

Senior class shatters fundraising record

Normand Duquette
Contributing Writer

The Senior Class Gift Committee held their Kick-off event Thursday, October 30th. The event was in N-Block parking lot, with an autumn theme. The committee worked hard to promote the event and 182 seniors were in attendance. Over the course of the night the committee raised \$12,155.09, which not only shattered the event goal of \$7,000, but also shattered the school record for the most money raised on a kick-off night. Of the 182 in attendance, 87 seniors donated, marking 10% participation.

It was President Machtley who stole the show. He made the promise that he would jump in the pond if the senior class could reach 50% participation. This is a goal that co-chairs Normand Duquette, Hannah Jorgensen, and Anne Koskey believe is possible.

"We had such a great opening night and we believe the energy will be contagious," Duquette says.

The committee is aiming for a final number of \$35,000 with a participation of 50%. The class of 2008 raised approximately \$31,000 and reached approximately 30% participation.

Tying into the election year, all donors get the opportunity to vote on which gift they would like. The three class gift options are: Bulldogs to complete the football stadium entrance, a commencement walk between the Interfaith Center and Bryant Center, or a volleyball court for the new townhouse block. The committee encourages all seniors to donate! You can see one of the co-chairs or any committee member to obtain a pledge form.



Above: Seniors discuss the many options for donating to the Senior Class Gift Campaign. Below: Pictured with President and Mrs. Machtley are Senior Class Gift Co-Chairs from left, Anne Koskey, Hannah Jorgensen, and Normand Duquette. (John Crisafulli)

Committee Members 2009 Senior Class Gift Co Chairs
Normand Duquette
Hannah Jorgensen
Anne Koskey

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Hate crime is under investigation

By Brigit Clancy
Variety Editor

On Tuesday, October 28th, an on-campus Resident Assistant discovered the word "fag" burned into the door of the student's dorm room. The Smithfield Police department is now involved in the investigation process and is working diligently as they pursue several leads. The vandalism has been categorized by Smithfield Police to be a hate crime.

Dr. Thomas Eakin, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, sent a campus-wide e-mail to the Bryant community on Thursday, October 30th addressing the incident. Dr. Eakin stated, "At Bryant, we have adopted strong principles on respect, civility, and accountability as part of our Bryant Pledge and as the basic standard of what we expect as we live and work together. Despite this commitment, there are occasions where members of our community are experiencing such incidents. These situations, generally the actions of a small minority, are wrong and violate the standards of civility so vital to our learning community."

The Department of Residence Life has already taken action to address this issue with the residents of the area involved.

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) is also pursuing leads in the investigation. The officers encourage anyone with information about this incident or any bias-related incident to contact them at (401) 232-6001. "Initially, DPS solely handled the investigation by interviewing the victim, collecting evidence, and speaking with several persons on the floor where the incident occurred," said Chief George Coronado, the Director of Public Safety. "Shortly into our investigation the elements of this crime required that it be classified as a hate crime. When that occurred the Smithfield Police were notified. They immediately dispatched a team of officers to investigate, take an initial statement from the victim, and photograph the evidence. That information has been forwarded to the detective unit who will be investigating further."

Chief Coronado commented, "Everyone must understand that this was not playful hijinx. It is a crime. When anyone commits a crime there is always an associated punishment. However, if a

crime is classified as a hate crime additional and more strident punishments are assessed."

"This was an egregious situation perpetrated by a person(s) of intolerance," Chief Coronado stated. "If we are truly committed to the principles espoused in the Bryant Pledge—to respect others—in incidents of this nature would not occur on our campus. The reality is that people of intolerance exist. They are in our community and in our society. We must take every opportunity to educate them. The Department of Public Safety is committed to helping in any way we can."

A.J. Sorbera, the President of Bryant Pride, said, "I am disappointed that an incident of this magnitude would occur on our campus. However, we must remember that any behavior founded by hate is not acceptable."

Judy Kawamoto, the Associate Dean for Student Life and Bias Incident Committee Chair, said, "Incidents such as these that happen must be addressed. There is no place for bias or hatred in our community. I hope that this will compel students if they know anything that they will let the university know. That is how we get better—we know about [an incident] and we follow up on it."

Both Kawamoto and Sorbera are glad to see the people of the Bryant community responding in a positive way to the incident. Kawamoto said, "I am happy to see that students are responding and giving their support to the student." Sorbera said, "I am happy to see that the campus community is standing up against these serious criminal acts."

'All members of our community deserve to live and learn in a safe and tolerant community'

On Friday, November 7th, Bryant Pride and Student Senate, along with the support of many other student organizations, will be holding a "March for Acceptance". The march will be held outside between Koffler and the Unistructure, rain or shine, at 3:15pm. Refreshments will be served courtesy of

Sodexo. President Machtley or Dr. Eakin will be speaking to address this hate crime. The speaker will also make note of any similar behavior that violates the Bryant Pledge, and such behavior will not be tolerated on our campus. Students, faculty, and staff will march together around the perimeter of the campus to demonstrate that all members of the Bryant community

must accept all individuals for who they are as a person.

Dr. Eakin concluded his message to the Bryant community by saying, "Each of us, as citizens of this community, has a responsibility to help challenge and stop acts of discrimination and hate. Be alert for opportunities to support efforts to extinguish this type of despicable behavior. All members of our community deserve to live and learn in a safe and tolerant community."

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Faculty engages students on election campaign realities

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Although America elected a new president this week, matters were still very much up in the air Tuesday, October 28, when under a week remained in the race for the White House.

Political Science professors John Dietrich and Rich Holtzman joined Communication professor Stanley Baran in treating Bryant students to a comprehensive look into the past and future state of the presidency – and the country.

Professor Holtzman began the two hour panel discussion by introducing the audience to the “four P’s,” though these “p’s” serve a different purpose than the customary list found in Marketing class. Holtzman explained that in any election, there are four streams that influence the context of a race – a politics stream, personality stream, policy stream, and a problem stream, with one usually becoming the dominant theme in an election.

According to Holtzman, in the historic 2000 election, the platform issues Bush and Gore debated on sharply contrasted with current affairs and even those of 2004. It was hard to draw distinctions between the opponents — there was no Iraq War, no economic woes, and most importantly, no 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Without that backdrop, the 2000 debates, for voters and candidates alike, turned to which party could portray the other as less competent; that is, it was a product of the *personality* stream.

With affairs less stable than in 2000, the battle between Bush and Kerry in 2004 shifted to surround the politics stream. Personality remained relevant, but the gay marriage controversy raged and the Iraq War was still in its infancy. Holtzman argued that voters



scrutinized each candidate’s stance, rather than personal drawbacks, as the politics stream took effect.

Holtzman said the 2008 horserace embodied the problems stream, as McCain and Obama tried to convince an anxious nation their party possessed the leadership to fix the world economy and credit crunch.

Professor Dietrich addressed the audience on the role foreign policy plays in an election. The topic does not dominate presidential races, simply because it does not affect the lives of many Americans. Candidates do not want to go on record as saying they would employ a specific course of action only to retract the statement down the road.

It is not until a president enters office that his foreign policy aptitude is tested. Dietrich pointed out that George W. Bush gave only three foreign policy speeches prior to election, yet within 9 months was faced with one of America’s worst crises to date.

Dietrich also contrasted the styles of Obama and McCain as they relate to international threats. He cited Russia and Iran as sources of concern for McCain, who believes America must be prepared to take action should it become necessary. At the same time, the Republican is a proponent of spreading democracy around the globe.

Dietrich described Obama as more of a negotiate-first leader, which draws criticism he is too naive to pro-

tect the country’s interests. While it would be incorrect to call Obama gunshy, McCain’s first instinct would be militarily-based if a new threat emerged.

The third and final segment of the election panel concerned media’s role in the campaign. Professor Baran delivered this section of the panel, and began by informing the audience the candidates do not control the election but rather, the American people do. One traditional ploy political parties use to attract mainstream media is to define a narrative for them to hook onto.

Baran labeled the media lazy, since oftentimes they take shortcuts and do not follow through with the full responsibilities of their job. For example, it is much easier to offer both sides of an argument than to go against the grain and present a particular angle. By not following protocol, reporters run the risk of being dropped from their publication in exchange for someone who accepts the status quo agenda, Baran said.

Baran gave the example of global warming and whether it is harmful to Earth’s atmosphere. According to Baran, 99% of scientists agree that global warming is indeed a legitimate threat, yet in newspapers we still find the two sides opposite one another for comparison.

Baran also claimed that because news is always personalized, it gets reduced to “a mini soap opera.” Day to day, media attach themselves to sentimental or emotional topics. Such was the case with “Joe the Plumber,” where McCain tried to force media into another narrative by harping on Joe’s situation.

Before the general election, McCain invited 300 prominent reporters to his house for a barbecue. It was his attempt at winning them over so they would consistently paint him in a favorable light. Back then, he referred to

the media as his base. McCain has since lost touch with voters because the media refused to be his puppets, so he stopped disclosing to them.

Baran mentioned the enormous effect the Internet has had on the political scene. He cited George Allen, the former Virginia Senator who went from the brink of the national spotlight to obscurity after directing an ethnic epithet at a photographer of Indian descent. Within hours, footage of the incident was smeared across the Internet. According to Baran, Allen was supposed to be in McCain’s position as the Republican candidate for president but that event ensured it would never happen.

On the other hand, Baran asserted the Internet carried the campaign of Barack Obama. His ideal of change led to many people wondering what specifically he meant. Instead of telling everyone, he let voters think what they wanted, and the truth eventually bubbled to the top.

The panel discussion ended with a lively round of questions from the student audience. Some questioned the Republicans’ judgment in choosing Sarah Palin as McCain’s running mate, while others wondered about the rest of the world’s opinion of the candidates.

Professor Holtzman concluded the session by answering comments about the vice presidential candidate’s role in elections. Conventional political science wisdom states the vice presidential choice doesn’t matter, but in this election it clearly did.

Holtzman said McCain made a gaffe in choosing Palin because he took one of his strengths and turned it into a weakness; mainly, that his party had significantly more experience than the Democrats. Moreover, the media paid Palin more attention than they did McCain, which severely hurt his exposure.

The Capitol Steps take the stage just days before election

Cristine Cox

Staff Writer

The Student Arts and Speaker Series hosted yet another spectacular event. On Monday, October 27, political satire troupe, *The Capitol Steps* performed several comedic skits that had the audience holding on to the edges of their seats to keep from falling off laughing.

The twenty-member group was born in Washington D.C. in December, 1981 when a group of Senate staffers was planning entertainment for a Christmas party. Most of the cast members have worked in the House of Representatives or the Senate lobbying and working for the very individuals they are making fun of. Together, they represent 62 years of collective House and Senate staff experience and have worked in a total of 18 Congressional offices.

Their satirical humor was so popular on Pennsylvania Avenue that they decided to venture beyond Capitol Hill and take their act national. They have recorded 28 albums, been seen on major networks such as NBC, ABC, CBS, and PBS, and can also be heard four times a year on National Public Radio.

The performances Monday night included music and dance while the performers poked fun at things we don’t really understand — politics. The 2008 election has dazzled and engaged the public, creating a public outcry and rallying support that some argue hasn’t been seen in years. From deciding between Hillary vs. Obama, to the

nail-biting VeeP-Stakes, to Saturday Night Live skits based on the candidates, the American public has been glued to their TVs and sitting on the edge of their couches waiting for the end of the battle – and *The Capitol Steps* reeled us in further. Using song, dance, and quite a bit of humor, the five-member cast was sure to teach the audience something... and if not, at least the audience got a laugh out of it.

Just in case you thought our current president and foreign affairs were being overshadowed by the election hoopla, you were wrong. From President Bush, to dealing with North Korea, the *Capitol Steps* covered it all.

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Worried about the Supreme Court Justices becoming a little out of date? How about the controversy with the Chinese Olympic gymnasts? Nothing slips by them. In their 26 years of existence, the *Capitol Steps* have never had a shortage of material, and they surely came with plenty Monday night.

In addition to the fun and games, the Bryant University Democrats and Republicans were on hand to help educate our community and to make sure you make an educated vote!

If you missed a knee-slapping good time, be sure to visit www.capsteps.com to listen in.

The Student Arts and Speaker Series would also like to extend a special thank you to the faculty members who attended this event!

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Bryant University Cries “Wolf!”

Bryant University will welcome the Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem, NY and their six-year old Arctic gray wolf, Atka, today, November 7th at 12 noon. The program will include an awe-inspiring, up-close encounter with this important but misunderstood predator. Guests will learn about the history of wolves in the United States, the importance of wolves in a healthy ecosystem and the efforts to save these magnificent creatures for future generations.

Date: Today!
Time: 12:00 Noon
Location: Janikies Auditorium
Tickets: Bryant Center Info Desk 232-6245



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Machtley honored for business excellence

Brigit Clancy
Variety Editor

President Ronald Machtley was named the winner of Business Excellence Awards in Business Leadership in *Providence Business News*. This is *PBN's* eighth annual Business Awards competition. According to the publication, “the award for Business Leadership goes to a leader who not only has shown outstanding business results, but also has made a serious contribution to the community.”

President Machtley, the seventh president of Bryant, was selected as the Business Leader of the Year by *PBN* for his many successes. These include “his success in transforming the school from a business college to a university comprising both a College of Business and a College of Arts and Sciences, with about 3,750 undergraduate and graduate students. During his tenure, Machtley also has more than doubled the institution’s revenue; taken Bryant from running a deficit to being in the black; and nearly doubled its endowment to \$170 million.”

Since his arrival at Bryant in 1996, President Machtley has accomplished a great deal for the school. Under President Machtley, Bryant has ranked number 16 in the *U.S. News & World Report's* list of leading universities in the United States. Bryant is also among the “Best 368 Colleges and Universities” in The Princeton Review. Bryant’s MBA program in its Graduate School has, for the second year in a row, been included in the “Best 296 Business Schools” by The Princeton Review.

Bryant has also expanded in terms of the number of students in the College of Arts and Sciences, as well as new facilities. The approximate number of students enrolled in the Col-



leges of Arts and Sciences in 1996 was 133; that number is now 538 students. President Machtley has transformed Bryant from a predominately business college to a business and liberals university. Bryant has also added about 144,000 square feet of new facilities.

Mrs. Kati Machtley, President Machtley’s wife, said, “I have known Ron Machtley for over 40 years and have never been disappointed by his character, innate intelligence, and his potential for leadership. His ability to work with people, his great sense of humor, and his vision and determination with regard to building an organization have always been impressive. Ron always goes above and beyond what is expected. I am thrilled that he is being recognized by the *Providence Business News* for the Business Leader of the Year Award. It is a tremendous honor.”

President Machtley has worked hard in his 13 year tenure to help transform Bryant into a highly competitive and respected university. We congratulate him on his accomplishments and the Business Leader of the Year award.

Bryant’s Bias Incident Committee fights back

Marisa Bono
Staff Writer

‘Hate’ is not a word that is frequently spoken at Bryant. It is obvious that diversity and globalization is a priority here at the University. Through academic programs and student-run organizations, students and faculty are encouraged to celebrate the cultural differences that are present within the Bryant community. Unfortunately, ignorance is not as uncommon as one would like to think.

Those who are not accepting of culture or sexuality that differs from their own may be instigators of bias incidents. A bias incident is defined as “a threatened, attempted, or completed action that is motivated by bigotry and bias regarding a person’s real or perceived race, religion, national origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, or gender status.” To make it simple, a bias incident is a hate crime and is considered a criminal act.

Judy Kawamoto, the Associate Dean for Student Life, is also the Chair of the Bias Incident Committee here at Bryant. Established in 2001, the Committee was put into place in response to a bias incident that had happened on campus. Ms. Kawamoto explains, “The Bias Incident Committee was formed to make sure that there is awareness of any bias incident that may occur and to make sure the University is in touch with what is going

on.” Students have many options when it comes to reporting a bias incident. The report goes to the Bias Incident Committee, which reviews the report and sends a letter to each person involved to explain how the claim will be investigated. From there the report is sent to the Department of Public Safety because, “they have the expertise and personnel to investigate the incident,” Judy explains. Once the investigation is complete, the Committee is informed and a final letter is sent to the victim and other parties involved explaining the action to be taken. Each report is confidential.

To report a bias incident or hate crime:
-Call the 24-hour Bias Incident Hotline at (401) 232-6920.
-Complete the form available at web.bryant.edu/bias, and put it in the interoffice mail to Box 67, or attach the completed form to an e-mail addressed to bias@bryant.edu
-Pick up a copy of the form at Public Safety, the Intercultural Center, Student Affairs, Residence Life, or Human Resources. Complete it and return it through interoffice mail to Box 67.
-To report an incident in person to the Department of Public Safety or the Resident Director on duty, call x6001.
For more information, refer to the student handbook or check out <http://web.bryant.edu/bias>.



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Going Green: Eco-friendly dating

Marisa Bono
Staff Writer

Relationships can be a beautiful thing. All the handholding, dinners by candlelight, even just snuggling up for a movie night can be special. Since it is basically freezing outside at this point, most couples like to go out to stay in. Precious, right? Well, what you may not know is that even a simple date with your boyfriend or girlfriend can be a waste, unless it involves those three little words. I'm talking about reduce, reuse, and recycle. Let's save the planet, dating style.

So guys, I know a lot of you are dating girls that also live on campus, but that does not mean you can't be a

gentleman. Drive to her hall and pick her up! But when you do, make sure you shut your car off rather than let it idle. An idling vehicle emits twenty times more pollution than one traveling thirty-two miles an hour. Turning the engine off saves gas, too. That means extra money for dessert. Yummy!

So now you have the girl. Let's say that you are going out to dinner in Providence. Although you may be very anxious to have a Salmo-free dinner, and not to mention very hungry, don't drive like a maniac to get there. Your car's miles per gallon rapidly decrease at speeds above sixty miles per hour. Each five miles per hour you drive over 60 is like paying an extra

\$0.24 per gallon for gas. That's a lot less dessert money. A little tip if you haven't already noticed: girls love dessert.

Dinner was wonderful. The two of you are completely stuffed, but have managed to save room for dessert (finally). However, there is still a decent amount of food on your plate, enough for another Salmo-free meal. Now that's exciting. Rather than letting that food go to waste, be sure to tell your server you would like to take the rest to-go. Since most containers used for leftovers are made from Styrofoam, take it one step further and ask for minimal packaging. If Styrofoam is not recycled, it will sit in a landfill for an average of nine years since it is not

biodegradable.

One last thing, and this one's for the ladies: if you had a good time, let him know! Seeing you happy makes him happy. Shoot him a text or an instant message, but do it from your cell phone rather than from your computer. You will save time and conserve energy since messaging from a computer uses thirty times more electricity per message.

Go out and have a hot date. Eat well, stay warm, and enjoy yourself, but do your best not to be wasteful.

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

CSI SPOTLIGHT

Jordan Letendre

The Center for Student Involvement would like to announce the next 2008-09 CSI Student Spotlight Award Recipient, **JORDAN LETENDRE**. Jordan is currently a member of the Student Senate and has worked most recently helping to plan the extremely successful "Parents and Family Weekend." Jordan is also a member of the Ways and Means committee and was a Bryant Experience Leader. Jordan's ability to balance all of these commitments and still remain a stellar student makes him a very worthy recipient of this week's Spotlight Award! The entire CSI staff would like to congratulate Jordan for being selected as the next 2008-09 Student Spotlight award recipient.

Be on the lookout for the next CSI Student Spotlight Award winner in just a few short weeks!!



SASS announces next event - BobDonPaul

Alison Duncan
Staff Writer

Bryant University may be a school with a strong focus on business, but the Students Arts and Speakers Series Committee (SASS) has been putting a great effort into meeting the needs and interests of every student at Bryant. To continue this effort, the committee will bring Bob and Don Manley of BobDonPaul, graphic designer and photographer to campus on Tuesday, November 18th at 7pm in South Café.

The SASS Committee is a new initiative created from the Student Involvement Fee. With this budget the committee is able to bring to Bryant well-known speakers, performers, and artists in order to focus on topics that will interest every student and to encourage a cultural co-curriculum that has been a lasting goal on campus.

Bob and Don will be speaking about their experiences that have come from their pursuit of a career in graphic design and photography. They will also be sharing a case study and some other pieces of their work, and will end with a question and an-

swer session in which each person will have the opportunity to speak with them.

This experience is not just for skilled artists. Anyone who has an interest or just wants to learn more is encouraged to attend.

"I think it's something that everyone can use; eventually everyone will need to take pictures, or create a brochure, so this will be a window into the creative side of what anyone can get into," said Michael Adams, '10, SASS Committee Member.

Students who are interested in graphic design and photography also have the opportunity to participate in a poster contest for this event. The poster should display any past or current event using any program to create it, but must be on an 8.5"x11" paper.

The posters are due on Friday, November 14th by 8pm and can be sent to Michael Adams at madams@bryant.edu.

If you are interested in gaining more information about BobDonPaul visit www.bobdonpaul.com and attend this exciting event on November 18th!

DPS LOG

LARCENY 10/29-Wednesday at 20:06 Location: CHASE ATHLETIC CENTER / GYM / MAC Summary: A report of a stolen gym bag.	Summary: A report of paint splashed on a wall.	Location: TOWNHOUSE Summary: A student reported the theft of a play station 3.	hall room door.
EMT CALL Medical Services Rendered 11/1-Saturday at 00:15 Location: RESIDENCE HALL Summary: A report of an intoxicated female. EMS was activated.	SUICIDE ATTEMPT 11/1-Saturday at 03:35 Location: RESIDENCE HALL Summary: A report of a possible suicide attempt. EMS was activated.	BIAS INCIDENTS Four cases reported <i>Bias incidents are subject to reclassification upon investigation.</i>	BIAS Reported Bias Incident 10/31-Friday at 10:35 Location: RESIDENCE HALL Summary: A report of defamatory racial remarks made to a student.
VEHICLE VANDALISM 11/1-Saturday at 00:31 Location: OLD TOWNHOUSE LOT Summary: A report of a vehicle vandalized.	EMT CALL Medical Services Rendered 11/2-Sunday at 00:06 Location: TOWNHOUSE Summary: A report of an intoxicated male. EMS was activated.	BIAS Reported Bias Incident 10/10-Friday at 00:10 Location: BRYANT CENTER PATIO Summary: A complaint against two university officials charging that an African American was handled differently than a Caucasian during separate alcohol violations.	To report a bias incident or hate crime, go to www.bryant.edu/bias or call the Bias Incident Hotline at x6920
DISORDERLY CONDUCT Disorderly Conduct 11/1-Saturday at 01:37 Location: OLD TOWNHOUSE WALKWAYS Summary: An intoxicated male being disorderly.	POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA 11/2-Sunday at 01:55 Location: RESIDENCE HALL Summary: A student was found with drug paraphernalia.	BIAS Reported Bias Incident 10/17-Friday at 11:10 Location: RESIDENCE HALL Summary: A report of a defamatory remark involving a student's religion.	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.
VANDALISM 11/1-Saturday at 03:40 Location: RESIDENCE HALL	VANDALISM (AUTO) 11/2-Sunday at 22:06 Location: COMMUTER PARKING LOT Summary: A report of a vehicle being keyed.	BIAS Reported Bias Incident 10/28-Tuesday at 20:32 Location: RESIDENCE HALL Summary: A report of vandalism involving a student's sexual preference scratched and burned onto a residence	The DPS Crime Prevention Officers: <u>"TIP OF THE WEEK"</u> Always keep your ID with you! This way in the event of an accident or medical emergency you can be identified and the proper people contacted.
	LARCENY 11/3-Monday at 00:26		

Study Abroad Spotlight: Diana Rostkowski



Name: Diana Rostkowski
Class of: 2009
University: James Cook University
Location: Townsville, Australia
Partner: Arcadia
Duration: Early February-Late June

Reason for Going:
I have always loved travel and realized the importance in it. I hope to see most of the world. I wanted to do something extreme, to see what the furthest place from home was like. That meant traveling to the land down under.

Best Experience:
I went on an amazing trip backpacking down the entire East Coast of Australia with a friend I met from Minnesota. Each day was a new adventure. Living in Australia is like living in a post card. The beauty of that country is amazing.
We decided to travel south until we felt like heading back north to tropic Townsville. What's very unique about Australia is that there is a huge backpacking community. I met travelers from all over the world, roaming for the same reasons we were. Each night was spent in a different hostile, and each day was spent with people we never met before. It was interesting to hear everyone's story. You would literally become best friends with a person for a day or night, share a remarkable day and beautiful experience with them, and then you would both part ways, wish one another luck in his/her journey, and probably never see each other ever again.

Funny Cultural Experience:
I traveled to Southeast Asia while I was there with a couple of friends. I can go on for days about hilarious cultural experiences there, from locals asking us to take pictures with them, to the mystery foods we ate, staying in little India while in Singapore, and surviving squatting toilets. The most ridiculous experience however would have to be walking through the market streets of Asia. Walk ten feet into Kho San Road in Bangkok and you will see vendors selling passports and other forms of identification as well as guns and drugs displayed for sale out in the open. Because we stood out so much we would constantly be hassled. At one point, a man started wrapping a fabric around me, convincing me that he was going to make me a beautiful dress. If we took a taxi or tuk-tuk (bicycle-like taxi) anywhere, we had to stop at least three different places before getting to our destination so they could show us their friend's shops. They were so persistent that you could not prevent these detours from happening. They would do extremely bizarre things to get our attention and bartering became a fun sport. The entire trip through Asia was literally one large funny cultural experience.

Would you study abroad again?
Absolutely. With a semester abroad, you learn more than you can in any classroom. It forces you to grow, mature, and become independent. Studying abroad changes your life and you go back a different person.

Rostowski takes the leap! Bungee jumping is a popular outdoor activity in Australia.

Spotlight on Interns: Hannah Jorgensen

Name: Hannah Jorgensen
Class of: 2009
Concentration: Marketing
Minor: Political Science
Internship Site: Hill Holliday
Location: Boston, MA

How did you locate your internship?
Through BCC. I started looking during the fall semester and around Christmas, the posting came up and I applied. I didn't hear about getting the internship until April! I had applied for internships through BCC and then a few more outside of BCC, but Hill Holliday was my first choice so I was anxious to hear back from them. I had applied to Target and was accepted by them, but I took a chance and turned it down because it wasn't as focused on marketing as I'd hoped.

What did you learn about the profession?
It's a lot more than the creative side – when you think of advertising you think about making a commercial. I was surprised to learn about all the different areas in an advertising firm such as account management, media planning, and media buying. It was very interesting to see all the little details that go into advertising.
It's a much younger industry than I realized – and a very fun atmosphere. I expected it to be very corporate but it was actually very casual, lots of fun, and relaxed. It turned out to be a young, hip and up-to-date atmosphere; not immature – just current. The industry as a whole is like this.
It's also a very competitive industry with competitive people but it's also a very team work oriented industry. There is a heavy workload with a lot of deadlines that you need to meet when something is assigned. It's very fast paced in general, although my department of media was a little more casual, but the industry as a whole is fast paced. Things need to be done in a timely manner, especially media buying because there are set times that things need to be aired.

What were your major responsibilities?
I copied and distributed 'buys,' which indicated what spots that Hill Holliday bought were aired for which station, radio or television. I attended meetings at CBS, FOX and NBC about the season line-ups – I got an inside perspective on purchasing time on networks for commercials, how to choose networks, targeting the audience, which television shows you advertised on. I spent a lot of time on group projects: ad campaigns for companies. I was assigned to Chili's and created an ad campaign for a new product they're launching in the spring. I learned to incorporate all departments – I was in media buying for local buying – some people were in other areas – so we brought everyone together. I also entered commercial and radio advertisement data into system, particularly for Dunkin Donuts.
I was able to work under one of the VPs and it was really neat to be immersed in that culture and see the inside world of advertising, all the departments, the commercials, filming.

What did you find most challenging about your internship?
Getting out of the college environment and putting myself in a work environment was challenging. It was a real eye opener – working 8-5 everyday and being immersed in the corporate environment. This is a huge company so it was interesting to get away from college life and come to terms that I'll be out of college in a year. This definitely helped prepare me – I got to live on my own, in a city and had an internship. I'm from the country so I'd never lived in a city before so that was great, and the internships helped me see how companies work and helped prepare me for the next step.

What did you find most rewarding about your internship?
Just working for Hill Holliday in such a prestigious internship – they received



over 300 applications and only 33 students were chosen for an internship. It was so rewarding to go there and work for them; they're really known for their client base and for doing really great work. My whole department was rewarding in itself because they were so nice. Also, being moved out of intern office and next to VP office to work under her directly quite a bit was extremely rewarding. I got to know her and the employees very well. All the networking that I was able to do.

What did you learn about yourself?
I'm a lot stronger then I thought I was – being from Maine and never having lived in the city before I had to find my way around the city, learn to take the "T", meet new people. It was a great experience and I'd recommend it for anybody. Now I know I can go out next year and be on my own when I never thought I'd be living in Boston by myself. If students can do it without it putting them behind financially then live away from home because it is such a great experience to learn how to do it.
I learned I really enjoy advertising – it can help me use my creative side because I really like art as well as my business degree. It's a great industry to work for and it's what I'd like to pursue.

Did you receive compensation for your Academic internship?
Yes

Who was your faculty supervisor and what were your academic requirements?
Dr. Elaine Notarantonio. I had to complete a weekly journal, which described my daily experience and I have to present a project to her.

Winter break is an excellent time to do research on summer internships and jobs. The Amica Center for Career Education will be open during the break and students are welcome to use the Career Library and/or meet with a career counselor during this time. Stop in to make an appointment or give us a call at 401-232-6090.

Obama's improbable march into history is major, perhaps defining, turn on race

By Christi Parsons

Chicago Tribune

(MCT)

Rosa Parks sat down. Martin Luther King Jr. marched. Barack Obama ran.

And on Tuesday night, Obama's marathon reached an unprecedented place in American history.

The president-elect is an African-American, one whose face and words have come to define not just an election but a time in history.

A nation dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal has elevated that principle to its highest office.

"This is a central moment in American history," said Michael Dawson, one of the nation's leading authors and scholars on race and politics. "America's reputation in the world is at its lowest point, maybe since the end of World War II.

"Obama is an important signal to the world about the ability to overcome such a wretched history of conflict and hatred," he said, "and to build a more democratic society through the sweat and tears of its people."

On its face, the achievement is plain. An African-American will soon be sworn in as president of a country built partly with the forced labor of black slaves. Michelle Obama, who unlike her husband is a descendant of American slaves, will become first lady.

The moment takes on an even richer meaning when considered in the context of modern culture and politics — especially if that is defined in terms of the Illinois senator's own life span.

His parents' generation saw institutionalized racism begin to crumble, as Jim Crow laws were felled one by one. In 1954 the Supreme Court decided that segregated schools violated the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, guaranteeing all citizens equal protection of the law.

Shortly after that the court decided that segregation on public buses was illegal, a development stirred by Rosa Parks' refusal to give up her seat in the whites-only section and King's ensuing bus boycott.

Still, when Obama was a child in Hawaii, the marriage of his parents — a white woman and a black man — was illegal in 16 other states. In some parts of the United States, encouraging blacks to vote could get a person killed. The Ku Klux Klan was in full rage.

"It underscores the real historic break here," says Martha Biondi, professor of African-American studies and history at Northwestern University. "When

He later found a career in constitutional law, the realm where so many of those early battles were being waged.

Today it's tempting to see Obama's historic election as a closing chapter of the country's tormented racial story. It's hard to witness the tears of joy on the white, black and brown faces of his supporters and not sense the possibility of a new, more color-blind nation.

History warns against it.

"While it's a huge symbolic transformation of American politics, it doesn't mean that racial conflict and disadvantage (are) going to disappear," Dawson said. "I think it means it's declining. But it's easy to misunderstand the resiliency of racial disadvantage and racial conflict."

Look no further than the U.S. Senate. When Barack Obama leaves it, it could once again become an all-white club.

Scan the world for another head of state who comes from his or her nation's ethnic minority. The instances have been rare.

Biondi hesitates to declare the nation post-racial, but she does point to the symbolic power of Obama's singularity.

"We can't discount the significance of symbolism," she said. "Having a black man in the White House sends a message that the U.S. is waking up,

that we're embracing diversity, that we're embracing the world. It sends a message to youth of color that there really is no barrier to what they can achieve.

"It shows us something about the whole project of citizenship," she said. "Obama is taking us to another chapter in that story."

Historians aren't the only ones mindful of that. At a rally Tuesday in Philadelphia, rapper Jay-Z uttered a line that has been picking up currency among black voters and politicians this year.

"Rosa Parks sat so Martin Luther King could walk," Jay-Z told the crowd. "Martin Luther King walked so Obama could run."

An anonymous black man on the "L" in Chicago put his own spin on it when he announced to a car full of strangers: "Rosa Parks sat down. Martin Luther King marched. Barack Obama ran. And my grandchildren will fly."



Obama greets a roaring crowd before his acceptance speech in Chicago, Tuesday night. (MCT)

he was born, people who looked like him couldn't even go into the voting booth. Now he is about to go into the White House."

In many ways, Obama's life course is a study in the country's racial progress. Obama wasn't even in grade school when the Supreme Court banished laws forbidding the marriage of whites and blacks.

The court struck down one Southern state's "Racial Integrity Act" with a 1967 decision in the case of Loving vs. Virginia. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 was passed to protect the rights of black voters.

But if racist laws were struck down in his first decade of life, Obama would grow up in a country where de facto racism has been slower to die. He personally encountered that daily reality as a young man on the South Side of Chicago, where he worked as a community organizer with poor people, many of them African-American.

Election turnout high, but not a record

By Maria Recio

McClatchy Newspapers

(MCT)

Voters turned out in record numbers for the historic presidential election, but the percentage of eligible voters fell short of predictions.

The long lines, early voting and enthusiastic turnout of African-Americans and young people added up to an estimated 133.3 million voters, according to turnout expert Michael McDonald of George Mason University.

However, only about 62.5 percent of eligible voters — lower than in 1960 and 1964 — cast ballots. Absentee and mail-in ballots may increase the number and top 1964 but not, experts say, the high-water mark of 63.8 percent set by the 1960 Kennedy-Nixon contest.

The election of Democrat Barack Obama, the nation's first African-American president, is historic on many levels, but not in the participation of eligible voters.

"It's not at all a historic election in terms of turnout," said Curtis Gans, the director of the Committee for the Study of the American Electorate at American University in Washington.

What may be historic is the registration and turnout of Democrats and the activity in some formerly solid "red" states such as North Carolina. Gans, who puts U.S. turnout at 127 million to 130 million once absentee and mail-in ballots are

counted, is impressed with the Tar Heel State.

"North Carolina increased its turnout by 8 percent," he said. "That's extraordinary."

In 2008, 65.7 percent of eligible North Carolina voters participated in the election, up from 56.8 percent in 2004.

"First of all, the state has more people," said Ferrel Guillory, the director of the program on public life at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. "Second, we've got more of them registered. Finally, when people used to ask me why turnout was flat, I would say, 'More dirty campaigns would help.'"

The heated 2008 general election, with a clear choice between Obama and John McCain, stimulated turnout, said Guillory, as well as the down-and-dirty U.S. Senate race between Republican U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Dole and Democratic state Sen. Kay Hagan. Hagan unseated Dole.

Young people and African-Americans also voted in large numbers across the country.

Turnout among 18- to 29-year-olds increased by 6 percent over 2004, said the youth-registration movement Rock the Vote, using McDonald's data. That's 4 million more young voters than in 2004.

"Yesterday, more young people voted than in any election since 18-year-olds won the right to vote in 1972," said Heather Smith, the executive director of

Rock the Vote. "This is truly a remarkable moment; young people have spoken and elected the next president."

An overwhelming majority of African-Americans — 96 percent of black women and 95 percent of black men — supported Obama, according to Edison Media Research and Mitofsky International exit polls.

While voting was relatively problem-free — unlike trouble-plagued Ohio in 2004 — experts said the states had to anticipate greater turnout.

"The number one problem on Election Day was registered, eligible voters' names not appearing on the voter rolls," said Wendy Weiser, the

director of voting rights and elections at the Brennan Center for Justice at New York University Law School.

"The vast turnout put a major stress on the system, leading to long lines in many places because of machine failures and a lack of contingency plans," she said.

One solution has been to authorize early voting, now available in 32 states. However, Brennan Center executive director Michael Waldman said, "We need a system of standard voter registration in which the government makes sure that every eligible citizen is automatically registered, so that every eligible voter's voice can be heard when they take responsibility to vote."

'Yesterday, more young people voted than in any election since 18-year-olds won the right to vote in 1972'

Bryant beats Dukes on Senior Day



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It was over when: Trailing 18-10, Duquesne quarterback Connor Dixon's pass was intercepted and returned for a touchdown by Bryant's Cheyenne Ray, giving the Bulldogs a 24-10 fourth quarter lead.

Players of the game: Yet another game ball for junior Jerell Smith. The Bulldog running back had 129 rushing yards on just 14 carries.

Turning point: Trailing 10-9 into the fourth quarter, the Bulldogs marched 80 yards on 12 plays, converting multiple clutch 3rd downs. Lindsey Gamble capped off the drive with a 29 yard touchdown run, giving the Bulldogs a 15-10 4th quarter lead. Bryant would never look back.

	Box Score					
Quarter	1	2	3	4	F	
Duq.	3	0	7	0	10	
Bryant	0	6	3	15	24	

Up next: at Iona, 1:00 pm Saturday, November 15

By Casey Mulcare
Assistant Sports Editor

Thanks to another impressive performance by the running back duo of Jerell Smith and Lindsey Gamble, the Bulldogs were able to send the seniors out with style, beating Duquesne 24 to 10 on Senior Day on Saturday at Bulldog Stadium.

Duquesne got off to a quick start, moving down the field efficiently on the arm of quarterback Connor Dixon. The Dukes engineered a 10 play drive down to the Bulldogs 7 yard line, but that is as close as they would get as the Bulldog defense forced the Dukes to settle for a field goal. The Bulldogs got on the board just before the half with a 15 yard rush by sophomore running back Mike Canfora. After a failed extra point attempt by Chris Bird, the Bulldogs went into the locker rooms at halftime with a 6 to 3 lead.

The defenses took control in the 3rd quarter, with only Bryant bending to let up a 54 yard touchdown from Dixon to wide receiver Alex Roberson down the sideline that gave the Dukes the lead again, 10 to 9.

The fourth quarter, however, was all Bryant. Gamble took a handoff up the middle and scored from 29 yards out to put the Bulldogs ahead for good, 15 to 10. On Duquesne's next drive, defensive end Don Smith forced Dixon to throw an errant pass right to linebacker Paul Polomski, his 9th career interception. The Bulldogs were then able to drive down for a field goal, upping their lead to 18 to 10.

The Dukes, now desperate to score and possibly force overtime, never got a chance as Dixon was picked off by sophomore Cheyenne Ray. After lining up on the line, Cheyenne dropped back into coverage, pick off the ball and rumbled into the endzone to seal the game for the Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs were very effective on the ground, rushing for 243 total yards. Gamble's touchdown was the 20th of his career, tying him for second all time. Gamble finished the game with 98 yards while Smith rushed for 129 yards, moving into 3rd on



The Bulldogs completed their final home game of the season with a 24-10 victory over Duquesne. Bryant finished an impressive 4-1 at home this year. (Courtesy of Athletic Department)

the all time rushing list and leaving him a lone yard shy of 1,000 on the season.

Quarterback Jay Graber looked 100% on Saturday, leaving behind any lingering doubts of the injury sustained at UMass last weekend. Graber completed 18 of 26 passes for 213 yards, orchestrating the offense to 445 total yards.

Bryant's win over Duquesne puts their record at 5 and 4, guaranteeing the Bulldogs finish the season at .500 in their first season as a D-I program. I know that the Bulldogs exceeded my expectations and the expectations of many others. It will be interesting to see how the Bulldogs rebuild without this senior class that helped build the Bryant football program into what it is today.

The Bulldogs have one final game at Iona on November 15th after their bye week this weekend. The game can be heard on WOON 1240 AM.

Bryant honors 21 seniors prior to last Saturday's game

Courtesy of BryantBulldogs.com

The Bryant University football team honored 21 seniors playing for the final time at Bulldog Stadium when the Bulldogs hosted Duquesne University in the final home game of the year.

This year's senior class was part of head coach Marty Fine's second recruiting class since Fine arrived on campus in the fall of 2003. During their time, these seniors have been a part of 27 victories during their career and helped guide Bryant to a pair of Northeast-10 Conference Championships and two NCAA playoff appearances.

The senior class was honored along with their parents by being brought onto the field of Bulldog Stadium before Bryant's final home game this season. The Bulldogs finished their home schedule strong by defeating the Dukes and moving to 4-1 at home for the year.

Inside the Numbers

Take a look at how the numbers break down between the Bulldogs and the Dukes in last Saturday's contest:



15
77
198
275
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2
27:08
2/15*
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1/1

First Downs
Rushing Yards
Passing Yards
Total Offense
Third Down Conversions
Turnovers
Time of Possession
Penalties/Yards
Sacks
Red Zone Scores/Chances



18*
232*
213*
445*
7/15*
1*
32:52*
8/86
3*
3/3*

Top Dogs



Cheyenne Ray

Year: Sophomore
Sport: Football

Ray's 29 yard interception return for a touchdown late in the 4th quarter sealed the victory for the Bulldogs, who beat the Dukes last Saturday on Senior Day.



Katherine Andrusin

Year: Freshman
Sport: Field Hockey

Andrusin's two goals, both in the second half, against Siena College lifted the Bryant Field Hockey team to a 3-1 victory, their first ever victory in Division I play.

Bulldog Bites

Field Hockey gets first D-1 win vs. Siena

In its final chance for a Division I win in the 2008 season, the Bryant University field hockey team triumphed, taking down Siena College, 3-1, on the road in Sunday afternoon's season finale. A pair of freshmen led the Bulldogs to the hallmark victory - their first since joining the Division I ranks at the beginning of the 2008 season - as Bryant's performance was highlighted by two goals from rookie Katherine Andrusin (North Andover, Mass.). The game looked dimmer at halftime, though, as the Bulldogs (2-16) went down early, 1-0, after a MacKenzie Smith goal in the fifth minute. But Andrusin tied the game just six minutes into the second frame, when she deflected a Danielle Moody (Gorham, Maine) shot from the top of the circle in past Siena netminder Jennifer Tesak. The game stayed knotted into the 63rd minute, when freshman Courtney Landi (Kingston, N.Y.) connected for her second goal of the season off a one-time pass from Tia Pydynkowski (Hampton Falls, N.H.). Andrusin and the Bulldogs put the game away less than a minute later, when the frosh deflected in a shot from the top of the circle for a 3-1 final. The Bulldogs outshot Siena, 15-7, registering nine shots on goal. Junior goalkeeper Kundayi Mawema (Harare, Zimbabwe) collected four saves to end a stellar 2008 season while her Siena (1-16) counterpart recorded six saves. The Bulldogs end their inaugural Division I season on a high note with the 3-1 win, their second victory of the 2008 campaign.

Women's Swimming falls to URI, Maine

The Bryant University women's swim team fell to Rhode Island, 228-66, and Maine, 237-51, in a three team meet at URI Sunday morning. The meet was highlighted for the Bulldogs by junior Jess Looney (Goffstown, N.H.) who broke the school record in the 500 freestyle with a time of 5:16.87, earning her second place in the event. Looney also had a fourth place finish in the 200 yard backstroke. Other strong performances included freshman Abby Whittaker (Salisbury, Mass.), grabbing a pair of third place finishes in the 200 butterfly and 200 individual medley, just missing a record in the 200 butterfly with a time of two minutes, 17 seconds. Amy D'Olympia (Mattapoisett, Mass.) finished the 50 yard freestyle in 26.23, just missing a school record and finishing in fifth place. Sophomore Amy Howell (Clifton Park, N.Y.) also had a fifth place finish, touching the wall in 11 minutes, 35 seconds in the 1000 yard freestyle. The Bulldogs will be back in the pool on Saturday, November 8th for the home opener against Bentley at the Chace Athletic Center (1:00 p.m.).

Cross country ends season strong

The Bryant University men's and women's cross-country teams made school history on Saturday as they became the first teams to compete for a conference championship at the Division I level. Running at the Northeast Conference Championships in Holmdel, New Jersey, both squads finished in ninth place out of 12 teams in the conference. Quinnipiac would take home both the men's and women's conference titles, sweeping the meet for the third consecutive year. The Bulldog men were led once again by senior Tom Casey (New Windsor, N.Y.) who finished in 28th place overall with a time of 27:59. Graduate student Mark Kenwood (Cumberland, R.I.) would finish just behind Casey in 30th, crossing the line in 28 minutes, six seconds, with Justin Getts (Beacon Falls, Conn.) a mere six seconds behind him.

Volleyball drops pair on day two in Halloween Classic

Despite 16 total kills from freshman Hilary Andrews (Tipp City, Ohio) on Day Two of the NJIT Halloween Classic, the Bryant University volleyball team couldn't overcome its opponents, falling to Providence College, 3-0, before dropping a 3-0 bout to host NJIT Saturday afternoon. After beating the Friars (14-13) in two previous matches, the Bulldogs (16-15) couldn't manage to complete the hat trick of wins, falling short in Saturday morning's contest, 3-0. Co-captain Delia Glover and Andrews were both named to the all-tournament team for their efforts in the two-day classic. The Bulldogs return to the court Wednesday, Nov. 5 when they travel to Central Connecticut State to take on the Blue Devils in their final match before hosting the National Transitions Challenge on Nov. 14 and 15 in Smithfield, R.I.

New look for BryantBulldogs.com

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On the road again

By David Niles
Staff Writer

Making the transition to Division I athletics is an arduous one for any college athlete. Players have to learn to compete against opponents who are much faster, stronger, and more highly skilled. The difference between high school competition and college sports is great, and the magnitude of this difference is only emphasized at the Division I level. Each season all Division I programs must integrate new freshman into their program and get them accustomed to the higher quality of play. But what happens when an entire team must undergo this transition?

This is the challenge the Bryant Women's Soccer team faced as one of the many Bryant University programs transitioning to Division I sports this year. Not only did all of the individual players face their own challenges, but they also experienced other factors that test a team's wherewithal. How about 16 of your 17 games coming on the road? Most teams have about a 50-50 split of road and home games, but the Women's Soccer team was forced to schedule almost all road games in their inaugural Division I campaign. Given this brutal schedule and facing superior competition compared to past years, expectations should have been tempered this fall.

Nonetheless, the Bulldogs were able to sur-

prise many, with a respectable 5-9-3 finish, including an exciting overtime win against Northern Colorado on August 22nd, in which the Women's Soccer team became the first of Bryant's athletic programs to record a victory at the Division I level. In addition, the Women's team was able to polish off Cornell in a 1-0 shutout in the team's lone home game. The players felt as if they received great fan support, which hopefully is a sign of things to come, as next season includes eleven home games.

Coach Flint is very proud of his team and feels they all should be commended for their hard work this season, as well as having to deal with their arduous travel schedule. Many of the younger players also appreciated the outstanding leadership provided by the team's seniors. Although the Bulldogs will be losing seven seniors heading into next season, it appears Coach Flint has laid a solid foundation for this program and expectations will only rise for Flint's squad. It may seem like a long way off now, but when the 2009 season rolls around, everyone should get out their calendars and make a point to attend some or all of the eleven home games to support such a hard working and talented squad.

-Special thanks to Coach Flint, Katie Whitehouse, and Mary Green for making this article possible.



The Women's Soccer squad, like the rest of Bryant athletics, has seen the road much more than the friendly confines of Bulldog Stadium. (Courtesy of Athletic Department)

THE SPORTS GUYS

NFL PICKS

WEEK 10

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<u>Denver at Cleveland</u>	<u>Denver</u>	<u>Denver</u>	<u>Denver</u>	<u>Cleveland</u>
<u>New Orleans at Atlanta</u>	<u>Atlanta</u>	<u>New Orleans</u>	<u>Atlanta</u>	<u>New Orlns</u>
<u>Tennessee at Chicago</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>
<u>Jacksonville at Detroit</u>	<u>Jacksonville</u>	<u>Jacksonville</u>	<u>Jacksonville</u>	<u>Jacksonville</u>
<u>Seattle at Miami</u>	<u>Miami</u>	<u>Miami</u>	<u>Miami</u>	<u>Miami</u>
<u>Green Bay at Minnesota</u>	<u>Green Bay</u>	<u>Minn.</u>	<u>Green Bay</u>	<u>Minn.</u>
<u>Buffalo at New England</u>	<u>New Eng.</u>	<u>New Eng.</u>	<u>New Eng.</u>	<u>New Eng.</u>
<u>St. Louis at NY Jets</u>	<u>NY Jets</u>	<u>NY Jets</u>	<u>NY Jets</u>	<u>NY Jets</u>
<u>Baltimore at Houston</u>	<u>Baltimore</u>	<u>Houston</u>	<u>Baltimore</u>	<u>Baltimore</u>
<u>Carolina at Oakland</u>	<u>Carolina</u>	<u>Carolina</u>	<u>Carolina</u>	<u>Carolina</u>
<u>Indianapolis at Pittsburgh</u>	<u>Pittsburgh</u>	<u>Pittsburgh</u>	<u>Pittsburgh</u>	<u>Pittsburgh</u>
<u>Kansas City at San Diego</u>	<u>San Diego</u>	<u>San Diego</u>	<u>San Diego</u>	<u>San Diego</u>
<u>NY Giants at Philadelphia</u>	<u>NY Giants</u>	<u>NY Giants</u>	<u>Philly</u>	<u>NY Giants</u>
<u>San Francisco at Arizona</u>	<u>Arizona</u>	<u>Arizona</u>	<u>Arizona</u>	<u>Arizona</u>
<u>Last Week's Record</u>	<u>9-5</u>	<u>8-6</u>	<u>9-5</u>	<u>9-5</u>
<u>OVERALL RECORD</u>	<u>68-46</u>	<u>67-47</u>	<u>63-51</u>	<u>65-49</u>

The anatomy of a falling star

America's Team is reaching a dangerous height of destruction – and its vilified owner has self-inflicted most of its wounds.

By David Giardino
Sports Editor

Jerry Jones left his Lincoln Town Car and walked into Texas Stadium on a dry October morning. He was met with a crowd of reporters and a blaze of flashes – but this was no ordinary morning for the Dallas Cowboys owner. No, just hours ago all major media outlets had announced that the Cowboys were involved in a trade for infamous Detroit Lions' wide receiver Roy Williams.

Williams had been maligned for his disorderly conduct with the Lions, as well as his declining performance over the last three years. The receiver had just 17 receptions and 1 touchdown during his 2008 stint with Detroit. But Jones had had his eye on Williams for over two years. "He is a game-breaker who can make spectacular catches" Jones says. Through three games with Dallas in 2008 Williams has three catches, no touchdowns.

Just months before that, the captain of America's Team was involved in another controversial signing. Adam (Pacman) Jones had been suspended from the NFL for his myriad run-ins with the law. In 2005, Pacman was arrested for felony vandalism and assault stemming from a nightclub altercation. The ex-Tennessee Titan reportedly climbed on stage during a stripper's performance, drunken and enraged, and slammed her head to the stage. In 2006, Pacman was arrested for public intoxication and spitting in a woman's face. In 2007, Jones appeared in court for felony assault charges and misdemeanor possession of drugs. No team in the league was willing to take a shot on Pacman Jones – until the Dallas Cowboys came around. The Cowboys traded for Pacman Jones at the beginning of the 2008 season. Pacman had claimed to be grateful for the second opportunity and vowed to be better. Owner Jerry Jones endorsed him as an exemplary citizen. On October 14, 2008, Pacman Jones was suspended by the league for violating the NFL League Drug and Conduct Policy – he has checked into a rehab center and his future with the organization is unknown.

The circus that is the Dallas Cowboys has been splashed on the front page of most major newspa-

pers. Analysts and fans alike wonder aloud how it could have gotten so bad – after all, the team was predicted by most to reach the Super Bowl this year. But the real question remains: why didn't anyone see this sooner?

This is what happens when you give a man with no sports experience the master key. Of all the owners in professional sports, he is considered to be one of the most involved, on a day-to-day basis, with his team. He can be seen in his box at every Cowboys game, and in many cases he ventures down to the Cowboys' sideline. He has ripped teams and coaching staffs apart, acted with reckless abandon, and made moves that cripple his franchise – on a consistent basis. America's Team hasn't even won a playoff game in ten years.

Jones has compiled a franchise with the likes of locker-room obliterators (and drop artists) Terrell Owens and Roy Williams, criminals like Pacman Jones and Tank Johnson, and has signed big name players with a history of doing very little (see Roy Williams, safety) to salary cap-crunching contracts. And to top it all off, Jones encourages the insane to run the asylum by hiring do-nothing coaches with a history of defeat. Chan Gailey, Dave Campo, Wade Phillips; these coaches have a combined record of 50-55 during their Dallas tenure. And why does he do that? Because the credible coaches, the ones that know how to run a football team, just get in his way.

On the night of the Cowboys 1993 Super Bowl victory, the second of Jones' three titles since being owner, he publicly dismissed hall-of-fame coach Jimmy Johnson and commented "any one of 500 coaches could have won those Super Bowls." Jones later dismissed the comments as "just the whiskey talking." Shortly thereafter, Jones infamously forced Jimmy Johnson out.

Fourteen years later Jones was getting irritated with another hall-of-fame coach who was stealing his spotlight. Bill Parcells took over a faltering and embarrassing Cowboy franchise, one that had lost 11 games in each of the last three seasons. Parcells transformed the team overnight to a playoff contender. Jones thanked him by consistently undermining his authority, culminating in another public feud and – yes, you guessed it – another force out.

Fast forward to 2008: with pro bowl starting quarterback Tony Romo down with a broken pinky, the Cowboys have stumbled to their bye week by losing two of their last three games. Backup quarterbacks Brad Johnson and Brooks Bollinger have thrown for under 300 yards passing and 6 interceptions combined – in three games. When asked about his problems at backup quarterback, the Cowboys owner said, "It's something that we absolutely worked on in the off-season. The backup quarterback has always been a high priority for this team."

Seriously? No, the high priority for his team has been completing the \$1.3 billion stadium that will house 100,000 fans and about 50 of his uniformed criminals and prima donnas that happen to wear a star on their helmets. Why else do you trade a first round draft pick for a second-tier destructive wide receiver? Why else do you fill your roster with no-talent big-names and con-



Courtesy of MCT Campus



The 2008 Cowboys are an absolute circus and their record alone doesn't tell the whole story; the franchise has become an embarrassment to the entire National Football League. (MCT Campus)

troversial signings? Why else do you blatantly disregard the importance of adding some depth to your roster with a manageable backup quarterback or veteran defensive backs? For goodness sake, even mediocre ones are a dime a dozen. Because Jones isn't concerned with the long term success of the Dallas Cowboys – he is concerned with short-term success that will fill all those seats and buy up those overpriced pink 'Romo' jerseys.

Need even more evidence? Take the 1999 Cowboy season. Concussion-prone and aging quarterback Troy Aikman was heading towards the twilight of his hall-of-fame career. But instead of looking to the future and preparing for long term success, Jones traded two first round draft picks to the Seattle Seahawks to land the speedy, albeit mediocre, receiver Joey Galloway. Galloway's seasons prior to the trade never included more than 72 receptions in a season. His four year Cowboy career

included 12 total touchdowns and an average of 38 catches per year – all in losing seasons for big D. Some trade.

The point?

If you want to place blame on the fallen Dallas Cowboy franchise, place it squarely on the

chest of their vilified owner and self-proclaimed captain. The lack of depth, the mediocre coaches, the lack of team chemistry – all signed off on and endorsed by Jones. He has the tumultuous history to prove he knows a great deal about running a business and very little about running a football team. He is a man that never makes mistakes, and therefore can surely never learn from them.

The 2008 season will no doubt end in an ultimate implosion of this Dallas Cowboy team. Jones' immediate response will be to fire the head coach – he will most likely hand over the coaching reigns to offensive coordinator Jason Garrett; the roster will remain much the same. The Cowboys will open their new state-of-the-art stadium to sell-out crowds and record revenues. If the team improves under Garrett, Jones will take the credit; if Garrett gets too big, Jones will undoubtedly dismiss him.

Why?

Because the cycle has repeated itself for twenty years. Because there is room for only one captain in Dallas, Texas. Because in keeping with all great literary tragedies, Jerry Jones must ultimately go down with his ship.



Jerry Jones' antics helped jumpstart a failing franchise in the early 90s, but his Cowboys haven't won a playoff game in over ten years, and his moves only hurt the team. (MCT Campus)

'Jones' highest priority is completing the \$1.3 billion stadium that will house 100,000 fans and 50 of his uniformed criminals and prima donnas.'

Students Speak Out

What is on your
study playlist?



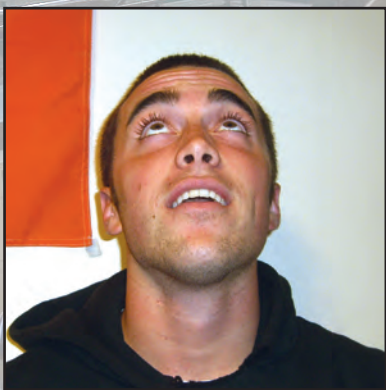
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LFO
Spencer Erikson '11

'Hit a Jew Day'



By: Michael Adams
Opinion Editor

I tend to call my parents on a weekly basis to see if they have a topic for me to write on for my column. Well, this week, my mom actually had something that I got really upset about.

Sixth graders at a Missouri middle school are facing suspension and counseling for what

they deemed "Hit a Jew Day". Out of the thirty-five Jewish students at the middle school, less than ten were hit. According to the Associated Press, "It began with an unofficial "Spirit Week" among sixth-graders that started harmlessly enough with a "Hug a Friend Day." Then there was "High Five Day." Soon, though, the days moved from friendly to silly. Next there was "Hit a Tall Person Day" and, finally, "Hit a Jew Day."

The principal called an assembly to try and remedy the situation, asking students if tomorrow was going to be "hit the principal day". The punish-

ment seems to still be looming for these anti-semitic delinquents.

To me, there a couple of things wrong with this picture. One wrong thing is that many students knew about this day and no one decided to come forward to let the principal know. Aren't we taught to tell a parent, teacher, or adult when something is wrong? I'm pretty sure the sixth graders won't threaten your life, or your parents', for that matter.

Secondly, what teacher would let students create "Hit a Tall Person Day" or "Hit a Jew Day" for their school spirit week? We had things like twin day and backwards day when I was in middle school. Has spirit week gone downhill? I guess it has at this St. Louis, MO school.

The other thing is that these were middle school students. These are probably your younger brothers and sisters. Could you imagine them hitting their classmates because of their religion or physical stature? I would think not.

We learn very early on that diversity is a part of our world. People are white, black, Asian, Christian, Jewish, gay, bi, transsexual, etc. You name it. We are all different. Everyone should respect that. Learn from each other. Learn from others' experiences, joys, foods, and their families. There is a

wealth of information out there that has yet to be learned if you isolate an entire race or entire religion from your scope of knowledge. It's called ethnocentrism, the belief that your culture is better than everyone else's. If you are ethnocentric, then there is no way your culture is better than everyone else's. Take your head out of the sand, and open your mind to other people, what they do, how they act, and especially what they say.

This is exactly what needs to happen with these middle school students. They live an uncultured, sheltered life and need to experience what is going on and the major events that have shaped our nation. Ironically, the sixth graders are supposed to learn about the Holocaust later this school year. Well that is nice and fitting. Now, they will be able to see what Jews went through as a result of someone choosing to physically abuse and torture those that were different. Maybe they will be able to learn a valuable lesson about respecting each other and that just because you are different does not mean you need to be singled out by your peers.

In the end, accept who other people are. Let them live their lives, and I am sure they will let you live yours.

My Election Reaction

By Matt Vincunas
Staff Writer

As I watched the election I couldn't help but think how captivating Barack Obama really is. The excitement surrounding his campaign, the great promises of change and hope, and his appeal to young Americans. Even myself, a very conservative Republican, can see why so many people were and are still excited about Obama. For many people, their vote for Mr. Obama is a vote against George W. Bush. Many young people, who are voting for the first time, place the blame of this economic crisis on Mr. Bush.

This leads them to see a new hope for the country in Barack Obama, even though he has no record of change and bi-partisanship. It is actually quite amazing that John McCain was even able to win the states he won, considering the strong hatred for many Republicans as the Senate and House races showed. This leads to another very important point I would like to make about this election. I believe this election was won by the color of Barack Obama's skin. The democrats could have put any white person in his place, given him or her the same material, and John McCain would have won this election.

The exit polls and earlier tracking and primary polls showed many African-Americans voting overwhelmingly for Obama. Though people can vote for any candidate for any reason, I just wish people would focus more on the issues and focus less on meaningless points. I understand that having a half-black president would be a step forward in the minds of the African-American community, but a step forward for what? The presidency should be about the issues, not the color of one's skin, yet white people are labeled racists. With all this said, the scariest part of this election is the fact that Obama will have unchecked powers, with professional windbags Henry Reid running the Senate and Nancy Pelosi running the House of Representatives.

As I watched Mr. Reid and Mrs. Pelosi give a joint speech on Tuesday night, I couldn't help but be frightened. Of course they were up there preaching bi-partisanship, even though they are some of the most partisan members of Congress. The things they could do to this country is just flat out scary. The fact that Barack Obama told Joe the Plumber that he wants to spread the wealth because he thinks that is fair is beyond anything I can fathom. If Barack acts the same way as the President as he did in the State and U.S. Senate, then we will have a true socialist society, a true spreading of wealth and perhaps a much worse economy, that is if he has the backbone to go through with his proposed plans for "change". I just find it funny that he is even allowed to run for President when he wouldn't be able to be a secret service member or other secret government organizations because of his radical associations to terrorists and felons.

Many people also relate him to Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. I think that does a disservice to Mr. King, as well as other African civil rights figures. Obama sat in a church with Reverend Jeremiah Wright for 20 long years while Mr. Wright called the U.S.A. the U.S.KKKA. The only relationship between them is half of their skin color and that is it, nothing further. He disavowed Reverend Wright when it was politically expedient, as with many other of his associations, and to me that is not an agent of change, just more of the same. Although I do not like President Obama's views, he has won the Presidency of our great nation, and therefore he will get a chance to prove all his naysayers wrong. He is already downplaying his goals, saying it might take time to get them done, a much slower change. We will have to wait and see if he really changes this country for the better, or is just another ignorant politician. The Obama camp ran a great campaign, the McCain camp as well, now we will have to see if there is anything behind those words or just an exploitation of the current situation.

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'Did my vote count?'

By Kim Cole
Staff Writer

As the first African-American President of the United States, Barack Obama will undoubtedly bring change to this country. One change that has been overlooked for many years that was again brought to my attention this Election Day is the problem of the Electoral College.

My home state is Vermont; instead of driving four hours home to vote yesterday, I was able to fill out an absentee ballot and vote early. I heard news of another Bryant student who, after forgetting to request an absentee ballot, drove over seven hours home to Philadelphia to cast his vote. I'm not sure I could say that I would've driven the little over four hours home to vote in Vermont had I forgotten to vote early; if I were from Philly, I might have driven the seven hours. What makes the difference?

Pennsylvania was considered a contested state in this election whereas Vermont is solidly a blue state. Whether I voted for Obama, McCain, Nader, or wrote my own name on the ballot, Vermont's three electoral votes were going to go to Obama. Which brings me to my question: did my vote count?

Candidates spend a vast majority of their time campaigning in swing states such as Florida, Ohio, and Indiana. An overwhelming amount of campaign funds were spent on rallies in seventeen of the fifty states whereas the others were virtually ignored. In some states, you couldn't turn on the television without seeing a political advertisement. With the exception of New Hampshire, we in the Northeast were largely sheltered from such campaigning (given that most states are considered solidly Democratic or leaning blue).

Despite the fact that no definite numbers have been reported yet, one thing is clear: although Barack Obama won by about a two-to-one margin with electoral votes, the popular vote showed a margin of victory that was much slimmer than 66% to 33% (as was reflected in the electoral count). Is the electoral system effective? The argument for the Electoral College is somewhat antiquated. It was intended to give more sovereignty to the states; the people of each state were supposed to decide which presidential candidate they wanted as a whole and then cast a collective vote. In other words, the people can only influence federal politics through the filter of their state unity. Given that states are not, in fact, sovereign nations within the

United States of America, it seems strange to treat them as such.

The Electoral College system discourages citizen participation in the democratic process. Despite my own fervent fascination with the 2008 election, I would not have felt compelled to vote for a presidential candidate had it been as inconvenient as waiting many hours in line at the polls. Having an electoral voting system only discourages people from voting because individual votes in uncontested states seem unimportant.

The existence of the electoral system means that presidential candidates heavily focus their campaigning in swing states. This divides the country and disenfranchises the citizenry. Connecticut, for example, is a heavily democratic state. McCain would have been poorly served to have spent time



Voters at the polls making their decision for the next president and other local campaigns (MCT Campus)

or money campaigning in Connecticut since the electoral votes would go to Obama regardless of his influence. Obama, on the other hand, would also have been wasting his

time to speak to the Connecticut people given that he could be fairly certain that their electoral votes would go to him anyway.

This does little to serve the American people; someone who lives in Connecticut deserves to hear what each candidate has to say just as much as someone who lives in the contested State of Florida. Instead of limiting which citizens should hear what each candidate has to say, all citizens should be actively involved in the campaigning process.

Aside from the fact that the Electoral College disenfranchises voters in uncontested states, I would argue that the biggest imperfection with the system is that the candidate who receives the most votes is not necessarily the candidate who wins the election. The Electoral College was heavily criticized for this precise reason in 2000 when George W. Bush won the electoral vote but the popular vote went to Al Gore. If a larger percentage of the population voted for Gore, it makes little sense that the less popular president, Bush, was inaugurated.

I'm glad to say that the Electoral College didn't change the election this year; the candidate who earned the most electoral votes also won the popular vote. However, it would be tragic for a repeat of the 2000 election in 2012. I sincerely hope that some of the change we can expect to see in the White House over the next four years includes a reevaluation of this system.

Simon Says:

We take an awful lot for granted



By Toby Simon
Staff Columnist

Last Sunday I joined a delegate of about seventy five Rhode Islanders and several Bryant faculty who traveled to New Hampshire to canvass for Barack Obama. It was a cold and blustery morning but you could feel the energy in the air.

We were sent to Hampton, New Hampshire, a small town not far from the Massachusetts state border. Two Bryant faculty members were in our car and as we turned off the highway, we were instantly greeted with McCain/Palin signs. They were everywhere, in lots of sizes! There were even "Democrats for McCain" signs all around. At that point, it was real clear to us that we had our work cut out for us.

At the modest make-shift Obama headquarters in Hampton, we were greeted by lovely New Hampshire-ites who were thrilled to see us. For the past six weeks, bus loads of Rhode Islanders had been going up to New Hampshire and this was the last Sunday. We were ushered in to another room where we received our 15 minute training on how to canvass, what to say, and what not to say. And then we were dispatched in to the town armed with maps, information on the local candidates and lists of households we were to approach.

My husband and I worked as a duo. We had trouble finding our area to canvass because, judging from the information on the sheets we were given, we were looking for an apartment complex. We eventually found the area and it turned out to be a trailer complex. We dutifully made the rounds of all the trailers on our list, talking to people:

"Hi, my name is Toby and this is my husband Peter. We're volunteering for the Obama campaign this afternoon. We're wondering if Senator Obama has earned your vote?"

Sometimes, we didn't get any farther than the word "Obama" and people said angrily "I'm all set" and kinda slammed the door. Other times we didn't even get to say "Hi" since as soon as they noticed the Obama pin on my jacket, they just closed the door on us. Once we asked someone for information about specific addresses and he stared at the Obama pin, then said he couldn't help me.

As we were walking away he yelled at me "I hope he loses!" The sting of that comment abated when I asked another guy for directions and he put his arms out to me and said "Can I get a hug? I'm for Obama too!"

We did meet some friendlier people in the trailer park who told us they were voting for Obama but that they didn't talk about it with some of their neighbors who were McCain supporters. One retired man, with a slew of health problems, was undecided. A Vietnam vet, he originally thought he should vote for McCain out of solidarity with a fellow vet, but then McCain picked Sarah Palin. He didn't like that decision. Still he was "unsure" about Obama.

The biggest eye opener and sober moment came from a woman in her 60s. Her name was Rosemary. Her trailer was in bad shape and looked like no one had paid too much attention to its upkeep. When she opened the door, the inside of her trailer was dark and cluttered looking. She appeared totally overwhelmed. We introduced ourselves and gave our schpiel. She said she "wanted Obama" but was pretty distracted at the moment and wasn't sure she could talk to us. We said we were sorry to hear that but then she opened up. She said she had just finished paying her bills and was looking at the balance in her check book. There actually wasn't enough money in her account to pay the bills she had just written checks for and wasn't sure where she was going to find the money. Her husband had been laid off recently and she has bad knees and is unable to work. She kept repeating "You know what they give you is just not enough money to live on. We have electric heat here and the bill is so high each month. I just don't know what I'm going to do. I just don't know what's going to happen to us."

It was a moment to reflect on. Her story gets told and repeated countless times in our country for what she's experiencing is happening everywhere. It's difficult to bear witness to how difficult so many lives are and to know that for her, getting to the polls to vote may not be a priority in the midst of despair, fear, and a constant feeling of being overwhelmed.

After all these months of the campaign I was familiar with Rosemary's story. But it was through the newspaper or television that I learned about people's dire economic conditions. This was up close and personal, and my husband and I felt helpless. I wanted to talk to her about hope, about a change she can believe in, and perhaps a brighter future. It is after all, what Obama has been talking about and what inspires many of us. But somehow, on that chilly November afternoon, standing on a cracked stoop outside Rosemary's dilapidated trailer, I couldn't muster those words. And it felt lousy.

Observations

Compiled by Michael Adams, Mike Yakavonis and Linsey Morse

Holy Salad Spinners!
We love the South Side deli, but it would be fantastic if we could get salads after 7 pm!

Techno Savvy
Instead of mass-emailing us @Bryant Announcements ad nauseum, we'd love to see a free blog set up where students could post their announcements, with a free subscription for interested parties. Let's take advantage of our school's techno-savvy, shall we?

The Distinguished Bryant Accent
This year more than ever, it seems that those of us from the Boston area who are well-known for dropping the 'r's off of their words, are beginning to compensate by adding them to words that don't have 'r's to begin with. Seems like a good 'idear' to us!

Tour Diversification!
It has been exciting to watch the tour groups of interested high school undergrads, especially because they seem to consist of a more diverse populus. We hope to see the Bryant freshman population do the same!

Bryant Said What!?

Compiled by Bryant Students

"My credit card was stolen and someone spent \$1,200 at Jack in the Box."

"I like it when you wear little boy sweaters."

"I gave you a bruise last night? Was I that rough?"

"I didn't see the pregnant part...they just kept falling out."

"Oh my god! I have two really good 'Bryant Said What's!'"

"Really?! What are they?"

[Long Pause] "...Damn it, I don't remember!"

"That's how I spent my internship — sitting at my desk perfecting my coffee. Just spent the whole day playing with coffee."

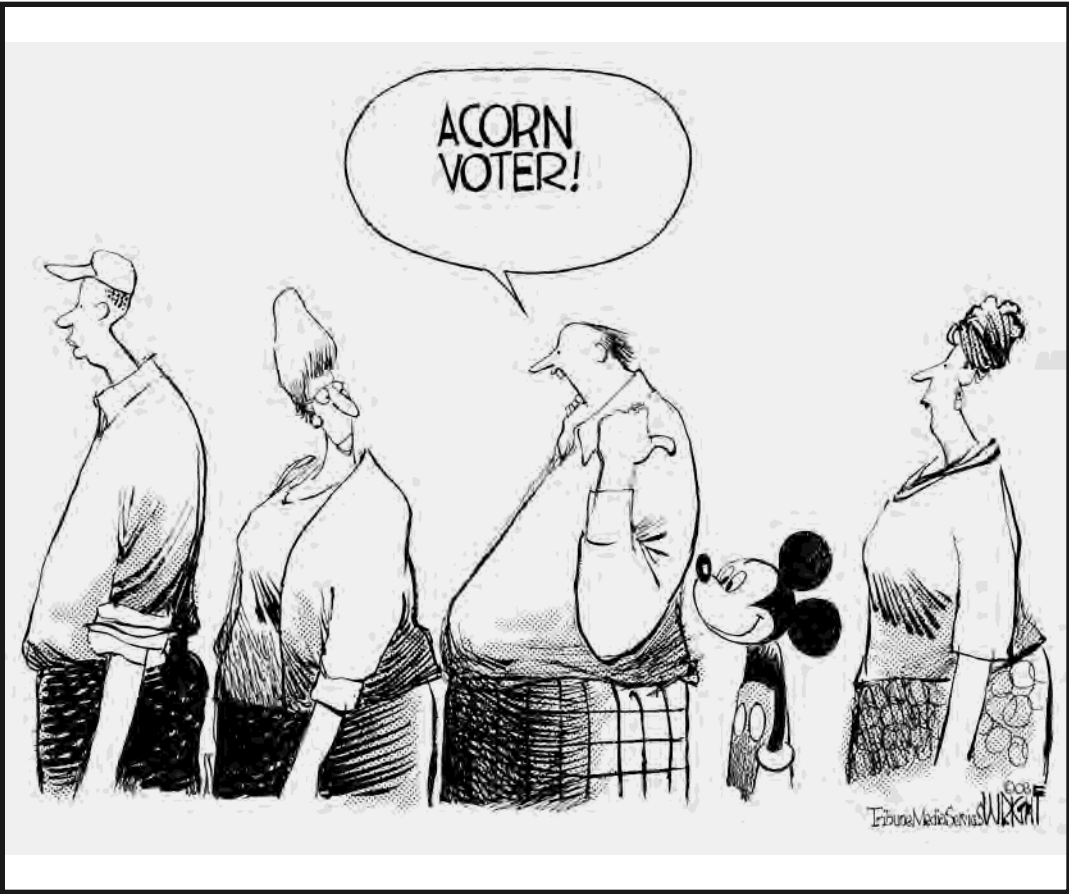
"Everything about you is cute down to the way you blow your nose"

"Where is she from, again?"

"Lebanon."

"What, is that like, another country?"

"I am more than a one-stunt trick monkey."



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Today's Bear Market: What does it mean for students?

By Ashley Palmer
SIFE Project Manager

I am sure that most of us have heard the term "Bear Market" used frequently over the past months as the downturn in our economy has continued to worsen. How many of us, however, actually understand the term and know the repercussions it may have on us as students? This past week I polled 100 Bryant students. I asked each of them what the term "bear market" meant and what its significance was; only 45 of the 100 students asked could define the term, and only 29 could somewhat give a response as to how it might relate to each of us. To me this was pretty shocking - I expected upperclassmen of an elite business school to know and understand a little bit more about our current financial status as a nation. In order to clear this up, I would like to define the term and explain how it may/may not affect our everyday lives.

A bear market is characterized by the downward movement of the market over a period of time. In contrast, a bull market is characterized by a consistent upward trend in the economy. Seems quite basic, huh?

A bear market is brought about through pessimism and a lack of confidence within the market, where investors anticipate further losses and are motivated to sell. Although prices do fluctuate regularly, within a bear market stock prices do not simply decline, they suffer a significant drop of 20% or more within a maximum two month period. Although we currently are experiencing the effects of a bear market, the Great Depression is an example of another time in which the economy suffered greatly as a result of pessimism and a bear market envi-

ronment.

The result of people being less likely to invest and risk their assets within a bear market directly affects not only publically shared corporations, but most importantly our ability to borrow. This may prove to be detrimental to all soon-to-be and current students. If pessimism and investor doubt is high, then banks and investment companies limit the amount of funds they too wish to risk and lend. Within the United States, over 2/3 of debt is some form of student debt. If financial institutions refrain from lending, the means for students to pay for college will be sharply affected. As a result, we could see a drop in admission rates, as higher education, especially at private universities, will no longer be financially feasible.

I myself have a substantial amount of student loans that are helping me, if not allowing me, to attend Bryant University. Without them, I would not be here today. If this bear market continues, and loans become more and more difficult to receive, then it is possible that students, myself included, may need to stop and/or look to more financially reasonable alternatives for education. It is a sad, but honest reality.

Through this small, yet substantial example, I am trying to stress how the position of our nation's economy directly affects all, including us as students and dependents of our parents. It is important to remain educated in market "jargon", such as bear and bull market, as well as how it all relates back.

Reader: be on top of the news and what is happening in our world today. You don't want to be surprised if something that could have been foreseen suddenly becomes an obstacle to you.

How much debt is too much?

By profession, based on College Board formula:



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YOUR IDEA HERE.

"What's your idea?" is the latest addition to *The Archway's* Business section, featuring entrepreneurial ideas from all members of the Bryant community.

Ideas can be actual startups in progress, product or service enhancements, inventions, or anything that you feel would have the potential to be a great idea.

Submissions do not have to be specific, as we suggest describing your idea using one or two sentences.

If you're interested, please email *The Archway* with your great idea at archway@bryant.edu. By default, all submissions will be considered anonymous. If you would like us to include your name, please indicate so in your email.

Give it a shot. Who knows, maybe you'll find another aspiring entrepreneur on-campus to *turn your idea into a reality!*

START-UP TIPS

Real tips from entrepreneurs and investors at the VentureBeat gathering in Palo Alto, CA.

"Cash is king." Companies that don't have at least a year to 18 months of operating cash should cut staff and/or seek a bridge loan from original investors.

"Act now." VC John Doerr and others urged entrepreneurs to move swiftly, whether seeking a loan or cutting staff.

"Everything is negotiable." Angel investor Ron Conway recalled renegotiating rents for start-ups during the dot-com bust. Offer equity as a form of payment to preserve cash.

"Outsource and open source." Move some engineering functions overseas. Some office functions can be handled cheaply on Web-based services like Google Docs.

"Over-communicate." Keep employees, investors, partners and customers informed.

Source: MCT Campus

Start-ups resort to 'triage' to survive downturn

By Scott Duke Harris
MCT Campus

The layoff body count grows by the day. As fall-out from the financial crisis rains down on Silicon Valley, some investors and entrepreneurs compare themselves to battlefield surgeons facing difficult decisions to enhance the chance for survival.

On a day Pillar Data Systems, a San Jose storage company backed by billionaire Larry Ellison, terminated 150 employees, prominent angel investor Ron Conway last month told a business gathering in Palo Alto, Calif., that many companies are being forced to perform "triage."

Meanwhile, start-up founders described the "heartbreaking" pressures of laying off workers in anticipation of a profound, prolonged recession. In the next breath, they noted that layoffs and the recession have made premium talent available at a more reasonable price.

Pillar's former employees add to the numbers already laid off by Yahoo, eBay and numerous start-ups in recent weeks. Pillar lost about 30 percent of its personnel in the cutbacks taken "to weather the storm," company spokesman Chris Drago said.

Ellison did not "mandate" the layoffs but supported the decision, Drago said: "Larry's fully committed to Pillar and he believes this is the right thing to."

Survival advice _ tactics for cutting costs and raising money _ topped the agenda at the quickly organized confab dubbed "RecessionBeat."

VentureBeat, a Web news site that tracks Silicon Valley deals, assembled a pair of expert panels. One featured prominent investors such as Conway, Google angel investor Ram Shriram and John Doerr

of Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers. The second panel had such serial entrepreneurs as Slide's Max Levchin and Mahalo's Jason Calacanis.

"This is no ordinary business cycle. This is a crisis," Calacanis said. Later, he added: "My prediction is that Google will lay off people. And that's when we'll know we've hit the bottom."

Such gatherings are a staple of valley business culture, but the mood at this one was grimmer than most, with little of the normal light-hearted business banter. More than 100 people attended, a standing-room-only crowd that included dozens of start-up founders. Several tapped or jotted notes as panelists proffered their to-do lists that could help separate the recession's survivors from its victims.

Much of the discussion focused on the profound economic uncertainty of the moment. Doerr, puzzling over market disruptions being measured in the trillions of dollars, suggested "a crisis of confidence" was causing Wall Street's gyrations to exaggerate the actual economic distress.

Shriram gave entrepreneurs a chill by suggesting the valley's entrepreneurial culture could flash back to the 1980s, when he said it took him 18 months to raise \$3 million for a start-up. The days of easy money are gone, he said.

Striking a more positive tone, Conway said the valley is better prepared for this downturn than it was when the dot-com crash hit early this decade. Profligate practices of the past have been replaced by greater discipline. And unlike during 2001 and 2002, he added, investors are still seeing ample "deal flow" from entrepreneurs pitching business ideas and VCs are still making investments.

"The VC community is not shutting down this time," he said.

In the dot-com crash, Conway said, 70 percent of the more than 200 companies he seeded went out of business. Currently, Conway figured that about 13 percent of more than 130 start-ups in his portfolio have about six months of operating cash.

He and his partners are pressing those companies to either economize greatly, secure a bridge loan or else "prepare for an orderly shutdown." Imperiled start-ups, he advised, should explore merger and acquisition opportunities. Four of his companies are engaged in such talks, he said.

Frugality was emphasized by entrepreneurs. Levchin, a founder of PayPal, is now leading a social-networking applications company with a valuation estimated at \$550 million.

Levchin said when he courted investors for a \$50 million funding round in January, his presentation began with a prediction that America was headed for a recession and Slide would use the capital to weather the downturn. Getting through tough times, panelists said, could mean ultimately thriving, as competition disappears.

But survival is the first order of business. Panelist Nirav Tolia, founder of Epinions and now founder of a "pre-launch" start-up, commiserated with Calacanis over the "heartbreaking" process of laying off people after you've wooed them to your start-up with visions of the bright prospects.

One challenge, Tolia said, is nurturing morale despite cutbacks. He urged "over-communicating" to staff, and recalled advice from a prominent mentor, Intuit chairman Bill Campbell: "We can cut perks and cut spending. We can't cut hope."

Bulldog Flicks: Zack and Miri Make a Porno

Luke Stankiewicz
Staff Writer

This week I saw *Zack and Miri Make a Porno*. I want to start off by saying how ridiculous I think it is that this movie has caused such a controversy. After seeing the movie, I could see how people wouldn't want their younger kids to watch it, but being offended by the word "Porno" is just ridiculous. People need to relax and start worrying about more important things. After all, film and the arts in general have always been progressive, and this has usually ended up benefiting society. Good examples of this are the Beatles album "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" which was heavily influenced by LSD use and the character of Lucy being the first television character to be pregnant on a program. At the time, these things (drug use and pregnancy) were seen as controversial and evil; now they are better understood, if not necessarily accepted. This film achieves something like the last two, albeit on a smaller scale.

The story isn't too complicated. Zack (Seth Rogen) and Miri (Elizabeth Banks), two slackers that have known each other since kindergarten, share an apartment together and have dead end jobs. Neither can afford to pay any of their bills, instead wasting their money on useless items such as flashlight shaped sex toys. So, after their power, water, and electricity gets shut off, they become desperate for money. Zack, who had met a pornographer at his High School Reunion that informed him he made one hundred grand a year, suggests to Miri that they make a porn flick to come up with some extra cash. Miri, already an internet celebrity after a video of her in "granny panties" was released by a couple kids, is at first hesitant, but soon agrees after fully realizing their desperate situation.

Seth Rogen gives an excellent performance in this film as a loveable slacker, nothing new there. Elizabeth Banks does pretty well too, but is overshadowed by Rogen, who perfectly captures all of his character's insecurities and flaws, while emphasizing the likeability of someone who really has a good heart and a sense of humor. Anyone who has seen any of Kevin Smith's movies (especially *Clerks*) will recognize many of the people that show up throughout this film. Included in the porno are Lester (Jason Mewes) and Deacon (Jeff Anderson), both from *Clerks* and other Smith productions. Craig Robinson (Darrell from the Office) also has a hilarious role as Zack's co-worker and producer of the film.

As this is a movie written by Kevin Smith, once can expect more than their fair share of swearing and sex jokes. Actually, the movie is saturated with them, so much so that you for-

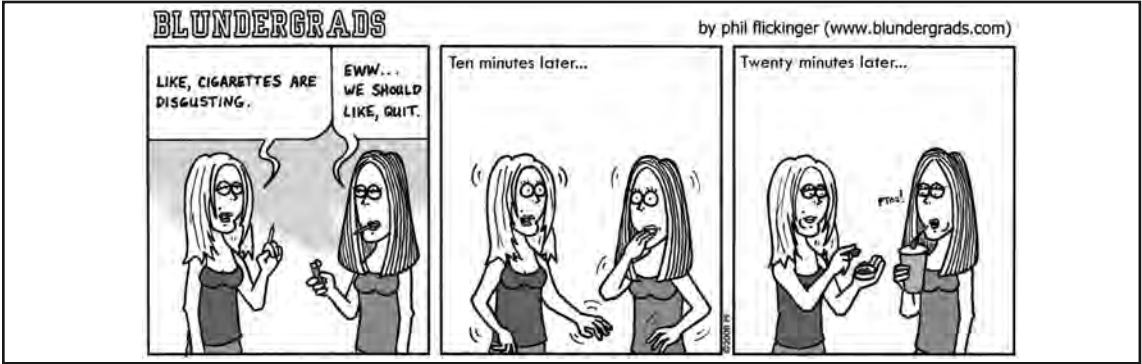
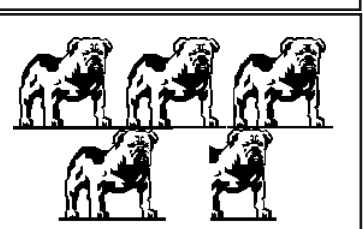
get how dirty everything every character says truly is and just skip to laughing your butt off. If this movie did only one thing right, it was making the audience laugh. I laughed throughout the whole movie, as Kevin Smith relentlessly threw joke after joke at you from start to finish.

However, this movie is more than just a dirty comedy that you can throw away when it's done. It has some real heart, which again is characteristic of all of Smith's movies. The real focus of the story is the relationship that builds and changes between Zack and Miri. As the film progresses, it becomes painfully obvious that the two are in love, and after their scene in the porno it becomes official. What is great about this film is the way the film starkly contrasts the idea of the world of pornography and meaningless sex to the world of love and everything that comes with it. Zack and Miri don't "have sex" in their big scene, they make love (which apparently makes for awful porno material). Smith treats the subject matter of pornography as meaningless entertainment, while the subject of love is handled with all the grace and integrity that the word implies.

Kevin Smith is a brilliant writer, and it shows in his work. Nothing about Zack and Miri's characters is obvious and nothing about their relationship seemed contrived. What we get here is a very funny movie, with some really dirty humor, encompassed by a genuine story about two people in love with each other but too scared to admit it. What most movies present to us about relationships is facile; this movie explores the dynamics of them in depth and with real quality. Most reviewers are quick to fault Kevin Smith for his seemingly one-dimensional jokes and filmmaking style. These people care not to look at what is in front of them, in fear that they may have to admit that a foul mouthed guy from Jersey actually makes good movies.

This is a good film, which is very funny, if you can handle jokes that are extremely raunchy and outrageous. There's nudity and graphic sex scenes, but nothing that approaches what the title might suggest. *Zack and Miri* is a movie that will *at least* leave you happy and entertained. How much more can you really ask for out of a comedy? I easily give this film 4.5 out of 5 Bulldogs for its comic value and genuine heart.

**This movie earned
4.5 out of 5 bulldogs**



Horoscopes


Aquarius
1/20 - 2/18

Because of a few amazing things you've done in the past, you may qualify to take on more responsibility. If you do it, at least make sure you get an increase in status. More money would be nice, too.


Pisces
2/19 - 3/20

Accept an offer to go somewhere and do something, but not during working hours. Your absence would be missed. Also, don't talk back to the boss. Be respectful.


Aries
3/21 - 4/19


Hide away in your room and give yourself some private time. You can sleep, if appropriate. That works. Rest and regain your sense of humor and imagination.


Taurus
4/20 - 5/20

Loved ones of loved ones turn out to be some of your very best friends. Get together with family for a wonderful time. In-laws and cousins of cousins count too, as you well know.


Gemini
5/21 - 6/21

It's not what you say, it's what you do. You're great at many different things. You have tons of natural talent. Use it now, and increase your income.


Cancer
6/22 - 7/22

You're lucky now, but don't take a risk regarding your work. A last-minute change causes a major glitch. Don't leave early. Your absence would be noticed, and you'd be sorely missed.


Leo
7/23 - 8/22

Don't promise your loved ones anything you can't afford to get. You'd love to make them happy, of course. If you can manage, you can always surprise them later. If not, no harm done.


Virgo
8/23 - 9/22

Let somebody else carry part of the load for you now. This job has turned out to be more difficult than you thought it would be. There's no shame in asking for help.


Libra
9/23 - 10/22

A comforting conversation leads to new hope and a few new ideas. This is good, because once your imagination is sparked, you'll come up with a lot of more ideas on your own.


Scorpio
10/23 - 11/21

Your sweetheart wants to make you happy, but in doing so could wreck the budget you've so carefully built and maintained. Set some limits re: your birthday present.


Sagittarius
11/22 - 12/21

Before you go racing off to buy something new to spruce up your decor, dig around in the garage, basement, attic or wherever you hide cool stuff from last year and the year before. You have something that will work, and you already love it.


Capricorn
12/22 - 1/19

Allow your imagination to wander pretty much without restraint. You hardly ever do that, but this time it'll be OK. There's a really crazy idea out there, waiting for you to find it.

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Top 10 Halloween Costumes: see if you made the cut!

By **Kaleigh Durkin**
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Every year, Bryant students do their best to create original, cute, crazy and outright insane costumes to prance around in on Halloween weekend. I have to commend the students this year on their originality. We did have the classic promiscuous referees, nurses, doctors, and angels and devils, but there were some costumes that I thought deserved to be mentioned. I've created a list of my ten favorite costumes that the Bryant students rocked. Consider this a look into next year, and start brainstorming about what kind of theme YOU can rock next year!

10. **Penguins:** These furry friends came to Bryant this Halloween. Truly creating the look of a tuxedo, some Bryant students made sure the South Pole was represented!
9. **Disney Princesses:** Who doesn't love the sexy twist on an old school favorite? Some princesses would have made Walt proud!
8. **Where's Waldo?:** Break out the striped red turtle necks and the large-framed glasses; Waldo was everywhere; we spotted him at the

- townhouses, around Middle Village, and everywhere the fun was had!
7. **Steve & Blue:** This dynamic duo, dressed in blue sweats and face paint, and green vests, moved around leaving clues of their whereabouts all around campus; never leaving each other's sides!
6. **Quailman:** Though Doug Funnie was nowhere to be found, his favorite superhero, Quailman, made his presence known on Bryant's campus. It's assumed that many a pant was falling down without the help of a brown belt, which was instead tied snugly around the heads of a few choice students!
5. **M&Ms:** Who doesn't love a handful of chocolate-y treats on a Halloween night? The ever-popular snack food was found sprinkled sporadically throughout the campus; melting only in the mouth, not in the hand.
4. **Jokers:** A true tribute to Heath Ledger, some choice Bryant students did a tremendous job representing the beloved character of *Batman: The Dark Knight*. The white paint and green suits went far as the spirit of the Joker was alive and well on campus.
3. **Gladiators:** The American Gladiators were out for a

- night of fun this past Halloween! Complete with jousting equipment, the Gladiators roamed through the townhouses, making Hulk Hogan proud!
2. **Mario & Luigi:** Jumping over mushrooms and gathering the golden coins all over campus, the pair depicted the epitome of video game fun, bringing the Italian duo to Smithfield this Halloween!
- And my favorite costume this Halloween, representing what it means to be dedicated to a costume, was the group of:
1. **The Ninja Turtles:** True Halloween fans, this group of boys made an effort to create the exact look of a turtle shell on their chest, and covered their entire bodies with green body paint! What's a ninja turtle without the color-coordinated head masks? The four friends were spotted all over campus, spreading turtle power to all Bryant Students!

Congratulations to the top 10, and for everyone else who wasn't on the list, all that matters was that your Halloween was a wonderful one, and that your costume represented you the best way possible! Until next Halloween, stay spooky, Bryant University!

Word Vomit

By **Blair Worthington**
Staff Columnist

At Any Cost

Rolling through the hills with but one care on my mind,
What to do when I get where I'm going, and will I have time?
With one thing in my pocket and another on the dash,
I search and search for what else I need and realize I have no cash!

The plan is foiled I must work with what I've got,
For when I get to where I am going, I want to get a lot!
This is going to be so much fun if only I had some money,
A form a credit that may work or I could barter or maybe just be funny?

Pulling up now and still don't know what to do,
Then walks out this gorgeous man and my face turns blue!
I know what needs to be done, it's the only way to leave with what I want,

I fidget slightly and get in the position to flaunt.
Now the deal is done and we both have what we came for,
Although it's funny how with desperation, those things are different then before.

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A note from General Manager, A.J. Toto

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Bryant Trivia

By **Britgit Clancy**
Variety Editor

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Why are the residence halls numbered and not named?

Answer to last week's question: About 1,500 people visit the Machtleys' home each year. This number includes receptions, faculty, staff, students, trustees and outside guests for any number of meals.

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French Fries.....	2.29	3.29
with Nacho Cheese & Bacon ...	add 1.99	add 1.99
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