

Healthy YOU at Bryant U takes aim at more than just the ‘Freshman 15’

By Jenna Morris
Staff Writer

Are you worried about gaining the dreaded “Freshman 15”? What about getting enough sleep? Getting proper nutrition? Leading a stress free life? At Healthy You at Bryant U, faculty and staff encourage students to look beyond just healthy eating and exercise to lead to a healthier life. Healthy You at Bryant U was established in October of 2007 because Bryant wanted to embrace a community wide approach to improve the lives of everyone on campus. They wanted to enhance the notion of health promotion and inform students that health is not based merely on fitness. It is important for students to “look at all areas of their life and how they impact one another,” says Jen Diprete, Health and Wellness Coordinator at Bryant University.

There are many ways for students to get involved in the Healthy You at Bryant U program. Students should be on the lookout for promotional materials and they can also contact the Healthy Campus Coalition at jdiprete@bryant.edu. Healthy You is hosting a Walk for Wellness during Family Weekend. They are also hosting an event with Morgan Spurlock from “Super Size Me” on Tuesday, September 16th at 7 in Janikies, the same day that a new nutritional program is being unveiled at Salmonsen. Sodexo, the food provider for Salmonsen has a new program called the “Balanced Way” that exists at 30 universities, including Bryant. When you go to Salmonsen on Tuesday, you will be asked if you

would like your meal the “balanced way” meaning you will receive the proper portion sizes of carbohydrates, vegetables, protein, etc.

Besides eating food in balanced portions, there are many other ways students can keep off the “Freshman 15.” Students should always take their time in the cafeteria, and not choose what is easiest, such as pizza or a hamburger. Students should eat plenty of vegetables and whole grains, which is the body’s best source of energy. Students should also eat throughout the day so as to not go to the cafeteria starving and overeat. As always, one should listen to his body and eat only when hungry.

Healthy You at Bryant U makes an effort to address health issues on all points on the spectrum. One could easily say that some of the biggest health issues among college students are high risk drinking, lack of sleep, or lack of proper nutrition, but “when you get to the root of it, it all relates to self image,” says Diprete. It is important for students to look at decisions they make in their daily lives and how each one reflects who they are. And most importantly “it all comes down to balancing demands,” says Diprete. It is essential for students to

educate themselves about their health now, so they will already be on the right track after graduation. According to Jen Diprete, Students should be aware of how choices ultimately impact their lives, and wake up every day and say to themselves: “I’m going to make a decision to be healthy.”



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Make the most of your cans

By Marisa Bono
Staff Writer

Have you ever thought about doing it in the dark? No, really. Have you? Well it is one of the many ways that we as the Bryant Community can help conserve a bit of energy. Welcome to the brand new Going Green at Bryant column! Each week you can find new energy-saving ideas on how Bryant can become a more environmentally sound campus right at your fingertips.

So let’s face it: we are business students. News about the economy is force-fed to us practically every day. For those of you who are not energy crisis savvy, here’s a brief update: the refineries in Texas that are responsible for 20% of our nation’s oil suffered a direct hit from Hurricane Ike (source: cnn.com). This has already caused a spike in gas prices and will eventually lead to an increased dependence on foreign oil as well as an even more dire need for alternative energy. However, we cannot put the blame entirely on the hurricane season. It is actually our fault, too. Hurricane intensity has

increased 63% since the 1970s (source: edf.org). Welcome to the world of global warming. Mother Nature is fighting back, people.

We have to work together to take care of our resources or pay the consequences. But taking care of our environment does not start with government policies or hybrid cars. It starts with YOU. Here are some tips to help you become eco-friendly at Bryant:

-Do it in the dark! Open those curtains and let the light shine in. Sit by a window and do your homework or read. If sitting by a window doesn’t appeal to you, head over to the library. The lights are always on over there. Rumor has it you can see it from space.

-Why pay close to \$4.00 a gallon for gasoline? The BTA is here for a reason! It will pick you up and drop you off anywhere from the Lincoln Mall or the Providence Mall or even over to the Train Station. The full schedule and fare list can be found on the Student Senate website at www.bryant.edu/~senate/BTA.htm

-Bryant has a recycling program. Use it! Each freshman hall has a blue barrel on each floor that is emptied by the Facilities department. For those of us in the village and in the townhouses, each suite or townhouse has one of those familiar blue barrels.

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Did you know that you can put those bags of recyclables (paper, plastic, aluminum, glass) in the same dumpster you put your trash in? It is all sorted by Facilities. Doesn’t get much easier than that!

-When you are buying school supplies, look for ones made with 100% re-

cycled materials. They are usually cheaper, too. At the end of the semester when you have about 80 extra pages in your notebooks that are not written on, don’t throw the whole notebook away. Use it again next semester or recycle it. And by recycle I don’t mean sell it to someone else. Put it in the bin! -“But Marisa, I love falling asleep to the sounds of late night television! How can I conserve energy if I can’t sleep?” Most televisions have sleep timers. If not, try falling asleep to music.

Although these suggestions may seem insignificant, think about it on a school-wide scale. If we all do our part, little by little the Bryant campus will seem a little greener even with the winter months fast approaching. So turn off those lights, TV’s, and recycle, recycle, recycle! Your mother will be proud. See you next week!

Comments and suggestions are always welcome. Feel free to e-mail them to mbono@bryant.edu



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Kathy Clarkin joins Amica Center for Career Education

By Paige Lacasse
Staff Writer

Kathy Clarkin joins the Bryant community as manager of corporate recruiting for the Amica Center for Career Education. She comes to Bryant with a Masters Degree in Counseling and Higher Education from the University of Rhode Island and years of experience working as the director of career planning and internship services at Providence College in Providence, RI. Clarkin says she was attracted to Bryant for its outstanding reputation, dedicated staff, ex-

panding liberal arts program, and overall sense of community. She seeks to further expose Bryant to the professional world, expand partnerships and build on the well-respected program already in place.

Clarkin works primarily with senior students, aiding in the job search or graduate school process. Working with her colleagues in the Amica Center, Clarkin oversees programs such as the Corporate Recruiting Program Orientation for Seniors, Managing Job Offers, and Mock Interview Day. Clarkin is also responsible for Bryant's annual career fair. All students regardless of class status can benefit from the fair, which brings between 200 and 250 employers to campus to recruit for opportunities ranging from summer internships to full-time positions.

Clarkin is looking forward to "connecting talent with opportunity and opportunity with talent". Her favorite part of the position is working with the students and being their partner in the career education process. Her advice to students is to "become engaged and take advantage of the corporate recruiting program to the fullest".



Amanda Dunn

A little taste of France in Smithfield, RI

By Alison Duncan
Campus News Editor

Each week the French culture is brought to Bryant by Mary LaMarca, French Lecturer at Bryant. Alternating between Mondays and Wednesdays the French Coffee Hour takes place in the Rotunda Mezzanine. These coffee hours allow students with an interest in French to join together to "practice their language skills outside the classroom, and it gives me the opportunity to get to know my students better and likewise," said

LaMarca. At these gatherings, a variety of topics are discussed, everything from "films to campus events, classes, music, and tattoos," said LaMarca.

Anyone is welcome to gather together at the coffee hour, "I invite my students (and anyone else with an interest in French), to come and chat in an informal setting," said LaMarca.

LaMarca also is interested in starting a French Club at Bryant in order to encourage the use of the nexy language and to gain a better understanding of the culture.

If you are interested in attending, the next upcoming coffee hour is Monday, September 22nd from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Also, look for the French Language Days on October 30-31st, which will include "a film, a visit from the French Consulate, as well as music and food," said LaMarca.



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DECA, my experience

By Alicia Townsend
Contributing Writer

Delta Epsilon Chi, some of you may know it as DECA, is a fast growing organization that is slowly taking over the nation's collegiate campuses. This organization of Delta Epsilon Chi is an international organization for those preparing for a variety of careers, especially those in marketing, management, and entrepreneurship, however any major or minor can be applied to the various activities and events put on by the organization. With the basis of the DECA diamond, which each point represents vocational understanding, civic consciousness, leadership development, and social intelligence, members are able to benefit from various opportunities such as community service, career and professional development, travel opportunities and so much more.

This year, our Bryant University chapter is nationally represented by one of our own as she is part of the national Delta Epsilon Chi officer team. Samantha Desjarlais, a junior Marketing major here at Bryant University, was voted into the position of North Atlantic Region Vice President at the 2008 International Career Development Conference in Atlanta, GA. I had a chance to sit down with Samantha to talk a bit more about Delta Epsilon Chi and what exactly she does as a national officer.

Alicia Townsend (AT): How would you describe the organization of Delta Epsilon Chi and what you do for the organization?

Samantha Desjarlais (SD): I would describe Delta Epsilon Chi as an organization that is dedicated to serving its members needs and allowing them every opportunity to excel in their chosen fields. I would consider myself a liaison from the national mission to the local chapters who have their own missions and I meld them together to serve the members and the base of the organization.

AT: What made you decide to become a national officer for this up and coming organization?

SD: As I saw all the energy in the members' eyes during one of our national conferences, International Career Development Conference, I knew I wanted to help and inspire more of this energy. I love seeing people at the exact moment when they realize that they are amazing and in this organization you see that almost every time you talk to someone new about what their chapter is doing, what they won at competition, or what they have done to help their community.

AT: What exactly encompasses the North Atlantic Region? How many chapters are in this region?

SD: The region's are not really relevant any longer because of the lack of the national officers this year and because of a bylaw change that eliminates the regions as of next year. I am the designated contact person for the North Atlantic Region (New England, Pennsylvania, the District of Columbia, Ontario, New York and New Jersey) and, because we had less than the four regional vice presidents, I am the contact person for North and South Dakota, Kentucky, and Indiana.

AT: How has being a national officer impacted your life?

SD: This has been such an amazing experience that I could never explain all the benefits that it has brought to my life. One would be the fact that I took a workshop on time management and how it was not just about fitting everything in one day, but choosing what is truly important. I have also made

so many new network connections and student connections that are truly priceless.

AT: So far, what has been the best part about being a part of the organization and being an officer?

SD: I believe that the best part of being a part of the organization so far was the week I spent in Reston, Virginia. During this week, I got to meet with senators and representative on Capitol Hill as well as the Under Secretary of Education and talked about the importance of career and technical education and college funding. They each had their own outlook on the current situation and taught us so much. We also had a meeting with Bill Shaw, the COO of Marriot, who taught us the value of treating the employees of an organization like family and how if customer service is in line, everything else will fall into place as well.

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Alicia Townsend

Townsend, far left, with members of DECA from the International Career Development Conference in Atlanta, GA.

The Archway hits the airwaves

By Stephen Demers
Public Relations Manager

Readers of *The Archway* will soon get an opportunity to preview the upcoming issue before it hits newsstands.

Starting September 24, *The Archway* is teaming up with WJMF to present a new weekly radio show, *The Archway On-air*. The hour-long program will highlight the major stories appearing in the upcoming issue, as well as give listeners the opportunity to hear from the editors and writers who worked the stories.

The Archway On-air will also provide the Bryant community an opportunity to offer their opinion on the major news and sports stories affecting Bryant University. Listeners are encouraged to call-in throughout the show and discuss the hot-button issues with *The Archway's* team of editors and writers.

"This is a great opportunity for us to work with our fellow media organization and introduce our writers and editors to the campus," said John Crisafulli, editor-in-chief of *The Archway*.

Hosted by *The Archway's* Stephen Demers and Kaleigh Durkin, the innovative radio program will air every Wednesday night from 9-10 PM on 88.7 FM and www.wjmf.com.

Be sure to tune in!

Residence Life welcomes new resident director

By Kaleigh Durkin
Assistant Public Relations Director

Often times, amidst the hustle and bustle of every day 'Bryant Life', we lose sight of the bigger picture. We forget all of the people that work behind the scenes to ensure that our four (or more) years at Bryant are the best that they can possibly be. There are some who work hard to protect our safety, maintain our well being, or act as advocates for the student body; and then there are those in Residence Life, who do all of the above and more. Residence Life is a vital part of Bryant University's atmosphere, and is always there to make sure that every student is treated fairly, and is supported in every way possible. There have been showcases of those people behind the scenes, in order to recognize all the hard work that they do, day in and day out.

Move-in day this year welcomed not only the Class of 2012, it also served as the maiden voyage of Bryant University's newest Resident Director, Elizabeth "Betsy" Knowles (no relation to Beyonce!) Betsy is the brand new RD in Hall 14, and she has been welcomed with open arms!

Betsy hails originally from Newton, Massachusetts. She grew up in Boston with her family before moving to Rhode Island. Prior to coming to Bryant, she was a Resident Director at Springfield College while she was obtaining her Master's degree. She also worked in the Dean of Students office and the Office of Disability at Mount Holyoke College.

When asked why she chose to work at Bryant, Betsy said: "During my job search I was looking for a University with involved students and a strong Student Affairs division. On my visit to Bryant I was very impressed with the students and staff that I met with. I knew that Bryant would offer me both the driven students and professional staff I was hoping to work with."

When I asked why Betsy chose a career in Residence Life, she informed me that during her first year of college, she never saw or heard from her Resident Assistant

(RA). She wanted to make sure that this would not be the case for any other student, and took it upon herself to improve every program and office she's worked in to ensure that no student has to face that same experience. Betsy is very passionate about involvement and being an advocate for her students. She is not only respected, but she is looked to by other students as a role model and a leader. She plays a vital role in the community here at Bryant, and we are grateful for all that she does.

In the future, Betsy hopes to continue to work in Residence Life and Disability Services/Awareness, while getting involved even further with Bryant students. We would like to welcome Betsy to Bryant! We appreciate all that she does and we look forward to hearing great things from her!

Betsy's office is located in the lobby of Hall 14 and she encourages all students to stop by and meet her!



Amanda Dunn

New Registrar site makes life easier

By Jessica Miles
Assistant Campus News Editor

The Registrar and the Office of Academic Records and Registration make up the administrative core for students, faculty and alumni, and have recently expanded their reach with a brand new web site.

The website was completed over the summer by Laura Hayward, the Assistant Director of Registration, and Christel Shaw, the Assistant Director of Academic Records, with help from Webmaster, Scott Bates. Their efforts have created an in-depth look at a variety of topics concerning records and registration and include important dates and deadlines, as well as transcript, graduation, and add/drop information.

"We are trying to make it more technology friendly," Shaw explained.

The opening page of the new Registrar site provides that straightforward access with regularly updated announcements that affect the Bryant community. By following the links along the left side of the screen, visitors can also read detailed information on subjects like registration issues and information, facts about withdrawal, the academic

calendar, the exam schedule, and the most recent course catalog.

One of the highlights of the site is the 'online forms' page, which contains direct links to printable versions of graduation forms, transcript request forms, and the ever so popular, add/drop form. This system will make a number of processes much more accessible and efficient for students and the administrative offices.

"If a student needs a form at 7:30 at night they can print it off the Internet," says Shaw.

For the Registrar website to be most effective, students must do their part as well by looking into where they stand at Bryant. Laura Hayward recognizes that the most important aspects that students should be aware of are registration dates, their classification, and the pre-requisites needed to move on to corresponding classes.

"We hope students will take time to sit down and plan," says Hayward.

Furthermore, Laura Hayward and Susan McLacken, the Bryant Registrar, want to remind students that the Banner system is web-based. This means that students can find the same connection speed throughout campus whether they are on the library computers or using their laptops.

They also want to encourage students to declare

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their major and minor sooner than later, especially juniors and seniors. Also, keeping communications open and clear with faculty and department chairs, as well as consulting an academic advisor well before registration will contribute to a more efficient registration process for students and can be done at anytime.

So where can you find the Registrar Office and the Office of Academic Records and Registration? The Office of Academic Records and Registration is conveniently located in the MRC section of the Unistructure in room MRC 202 and the Registrar's Office is right across the hall in MRC 206.

Anyone with questions and/or feedback is welcome to e-mail the office at arecords@bryant.edu. Don't forget to check the site on a regular basis for updates, including class registration dates for winter session and the spring 2009 semester at www.bryant.edu/registrar.

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AT: If you had to choose again, would you go through the experience of being a national officer again?

SD: Don't get me wrong, I miss a lot of time with my friends and family, and sometimes the work gets a little overwhelming, but, so far, this has been the most amazing experience of my entire life. Even though the Delta Epsilon Chi academic year has just begun, I have learned so much about the organization, my community, and myself that I cannot wait to see what is coming next.

AT: If there was one thing that Bryant University should know about Delta Epsilon Chi or DECA, what should it be?

SD: If there was one thing that Bryant University should know about Delta Epsilon Chi it should be the fact

that its members are some of the most dedicated, creative, and enthusiastic group of students that they will ever meet. They amaze me and all of the hard working advisors every day with what they are accomplishing and what they will accomplish in the future.

Thank you to Samantha Desjarlais for taking the time to be interviewed and good luck to her with the rest of her term as North Atlantic Region Vice President for Delta Epsilon Chi. If you are interested in learning more about the organization or have any other questions please contact Alicia Townsend at atownsen@bryant.edu or stop by our meetings on Mondays at 5:30 pm.

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ACE appoints new Assistant Director

By Jessica Miles
Assistant Campus News Editor

The Academic Center for Excellence has recently added a new member to their office. Peter Rutledge is the new Assistant Director and sees great potential regarding ACE's impact on the Bryant community. He traveled to Bryant from the University of Southern Florida in Petersburg where he held a similar position.

At ACE, Rutledge's main focus is overseeing the initial and ongoing training of the ACE tutors, as well as supervising the learning labs, which include accounting, finance, economics, and mathematics. He is also in charge of the new tracking system at ACE, which provides information based on the students that come into ACE, the number of students who attend, coverage in each lab, and if there is a need for extended hours.

While Peter Rutledge has only been at Bryant for a short period of time, the students have provided him with great expectations and a positive outlook for the tutoring program.

“We have good leadership within the tutors,” Rutledge said. “The students here are interested in learning and are not as concerned with ‘get me the grade’ and ‘get me through this class.’”

Rutledge finds the sense of community at Bryant and the refreshing attitude of the students to be “invigorating,” and recognizes the students’ knowledge of the subjects and their “ability and willingness to help others.”

“Everyone knows everyone and takes care of everyone,” he stated.

The reputation of ACE has been upheld by its various strengths that

can be attributed to the students. Rutledge acknowledges the tutors’ leadership skills and how passionate they are about providing the most valuable and resourceful services to their fellow students.

“Everyone knows this is a place they can come for assistance.”

As for his goals as Assistant Director, Peter Rutledge wants to maintain ACE's comfortable and welcoming atmosphere where students *want* to come in. Furthermore, he wants to create a culture where students encourage each other to visit ACE and in the long run generate a greater demand for ACE's services.

For any students who are skeptical or hesitant to visit ACE, Rutledge encourages them to take advantage of the program. Students can set up a tour and check out the labs, which are open to all students for studying, but also have a tutor on hand for any questions the students might have.

Finally, any students interested in becoming ACE tutors will have the opportunity to have an interview with Peter Rutledge toward the end of the semester, as tutors will be leaving for the Sophomore International Experience. Students must have a strong academic background and be open to helping other students. No prior tutoring experience is necessary.

Students can find Peter Rutledge, along with the peer tutors and writing center staff at the Academic Center for Excellence, located in the Unistructure Rotunda next to Janikies Auditorium and online at web.bryant.edu/~ace.

Department of Public Safety Log

LARCENY	SEP 9 2008-Tuesday at 11:07	13 2008-Saturday at 01:35
Location: UNISTRUCTURE		Location: REAR ACCESS ROAD 14, 15, 16
Summary: A report of unauthorized use of a Bryant One Card.		Summary: A report of a disorderly person.
LARCENY	From Motor Vehicle SEP 10 2008-Wednesday at 09:00	VANDALISM (Residence) SEP 13 2008-Saturday at 19:03
Location: COMMUTER PARKING LOT		Location: TOWNHOUSE
Summary: A student advises that her car was broken into.		Summary: A report of a broken window.
LARCENY	From Motor Vehicle SEP 11 2008-Thursday at 11:52	FALSE REPORT False Report of Crime SEP 13 2008-Saturday at 22:50
Location: HALL 15 LOT		Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A student advises that his vehicle was broken into.		Summary: A person was charged for making a false report to DPS.
EMT CALL Medical Services Rendered SEP 12 2008-Friday at 05:21		BIAS INCIDENTS None Reported
Location: RESIDENCE HALL		
Summary: A report of a student that fell. EMS was activated.		To report a bias incident or hate crime, go to www.bryant.edu/bias or call the Bias Incident Hotline at x6920
LARCENY From Motor Vehicle SEP 12 2008-Friday at 12:57		Bias related incident – a threatened, attempted, or completed action that is motivated by bigotry and bias regarding a person’s real or perceived race, religion, natural origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, or gender status. Examples of these incidents include name calling, offensive language/acts, and graffiti/behavior.
Location: HALL 15 LOT		
Summary: A student advises that a radio was taken from his vehicle.		
EMT CALL Medical Services Rendered SEP 12 2008-Friday at 19:27		REMINDER: All vehicles must be registered on campus! Avoid the expense of being ticketed and towed—Register your car today!!!
Location: RESIDENCE HALL		
Summary: A report of an intoxicated person. EMS was activated.		
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National Respect Day

By Brigit Clancy
Variety Editor

Friday, September 19th is National Respect Day, created by the Family Violence Prevention Fund. The Family Violence Prevention Fund has worked with individuals and organizations to end violence against women and children in the United States and around the world for the last thirty years. Personal safety, the Fund believes, is a “basic human right”. The Family Violence Prevention Fund’s mission is to help others hear the voices of those who suffer in silence. The Fund has helped generate millions of dollars for local domestic violence, child abuse, and sexual assault programs across the United States by being a key leader in “the development and passage of legislation, including the Violence Against Women Act of 1994”. The Fund has also recently become involved with the International Violence Against Women Act. The Fund’s latest initiative is the RESPECT! Campaign.

According to the Family Violence Prevention Fund, the RESPECT! Campaign will support innovative violence prevention education, awareness, and leadership training programs led by the members of the Family Violence Prevention Fund. The Fund believes that when you give respect, you are “an agent of change”. You have the ability to help put an end to a “worldwide epidemic of violence”. The Fund states that “a world full of respect can be a world with much less violence”. The Fund states that we must act now because sexual violence happens every day.

Toby Simon, the Director of the Women’s Center, believes that it is vital for others be aware about sexual crimes. “It is a vile occurrence in our society today,” she stated. “We must have [an education program] so that others know the impact of sexual violence. People should be educated about sexual violence. We must educate children when they are young so they will become aware (and understand the issues). There should also be sexual education for young adults as they will comprehend more than young children. We must raise awareness to families. Communities must be involved in raising awareness as well.” Simon urged “We must raise awareness about such a heinous, heinous crime.”

Simon said, “It is unfortunate that we need a day in which we give respect. There should be a National Respect Day 365 days a year. I am not in favor of having *one* day. Having one ‘day’ is a cop-out. It saddens me that there is one day because we should respect each other all the time,” Simon stated. “It is extremely important to respect everyone; in particular, it is important to have proper respect for women and children, as children are vulnerable. People must respect others always.”

For more information, please visit www.giverespect.org.
Source: www.giverespect.org



ATTENTION WRESTLERS

The Bryant University Wrestling Team will begin practice

Monday, September 15th at 4:00 P.M. in the MAC.

Practices will be held Monday – Friday in the MAC

Looking to fill the squad, new wrestlers welcome!

Spotlight on Interns: *Thomas Belleauiau '09*

Thomas Beaulieu

Class of: 2009

Concentration: Marketing

Minor: Finance

Internship Site: Pitch PR

Location: London, England through the EUSA Program

How did you locate your internship?

I had been interested in study abroad and was planning on participating in that so when Barbara Gregory let me know about London internships through the EUSA program I thought I'd kill two birds with one stone with study abroad and getting a professional internship. It was only for ten weeks so I thought it was a good chunk of time to do an internship - not the whole summer but a decent amount. They show you a bunch of opportunities that they can place you in and you select a few you're interested in then EUSA interviews you to see if you're qualified. Once I passed that they emailed me back with a couple of opportunities which I researched, and I then picked the one I thought best. We all went over to London and during the first week we each met with the company we picked. My interview was with three people - I think I made a good impression - they sent me an email the next day saying to start the following week. It was all pretty smooth.

What were your major responsibilities?

Pitch PR is Europe's largest sports public relations firm. Some of the clients that my team worked with were NBA Europe which wants to develop a presence overseas, the British Olympic Sailing Team, and world class sailing client ICA Leopard. I was involved with press coverage for clients at events and brainstorming sessions to come up with event ideas for promoting clients. The British Sailing Team is one of the best in the world; they are very highly regarded, so it was important to come up with things that would generate press coverage for them. Having a relationship with London newspapers is critical to success. My job was mainly with NBA Europe - during the playoffs I would call sports editors at major newspapers and whatever happened the night before I would pitch to them; I'd give them headlines so that they would print it in the papers which was important to the NBA as the try to expand in the European market. I created portfolios (press coverage from papers and websites) for clients at the end of a contract. I also participated in meetings with NBA reps to explain what we were doing and our plans to see if we were on the right track. It was good to see that atmosphere and hear the types of questions they would ask.

What did you learn about the profession?

The sports industry in general is very competitive, and especially in London where it is so difficult to get your story in the paper. You have to build relationships with sports editors and major writers; you can't just start talking to them and expect they'll give you their full attention. There are a lot of hours and it's very fast paced - you're in and out of the office a lot

because you're dealing with your clients and the newspapers. Being in London in general made it busy - there is so much there with sports with the Olympics heading there. I was surprised though that it was a somewhat relaxed atmosphere in the office, maybe because it's sports; everyone there had a passion for sports. There was a pool table and foosball table in the middle of the area and a nap room if you wanted to take a nap; I guess it's a new trend that workers will produce more if they get some breaks. There is no 9 - 5 schedule - you leave when you feel your work is done. There were times I was there from 8am - 8pm on a Friday, one time till 9:30 on a Friday night. It's hard work with no complaining - you don't leave until the job is done.

What did you find most challenging about your internship?

Not getting paid was a challenge but its part of the sacrifice you make. At the beginning it was difficult to understand the accents and the different terminology. The most challenging thing was talking to the sports editors because you only have a minute or two to catch their interest - you don't have a lot of time, especially when talking about the NBA - basketball is not exactly respected over there and hasn't generated much interest yet - they don't care much about America sports in that regard so it is difficult to get an editor's attention, but that was our job - to create press coverage for the NBA.

What did you find most rewarding about your internship?

It was awesome for me because I love sports and I want to combine my knowledge of finance and business with sports into a career so it was a perfect fit. It nice to go to work in a major city like London; I worked in Piccadilly Circus which is the Times Square of London. It was rewarding to call the *London Times* and make a sports pitch and have the editor respond really well and then the next day see that he put in a huge article about the NBA. I also helped set up a conference call with Larry Bird and Magic Johnson to speak with the press about the meaning of their rivalry - papers from all over the world were on the call!

I'd definitely recommend the EUSA Program to students. I think if you're looking to study abroad and you want an internship it's a great way to do both. There are plenty of opportunities through it - a lot of students do study abroad but I think it's a better idea to intern abroad. You should keep your options open when looking for internships; don't just limit yourself to cities that are close to home - take a chance and go overseas if you can and if you do travel a lot. It was



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quite an expense but I looked at it as an investment. Go into any internship with an open mind, do as your told, go in early and stay late, offer new ideas!

What did you learn about yourself?

That I have the ability to go overseas and work in a different environment and adapt to those situations and be successful. I was able to adapt to everything.

*Juniors who would like to learn about the European Study Abroad, London (EUSA) program, a living, learning and professional working experience in London, come to a EUSA Orientation on Oct 14 at 6pm, Nov 5 at 4:30pm or Dec 4 at Noon.

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Wednesday 11/12	2:00 PM	M36
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Housing woes: That was then, this is now

By Kara McGuire
MCT Campus

With all of the negative news surrounding the housing market, first-time home buyers Sunny Han and his wife, Tiffany, didn't know exactly what to expect. But they were sick of paying rent and listening to their noisy upstairs neighbors, so they started the house hunt.

What they found was a market with almost too much choice and lots of room for negotiation. Plus interest rates that are still low. At least something hasn't changed.

What has? Falling, not rising home prices. Several houses on the market for every buyer, not the other way around. Stricter mortgage standards that mean lenders are (gasp) verifying borrowers' financial information. The difference between the March 2008 housing market and the March 2006 market is like night and day.

Here's a before-the-boom-and-after look at the housing market.

Then: No down payment? No problem.

Now: Show me the money.

It's like we stepped in a time machine and went back to the mortgage standards of a decade ago. Minnesota Mortgage Association President Tim Bendel said 100 percent financing has all but disappeared. He advises borrowers with good credit scores seeking a conventional loan to come to the table with a 5 percent down payment. Borrowers with credit scores below 700 may need a down payment in two figures. The more you can afford, the puffier your equity cushion _ a benefit in a soft or declining market.

Then: Poor credit score? That's OK.

Now: Weak credit score? Try a Federal Housing Administration loan, the original subprime loan.

Once subprime lending exploded, buyers with low credit scores could find someone to lend them money. Not anymore. House-hunters with a score below 700 will pay a higher interest rate. People with scores below 620 might not qualify. Bendel did find a lender that would originate a mortgage for a consumer with a 520 credit score, but it required a 30 percent down payment. "I don't know how many people have that (much) money set aside," he said.

Sunny and Tiffany, both 22, have no credit-card debt. But they also have nearly nonexistent credit scores, making it tough for the high-school sweethearts to qualify for a conventional loan. Todd Johnson, CEO of Edina (Minn.) Realty Mortgage, expects FHA loans to increase in popularity. Qualifying for those loans has less to do with a credit score and more with whether you're paying your other bills on time. FHA loans, which require at least 3 percent down, also allow cosigners and gifts for down payments.

Another plus: Loan limits for FHA-backed loans have increased through the end of the year.

Then: Want it? Make an offer they can't refuse.

Now: Take your time. Then offer 10 percent less.

During the boom, some buyers pounced on houses during the first showing, skipping home inspections and bidding up the price to get in. But now, "home buyers can definitely be patient," says Edina Realty Realtor Kelly O'Neil. And with some good price data for the neighborhood, buyers can successfully offer less than the seller's asking price.

O'Neil tells clients to assess their finances, seek pre-approval and "get your ducks in a row." Even in a slower market, the pristine houses at a great price are on everyone's radar and typically move in a couple of weeks. Then take that dream house to three different lenders and ask them to provide good-faith estimates in order to compare costs.

Then: Lots of debt, little income? That's OK.

We won't check anyway.

Now: Nothing will get past us now.

Some companies were putting borrowers in home loans without verifying income sources and lending money to people with debt payments that ate up half of their before-tax pay. Today, borrowers should try to reduce what they owe so their debt-to-income ratio is no higher than 40 percent.

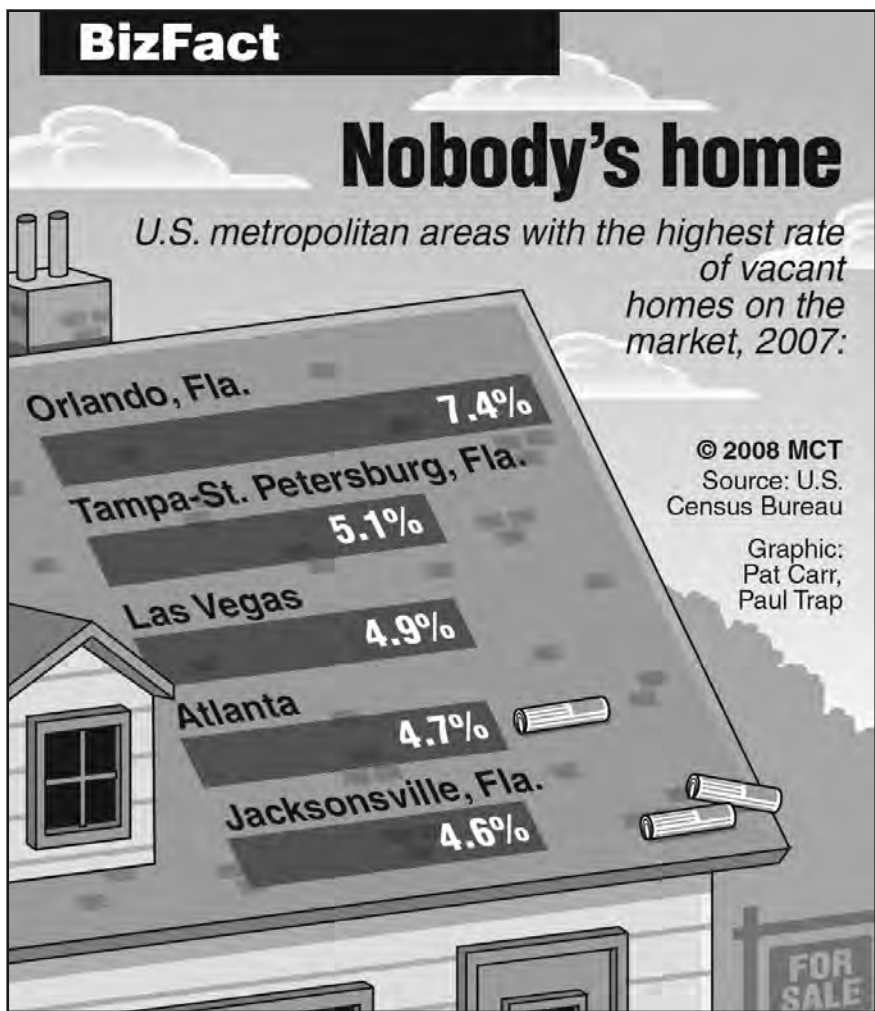
And don't even think about fudging your financials. "You can't tell us you've got \$50,000 in the bank," said Bendel. "We're going to want to see it."

Then: Stretch to buy a house.

Now: Be conservative. Get smart.

O'Neil says her clients are being more realistic about what they can afford after seeing some of their friends who bought during the boom stuck in unaffordable homes or adjustable loans. "Payment is a big hot button for people. ... They say, 'This is what fits into our budget.'"

Prospective buyers also are taking the time to learn about the home-buying process, said Lyncee Davies, who teaches home ownership classes in St. Paul, Minn. Her class used to fill with buyers whose lenders required them to take a home education course. Today, buyers are voluntarily signing up before they start house-hunting.



As a result of the credit crunch, many homes are unable to sell due to difficulties with obtaining mortgages.

The Student Entrepreneur: Revise Your Business Plan

By Michael Adams
Staff Writer

With some much needed help from my BUS 101 teammates, I was able to write a ninety page business plan for my company, Eddie's Energy Bars during my first semester freshman year. I have looked at it a couple of times over the years, and have noticed that something is drastically different: my business plan looks nothing like how I run my business now. Below, you will find a couple of key sections that I had to reevaluate in my plan:

1. SWOT and Competitive Analysis: I know you hear this day in and day out in a bunch of classes here at Bryant, but I never knew how important these two tactics were until I actually applied it to real life. In the original plan my team had competitors such as Clif Bar and Power Bar. That's not really my competition. We're a numerical speck compared to those large companies. I had to re-work my analysis. I now focus on competing with much smaller, more local brands. While looking over the SWOT analysis, I realized that I had completely different strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities, while the threats basically remained the same. I needed to capitalize on my strengths so I could harness those opportunities before they fizzled out.

2. Financial Projections: I looked at my financial projections in the plan, and just started laughing. While I won't discuss numbers here, realistically our numbers were higher than what was in the chart. We had much less expenses than anticipated and higher revenues that I thought we would never get to before I graduated, but here we are. Look over your financial projections. Try and set them realistically. Yes, this takes a while to do when you are just starting out, but it is much easier to plan when your numbers are actually on track.

3. Marketing Strategies: I am a marketing major, so I want to make sure that this section is spot on for my company. We had originally planned to do flyers, radio and TV ads, etc. We even filmed two separate commercials (which are hilarious by the way). Did I do any of that? Nope. I have gone a lot more grass roots than what is mentioned above. We do way more events than anticipated in the plan. These allow us to get our name out there and get people tasting our products. This creates an incredible potential for customer relationship management. When your business is small, I highly recommend you do this or your business will crumble. I have incredible relationships with my suppliers, retailers, and loyal customers. It is much easier to figure out how to retain customers than get new ones. Lastly, it is near impossible to market to everyone. I found that I really needed to pin point my target market and all of my materials needed to be geared toward them.

All of that being said, I suggest you take a look at your business plan (hopefully you still have it) and revise it as needed.

Michael Adams is the owner of Eddie's Energy Bars based in Richmond, Vermont.

If you ever have a question on entrepreneurship or how I run my business, send it to madams@bryant.edu. Professors are welcome to send in a question, too.

Credit Craze An Introduction to our Initiative


By Ashley Palmer
Sife Project Manager

Credit Craze is a project sponsored by Bryant SIFE that aims at informing the Bryant Community of financial and business issues that could be of particular interest to us as Bryant students. We will be discussing with you all various aspects of the business world in which you may have concerns and/or questions, such as personal finances, the world economy or other interesting areas relating business to us as students. Today I simply want to introduce you to our project and to make sure that you all keep your eyes on the look out for our articles in upcoming Archway editions. If you have any particular business or finance questions that you would like the SIFE Credit Craze staff to research and feature in the Archway please contact me, the project manager at apalmer@bryant.edu. Happy reading!


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Defense carries Bulldogs to Homecoming win



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It was over when: Trailing 20-7 in the fourth quarter, Merrimack's comeback hopes were dashed when quarterback Mike Sarnese's pass was intercepted in the endzone by Bryant's Andre Whyte.

Player of the game: For the second straight week junior tailback Jerell Smith broke the century mark in rushing yards (27 carries, 130 yards, 1 TD).

Turning point: Coming off another Warrior turnover, the Bulldog offense drove 55 yards (41 of which came on Smith runs) on 7 plays. Lindsey Gamble capped the drive off with a 1 yard touchdown run, stretching the Bulldog lead to 10-0.

Up next: vs. Monmouth, Saturday @ 1:00 p.m.

The significance: The Hawks of Monmouth will be the Bulldog's first Division I opponent of the 2008 season.

By Casey Mulare
Assistant Sports Editor

It wasn't the high scoring affair that many had predicted, but the Bulldogs still made the game very interesting. Led by impressive team defensive play and the tandem running duo of Jerell Smith and Lindsey Gamble, Bryant University (2-1) won its second game of the season over the Warriors of Merrimack College (1-1), 20 to 7 in front of a crowd of 5,500 on Homecoming & Reunion Weekend Saturday at Bulldog Stadium.

Both teams came into the game averaging over 37 points per game and, after an early interception by Paul Polomski that led to a 31 yard field goal by Chris Bird, looked like that streak would continue. Scoring however, came at a premium. In the second quarter, another interception, this time by Bryant freshman cornerback Samad Wagstaff, of Merrimack's Kurt Leone helped set up the Bulldogs' first touchdown of the game. Wagstaff, who added another interception in the second half to give him five for the season, returned his first of the day 20 yards to the newly painted midfield, giving the Bulldogs excellent field position.

Seven plays later, Lindsey Gamble plunged in from a yard out to make it 10-0 and Jerell Smith, coming off a career best 221 yards against Southern Connecticut, added a 20 yard score of his own to give the Bulldogs a 17-0 lead heading into the half.

Smith finished the day with 130 yards, joining Gamble on the 1,000 yard career rushing list, just the 7th player to hit the milestone.

Bryant quarterback Jay Graber had another solid performance, completing 14 of 22 passes for 117 yards while Ross Giffune became the day's favorite target, catching four passes for 43 yards including a long of 17.

The second half belonged to the Bulldog defense, a unit that forced 7 turnovers and held Merrimack's high scoring offense to just one touchdown and 278 yards of offense. Probably the most impressive play was that of the Bryant secondary, who collectively held last years all NE-10 wide receiver Chris Laham to just 49 yards and the lone score for Merrimack.

Andre Whyte added two interceptions of his own, one in the end zone intended for Laham, to keep the Bulldogs in the lead late in the game. Don Smith added a big sack and a forced fumble that ended any hopes of a Merrimack victory.



Courtesy of Athletic Department

A record 5,530 fans packed Bulldog Stadium on Homecoming and Reunion Weekend Saturday, and the home team did not disappoint.

- Box Score -					
Team	1	2	3	4	F
Merrimack	0	0	0	7	7
Bryant	3	14	0	3	20

The Bulldogs face their first D1 opponent at home this week as they face off against Monmouth College at 1pm on Saturday. The game will be carried live on both WOON-AM 1240 and Bryant's own WJMF 88.7 FM.

Women's Tennis records first Division I win

By David Giardino
Sports Editor

The Bryant University women's tennis squad opened their Division I debut season with a 4-3 victory against Providence College last Saturday afternoon at the Bryant Tennis Complex. Emma Czarniecki and Chelsea Downing provided the Bulldogs with a strong start, notching the opening doubles point with a thrilling 8-6 victory in the tie-breaker. In singles play, Czarniecki was victorious yet again in #1 singles, while Katie Francazio and Valeria Couto Cuervo won their respective matches at No. 3 and No. 4 singles.

The Bulldogs are coming off an impressive 2007 season in Division II play, going 14-5 overall and 10-1 in the Northeast-10 Conference. But the switchover to Division I play this season brought questions regarding Bryant's readiness to perform at a higher level. Many of these questions were answered this weekend by the women's performance

against their first Division I opponent. The Bulldogs looked strong throughout their match, committing very few unforced errors and taking advantage of their opponents' mistakes. The victory moves the Bulldogs to 1-0 in what promises to be an interesting and competitive 2008 season. The loss brings Providence College to 0-1 this year.

Bryant will face Rhode Island at home on Wednesday, September 17 at 3:00 p.m. After that, the squad will participate in the Quinnipiac Invitational and the Army Invitational in late September. Both events are sure to provide the tennis squad with a heavy dose of competitive Division I talent. Though only time will tell how the team reacts to the new competition, their Division I debut was nothing short of a success.


- Box Score -

Singles
1. Emma Czarniecki (BU) def. Ayushi Sinha (PC), 6-0, 6-1
2. Ashley Rissolo (PC) def. Chelsea Downing (BU), 6-1, 2-6, 4-6
3. Katie Francazio (BU) def. Meg Gilroy (PC), 6-1, 6-2
4. Valeria Couto Cuervo (BU) def. Melanie Albert (PC), 6-4, 6-1
5. Liz Gillis (PC) def. Amanda Granville (BU), 6-1, 6-1
6. Jenn Cusack (PC) def. Martha Chapman (BU), 6-2, 6-2

Doubles (Played First)
1. Czarniecki/Downing (BU) def. Sinha/Rissolo (PC), 9-8 (8-6)
2. Francazio / Couto Cuervo (BU) def. Gillis / Fuller (PC), 8-3
3. Gilroy / Cusack (PC) def. Granville/Chapman (BU), 8-2


Final Score: Bryant (1-0) 4, Providence (0-1) 3

Top Dogs



Tom Casey
Year: Senior
Sport: Cross Country

Senior Tom Casey (New Windsor, N.Y.) was the high finisher for the men in 19th place with a final time of 26:44 in leading the men to a seventh-place finish at the Fairfield Invitational.



Miranda Kolb
Year: Sophomore
Sport: Volleyball

Kolb's 43 assists and 13 digs against Holy Cross in the second match of a two-win day earned her all-tourney honors. Bryant beat Providence 3-0 and host Holy Cross 3-1 in the Crusader Classic.

Bulldog Bites

Men’s Soccer shut out by Hartford

Junior forward Carlos Villa (Las Conchas, Guatemala) found the back of the net three times to score his fifth, sixth, and seventh goals of the season, as Hartford shutout Bryant, 3-0, Tuesday night in Connecticut. It was the Bulldogs fourth loss of the season, as they fall to 1-4-1. Bryant takes the field again on Friday night when they travel to play Old Dominion (8 p.m.).

Seawolves drop Bulldogs, 2-1

Sophomore Sarah Donovan (Storrs, Conn.) scored a game-tying goal in the 50th minute of play, but it was not enough as the Bryant University women's soccer team fell to Stony Brook, 2-1, on Tuesday night in New York. Donovan's goal was her second of the season, while also giving her a team-leading six points. The Bulldogs recorded 14 shots, nine of them on net, forcing junior keeper Marisa Viola (Cutchogue, N.Y.) to make eight saves on her way to the win. Bryant will be back in action Sunday when they travel to take on the Huskies of Northeastern University (1 p.m.).

Women’s volleyball falls in home opener

Freshman Jazmin Stoner (Durango, Colo.) recorded a team-high nine kills for the Bryant University volleyball team, despite suffering a 3-0 loss at the hands of Sacred Heart University in Tuesday night's 2008 home opener at the Chace Athletic Center. The Bulldogs' Hilary Andrews (Tipp City, Ohio) tied a game high with a trio of service aces, while sophomore setter Miranda Kolb (Holt, Mich.) registered 26 assists with three block assists. Freshman Maria Scocca (Melrose, Mass.) earned seven kills of her own, while Adrienne Boss (Dracut, Mass.) and Andrews recorded six and five, respectively. The Pioneers (7-4) were led by 15 kills from Maile Herthington, while Brittany Best also recorded double-digit kills with 11. Herthington also registered a trio of service aces. The loss drops the Bulldogs to 8-3 on the season. Bryant returns to action this weekend, when it travels to nearby Providence, R.I. for the Brown Tournament.

Bryant hall of fame seeking nominations

The Bryant University Department of Athletics and Recreation is looking for new nominations for the Hall of Fame Class of 2009. Currently consisting of 78 total members, the Bryant Athletics Hall of Fame recognizes any former Bryant University alumnus who has attained outstanding recognition or superior accomplishments in any varsity sport. The nominee should be selected on the basis of playing ability, integrity, sportsmanship, character and his or her contribution to the team or teams on which he or she played, and to Bryant University. Nominations will be accepted until September 30, 2008.

Replacing a legendary quarterback

By David Niles
Staff Writer

A fourth-year NFL quarterback took an important step in replacing one of the greatest players of all time. No I'm not talking about Matt Cassel. I am speaking of Green Bay's Aaron Rodgers. That's right: Aaron Rodgers. If there is one individual player I am rooting for in the NFL more than anyone else, it's Aaron Rodgers. Rodgers has been playing the waiting game ever since draft day in 2005 when he fell to the Packers with the 24th pick after being projected to be taken in the top ten and possibly first overall (how's Alex Smith working San Francisco?). Rodgers was taken to be the heir apparent to the Packers beloved Brett Favre, who was supposed to be on the precipice of retirement.

However, we all know what happened next. Favre decides to keep playing for a few years and Rodgers greatest accomplishment over the past three seasons involved holding a clipboard and growing a beard. Then this past offseason, when Favre finally was thought to have retired and Rodgers would finally get a chance to take over the reins, Favre decided he was undecided. Favre retired, and then decided he wanted to come back, before deciding maybe he like retired life, but then again, maybe he still did have the passion to play. And all the while Aaron Rodgers was left sitting in limbo, being psychoanalyzed by sports writers and television personalities who had never met him. He was bombarded with the same questions in the locker-room everyday after practice, but handled the situation with class and maturity. He was booed by his own team's



Courtesy of MCT Campus

Perhaps no one has more pressure to perform well in 2008 than Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers

fans in training camp for throwing an interception. In training camp! Packer fans couldn't believe their team may be considering playing this unproven young kid over the greatest player in NFL history (at least in their biased opinion). Fortunately for Rodgers and Packer fans, the Green Bay front office made the difficult and unpopular choice. They waved goodbye to Favre and his retirement games and turned the team over to the unproven clipboard-holding, headset-wearing twenty-four year old. The pressure Rodgers has been under to succeed is greater than any player I can remember in the recent past. He plays the most important position in sports, replacing perhaps the most famous and popular player at that position in football history. Not to mention the fact that guy is still playing, now in New York, and it is perceived that he was pushed out the door to make way for you. Has Rodgers crumbled under the pressure of the media, Packers fans, teammates, coaches and history? Not in the least. He has thrived. The Packers are 2-0 and Rodgers has been remarkable, averaging over 250 yards per game with a great completion percentage, four touchdowns, and no interceptions. While Jet fans have embraced Favre (and who can blame them after all those years with Chad Pennington and his 3 yard dump passes), he hasn't been nearly as impressive and just dropped a game to the New England Patriots, who ironically were starting their own fourth year quarterback lacking game experience (and that may be the understatement of the century).

I realize we are only two games into the season and the chances Rodgers' career is anywhere near as impressive as Favre's is highly unlikely. I am sure Favre is a great guy but I won't mind seeing him be outplayed by Rodgers this season. After all Rodgers had been through and to handle it so well at such a young age, I have to root for him. The only way he isn't lambasted by his own fans is if he is better than Favre this season. So, while, you may not be a Packer fan, there is no reason why you can't secretly join the Aaron Rodgers fan club. The club wasn't very big a few weeks ago, but there is a rumor out there that they just sent out another order for membership cards to the printer.

THE SPORTS GUYS

NFL PICKS

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<u>Oakland at Buffalo</u>	<u>Buffalo</u>	<u>Buffalo</u>	<u>Buffalo</u>	<u>Buffalo</u>
<u>Tampa Bay at Chicago</u>	<u>Chicago</u>	<u>Chicago</u>	<u>Tampa Bay</u>	<u>Tampa Bay</u>
<u>Houston at Tennessee</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>Houston</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>
<u>Carolina at Minnesota</u>	<u>Carolina</u>	<u>Carolina</u>	<u>Minn.</u>	<u>Carolina</u>
<u>Miami at New England</u>	<u>New Eng.</u>	<u>New Eng.</u>	<u>New Eng.</u>	<u>New Eng.</u>
<u>Cincinnati at NY Giants</u>	<u>NY Giants</u>	<u>NY Giants</u>	<u>NY Giants</u>	<u>NY Giants</u>
<u>Arizona at Washington</u>	<u>Washington</u>	<u>Washington</u>	<u>Arizona</u>	<u>Arizona</u>
<u>Detroit at San Francisco</u>	<u>San Fran.</u>	<u>San Fran.</u>	<u>San Fran.</u>	<u>Detroit</u>
<u>St. Louis at Seattle</u>	<u>Seattle</u>	<u>Seattle</u>	<u>St. Louis</u>	<u>Seattle</u>
<u>New Orleans at Denver</u>	<u>Denver</u>	<u>Denver</u>	<u>New Orl.</u>	<u>Denver</u>
<u>Pittsburgh at Philadelphia</u>	<u>Philly</u>	<u>Philly</u>	<u>Philly</u>	<u>Philly</u>
<u>Jacksonville at Indianapolis</u>	<u>Indy</u>	<u>Indy</u>	<u>Indy</u>	<u>Indy</u>
<u>Cleveland at Baltimore</u>	<u>Baltimore</u>	<u>Cleveland</u>	<u>Cleveland</u>	<u>Baltimore</u>
<u>Dallas at Green Bay</u>	<u>Green Bay</u>	<u>Dallas</u>	<u>Green Bay</u>	<u>Dallas</u>
<u>NY Jets at San Diego</u>	<u>San Diego</u>	<u>San Diego</u>	<u>San Diego</u>	<u>San Diego</u>
Last Week's Record	10-5	9-6	7-8	8-7
OVERALL RECORD	10-5	9-6	7-8	8-7

Bryant Golf finishes fourth at Rutgers Invitational

Courtesy of BryantBulldogs.com

The Bryant University golf team finished with a score of six over par, seven shots behind the leaders, as they came in fourth place at the Rutgers Invitational Tournament over the weekend. The tournament featured 24 teams, with the Bulldogs finishing just behind Seton Hall, USC Upstate, and Binghamton, in Bryant's first Division I tournament. Scott Congdon (Foxboro, Mass.) had the lowest score for Bryant, shooting a 68 and a 73 over the two days, good for one-under par and tied him for seventh place on an individual level. Jason Thresher (West Suffield, Conn.) finished one-over, shooting a 143, Eric Tankanow (Worcester, Mass.) shot a four-over 146, Mike Pyne (Foxboro, Mass.) was a six-over 148 and Alex Daley (Hudson, Mass.) rounded out the scoring with an eleven-over 153. The Bulldogs will hit the links next weekend at the Dartmouth Invitational on Saturday and Sunday.

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The Brady Effect:

It's not just the Patriots who will miss Tom Brady in 2008

By: **Anthony Iannello**
Staff Writer

Listen closely for a minute. Can you hear that? Yes, that is the collective pulse of Patriot Nation coming to a steady beat after yesterday's 19-10 win over the Jets. While Matt Cassel didn't necessarily invoke visions of Brady's MVP season from a year ago, he did play well enough to out-duel Brett Favre and get the Pats to 2-0. As of now, 2-0 is good enough to have New England tied with Buffalo for first in the AFC East, the division which they've had a stranglehold upon since the beginning of the decade. But will it last? Will Matt Cassel's caretaker ways continue to suit the Patriots pass-happy built juggernaut of an offense? Will the climate of the AFC East and the AFC change for the first time in years? And what of the business known as the National Football League? Will it be able to recover in spite of losing its most marketable name? It seems that a "Brady Effect" will be inflicted upon the NFL in 2008. What is this you ask? A "Brady Effect" is when a cataclysmic event happens to Tom Brady that sets off a chain of events throughout the NFL that would never have occurred, if not for his season ending injury. In this case, the NFL is faced with the harsh reality that Tom Brady will not be a part of its 2008 season. I'd like to examine what reverberations will be felt within the National football League this year:

The New England Patriots & the AFC East: The first victim in this situation is obviously the New England Patriots. While Matt Cassel displayed a steady hand in his first game as a starter since his high school days in California, Patriots faithful cannot honestly look themselves in the mirror and tell themselves that this is the second coming of Bledsoe/Brady (And yes I know there are some of you). With Cassel at the helm, unfortunately I do not foresee another AFC East title for the Patriots. Not with a Buffalo Bills team that is growing up awfully fast with rising stars at both the quarterback and running back position in Trent Edwards and Marshawn Lynch respectively. With New England wounded, there is no better time for a team on the rise like Buffalo to make their move towards the front of the pack. If Brett Favre has any gusto left in his body come December, I could also see the Jets making a run for the division title. In past years it would have taken a 13-3 record to overtake the Patriots for the division title but this year, a 10-6 record could get the job done. And although I am a self-professed ob-

sessive Miami fan, I know that the Pats misfortune will have no bearing on Miami other than the fact that we will not finish the season out of first place by double digit games.

The AFC & NFC: As for the AFC as a whole, I do not believe they can any longer hold it above the NFC in the race for supremacy between conferences. With Brady gone, and the Chargers, Colts and Jaguars looking nothing like the pre-season Super Bowl Contenders we made them out to be, the title of "favorite" for the conference in which the Super Bowl champion will come from has to be heaped upon the NFC. With teams like the Cowboys, Packers, Giants, Eagles, Panthers and even the Arizona Cardinals starting off the season with statement wins, one has to believe that the balance of power has now shifted. One positive for the AFC though, is that there should be an increase in parity this year. While the NFL normally experiences a 50% turnover in playoff teams from year to year, the Patriots and Brady have been a constant. A new team should rise to the top in the AFC and that will make for an intriguing regular season.

The NFL Economically: Most fans tend to forget that the NFL is a business as much as it is entertainment. Now Brady is not the sole reason that the NFL has reached the popularity level that it has, but I'm sure when Roger Goodell, the Commissioner, received word that Tom Brady would miss the entire season his stomach dropped, along with his predicted revenue for the 2008 season. As much as most fans of other teams love to hate the Patriots, they are still intrigued by the star power they have and the exciting football they play. Last year during their historic run to a 16-0 regular season, non-Pats fans were tuning in to see who could take down the Goliath they had become. Over the past few years Tom Brady vs. Peyton Manning, Patriots vs. Colts has become a staple on NFL calendars sometime during October/November and then once again in January. I'm sure the NFL was expecting huge revenue jumps when Brett Favre landed in the same division as Brady. Primetime games such as those have now become Cassel vs. Manning and Cassel vs. Favre.



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Tom Brady's injury did not just impact the New England Patriots. His loss will impact the entire league this season.

Not exactly the heavyweight matchups the NFL had in mind when the season began. It is almost a sure thing that the NFL will experience an economic decline in the year without Brady.

It will be interesting to see how this "Brady Effect" unfolds throughout the season and how the landscape of the NFL as we have known it changes. But hey Patriot fans, it could be worse. You could be a Miami Dolphins fan.

Brady, not Pats, done for year

By **Mike Cronin Jr.**
Staff Writer

I've spent the whole NFL off season trying to move past the harsh memory of the Patriots loss in the Super Bowl and the dream of a perfect season vanishing. When the Pats finally geared up for the 2008 season opener versus the Chiefs, I, like every other Patriots fan, was optimistic about another run for the Super Bowl. Now, Tom Brady, the most valuable player in football and leader of one of the best offenses in NFL history, is done for the year.

Patriots fans and fantasy football managers around the country are grieving over the loss of the star quarterback (I'm a member of both categories). Brady suffered a season ending left knee injury at the hands of Kansas City Chiefs safety Bernard Pollard during week one of the NFL season. He has a torn anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) and medial collateral ligament (MCL). It would be nice if Gisele Bundchen (Brady's supermodel girlfriend)



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Will Pats quarterback Matt Cassel do what Tom Brady did in his breakthrough season? Only time will tell.

could just kiss his injury better, but Brady is going to need surgery. While he is scheduled to have reconstructive ACL surgery, it has been put on hold for 4-6 weeks because his torn MCL must heal before the ACL operation can be done.

Since 2001, New England fans have been spoiled by the successes of Brady and our beloved Patriots. He burst onto the scene after the previous quarterback, Drew Bledsoe, suffered a severe chest injury in the second week of the 2001 season. He was relieved by an unknown 6th round pick named Tom Brady from Michigan. Since that time, Brady has played 128 straight games, led the Patriots to three Super Bowl titles, is a two time Super Bowl MVP, and the reigning league MVP. He was invincible, but now he is hurt and at home with Gisele (poor Tom).

The 2008 season is now on the shoulders of Matt Cassel, the rarely used backup QB for the past four years. Sunday's game was his first start since high school, and now he's running one of the most explosive offenses in football. On WEEI's "Dennis and Callahan", Cassel said, "I'm not trying to be Tom Brady. I'm just trying to be Matt Cassel." And so far, Matt Cassel being Matt Cassel has been pretty good. In relief of Brady, Cassel completed 13 out of 18 passes for 152 yards and a touchdown in a 17-10 win over Kansas City in week one.

In week two, the Pats played Brett Favre and the New York Jets. Most football fans thought that the Jets would win because of Brady's injury and America's unhealthy obsession with Favre. I'm not sure what was more satisfying; watching Matt Cassel silence the critics as the Patriots won 19-10, or seeing Brett Favre lose in his home opener as a New York Jet. Cassel went 16-23 for 165 yards, with no turnovers. He was poised in the QB position and proved that

he is capable of successfully directing the Patriots offense. This win was the first time since December 17, 2000 that the Pats won a football game without Tom Brady. Considering the shoes that he has to fill, I think that Matt Cassel has done an outstanding job so far, and if he keeps it up, we may still be watching Patriots football in January.

There is one person in the Patriots organization who keeps the Super Bowl dreams still alive: Coach Bill Belichick. No matter how grim the situation is, Belichick finds a way to lead his players through adversity and keeps their minds on football and their focus on what needs to get done to win the game. He commented, "As a team we all just have to do our jobs. That really doesn't change. He (Brady) played one position, he played it very well. We have somebody else playing that position now." Belichick has shown faith in the new QB, and that assures my hopes for this year.

In addition to Cassel, the Pats new backup quarterback is Kevin O'Connell, and they also just signed Matt Gutierrez (my favorite of the three) from the practice squad. There was talk of New England signing Chris Simms, Tim Rattay, Dante Culpepper, or even the indestructible Vinny Testaverde, but Belichick is going to stay with the QB's who are already in the Patriots organization and know the system. "It's a long season and bringing a player in for two, three, four or five weeks to learn the system is a possibility," Belichick said last week.

Looking ahead, the Patriots are hosting the Miami Dolphins in week three. We know that Matt Cassel will be leading the offense. We don't know how well he will do, but there is an eerie comparison between Brady and Cassel. In Cassel's first start as a Patriot, he was 16 of 23 for 165 yards and no touchdowns or interceptions. In Tom Brady's first start as a Patriot, he was 13 of 23 for 168 yards and no touchdowns or interceptions. The rest of that 2001 season is history, and Brady is now the best in the business. Will Matt Cassel deliver just as Tom Brady did? They have almost identical statistics for the beginning of their NFL careers, and we'll see on Sunday what Cassel can do.

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Don't raise the driving age



By: Michael Adams
Opinion Editor

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety is pressing states to increase the driving age to seventeen years old, or maybe even eighteen. This means that teenagers will not be able to get their licenses until then. The institute knows this is a "tough sell". Really? Thanks, Captain Obvious. Their main reason for the increase is that the number one killer for teens is auto accidents. I think they better look at something else: the slow demise of said teen's social life.

I got my license when I was sixteen years old. Finally I did not have to beg my parents to drive me over to a friend's house, and then pick me up a few hours later in our oh-so-stylish teal green Ford Windstar. I had no problem navigating the roads by myself—even during the night hours. I negotiated turns well, could parallel park

downtown, and correctly drive in a rotary (yeah—it's a feat of unparalleled proportions when you have three other idiots trying to drive around the rotary, too).

Now, why would the Institute for Highway Safety (IHS) want to increase the driving age? According to the CNN article, "institute researchers have compiled decades worth of data from New Jersey, the only state that issues licenses at 17. Various studies have shown that the overall rate of teens killed in crashes in New Jersey has been consistently lower than in some nearby states." Well, that is dandy. Are they trying to tell me that one state is going to change the other forty-nine?

One thing that is not pointed out in the article is that of the over 5,000 teenage auto accidents, sixty percent are not wearing seatbelts (NHTSA). Umm, what? There's a major source of the problem. While seatbelts will not save everyone's life, they will certainly save a bunch of them. When my twin sister and I were little, if we did not have our seat belts on before the car left the garage, we would cry until we had them on. Job well done, Mom and Dad. If we could just educate teens about the importance of wearing their seatbelts, I am sure the IHS could sleep at night. All it took for me to

wear my seatbelt (besides the fact that my parents engraved it into my skull) is the presentation I listened to by a father whose teenage daughter was killed in a car accident after a sporting event in high school. She was not wearing her seatbelt.

Another program that I advocate for, instead of increasing the driving age, is the graduated license program. It varies from state to state, but the program is a way to have teens get used to driving before they have family and friends in the car with them. While it may not be the most socially accepting program that the state has come up with, it does save lives and makes teens pay attention.

In the end, I think it's a stupid idea to increase the driving age. There are so many factors that could be addressed before the age is raised. Additionally, why would you raise the driving age, when others are thinking about lowering the drinking age to eighteen? That is a whole other opinion article, however, for this article, it is an incredible disaster. There



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seems to be an increasing trend in younger people driving, like the nine year old that stole his grandmother's car and ran it into a shopping center sign. Kids want to drive earlier. They just need to make the right choices in how, when, and where they drive. They shouldn't have to depend on their parents until

they move into their college dorm September 1st. As soon as you turn sixteen, making your own decisions is something you should be able to do, and learning from your mistakes is key. With that, please put your seat belt on every time you get in the car.

The question remains: is there a God?

By Brandon Dobro
Staff Writer

I promise the goal of this column is not to offend, but rather to encourage some public discussion on something that I think should be kept anything but private. Since if any of the Abrahamic religions - Christianity, Islam, and Judaism - are true, I'm going to be tortured for eternity (and this column doesn't help), I really appreciate responses. You can email me at bdobro@bryant.edu, write the editor, or comment on bryantarchway.com.

If you spend even 10 minutes navigating the "List of Religions" page on Wikipedia, you would likely be amazed at all of the religions that the people who have walked this earth have followed. There are literally thousands. As far back as the pen goes, we know that people have been making up stories about the world in order to make sense of their surroundings. Most of these stories are now in the graveyard of religion that we call mythology. We are all "atheists" in regards to the gods that these religions invented. I just go one further than most.

It seems pretty clear that we prefer to know things rather than admit that it's not yet understood. This innate desire worries me when I try to determine what is actually true about the world. Especially since, as science tells us more and more about the reality of the world around us, more and more religions are reclassified as myths. There is no denying that almost everyone that has ever lived has held deep convictions about the world that were completely false.

And yet, I look at the religions of today and see nothing different than what someone must have

seen five thousand years ago. I see no more evidence for the Abrahamic god than I do for Apollo, Poseidon, and Zeus. Just like these gods, the Abrahamic god is a claim - a claim made by mortal men who, when it comes to knowledge about the Universe, were literally no smarter than a 5th grader today. As with all claims, this claim needs evidence. This is the only way to avoid the mistakes of our predecessors. Since it lacks this evidence, the only logical reaction is rejection.

The truth is that there are tens of thousands of

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people who claimed to have been relatives of, or in direct communication with, the creator of the Universe. All of these claims are difficult to believe, since none of these people have ever come away from their contact with the creator with any advancement that benefitted society, aside from a few suggestions of morality that existed long before the miraculous conversation(s) occurred.

If I am wrong and there actually is an all-powerful creator, one thing is for certain: he doesn't love us. He didn't feel the need to tell anything valuable to those who spoke to him about math, science, or economics. He didn't feel the need to tell us about the cure for Cancer, the Bubonic Plague, or AIDS (all

of which he created). In fact, God has never told anyone anything of value which that person couldn't have made up on his/her own. There seems to be only one small rock in our entire Solar System that is able to support life - 2/3 of which we cannot even live on. Earthquakes, hurricanes, and volcanoes massacre whole cities all the time. Some 99% of species that have ever inhabited the planet have become extinct, and in a few billion years the Sun will expand and swallow the Earth whole. I'm not feeling the love.

Science is simply our collective search for truth. We give praise and awards to scientists that prove others (and even themselves) wrong. So, our explanations for our surroundings naturally get better as time goes on. In regards to the nature of the Universe, there is no subject that science hasn't spent years tackling. With recent technological breakthroughs, our explanations have improved at astonishing rates. And yet, of the elite group of scientists - The National Academy of Sciences - 93% do not believe in a personal god, as opposed to 85% in 1933 and 72% in 1914 (*Nature magazine*). It seems that as we gain a better sense of how the world really is, we are becoming less convinced of the supernatural. Of course, we are nowhere close to having an explanation for everything. We have no acceptable explanation for how the Universe formed before a millisecond after the Big Bang. No one knows. Until the time comes, it only seems plausible and humble to admit our lack of answers instead of claiming to have them.

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Words of Wellness

Be Aware.....Clean Up!



By Jen Diprete
Staff Columnist

The start of a new academic year brings with it the excitement of seeing old friends and the anticipation of making new ones, pleasant September days and nights to enjoy the outdoors, and all that this picturesque campus has to offer. Below you

will find two areas of concern which I would like to discuss.

The first item I want to address is regardless of if you are a female or male, first year student (keeping in mind the legal drinking

age is 21.....) or senior, please, please, please, do not accept an open container from someone you do not know (even those you do know may be giving you drink from someplace or someone you are not familiar with). Not only could a predatory drug be slipped into your drink without you knowing it, the amount of alcohol that is present in that

one drink could equal much more than you believe you are consuming. Throw in body frame size, muscle to fat ratio, gender, and a host of other factors that go into alcohol's impact on an individual, and one is potentially looking at a dangerous situation. It would be wise to keep yourself in control at all times, not allowing a substance or another person to make decisions for you which you may regret or not even remember. Try to stay with at least one friend at all times. Do not leave someone behind. Look out for one another. Being part of a community means keeping an eye on each other and showing concern for the health, well-being, and safety of each other. Exercise self-management, integrity, respect, and responsibility – which happen to be the pillars of

the Bryant Character of Success.

The second item I would like to address concerns the littering of the campus many of us work at and live on. Walking up the ramp from the townhouse parking lot to my office in Health Services, located in Hall 16, I was taken aback by the mass amounts of trash strewn throughout the area. I had to back out of two potential parking spaces because of broken glass from bottles. Pizza boxes (with slices of pizza still inside) were laying around at will, empty energy drink cans in plentiful supply along with "party cups" could be found on the ground, in bushes, and all along my walk from the parking spot up to the landing outside of Hall 16. Not to mention cigarette butts, packs of cigarettes, and tins of smokeless tobacco. To even make note of all the "empties" everywhere I looked seems pointless. Good Monday Morning! What a way to start the first official

week of classes. It's understandable that with the large amounts of people who congregate throughout campus at any given

time, items might not make their way to the garbage containers. It's also human nature to want to socialize and spend time with friends (along with making new friends) after a long week of classes, meetings, deadlines, etc. However, it is not an excuse for treating your environment poorly and expecting someone else will clean up after you. As the saying goes, "Actions speak louder than words." Bryant University is your home away from home, please keep that in mind. What are your actions indicating as a testament to your character – in ALL circumstances? Maybe it's time to examine who you are and who you would like to become.

Enjoy the weekend and the week ahead. Be well!

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Attendance Policies

By Dave Nelligan
Staff Writer

I thought I was finally done being told to go to class after I left high school, but apparently I was completely wrong. In my junior year here I am still trying to figure out why I am not allowed to miss more than three classes per semester. I can understand having an attendance policy for classes with all freshmen students as it may be easy to let things get out of hand with all the freedom compared to the previous senior year of high school, but now I am twenty-one, I think I can decide for myself whether or not it is a good idea to go to class.

I have had professors, on the first day when going over their attendance policy, tell the class that we are paying a lot of money to be in that class so we should want to be there anyways, but that is my point exactly, I am paying for the class so let me decide. As long as the check clears why do they even care if I show up? I think as Bryant University students, we are smart enough to realize that going to class does make a difference, and to get a good grade it helps to go most of the time, so it should be up to us to make our own decisions and accept the consequences of those decisions. If professors want students in class, don't make it a requirement, make it worth our while to show up

and actually learn something that would benefit our future, and then we'll be there every time.

My other problem with the attendance policies is that most professors require a reason why you were absent. Again, why do they care where we are? If I should happen to miss class because I slept in, or a movie was on, or even because I heard there might be a chance of rain and there are clouds in the sky and I don't feel like getting wet on my two minute walk to the uni-structure should all be acceptable excuses for missing, once again, a class I, not the school, am paying to be enrolled in. All that matters is the grade in the end anyways. If I show up to every class or if I show up five times it should not make a difference as long as I get a good grade at the end of the semester. The per-class cost is completely irrelevant as long as the grade in the end is the targeted grade. Some may argue that the ten percent participation grade that includes attendance is an easy ten percent, but I disagree. Sometimes showing up to class is the hardest part of the whole period. I would much rather put that ten percent back into the tests and projects to make each of their total percentage two or three points higher which is not that big of a deal. So I say let the people paying very good money to be here decide for themselves whether or not they should go to class.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

For the past few weeks when I come into work, I've been parking in the townhouses, as it's a shorter walk than parking out by the tennis courts and walking to the Bryant Center. I enjoy the walk up from the townhouses – being able to see some seniors I don't often see and saying "hello" to them in the morning. The one thing, however, that I have been both disappointed and appalled by is the amount of trash that constantly litters the townhouse landscaping. Last Monday I was surprised by the amount of trash littering the yards of the townhouses but figured that since it was the first weekend back to campus, it probably wouldn't be that bad again. I was then surprised as I parked down there a few more times that week and saw that there were still bottles and cups littering the grass – even in the middle of the week. This morning I was the most bothered by what I saw in the townhouses. I got to campus around 8:30am and was astounded not only by the amount of cups, cans, and bottles littering the lawn, but also by the fact that there were two men working for facilities picking up all of the garbage. The two facilities trucks were piled high with garbage bags – probably 30 or 40 bags in each truck – and there was still so much garbage yet to be picked up.

Without lecturing too much or sounding like a mom, I'm writing to implore the seniors – and any other members of the Bryant community who may be visiting the townhouses on the weekend -- to do this one small thing: clean up after yourselves. If you had a party at your parents' house and littered cans all over your yard or your neighbors' yards, I can almost guarantee you wouldn't have someone picking up after you the next day – you'd do this yourself. So please, instead of finishing a drink and throwing it on the ground, place it in a trash can. Or, when you wake up the next morning, instead of thinking to yourself, "wow, my yard is a mess . . . but no problem, the facilities workers will clean it up for me," take a garbage bag outside and collect some of the cans and bottles yourselves. I'm quite sure the facilities workers would appreciate it, and it would help make the area you live in look a lot nicer.

Seniors -- as members of the Bryant community and as the students who are supposed to be role models to the rest of the classes under you, step up and show the community that you care about the place you live, learn, and work. Clean up after yourselves on the weekends and take pride in your living area on campus.

-Meagan Sage, Assistant Director of Student Involvement

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What Women Want Observations

By Drew Green
Staff Writer

Does any guy out there really know exactly what women want? I mean is there a single guy who thinks he has all the answers to all of women’s issues and fears? Well, it turns out that there are apparently two. Not only that, but it just so happens that they are both running for president. What a coincidence! Over the past few weeks, especially since John McCain announced that Alaskan Governor Sarah Palin would be his running mate, women have become the focal point to this election. There is good reason for it too, women typically vote at a higher clip than men do. Ever since the Primaries this election has been a beacon for female empowerment and equality between Hillary Clinton and Sarah Palin. Just as a rule of thumb, if you are the opening sketch on Saturday Night Live, you probably have some topical importance.

But for as much as Hillary Clinton and Sarah Palin have done to solidify the female electorate it’s Obama and McCain that are pushing the idea that they have what it takes to represent women better than the other. Obama has been doing it through all of his ties to Oprah and the massive female base that she draws. McCain has countered this by buying more time slots during Oprah’s show than Obama has. While Senator Obama has tried to focus more on the rights he wishes to see women gain, like pay

equity and abortion rights, Senator McCain has paraded around Governor Palin as the archetypal candidate to support women’s issues, because, well she’s a woman. McCain’s approach is shallow, and leaves a lot to be wanted when it comes to women’s rights. It does not say much for female empowerment when a possible Vice President is being totted around like a Barbie Doll with the

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purpose to look good and not saying anything of value. It’s actually this shallow campaign which has led to McCain seeing a resurgence since Palin was announced as his running mate. Palin has acted as a conservative punching bag absorbing all the blows that the liberal media can muster, whether it is about her inexperience, or McCain’s voting records against abortion, expanding health insurance, and pay equity. McCain’s response has essentially gone like this: “What, you do not think that I care about women’s rights?” “Well in that case I would like you to meet my running mate; she is a woman, so she knows what is right for them”. The fact that Palin is a woman has actually been a way of countering her political inexperience. By saying that she has experience as a mother of five and a governor

of a state, she is trying to associate with all working mothers to describe how she can be of political importance to women of all political identities. Then the question that must be asked (particularly by women) is whether being a woman means that Palin represents women? With all the buzz Palin has generated it seems to be a resounding yes. At least from a conservative standpoint she has solidified the female vote, and is trying to feed off of the Hillary Clinton supporters who are still crying foul that Obama won the democratic nomination and turned their Presidential hopeful into just another Obama supporter. I think the fact that Palin is a woman will play into this election in a big way, but that does not mean that she has done enough yet to steal votes from the former Clinton base. Although many claim Obama is just as inexperienced as Palin, he has been a part of this campaign for the Presidency for a lot longer than Palin’s two weeks. He has developed a female support base because of his policies and views towards women’s rights. Palin’s policies and views have been slow to surface, and until they do we will not know just who will start to take the majority of the female demographic. What is assured to happen is that both candidates (McCain through Palin) will continue to depict themselves as the true representative of women across America.

Politics from across the pond

By Katie Sojkowski
Contributing Writer

Greetings from England! I hope this column gives you a taste of the abroad experience- this one in particular, perspectives of Parliament members on American politics. I had the opportunity to meet these astute and prominent figures who gave their views on the upcoming election.

As you know, the UK’s political structure and policies differ from ours, and made for an interesting discussion of whom these politicians feel would run our country best. Their opinions reflected the party they stand for, Labour, Conservative, or Liberal Democrats. Lord Taverne, representative of the Liberal

Democrats, discussed his support toward Barack Obama in, what is his opinion, one of the most exciting elections he has ever witnessed. He noted Obama’s speech before the Iraq war where he proclaimed, before others, that it would be the dumbest war because there is no plan for the aftermath. Lord Tavern is thankful that the UK separates religion from politics, as he is deeply disappointed by McCain’s choice of running mate, for one, because of her choice in gun support, and secondly, her inability to distinguish between faith and science in regard to her belief in creation. Gun support was a big issue for these politicians because it is almost impossible to own a gun in the UK- the main ingredient for their low levels of crime related deaths. Diane Abbott, leading member of the Labour party (the largest in the UK) is also an Obama supporter, relating through a similar triumph being that she is the first black female Member of Parliament. She agrees with Lord Taverne on the somewhat silliness of McCain’s running mate as she toyed that Sarah Palin’s need to save the polar bears and teach abstinence in school are just a few issues that rub her the wrong way. The third Member of Parliament representing the conservatives, Julian Brazler, also disagrees with Palin on creation and sex education, however, he points out she has run a state for two years in addition to fighting wasteful public spending and passionately believing in security of energy supply. He, unlike Lord Taverne and Abbott, supports McCain mainly in part due to the reform he has initiated, including limits of campaign spending which are present in the UK. Indeed all of these issues are critical toward our futures, and hearing such perspectives of Parliament members was a unique opportunity. Discussing American politics is popular here, and aside from football, is often the main topic of conversation at the local pub; perhaps our generation will catch wind and become eager to vote. Until next time, cheers!



MCT Campus

Compiled by Michael Adams, Brigit Clancy and Linsey Morse

Always Remember...
Greek life sponsored its seventh annual 9/11 vigil last week. There was a great turn-out of Bryant Students who came together to honor those whose lives were lost on 9/11/2001. Thank you to all who came out to support the Bryant Community as well as our fellow United States citizens.

Denver Chocolate Pudding
We are totally missing out on the best dessert Salmo has to offer. We would thoroughly enjoy regularly scheduled helpings of this fine chocolate delicacy.

Shiny is the new black
The new Bryant College gold emblem is looking mighty bright and shiny. Thank you class of 2008 for bringing on the bling.

This Campus Look Like Ash
Everyone throws their cigarettes on the ground because we don’t have ashtrays in the village. BURN! Pun intended.

Bryant Said What!?

Compiled by Linsey Morse and Michael Adams

"Your mom could totally rock the thong."

"I seriously want to see if we can flush a midget down our toilet."

"Why is it called pie? Seriously? I don't get it."

"Now I know what it feels like to be a sniper."

"It's not fun if you can't look like a woman."

"You have to make sure it's a chopstickable food."

Person 1:“wow, it's so nice outside”
Person 2:"of course not, it's windy, I can even hear it"
Person 3:"oh, no dude, that's the fountain ! "

"I really enjoyed my walk of shame this morning because it was so beautiful out"

“I met him the other day. He gave me his pants. He seems like a nice kid. I only talked to him for two seconds.”

Have you heard a funny quote around campus? If so, send it to madams@bryant.edu.

Tips for freshmen...and upper-classmen too	
By Ashley McNamara <i>Assistant Photo Editor</i>	BBQ chicken pizza may seem like the best thing in the world at 1am on a Saturday but after a couple months it won't look so great.
You have a free membership to the gym... use it. Just because it's your room doesn't mean it's your food... or shampoo	People lie about jungle juice. Although it may taste like fruit punch, it obviously has alcohol in it... why else would it be served?!
Don't forget your room keys! It's embarrassing to go downstairs in a towel	Don't leave leftover food in your room for too long... you might have to buy new dinner-ware.
Don't dig yourself into a hole the first semester... stay on top of your work.	Flush.
FACT: DPS hides near the alumni house by the residential road... don't do anything dumb	Out of courtesy of others, make sure your dinner makes it to a toilet... you'll make more friends.
Join clubs – you meet so many new people!	Drunk Dialing... not a good idea.
Keep the music down	This one is called “Man Law,” and I feel everyone should know it: If the call lasts 0.2 seconds because the person hung up... DO NOT call back.
Your roommate doesn't have to be your best friend... go out and meet people!	It's Beirut... not beer pong.
Don't feel like you're stuck with the same people you meet your first week	Two Tylenol and a bottle of water.
Don't judge people! The same kids that you might not like at first could end up being your best friends.	Be yourself!

Bulldog Flicks: *Burn After Reading*

By Luke Stankiewicz
Staff Writer

I chose to review the film *Burn After Reading* this week. I am a huge fan of the Coen brothers and am always impressed by their work. Many of you have probably seen a Coen brothers film and are not even aware of it. They are both extremely smart and are very knowledgeable about various styles of filmmaking. This has made them two of the most sought after directors/writers of our time. One of their more recent films, *No Country for Old Men*, won them several Oscars including best picture and best director.

So how does their latest work compare? Well, not surprisingly, it does not live up to the standard set by *No Country*, but that is probably an unfair comparison. For starters, *Burn After Reading* is completely different. Trying to label it is difficult, but the terms black comedy and satire come to mind. Trying to explain what exactly the film is about is also a difficult process, as there is so much going on in the film you may find yourself lost

in the middle of it. Essentially the story boils down to a few major events. A CIA agent named Osborne Cox has just lost his job at the agency and is angry (to say the least). He decides that in his newly awarded free time he will write his memoirs, hoping to reveal the inner workings of the CIA and the "glorious old days". His wife in the mean time is planning to divorce him, as she is having an affair with a man named Harry (played excellently by George Clooney) and is sick of her pessimistic husband. Her divorce lawyer advises her to check out her husband's finances to make sure she's getting her fair share, but she accidentally ends up with the files containing his memoirs. For no important reason, these files are found at a local gym named Hardbodies by the staff in the women's locker room. One of the employees, Linda, examines the files and is shocked by the information (she thinks is CIA secrets) and plans to blackmail the owner for money to pay for extensive cosmetic surgery. What ensues is a movie about sex, blackmail, espionage, and dating, where the characters all interact in

various entertaining, funny, and sometimes violent ways.

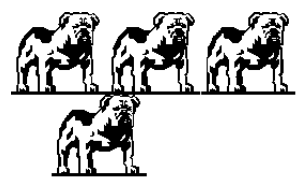
Despite this extremely confusing plot, the Coens manage to make the movie relatively easy to follow, albeit close attention must be paid to almost everything going on. The movie itself is very watch-able, with great performances all around. I have to give special praise to John Malkovich who plays Osborne Cox. His portrayal of an angry unemployed man who's had it with the CIA and everyone involved in it is one of his best in years. Frances McDormand as Linda (the one who wants all the cosmetic surgery) does her best, but her character just gets annoying after awhile. The same can be said for Brad Pitt, whose role as a blissfully unaware personal trainer is the source of some pretty genuine humor in this movie. The rest of the cast does very well also, and this elevates the film beyond your normal dark comedy.

The film is highly entertaining and can be shocking, funny, and dramatic, sometimes all together. The script as always is exemplary and all of the actors do it justice. The movie is also

well paced; it's only 96 minutes long which means that it never drags. It's completely insane, but it's a lot of fun. This is definitely worth going to see, but come ready to focus. If not, you'll be lost halfway through. I give this movie 4 out of 5 Bulldogs.

Movie Recommendation this week: *Almost Famous* (directed by Cameron Crowe). This is an extremely entertaining film about a young boy who goes on the road with a typical 70's rock band to write an article for *Rolling Stone*. I especially recommend this for anyone who likes rock music, reads *Rolling Stone*, or just likes good movies.

This movie earned 4
out of 5 bulldogs



Celebrity Round-Up

By Carlos Ramos
Staff Writer

Welcome to a new semester of Celebrity Roundup, where you can get your weekly dose of what is happening in the world of entertainment, all in this section.

Leading off the celebrity gossip is that R&B Grammy winner Kanye West and his bodyguard were arrested last Thursday morning at an LAX terminal after an altercation with a paparazzi. The photographer claims he got into this predicament after West smashed his \$10,000 camera into the floor. Kanye should just have his own private jet so no one can bother the man, instead of flying on American Airlines.

You think you know the most popular song in history? According to Billboard's Hot 100, Chubby Checker's "The Twist," which came out in the early 1960s, is the number one most popular song in the past 50 years of Billboard history. In second is Carlos Santana featuring Rob Thomas with "Smooth," followed by Bobby Darin's "Mack the Knife."

There has been much talk about the late Heath Ledger getting Oscar buzz for his portrayal of the Joker in Chris Nolan's "Batman: The Dark Knight." This was further evident with talks from studio executive to re-release the movie sometime in January to garner some Oscar buzz during nomination season. *The Dark Knight* is currently the second highest grossing movie of all time behind none other than, *Titanic*, which grossed over a billion dollars worldwide.

In addition to wanting to gain attention for possible Oscar wins, the Batman franchise is rumored to cast Johnny Depp as the Riddler, and Oscar winner Philip Seymour Hoffman as

the Penguin. I think I smell another summer blockbuster. Reps from both the studio and the actor's camp have not yet confirmed this one, but when it does happen I can assure you it will be in this article.

Jive Records has announced that Britney Spears' sixth studio album will be called "Circus" and will come out on her birthday, December 2, with the first single, "Womanizer," hitting radio stations September 22.

I'm sorry people but Jennifer Hudson is off the market, at least for now. Hudson's reps confirm that David Otunga aka "Punk" from reality show fame "I Love New York 2," popped the question last Friday on Hudson's birthday. The two have been dating for less than a year.

Over the past weekend, *Burn After Reading* starring Brad Pitt and George Clooney took the number one spot at the box office bringing over \$19 million. While in a close second, Tyler Perry's *The Family That Preys* brought in approximately \$18 million, and Al Pacino and Robert De Niro in *Righteous Kill* came in at number three. Some movies opening this weekend include: *My Best Friend's Girl* starring Kate Hudson, Jason Biggs, and Dane Cook; *Ghost Town* starring Ricky Gervais, and Greg Kinnear. My choice for number goes to *My Best Friend's Girl*. You might catch me in it if you look close.

WJMF Radio Show Line-Up

Tune into 88.7 FM WJMF, or listen online at www.wjmf887.com for administration, alumni, and new shows, starting this Saturday, September 20th.

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Enter the Eclectic with DJ Bishop

Saturdays 8pm – 10pm

Classic Rock with Rev Dev

Wednesdays 10am – 12pm

Business talk with Professors Greenan & Rubin Wednesdays 4pm – 5pm

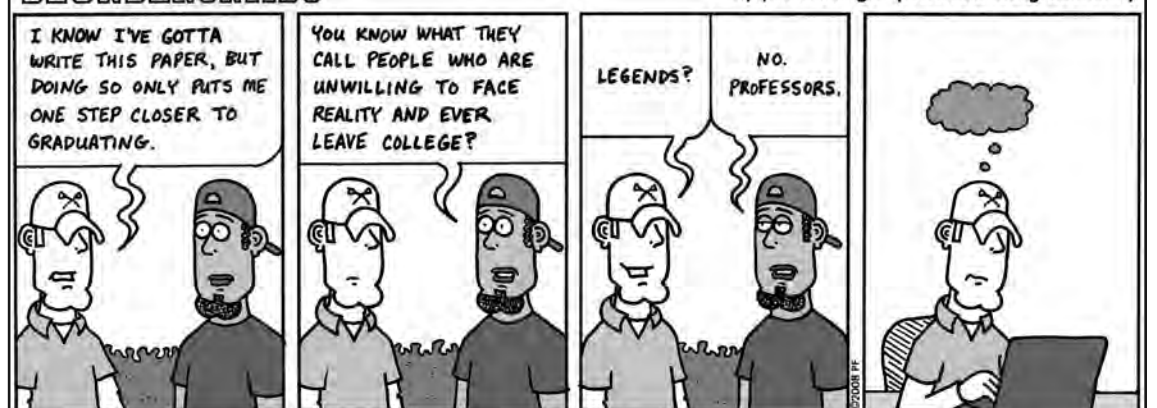
Archway News Show Wednesdays 9pm – 10pm

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