fault too, especially when you complain without communicating first. So many times girls put down their men for not being romantic enough or never being creative with anything. Well here in lies the problem; every girl is different, so unless we can read the girl's mind, WHICH WE CAN'T, then there is no way to know what the girl wants if she does not tell the guy or at least give hints. And not small hints, hints a reasonable human being can actually pick up on.

For this next one please refer to last week's article which talks about defining the relationship by asking one of the dreaded relationship questions, "What are we?"

My last tip for you girls is, leave your man's cell phone alone. There is nothing more annoying than a paranoid, untrusting girl who constantly asks to see your phone records and asks who you are texting. If the guy has not given you a reason to mistrust him, THEN TRUST HIM. He is probably talking about something stupid with his

friends anyway so just leave the issue alone.

Also, it is possible for a guy and girl to just be friends, so once again, TRUST HIM. Which leads to the second part of the cell phone issue; if you are trying to reach your guy and he is not picking up, do not, absolutely do not call his friends to find out what he is doing. This is more from the perspective of the friend getting called, but just do not do it. He will get back to you eventually, so just calm down and stop being the ever so annoying stage-five-clinger, which I have not brought up in this article because by now I hope you girls know that being a clinger is just not acceptable.

Hopefully you all have learned very valuable lessons from this and will take this information to your current or next relationship. If you find any of the information you just read to be false or misinterpreted, fear not, I collaborated with the brightest of other guys to get the most annoying habits girls exhibit in a relationship in the hopes of bettering relationships here on campus.

## What were you thinking?

By Kaleigh Durkin  
PR Manager

two-week anniversary with your stunningly good-looking significant other, and you're happier than can be! It must be said though, that one mustn't get too attached to the 'newlywed' stage of an early relationship. It's normal for one to put on his or her best face, and act somewhat differently than they would years down the road together. I, as a girl who has spent her life in long-term relationships, am here to inform you gentlemen of a few deal-breakers. Everyone is trying to find their position in the relationship, but there are a few things that you must be aware of when entering the relationship territory. Now as I've stated before, what I'm about to say does not pertain to every guy or girl, but this is strictly from my own personal experiences, and those of my close friends. Without further ado ladies and gentlemen, "Kaleigh's list of dating deal-breakers":

**1. Jealousy=relationship death:** it's normal for us to want our significant other to care about us and want us to be near them and want to talk to us when we are out with our own groups of friends, but there is a fine line between being interested in genuinely talking to your significant other while he or she is out, but it is a completely different thing to

Congratulations! If I've done my job, you are currently approaching your relationship over the nearest cliff.

be overly possessive and insanely jealous of every person that your significant other speaks to. Trust is an essential factor in ANY relationship, as we've stated, and any lack of trust will surely send your relationship over the nearest cliff.

**2. Fighting is NOT sexy:** we've all seen the types of movies in which the leading man sweeps in and fights off anyone who tries to get in the way of him being with his true love. This may be acceptable for

**3. Yelling at a woman is NEVER okay:** I don't care what anyone says or what reason they may give you, there is never EVER a reason that warrants a man yelling in a woman's face. Doing so is a blatant disregard for a woman's well-being and portrays the idea that you don't care about her safety or feelings. Use your words, but do so in a civilized, calm, and more importantly, SAFE way.

**4. You, in your relationship, are a part of a TEAM:** without compromise, hard work, and communication, your relationship will never work. One important thing to remember is that your significant other owes you NOTHING unless you are bound by a child, or an 8" x 11" document that states that you are bound until death do you part. Treat your relationship as one that requires EQUAL amounts of work, and remember that you should NEVER make someone feel that you don't care about them as much as they care about you. There's nothing worse than feeling like you're fighting for nothing.

I hope this short list has shown you a glimpse into the types of behaviors and actions that will truly murder your relationship. This list may not be applicable to all relationships, but with hard work and equal attention and devotion, your relationship should be one for all to idealize.

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Prince Charming and the Knight in Shining Armor, but when you use your fists to communicate a message, the only thing it's telling your significant other, is that you are unable to use your words, thus are unable to talk through your problems. This is a huge turn-off because no girl ever wants to feel that those fists might turn towards her direction.

## The Archway Top Ten: Reasons your family is dysfunctional at Thanksgiving

10. You burn down the house while deep frying the turkey...
9. When an average discussion somehow turns into something out of the Jerry Springer Show...
8. The vegetarian who uses the entire day to tell everyone else why they are evil for eating that poor turkey...
7. When everyone seems to be allergic to something you are cooking or they say they are on a diet...
6. A greater weight of beer is consumed than turkey...
5. The person that forces the dinner to be early so they can rest before midnight Black Friday shopping...
4. Someone brings up politics...
3. As soon as the first relative leaves, the back-stabbing starts.
2. Your crazy great aunt thinks it is Easter...
1. The family dog mistakes the turkey for someone's leg.



(MCT Campus)



## Bulldog flicks: *Pirate Radio* is fun



Bill Nighy and Emma Thompson star in *Pirate Radio*. (MCT Campus)

By Luke Stankiewicz  
Staff Writer

A movie like *Pirate Radio* has the power to do wonderful things. It can show the world how rock and roll music changed the world back in the 1960s, how conservative British culture drove the rebellion now inherent in rock and music, and perhaps most importantly show how music can save a man's soul. Unfortunately this movie doesn't focus on these things particularly well, opting instead to entertain us with an excellent soundtrack, a group of hilarious characters, and simply showing us their escapades on a small ship set to the greatest music of all time.

The movie tells the story of a bunch of pirate radio disc jockeys who broadcast from a ship off the coast of London, mainly because no one in the country will play the music that they love so dearly. America was much more accepting of rock and roll during the sixties, with every station playing the (quite awful) rock music that we produced and proclaiming it as a revolution.

The government may not have been too keen on it, but the people ate it up. Despite the fact that in Britain the music scene was significantly better than ours (this is why Jimi Hendrix moved to London), the citizens and government did not take to it like we did in the States. Thus we have a bunch of rowdy, free loving, drug using, foul

mouthing men living on a ship called Radio Rock and spinning records until all hours of the night.

The plot is flimsy, revolving around a teen boy named Carl (Tom Sturridge) who is sent to the ship by his mother because he was recently expelled from school. Why he is sent *there* of all places is a mystery, but I suppose it doesn't really matter. There are various escapades that happen throughout the movie, such as a battle between fellow DJs "The Count" (Phillip Seymour Hoffman) and Gavin, Carl's attempts to lose his virginity, and the boss Quentin's (Bill Nighy) various attempts to keep the crew under control.

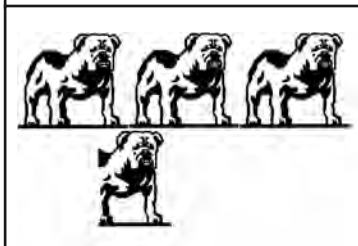
No movie is without an antagonist, and in this case it is the notoriously uptight British parliament. Minister Dormandy (Kenneth Branagh) is put in charge of shutting down pirate radio stations as they are seen as a menace to British society. He puts his best man, Twatt (Jack Davenport) on the job, and throughout the movie we see their (usually unsuccessful) attempts to rid the country of the radio menaces.

I mentioned in the beginning that this movie could have gone two directions, and it chose to go in the route of a good natured, raucous, Animal House on a boat type movie. I am here to say that there is nothing wrong with this at all, as long as you know what you're going to get. The lack of character development, interesting plot

twists, and dramatic narrative is made up for by the fantastic soundtrack that plays almost throughout the entire movie. Smokey Robinson, the Troggs, Hendrix, the Moody Blues, the Kinks, and the greatest band of all time The Who, are all featured in this movie. Anyone who knows anything about music will easily find themselves moving their feet and dancing a little bit, and maybe as a result of this you won't care so much that these characters seem more like caricature than real people.

It's a fun film, where the music and characters come together to give you a hell of a ride. One thing the film does very well is show the passion and devotion the men on *Pirate Radio* have for the music they play. When they learn that their operation is being shut down by law, they rebel by playing "My Generation", an almost literal f\*\*\* you to the establishment. Music to them is their lives, and to take it away would be a fate worse than death. So, for the limited sentimentality, and the excellent musical entertainment and debauchery, I give *Pirate Radio* 3.5 out of 5 Bulldogs.

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3.5 out of 5 bulldogs



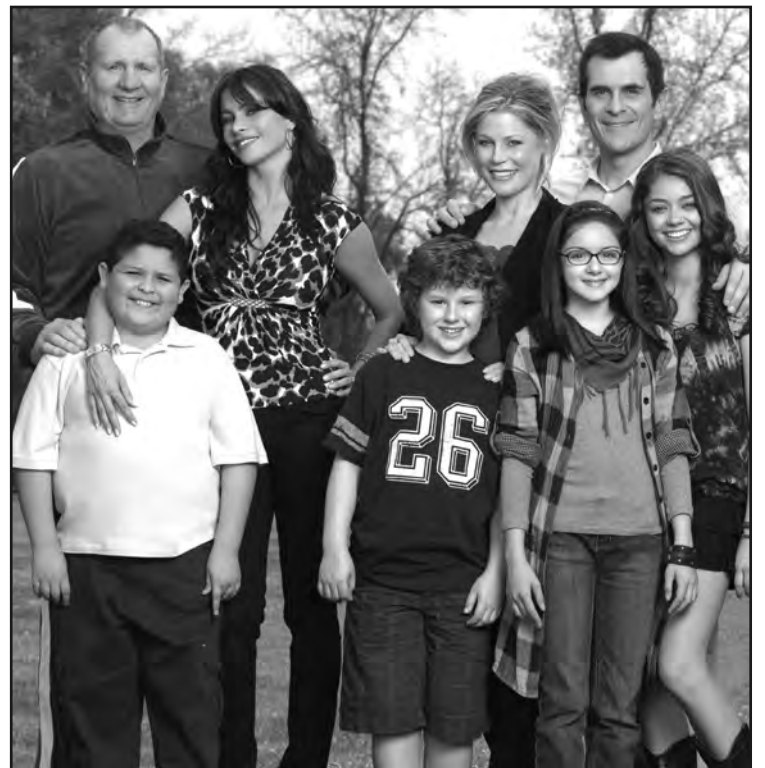
## 'Modern Family' is guaranteed to make you laugh

By Allison Salzberg  
Assistant Public Relations Manager

Networks are constantly trying to produce new, successful comedies for the evening line up to keep viewers tuned in to their channel. ABC has most definitely found a gem in their newest hit show *Modern Family*. This comedy features three somewhat dysfunctional families that do fit the definition of "modern".

The ring leader of the show is Jay, who is played by Ed O'Neill. O'Neill is most famous for his ten year run as Al Bundy on *Married... with Children*, and his return to network comedy is a strong one. He plays the father of two very different 30-something children, Claire (Julie Bowen) and Mitchell (Jesse Tyler Ferguson). Claire Dunphy, a mother of three, tries to keep her teenage daughter from being a wild child and always gets a kick out of her quirky husband, Phil (Ty Burrell). The Dunphy's face the typical problems a family with middle school aged kids come across. However, *Modern Family* is able to turn these problems into hilarious situations and Claire's facial expressions are priceless.

Mitchell has been with his partner Cameron (Eric Stonestreet) for five years and recently adopted a new baby girl, Lily. The conversations between Mitchell and Cameron are very witty. Both characters play off of each other perfectly, and



ABC's newest sitcom entices the viewer to pay attention to its subtle jokes. (MCT Campus)

you can't help but love their relationship. One of their main goals right now on the show is successfully adjusting to being parents.

Jay is also remarried to a much younger woman, Gloria (Sofia Vergara) who has a son, Manny (Rico Rodriguez), from her previous marriage. The show pokes fun at how Jay is so much older than Gloria and how he struggles to be a father to an eleven year old again. It also brings in a lot of Gloria's Columbian culture and how Jay tries to learn the ways of his new wife. Situations like whether or not Manny should wear a poncho to school shows the hilarity between Manny and his new step-dad, Jay. However, Manny says, "My mother says we are never to use the word 'step' because it means not real, and we are a real family."

*Modern Family* reminds me a lot of *The Office* in the sense that it entices you to pay attention and pick up on all of the subtle jokes. Also, the main characters are often interviewed about events that occur throughout the show, which is where the humor is most dominant and unmistakable. If you're looking for a guaranteed laugh and a show that will always leave you in a good mood then *Modern Family* is for you! *Modern Family* airs Wednesday nights at 9 p.m. on ABC.

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# Paranormal activity at landmark in Connecticut



Paranormal occurrences at the Mark Twain House in Hartford, Connecticut. (MCT Campus)

By Brigit Clancy  
Variety Editor

It was raining as visitors stared into the night outside the Mark Twain House in Hartford, Connecticut hoping to see an apparition. After walking through Mark Twain's home and listening to stories about paranormal activity in it, visitors began looking over their shoulders to see if a spirit was among them.

Celebrated author and humorist Mark Twain, whose real name is Samuel Clemens, had a family estate in the Nook Farm section of Hartford, Connecticut. It is of Victorian design and has one of the very first phones to be installed in a private residence. The House was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1963. The structure and interior have been preserved to showcase his legacy and further engage interested literary fans and scholars of his work.

Twain wrote some of his most famous books at the Twain House in Hartford. These books include "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" (1876), "The Prince and the Pauper" (1881), "Life on the Mississippi" (1883), "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" (1884), and "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court" (1889).

Twain once wrote of his home, "To us, our house... had a heart, and a soul, and eyes to see us with; and approvals and solicitudes and deep sympathies; it was of us,

and we were in its confidence and lived in its grace and in the peace of its benediction."

Twain's home has a peaceful atmosphere, but it is believed that a number of restless spirits haunt the walls of this large estate.

Around Halloween, "ghost tours" are available to the public. Stories of paranormal activity are told by workers at the museum. From the death of Twain's daughter in the estate to restless spirits of children pulling on visitors' clothing, stories on these tours will send a chill down your spine. Each guide offers his own experiences of paranormal activity, bringing the stories to life.

The tour guide details past and present occurrences in the home that may be interpreted as extraordinary or coincidental. The lights are dimmed throughout the home to set the tone. The guide leads a small group room to room through the exceptionally large three-story residence. Background tales of the Twain family are shared.

One particular story was about Twain himself. He was extremely interested in spirituality and the paranormal. Twain felt his birth around the time of Halley's Comet's passing affected him. He was born two weeks after the closest approach to Earth of Halley's Comet in 1835. He believed that he had special powers or abilities. Twain often attended spiritual gatherings such as séances and palm readings.

At one point in his life, Twain claimed he had foreseen the death of his brother, Henry, in a detailed dream a month before it actually happened. This vision reinforced Twain's thought that he had special abilities.

Twain later vowed he would "go out" with the passing of the comet just as he had come into the world when it was around. Seventy-five years later when the comet returned, Twain passed away. Halley's Comet crossed the sky on Apr. 20, 1910; Twain died Apr. 21, 1910.

As the tour progresses through the home, more spine-tingling stories like Twain's vision are told. The billiard room on the third-story, for example, is often rumored to smell like cigar smoke. Twain collected cigars and often smoked in the billiard room, the site where he penned his most famous works.

Upon the conclusion of the tour, the visitor is left to decide for himself whether or not there is something more than the eye can see or feel in the cold whisper of a spirit's presence.

In early October, the show "Ghost Hunters" came to the Mark Twain House to examine its paranormal activity. The Syfy Channel's popular show follows a group of individuals investigating paranormal locations. The episode of the team in the Mark Twain House will air Wednesday, Dec. 2 at 9 p.m.

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# Gaga for 'Glee'

*Gleeks delight in online mimicry of the show's musical numbers*

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"Glee," Fox's sharp and subversive musical comedy series, is averaging a respectable 8.6 million viewers a week.

And apparently all of them are going online to champion and celebrate the show, which is turning out to be more viral than H1N1.

"Glee" may rank 42d in the Nielsen ratings, but it's a phenomenon on social networking sites such as Facebook and MySpace.

"We monitored Twitter feeds," says Chris Albrecht, coeditor of NewTeeVee.com, a Web site devoted to online video, "and 'Glee' is absolutely crushing the competition. Of all TV shows, it's the one people Twitter about the

most."

Fans of the series—imagine "High School Musical" with a wicked sense of humor—call themselves Gleeks. They have a unique way of expressing their devotion: taping do-it-yourself copycat videos of the show's rousing musical numbers, then posting them on YouTube or on their individual home pages.

The spontaneous explosion of tribute videos was the first indication to the makers of "Glee," which airs at 9 p.m. EST Wednesdays on Fox, that their show was hitting a sweet spot with viewers.

"Right after we aired the pilot in May, people started posting their own versions of our songs online," says Dante Di Loreto, "Glee's" executive producer. "It was so exciting to see because we knew then

that we had touched a chord.

"Believe me, I've seen a lot of different versions of our songs," says Di Loreto of the online reproductions. "No matter how crazy they get, it's still flattering."

Things certainly do get loony in these play-at-home versions of "Glee." There are videos featuring puppets, Disney cartoon characters, even a live leaf bug grooving to the show's cover of "Gold Digger."

Remember the sparkly rendition of Burt Bacharach's "I Say a Little Prayer" delivered by three lissome cheerleaders on one episode?

Imagine it painstakingly reenacted by three bearded gay men in baby Ts.

"People say, 'You should do it in drag,'" says Jason Whipple, who lip-syncs the lead. "I

say, 'We ARE doing it in drag! It's boy drag.'"

Whipple, who recently moved to San Francisco from Vermont, made the clip as a lark in his apartment with two friends and a digital camera. They dubbed their hirsute trio the Full Silkwood, after a typically audacious punch line from the show.

His little jape has turned Whipple into a minor celebrity.

"I was walking with a friend of mine to a coffee shop," he says. "A couple of people stopped us. 'You're the guy from the video!' My friend was like, 'You just moved here a month ago. How does everyone know you?'"

One of the more ambitious tribute videos is a shot-for-shot restaging of the pilot's showstopper, Journey's "Don't

Stop Believin'."

Filmmaker Wes Kim recruited six friends for the reenactment, shot in downtown Seattle. Because he didn't have a portable device to play back the episode, Kim had to refresh his memory of the source material by different means.

"Everyone had iPhones and smart phones," he says. "So for specifics, we would watch bits of it on the spot."

Most Gleeks avoid the big production numbers and their complex choreography, preferring to imitate the more manageable songs performed by trios or duos.

The vast majority of these knockoffs seem to be shot in bedrooms or finished basements using Web cams. They look like outtakes from a sleepover party. The jerky and murky results are often embarrassingly amateurish.

So why do people upload them to the Web for all the world to see?

Say hello to the "American Idol" generation. Everyone is a star waiting to happen. Just add microphone.

"A lot of the literature about contemporary youth in my discipline talks about narcissism," says Alexander Riley, associate professor of sociology at Bucknell University. "This is a generation that is driven in the direction of obsessive concern for self. It's a narcissism with a powerful degree of requiring the approval of others."

Uploading videos, says Riley, "has a lot to do with the role celebrity plays in a society like ours. It's increasingly apparent that many celebrities are made by a particular process. There's the thought, 'If they can be a celebrity, I can, too.'"

Fox, of course, is eagerly fanning the online fervor for "Glee" in all its forms.

"We've got over 700,000 Facebook fans, up from 17,000 when we launched," says Hardie Tankersley, the network's vice president of online content and strategy. "All the major characters have a Facebook page and a Twitter feed. Sue Sylvester (played by Jane Lynch) has her own Twitter account."

More than 2 million songs by the "Glee" cast have been purchased on iTunes. Last week, six selections from the show were among iTunes' Top 200 downloaded songs. Nine episodes were among the Top 200 in TV sales. And "Glee: The Music, Vol. 1," released Nov. 3, sold 113,000 copies its first week to capture the No. 4 spot on the Billboard 200 chart.

The number of tribute videos may really go through the roof in the next few months if a novel initiative by the show's producers pans out.

"Based on fan demands, we're going to include instrumental versions only on some special editions of the soundtracks as an added element," says Di Loreto. The second soundtrack will be released early next month.

"It'll make it easier," he says, "for people to do karaoke versions of our songs."

As though Gleeks need any more encouragement.

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