

Breaking News: Tupper's been 'kidnapped!'

By Arielle Langlais
Contributing Writer

University officials have announced that Bryant's very own Tupper the Bulldog is MISSING! Though he made brief appearances during the first month of the Bulldog's inaugural Division I season, our school mascot has yet to be seen again. He was last seen retreating to the locker room after the Bulldog's game against Albany on Monday of this week. There is much speculation in regards to his whereabouts but no concrete evidence has been uncovered. Authorities have released neither evidence nor suspects, but the Bryant community remains hopeful for Tupper's safe return.

In the face of this tragedy, ten of Bryant University's finest have stepped forward to assure the school of Tupper's safe return. These brave men include Steven Branch, Mike Brown, Cory Cloutier, Brian Ford, Jarrod Gibbons, Dexter King, Brian Marseglia, Dan Nadeau, Gergely "Nemo" Nemeth, and A.J. Papa.

Who will save Tupper?

Steven Branch is a member of Bryant Football, the Multicultural Student Union, and a co-chair of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. Steven believes his reliability and dependability as well as his well-known personality make him Bryant's superhero and will help him save Tupper.

Mike Brown believes he stands for the students that are not involved with a million things on campus – the average Joe. His appeal is to those who may not be involved will surely help him in his battle against Tupper's captor.

Cory Cloutier's involvement in five organizations including Student Programming Board, Student Senate, the Finance Association, Helping Hands, and Toastmasters makes him a promi-

nent freshman on campus. His young age and other attributes will help him save our school.

Brian Ford believes his piercing blue eyes and involvement on campus make him Bryant's superhero. As a member of Student Senate, Leadership Council, Special Olympics, Colleges Against Cancer, Student

be most helpful in his quest for the title of Mr. Bryant and saving our school.

Dexter King's ability to contribute to the overall happiness on campus outweighs the fact that he is not flashy about his special skills and abilities which he uses to enhance people's daily lives. His involvement in multi-

involvement in SHRM, the Arts and Culture Club, and I2I will help him to achieve his goal of defeating Tupper's captor and becoming Mr. Bryant 2008.

Dan Nadeau likes to keep a low profile and makes it a point to not make a name for himself. Although he is actively involved in the Accounting Association, SPB, and intramural sports, he believes he can help save Tupper because of his willingness to lend a helping hand.

Gergely "Nemo" Nemeth believes he is "the spice to the chicken that is Bryant University." As a member of Greek Life, the Senior Advisory Council, intramurals, and the Orientation staff he has acquired many leadership qualities that will help him and his ability to save the day when it comes to having a good time while performing regular student duties will help him save Tupper and become Mr. Bryant 2008.

A.J. Papa is the well known Resident Assistant in Hall 1. Being a prominent figure in Residence Life and intramural sports give him a foundation in the leadership that it will take to overcome Tupper's captor. He believes he is Bryant's superhero because he helps students on campus and affects many students' activities. A.J. projects authority which will help him become Mr. Bryant 2008.

Each of these men will battle in front of Bryant University on stage TONIGHT, in the MAC beginning at 8 p.m. to prove themselves to be our hero. Tickets will be on sale at the door for \$5 and all proceeds will be donated to City Year's Young Heroes Program and the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Also, put your money where your mouth is and vote for your favorite contestant as people's choice award, "The Unsung Hero" of the competition. Hope to see you there!



Who will rescue Tupper?? Find out at Mr. Bryant tonight! (Courtesy SPB)

Programming Board, and even more he has made a name for himself on campus which will surely help him in his quest to become Mr. Bryant and battle Tupper's captor.

Jarrod Gibbons was the runner-up in Mr. Bryant 2007 and hopes to show more of his talents to this year's audience and judges and take home the big prize. Jarrod is involved with Student Senate and Health Education Awareness. Jarrod's involvements and previous Mr. Bryant experience will

ple organizations on campus including SPB, MSU, ISO, Ambassadors, Helping Hands, BOAC, Communication Society, and Sophomore Class Committee make him one of the better known sophomores on campus, which will help him save Tupper.

Brian Marseglia has Mr. Bryant in his blood. Brian's father won the Mr. Bryant competition in the 1980's. He believes his ability, humility, trustworthiness, and ability to put others before himself as well as his

Going Green: Students make a difference

By Marisa Bono
Staff Writer

With the close of the fall semester quickly approaching many Management 200 groups are finally finishing up their semester-long service projects. The group that calls themselves Team Big Green took on the daunting task of improving the way the Bryant community recycles. Team Big Green is made up of six sophomores: Leah Gallicchio, Erik

Lekstrom, Elba Monteiro, Joshua Roy, Stephanie Rund, and team leader, Ian Ross.

The main goal of the team was to find out if having a different color trash bag for recyclables would increase the amount of material that was being recycled. A proposal was written to and passed by Ken Person and as a result 500 rolls of clear blue bags were supplied to most suites in Halls 8 thru 13. The blue bags would allow facilities to easily differentiate between those bags, which were full of trash and those meant to be recycled.

Unfortunately, many students blatantly disregarded what the team was trying to accomplish and most of the bags were filled with trash. However, Team Big Green and I would like to thank the

students in those Halls who did participate and made an effort to recycle.

Despite the grim turnout of this experiment, I do not believe that it was a total loss. We now know what methodology does not work and it is only a matter of time before we find one that does.

"They worked really hard to get the word out but I think they need something to really grab the students' attention. It is important because this experiment is the precursor to what [Bryant University] will be involved in next semester with Recyclemania," said Ken Person.

So Bryant, what does it take to grab your attention? Tell me what will make you want to recycle.

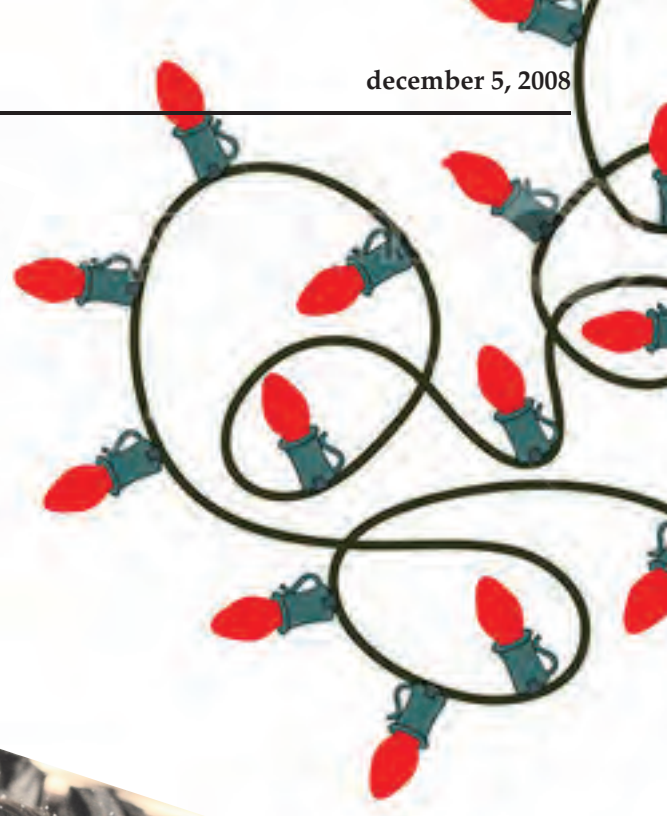
The second goal Team Big Green had was to promote Recyclemania, a country-wide recycling com-

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Bryant recoups \$24K in energysavings from National Grid

By Katarina Rosales
Contributing Writer

Bryant University recently reaped a \$24K reward as part of NATIONAL GRID's gas efficiency incentive program. As the Bryant community is well aware, we've been in the process of replacing the glass (aka glazing system) on the exterior of the Unistructure building. The new glass used is a

far more efficient glass system than the system originally installed in 1971; thus, reducing energy consumption with the campus' largest building.

The Unistructure contains more than 39,000 square feet of glass on its exterior. The window wall system was originally installed with an air gap between 2 panes of glass. To date, we've replaced 24,608 square feet (or 63%) of the glass during the past 3

summers. In an effort to save energy, we selected an argon-filled glass product with increased insulation values resulting in an anticipated savings of over 32,000 therms annually. As a function of our pro-active effort to reduce energy consumption, NATIONAL GRID awarded Bryant University \$24,000. A "Hat's Off" to Mr. Greg Gurney (Facilities Engineer) for advocating the potential for energy

savings resulting from the project to NATIONAL GRID, and "Hat's Off" to Mr. Kevin Dionne (Capital Projects Department) for systematically tracking the engineering characteristics of the window wall system, and maintaining the data associated with the multi-year project.

Going Green

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petition between schools and universities. The competition runs for ten weeks, beginning in January. Schools report recycling and trash data and are then ranked according to who collects the largest amount of recyclables per capita, the largest amount of total recyclables, the least amount of trash per capita, or have the highest recycling rate. The Management team

'91.8% of students said they would be more likely to recycle if they were educated and updated on the recycling policies at Bryant.'

made a Power-Point presentation to increase awareness of the competition within the Bryant community which will be displayed in the Rotunda at the competition's kick-off in January. Team leader, Ian Ross hopes that our school "gets involved, competes, and is successful. We need to make it known that here at Bryant we are doing our part." For more information on the competition, visit www.recyclemania.org.

The third and most successful goal of Team Big Green was to put together a survey in collaboration with Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) to adequately measure how effective the established recycling program here at Bryant really is. The survey was sent out via e-mail and filled out by 256 students, with an almost perfect distribution between classes. A shocking

44.5% of students who took the survey do not believe that Bryant has a recycling program, and left many comments similar to this: "I would like to make sure that facilities are recycling the bags of cans, bottles, etc that are in the Unistructure and other buildings on campus, and outside of the townhouses. They are put on a truck with all the other trash and I would just like to know that they are being put in a

separate place." Furthermore, 91.8% of students said they would be more likely to recycle if they were educated and updated on the recycling policies at Bryant. The survey provided both students and faculty with a realistic perspective of where we are as far as recycling goes.

To all the members of Team Big Green, the students who participated in the blue bag experiment and everyone who filled out the survey, thank you for making an honest effort to improve Bryant University's recycling efforts. As Bryant students, we have a responsibility to support each other's attempts to increase the quality of campus life. It is up to us, the students, to actively give rise to Bryant's green movement.

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

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Final Examination Schedule--Fall 2008	
Examination Period: <i>Day Courses (December 12 through December 19- Saturday included)</i> <i>Eve. Courses (December 15 through December 18)</i> REPORT TO THE SAME ROOM IN THAT THE CLASS HAS BEEN SCHEDULED <i>Please Note: This is a tentative schedule, prepared prior to the semester's start, please refer to the Bryant University web site for possible updates and/or changes.</i>	
Thursday, December 11, 2008 READING DAY - NO EXAMS	
Friday, December 12, 2008 10:00 am to 12:30 pm Classes that first meet Tuesday, and Thursday at 9:00, 9:30, 10:00 am 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm Classes that first meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 1:00 pm 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm All sections of MGT 200 (see instructor for exam and room schedule) Grades are due to be submitted in Banner by December 19, 2008*	
Saturday, December 13, 2008 10:00 am to 12:30 pm Classes that first meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8:00 am 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm Classes that first meet Tuesday, and Thursday at 8:00 am 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm All sections of MGT 200 (see instructor for exam and room schedule) Grades are due to be submitted in Banner by December 19, 2008*	
Monday, December 15, 2008 10:00 am to 12:30 pm Classes that first meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 10:00 am 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm Classes that first meet Tuesday, and Thursday at 2:00 pm 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm Classes that first meet Monday at 6:30 pm Grades are due to be submitted in Banner by December 22, 2008*	
Tuesday, December 16, 2008 10:00 am to 12:30 pm Classes that first meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9:00 am 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm Classes that first meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 12:00 noon 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm Classes that first meet Tuesday at 6:30 pm Grades are due to be submitted in Banner by December 23, 2008*	
Wednesday, December 17, 2008 10:00 am to 12:30 pm Classes that first meet Tuesday, and Thursday at 12:30, 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm Classes that first meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 11:00 am 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm Classes that first meet Wednesday at 6:30 pm Grades are due to be submitted in Banner by December 29, 2008*	
Thursday, December 18, 2008 10:00 am to 12:30 pm Classes that first meet Tuesday, and Thursday at 11:00 am, 12:00 pm 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm Classes that first meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 2:00 pm 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm Classes that first meet Thursday at 6:30 pm Grades are due to be submitted in Banner by December 29, 2008*	
Friday, December 19, 2008 10:00 am to 12:30 pm Classes that first meet Tuesday, and Thursday at 3:00, 3:30, or 4:00 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm Classes that first meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 3:00, 3:30, 4:00 or 5:00 and classes that meet Tuesday and Thursday at 5:00 pm Grades are due to be submitted in Banner by December 30, 2008*	
*All grades must be submitted by December 30, 2008	

FFL Exam Schedule		
All FFL exams will be held in the auditorium		
Friday, December 12, 2008		
10:00 am to 12:30 pm	FFL1010, FFL101X	Auditorium
2:00 pm to 4:30 pm	FFL101A, FFL101E, FFL101Y, FFL101Z	Auditorium
Grades are due to be submitted in Banner by December 19, 2008*		
Saturday, December 13, 2008		
10:00 am to 12:30 pm	FFL101B, FFL101CC, FFL101AT7	Auditorium
2:00 pm to 4:30 pm	FFL101AT4, FFL101AT5, FFL101B1, FFL101B3, FFL101B4, FFL101B5	Auditorium
	FFL101L, FFL101M	
Grades are due to be submitted in Banner by December 19, 2008*		
Monday, December 15, 2008		
10:00 am to 12:30 pm	FFL101C, FFL101DD, FFL101K	Auditorium
6:30 pm to 9:00 pm	FFL101AT1, FFL101I, FFL101J	Auditorium
Grades are due to be submitted in Banner by December 22, 2008*		
Tuesday, December 16, 2008		
2:00 pm to 4:30 pm	FFL101D, FFL101EE, FFL101TR4, FFL101TR3	Auditorium
6:30 pm to 9:00 pm	FFL101AT3, FFL101S, FFL101T, FFL101U	Auditorium
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Wednesday, December 17, 2008		
10:00 am to 12:30 pm	FFL101AT2, FFL101IS3	Auditorium
6:30 pm to 9:00 pm	FFL101AT6, FFL101BB, FFL101TR1	Auditorium
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Thursday, December 18, 2008		
10:00 am to 12:30 pm	FFL101FF, FFL101HH, FFL101IS2, FFL101N, FFL101V	Auditorium
2:00 pm to 4:30 pm	FFL101F, FFL101II, FFL101IS4	Auditorium
Grades are due to be submitted in Banner by December 29, 2008*		
Friday, December 19, 2008		
10:00 am to 12:30 pm	FFL101GG, FFL101IB6, FFL101IP, FFL101Q, FFL101R	Auditorium
2:00 pm to 4:30 pm	FFL101TR6, FFL101W	Auditorium
	FFL101AA, FFL101G, FFL101H, FFL101B2, FFL101S1	
	FFL101TR2, FFL101TR5	
Grades are due to be submitted in Banner by December 30, 2008*		
----- • There are no scheduled exam times for the science labs (check with your instructor). • There are no scheduled exam times for military science courses (check with your instructor). • Math courses with lecture and lab will have their exams according to the scheduled lecture time. • Language courses with lecture and lab will have their exams according to the scheduled lecture time. • Courses that meet Monday and Wednesday (or Monday, or Wednesday, or Friday) or any combination of the Monday, Wednesday, Friday schedule will have their exam according to the Monday/Wednesday/Friday exam schedule printed on the front side. • Courses that meet Tuesday (or Thursday) will have their exam according to the Tuesday/Thursday exam schedule printed on the front side. • IRT 101 & CIS 201 exams may be relocated to a different room than where the class is usually scheduled (check with your instructor).		

DPS LOG

EMT CALL Medical Services Rendered
NOV 17 2008-Monday at 16:40
Location: KOFFLER CENTER
Summary: A report of a person with a diabetic emergency. EMS was activated.

LARCENY (\$200-\$500)
NOV 18 2008-Tuesday at 19:17
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A reported stolen digital camera.

LARCENY (Over \$500)
NOV 18 2008-Tuesday at 19:47
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A reported theft of two I-Pods.

LARCENY (\$200-\$500)
NOV 18 2008-Tuesday at 20:25
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A report of a stolen I-Pod.

ACCIDENT (MVA) Motor Vehicle Accident
NOV 18 2008-Tuesday at 21:00
Location: COMMUTER PARKING LOT
Summary: A minor accident was reported in the Commuter lot without injuries.

EMT CALL Medical Services Rendered
NOV 19 2008-Wednesday at 00:12
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A report of an intoxicated male. EMS was activated.

ACCIDENT (MVA) Motor Vehicle Accident
NOV 19 2008-Wednesday at 13:08
Location: COMMUTER PARKING LOT
Summary: A minor accident was reported in the Commuter lot without injuries.

EMT CALL Medical Services Rendered
NOV 19 2008-Wednesday at 21:45
Location: CHASE ATHLETIC CENTER / GYM / MAC
Summary: A reported person with a finger injury. EMS was activated.

EMT CALL Medical Services Rendered
NOV 20 2008-Thursday at 12:24
Location: UNISTRUCTURE

Summary: A report of a person with suspected heart problems. EMS was activated.

DRUG ACTIVITY
NOV 20 2008-Thursday at 21:18
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: Smithfield Police arrested a student for possession of marijuana, a scale, plastic bags and cash.

ACCIDENT (MVA) Motor Vehicle Accident
NOV 21 2008-Friday at 10:35
Location: TOWNHOUSE ROADWAY
Summary: An accident involving a University Van and a student's car. No injuries.

EMT CALL Medical Services Rendered
NOV 22 2008-Saturday at 00:08
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A report of an intoxicated female. EMS was activated.

ACCIDENT (MVA) Motor Vehicle Accident
NOV 22 2008-Saturday at 00:30
Location: SENIOR APARTMENT LOT
Summary: A reported accident involving three vehicles in the Senior Apartment lot.

MALICIOUS FIRE ALARM Fire Alarm
NOV 22 2008-Saturday at 01:38
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A fire extinguisher was set off in a residence hall causing the fire alarm to activate. Ruled as a malicious alarm by Smithfield Fire

LARCENY
NOV 22 2008-Saturday at 03:49
Location: TOWNHOUSE
Summary: A report of personal items taken from a bedroom.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT
NOV 22 2008-Saturday at 23:07
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A non student smashed a window and was arrested for disorderly conduct.

EMT CALL Medical Services Rendered
NOV 23 2008-Sunday at 00:13

Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A report of a semi conscious male in a Residence Hall stairwell. EMS was activated.

DRUG ACTIVITY/ WEAPON
NOV 23 2008-Sunday at 00:59
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: DPS investigated a possible drug violation drug paraphernalia and a pellet gun were confiscated.

ACCIDENT Leaving the Scene / Unattended Vehicle
NOV 24 2008-Monday at 15:17
Location: HALL 16 LOT
Summary: A student reported someone had hit his vehicle over the weekend.

VANDALISM (School Building)
NOV 25 2008-Tuesday at 00:43
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A report of a broken Residence Hall door.

TOWED VEHICLE
NOV 25 2008-Tuesday at 11:10
Location: SMITH HOUSE LOT
Summary: A vehicle was towed from campus for outstanding violations.

BIAS INCIDENTS No cases reported.

Bias incidents are subject to reclassification upon investigation.

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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.

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Lend A Helping Hand

Every year Helping Hands hosts their annual holiday party. Helping Hands is a sub-committee of Bryant Helps. Its sole purpose is to organize and run a holiday party for under privileged children living in the surrounding area.

All clubs and organizations are asked to participate by hosting a table with a particular craft for the children to do. This event aims to give the children a fun, holiday-filled day which they may not receive at home.

It will take place this year on **Saturday, December 6th in the MAC from 12pm-4pm.**

Hope to see you there!

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Spotlight on Interns: A.J. Toto

Arthur Toto, Class of 2010
Concentration: Marketing
Minor: Communication
Internship Site: Sirius XM Satellite Radio
Location: New York, NY

How did you locate your internship?

I've been involved at Bryant's radio station so I had been interested in trying out the field in an internship and wanted to get a head start on finding one so I just started looking early. I applied to one in NJ, one in NYC, and then I applied on my own at Sirius. I got call the back from Sirius human resources saying that they were interested in me and that there were a couple of opportunities I could consider. I thought talk programming would be cool, and they said there was an opening with the Howard Stern show. I sent my resume to the executive producer and heard back a week later. They liked my resume and asked me a few questions on the phone, and I talked about my experiences. I got a call back and was told I got the job, which I took immediately.

Students should start early on paperwork for internships – there is a lot of running around to get things done – if you start early you'll be ahead of so many other kids. I felt like I was ahead of the curve.

What did you learn about the profession?

You really have to love radio if you want to make it your career. People came to talk to me (Vice Presidents, engineers, etc), and they all said if you want to get in you have to truly love it because you won't get paid a lot of money for awhile so you need to have the passion to stick with it. I found you have to be professional at all times even though you're joking with co-workers.

I really enjoyed my job. Getting up at 6:30 every morning and taking the train in was like being a real employee. Before I knew it, it was time to go home. I could see myself working there one day. They hire a lot of interns to be full-time employees when they're done so it felt like a career there was possible – for me to get to be a part of Sirius would be something special. If students can do it and it doesn't put them behind financially live away from home because it is such a great experience to learn how to do it.

What were your major responsibilities?

I got in at 9:30 am, and spent time dubbing and digitizing cassette tapes from Stern shows, then transferring them to a computer and burning them to disk for the production assistants to give to the editors. I had to pull certain moments from show logs and listen to them and then give them to staff to fit in script. I also transcribed celebrity interviews, took video clips and entered them into the computer, and took audio from them for the scripts. I did some show logging from old shows which is listening to shows and typing down what went on in detail. I did some organizing of interview albums and made tape lists. It was a really great experience.

What did you find most challenging about your internship?

The work was challenging at first but I caught on pretty quickly. I had to feel out what production wanted from me when I was pulling out clips. I was given a lot of freedom to make my own judgments, find clips, listen, and get all the parts they wanted. It was a little nerve wracking at first because I wanted to do a good job. Making sure everyone got what they needed was the most fun and most challenging part because I wanted to do a good job. The worst part was the commute back home at the end of the day because I'd get back late!

What did you find most rewarding about your internship?

Seeing what it takes to produce something like The History of Howard Stern – it was amazing to see all the work that went into it – you had to do a year of production for 5 days of programming. Just to get 5 minutes you have to transcribe, get the moment, get so many things just to get a little bit – to know how much help I was, knowing there was a deadline. I know they took me to lunch to thank me for



doing such a good job. I felt like I was part of a team and they depended on me as much as I depended on them

What did you learn about yourself?

A career in the communications industry is something I can strongly consider as a marketing major. I found out what I'd like to do – I know I really liked the environment of Sirius and enjoyed going to work every day.

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.

Study Abroad Spotlight

Name: Rachel Cohen
Class of: 2009
University: Lorenzo de' Medici
Location: Florence, Italy
Partner: API
Semester Abroad: Spring 2008
Duration: 4 months

Reason for going:

I've always known I wanted to study abroad, and when it came down to it, I was trying to decide between Italy and Australia. I chose Italy because I wanted to be able to travel around Europe, and in Florence almost everyone speaks English, and I didn't know any Italian. Plus the food is just way too good.

Best experience/memory:

One of the first days that it started to get warmer, we took a blanket and went to one of the famous gardens in Florence. The park is huge and it overlooks the entire city. We brought bottles of wine and my friend brought his guitar and we sat there for hours.

Funny cultural experience:

When we were in Amsterdam, we went to a live show, and I just wanted to take a picture of the funny Dutch "actor" on stage wearing really small cutoff jean shorts and cowboy boots, because he looked ridiculous. For some reason when I took the picture though, everyone freaked out. The "actors"

on stage started pointing in my direction and then the lights came on and one of the bouncers came in yelling asking who the hell took the picture. Nobody said anything, and I definitely didn't either, so the bouncer left, the lights went back out, and the couple on stage went back to their business. The show must go on I guess.

How was the school different from Bryant University?

Besides everything? I think the biggest difference was that our school's wireless internet was the slowest and most unreliable internet ever. Bryant's the most wired campus in the history of the world or something like that, but at the school in Florence you were lucky if it took less than 5 minutes for a page to load. It was a little frustrating, but it's hard to get too angry when you're in Italy. Also the classrooms were all in random places in the city, like on the corner of a busy street and down a big alleyway.

How did this experience change you?

I really learned a lot about myself, like why I make some of the choices I do and how I handle certain situations. I think realizing that and figuring that out made me grow up a little bit. And I also made some of the best friends I've ever had, and they'll be a part of my life forever. This all sounds real corny, but it's true.

Would you study abroad again given the opportunity?

Definitely, I'd live abroad if I could!



CSI SPOTLIGHT

Brian Duffy



Brian is currently a member of Bryant's student run radio station, WJME, helping his fellow student DJ's and the radio station as a whole. Brian also is serving on the newly formed Special Initiatives Committee. Brian is also a member of the Accounting Association. Brian's ability to balance all of these commitments and still remain a good student makes him a very worthy recipient of this week's Spotlight Award.

Get in the spirit with a free holiday concert

By Brigit Clancy
Variety Editor

The Bryant Singers and the Bottom Line will perform a free holiday concert on Saturday, December 6th at 3pm in the Bello Grand Hall followed by a reception.


Christine Lorefice, the President of Bryant Singers, said, "The Bryant Singers start practicing (and rehearsing) beginning in the Fall with various performances throughout the semester including Parents & Family Weekend, a joint performance with Salve Regina (University), and at the upcoming Festival of Lights. At the culmination of the semester we perform a winter concert for those who wish to enjoy a mixture of classical pieces and holiday favorites."

"Our goal is to express our love of singing and entertaining to the Bryant community and other aficionados of music," said Lorefice. "We encourage family and friends to attend so we can demonstrate our musical achievements thus far. Our repertoire is timeless. Our audience can be entertained no matter their age or knowledge of music. Also performing at the winter concert is The Bottom Line (TBL). They are a student-directed organization with an a cappella style. They have a trendier, edgier selection that mainstream music listeners can appreciate."

Lorefice commented, "We believe in the arts and the joy of performing which should be free for all to embrace and to attend, yet we always have an optional donation for the concert." All donations will go to the American Cancer Society.

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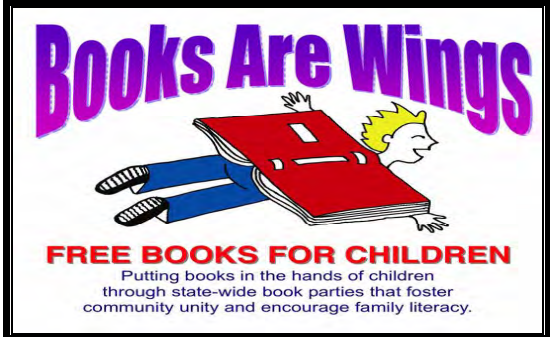


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NEC: A Transitioning Conference

By Stephen Demers
Staff Writer

The road to Division I has already provided plenty of highs and lows for the Bryant University athletic department. The Bulldogs have faced numerous challenges in the first few months of a four year transition period to Division I status. Growing pains are to be expected as the Bulldogs have gone from facing-off against the likes of Bentley and Stonehill to some of the country's top Division I programs.

While football games against UMass and basketball contests against UConn certainly help to promote the Bryant brand on a national stage, they are not necessarily representative of the competition that the Bulldogs will face when they become members of the Northeast Conference in 2012. Bryant fans should continue to look forward to early season match-ups against high caliber Division I programs, but the bulk of all Bryant athletic schedules will be against Robert Morris, Sacred Heart, Quinnipiac and other NEC foes.



Everyone is familiar with major Division I conferences such as the Big East, ACC or Pac-10, but the NEC is not yet a household name. The conference was first established in 1981 as the men's basketball-only ECAC-Metro Conference. Today, the conference has transformed into a growing 12-member, 22-sport conference. As Bryant evolves into a Division I athletic program, the NEC and many of its members are also continuing to undergo changes to gain greater national recognition.

The addition of Bryant has helped the NEC expand its geographic footprint to six states, and the conference has gained access to major media mar-

kets such as New York City, Baltimore, Hartford, Pittsburgh and Providence. This type of geographic reach is not only crucial for recruiting, but it also helps in gaining national television broadcasts and other media coverage.

The NEC already offers football and basketball packages to many of the regional sports networks throughout the Northeast, but conference officials were also able to secure a partnership with ESPNU last season. As everyone knows, ESPN holds the power of the sports media. A partnership with the worldwide sports leader can only help as the NEC looks to gain greater national recognition.

The national television platform will help the NEC build stronger brand recognition, but the conference cannot rely only on media coverage to attract high-level student athletes. State-of-the-art facilities are a hallmark of all successful athletic conferences.

As a result, many NEC members have been spending millions of dollars upgrading their athletic facilities. Quinnipiac's \$52 million TD Banknorth Sports Center may be the most drastic upgrade, but Central Connecticut State, Fairleigh Dickinson, Long Island, Monmouth and Sacred Heart all either recently upgraded their athletic facilities, or are in the process of upgrading.



As a daunting schedule looms, the men's and women's basketball teams have an uphill battle in their Division I debut seasons. (Athletic De-

letes. The NEC member schools are all banking on the athletic conference's future to attract high caliber students both in and out of the classroom.

NEC officials have also been working hard over the past year to ensure that all NEC student-athletes have an opportunity to play for a national championship. Both the men's and women's basketball programs have automatic bids to the NCAA tournament. Earlier this year, it was announced that the NEC would receive automatic access into the Division I Football Championship Subdivision post-season beginning in 2010. The FCS recently expanded their playoffs from a 16 to 20-team format.

During the 2010-11 season, the NEC

will also begin to sponsor men's lacrosse. The conference will encompass six schools, Bryant, Mount St. Mary's, Quinnipiac, Robert Morris, Sacred Heart and Wagner. The Bulldogs chose to utilize the NCAA's Fast Track Reclassification program so they would be ready to compete for a championship by the 2010-11 season.

Despite all of the growth and progress the NEC has achieved over the course of the last couple of years, the conference still has a lot to accomplish if it hopes to build its national brand. The commissioner needs to instill tougher standards in regards to

'Despite all of the growth and progress the NEC has achieved over the course of the last couple of years, the conference still has a lot to accomplish.'

coaching salaries, facilities and scheduling. Quinnipiac has invested millions into a new sports arena and pays its men's basketball coach more than \$200,000 per year (double that of most NEC schools), but St. Francis (N.Y.) plays in what some say cannot even be considered a top high school gym. Where is the parity?

There is no question that Bryant is joining the NEC at an exciting time. The conference has never been more competitive and been surrounded by so much buzz. So while the Bulldogs face challenges of transitioning into Division I, the NEC is also facing similar challenges as they attempt to expand their national footprint. It should be exciting to watch as both Bryant and the NEC enter a new era.



The football program did not disappoint in their debut season, racking up impressive road victories against Division I opponents. (Athletic Department)



Kelsey O'Keefe

Year: Junior

Sport: Basketball

O'Keefe helped the women's basketball team to a 53-50 win over St. Francis Monday night with 15 points and 8 rebounds, surpassing the 1,000 point mark in her career.



Cecil Gresham

Year: Junior

Sport: Basketball

Gresham, averaging a team high 16.6 ppg, led the team with 19 points against #2 UConn on Saturday. Gresham went 6 for 9 from three point range.

Bulldog Bites

Soccer program announces dates for winter tournaments

The Bryant University soccer program has announced that it will hold two 7 v 7 soccer tournaments this spring. The Tupper Cup and the Bickford Bowl will be held on Sunday, March 29th. The Bickford Bowl will be open to teams u16-u19 while the Tupper Cup will be for college age players. Games will be 26 minutes in length, and each team will play a minimum three games. The fee will be \$150/Team per tournament. Please visit www.bryantbulldogs.com for more information on times, dates and registration information.

O'Keefe scores 1,000th point as Bryant tops St. Francis

Led by junior co-captain Kelsey O'Keefe (Warren, Mass.), who with her first basket of the night became the 19th player in women's basketball program history to reach 1,000 career points, the Bryant University women's basketball team topped Northeast Conference opponent St. Francis (NY), 53-50, Monday in its first-ever Division I home opener at the Chace Athletic Center. O'Keefe's layup, fed by junior Courtney Schermerhorn (Lowell, Mass.), fell in 43 seconds into Monday night's contest to vault her into the 1,000-point club and make the score 5-1 in the home team's favor. Bryant would keep the lead - thanks in part to four three-pointers, two from frosh Shannon Wood (Gorham, Maine) - through the end of the frame, going up by as many as 10 before taking a 30-25 advantage into the locker room at the half. Another shot from long distance with 18:38 to go after the break gave the Bulldogs (3-4) back the 10-point edge, 35-25, before St. Francis (0-6) cut that lead back to five on a Kara Ayers trey. O'Keefe's 15 points led the game while Wood chipped in 11 of her own in a career-high 39 minutes of play. The rookie also dished out a game-high seven assists with four steals and perfect 3-for-3 shooting from beyond the arc. Wood would go 4-for-6 on the day. O'Keefe and sophomore Siamone Bennett (Newburgh, N.Y.) each collected a team-best eight boards on the night. Williams paced the Terriers with 14 points, while Kristin Leitheuser knocked down 12 points with a game-high nine rebounds. Bryant returns to the court Friday when it travels to Bethlehem, Pa. to take on Lehigh University in a 7 p.m. matchup.

Bulldogs fall to #2 UConn Saturday, November 30

The Bulldogs fell to second ranked UConn 88-58 last Saturday in what was seemingly their most difficult game on the 2008 schedule. The Huskies outscored Bryant, 36-12, in the paint and 24-4 on second-chance points. And yet the outcome of the game hinged on just one bad call, joked first-year Bulldog coach Tim O'Shea. "My good friend Max Good [the ex-Bryant coach] called me last night," O'Shea revealed. "He wanted to remind me that one call cost me this game, and that was the phone call he made to schedule it. I got a good laugh out of that." O'Shea remained in a good mood, even after the 30-point loss, as his Bulldogs represented themselves well enough. Bryant hung tough over the first 10 minutes, thanks largely to the shooting of Cecil Gresham. "This is, in many ways, a good thing for our program," O'Shea said. "The positives for us: we put up 58 points against the number-two team in the country. We hung with them for about 13, 14 minutes ... Obviously, from a talent standpoint, there's an ocean between where Bryant is right now and where Connecticut is."

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Bryant falls to Albany

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The Great Danes got 17 points from freshman guard Anthony Raffa to lift Albany to their fifth straight win, 57-47, over Bryant Monday night at the SEFCU Center. Defense was the story of the first half, as a strong 2-3 zone by the Bulldogs held the Great Danes to just 33 percent shooting from the floor in the first half including 3-for-14 from beyond the three-point arc, but Bryant still trailed, 28-22, at the break.

On the other end, the Bulldogs continued to get good looks at the basket despite full court pressure from Albany, but could not get the shots to fall, going 8-for-27 from the floor and 1-for-11 from downtown. Bryant committed just four first half turnovers.

Leading scorer Cecil Gresham (Bloomfield, Conn. / MCI) played just five minutes in the first half, as foul trouble forced coach Tim O'Shea

to put the junior on the bench with 12:15 to go in the half. Gresham was held to 0-for-3 shooting and zero points in the half for the first time this season. Barry Latham (Taunton, Mass. / Marianapolis) carried the scoring burden for Bryant through the first 20 minutes, scoring 10 points on 4-for-8 shooting, including a thunderous dunk on a breakaway to pull the Bulldogs within two at 15-13 with just over seven minutes to play in the half. Latham finished with a team-high 16 points and was the only Bulldog in double-figures. The Great Danes were able to find scoring from Brian Connelly, who recorded 12 points in the first frame including 10 straight over a four minute span from the nine minute mark until five minutes left in the half. Connelly finished with 13 for the game.

UAlbany held a big advantage on the

boards, outrebounding the Bulldogs 26-15 including 9 on the offensive end. Bryant trailed by just two after a pair of Latham free throws with 2:06 in the half when Louis Barraza and Anthony Raffa connected on a pair of threes, with a Jerrann Wright (Cincinnati, Ohio /

Dater) lay-up sandwiched in-between to give the Great Danes a six point lead as the teams headed for their locker rooms. Wright would finish with seven points and a season-high nine rebounds.

Gresham got on the scoreboard just 30 seconds into the second half, but that would be just one of four field goals for the Bulldogs over the first 12 minutes of the frame. Gresham finished with a season-low six points and was held below double-figures for the first time this year.

The Great Danes used a 14-2 run over seven minutes in the second half to help put distance between themselves and Bryant as they extended the lead to 46-28 with 10 minutes to go. Tim Ambrose, who scored 23 in the first matchup between the two

squads, had six during that run that concluded with a Barraza three. That would be the biggest lead of the night for UAlbany. Bryant would respond with a short 5-0 run to close the deficit to 14 with 7:01 left. The Bulldogs continued to play hard on the defensive end, getting a great effort off the bench from Anthony Thomas (Boston, Mass. / Cathedral).

The Bulldogs had a difficult time finding an offensive rhythm down the stretch, but were able to close the gap to ten thanks to the late Chris Birrell (Scituate, R.I. / Scituate) three, but would not get any closer as the final buzzer sounded. Bryant finished the night shooting just 3-for-21 from behind the arc, but shot well from the free throw line with a season high 70.6 percent.

Next up for Bryant is a trip to Iowa to take on the Hawkeyes on Friday night (7:30 CT).



THE SPORTS GUYS

NFL PICKS

WEEK 14

Game	Demers	Giardino	Mulcare	Yaks
<u>Oakland at San Diego</u>	<u>San Diego</u>	<u>San Diego</u>	<u>San Diego</u>	<u>San Diego</u>
<u>Jacksonville at Chicago</u>	<u>Chicago</u>	<u>Chicago</u>	<u>Chicago</u>	<u>Chicago</u>
<u>Minnesota at Detroit</u>	<u>Minn.</u>	<u>Minn.</u>	<u>Minn.</u>	<u>Minn.</u>
<u>Houston at Green Bay</u>	<u>Green Bay</u>	<u>Green Bay</u>	<u>Green Bay</u>	<u>Houston</u>
<u>Cleveland at Tennessee</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>
<u>Cincinnati at Indianapolis</u>	<u>Indy</u>	<u>Indy</u>	<u>Indy</u>	<u>Indy</u>
<u>Atlanta at New Orleans</u>	<u>Atlanta</u>	<u>Atlanta</u>	<u>Atlanta</u>	<u>New Orlns.</u>
<u>Philadelphia at NY Giants</u>	<u>NY Giants</u>	<u>NY Giants</u>	<u>NY Giants</u>	<u>Philly</u>
<u>NY Jets at San Francisco</u>	<u>NY Jets</u>	<u>NY Jets</u>	<u>NY Jets</u>	<u>NY Jets</u>
<u>New England at Seattle</u>	<u>New Eng.</u>	<u>New Eng.</u>	<u>New Eng.</u>	<u>New Eng.</u>
<u>Kansas City at Denver</u>	<u>Denver</u>	<u>Denver</u>	<u>Denver</u>	<u>Denver</u>
<u>Miami at Buffalo</u>	<u>Buffalo</u>	<u>Miami</u>	<u>Miami</u>	<u>Miami</u>
<u>St. Louis at Arizona</u>	<u>Arizona</u>	<u>Arizona</u>	<u>Arizona</u>	<u>Arizona</u>
<u>Dallas at Pittsburgh</u>	<u>Pittsburgh</u>	<u>Dallas</u>	<u>Pittsburgh</u>	<u>Dallas</u>
<u>Washington at Baltimore</u>	<u>Baltimore</u>	<u>Baltimore</u>	<u>Baltimore</u>	<u>Wash.</u>
<u>Tampa Bay at Carolina</u>	<u>Carolina</u>	<u>Carolina</u>	<u>Tampa Bay</u>	<u>Tampa Bay</u>
Last Week's Record	10-6	13-3	9-7	11-5
OVERALL RECORD	113-63	112-64	106-70	112-64

Plaxico Burress' lack of judgment is nothing to laugh about

By Shannon J. Owens
MCT Campus

Maybe the joke about the NFL star who accidentally shot himself at a nightclub would be funny another weekend. But Plaxico Burress picked the wrong time to be the butt of bar-room stories.

"He called me laughing and grinning," Burress' New York Giants teammate Brandon Jacobs told reporters after their 23-7 victory against Washington Sunday.

"He is doing fine. He is feeling good. I called him and made a few jokes about the situation and he laughed, which is what I wanted to hear."

Comedy is all about timing. And this joke could not have come during a more inappropriate moment. Plaxico shot himself just a day after the one-year anniversary of Sean Taylor's death.

The bullet hit him inches away from the same spot-his right thigh-that killed Sean.

By a strange twist of fate, it happened on the same weekend the Giants and Washington Redskins were set to play. Of course, neither Sean nor Plaxico were on the field Sunday. But for very different reasons. Taylor died protecting his family from a home invasion. Burress, who was already sidelined for the game by injury, shot himself jamming to Lil' Wayne songs at a club.

I realize Burress probably wasn't thinking about the deeper meaning of this weekend when the bullet struck. But if he had any compassion, it would have crossed his mind at some point. It's more than inappropriate to laugh about such matters.

It's disrespectful to all the victims, unlike Burress, who did not get second chances.

Taylor's daughter will never know her father. Rosalind Williams, mother of slain Denver Broncos cornerback Darrent Williams, lost a son. Richard Collier, also the victim of a shooting, lost a leg and

will never play football again.

Home invasions, stabbings and shootings are sadly becoming commonplace stories in today's archetype of the tragic sports hero.

We live in an increasingly violent world with inexplicable tragedies.

So the violence brought on oneself because of ignorant choices is offensive. Not laughable.

Judging by Burress' behavior in the past 10 months, he was bound to end up in handcuffs.

He repeatedly rejected authority by ignoring team and league rules. He has paid fines amounting to the price of a suburban home. His wife had filed for two restraining orders against him that were dismissed by a state court.

He said he missed a team meeting because he had to take his son to school. This would have been a halfway decent excuse if Plaxico didn't have such a lame track record of stupidity. Think about it this way, he almost ceded \$35 million last weekend in a matter of seconds. I personally don't have an issue with athletes going to clubs.

But if that particular environment calls for you to bring an AK-47, a bodyguard and a militia, then I recommend a quiet night at home. There is no reason to lose your life or cause harm to someone else over an apple martini and a couple dance tracks.

There are few industries that allow a person to generate enough wealth for two generations in a matter of a few years. Why would you not do everything to protect your future?

Burress' days of being an NFL star are certainly



Over the years, clubs and athletes haven't exactly mixed. Plax is just the latest installment of an ongoing saga. (MCT Campus)

numbered. But he has another chance to be a better man. And if pending success or failure in life isn't motivation enough, then think about Sean.

Think about Darrent. Think about Richard. Think about all the chances they never got and the one you so fortunately have.

BCS creators defend current system, don't see a playoff on the horizon

By Randall Mell
MCT Campus

The men who created the Bowl Championship Series don't wear disguises when they go out in public. They haven't changed their names or relocated to exotic islands. In fact, Roy Kramer and Gene Corrigan are proud of what they've wrought even as a new legion of BCS bashers forms in Texas to curse their handiwork.

"I'm tremendously pleased with how it's working," said Kramer, the former SEC commissioner who put the controversial structure in place as the first BCS coordinator in 1998. "One of the purposes was to make the regular season more interesting and exciting, and I think it's accomplished that to an enormous degree. I'm watching an NFL game (Sunday) and in the middle of the game, they're talking about the BCS. You never heard that in the past."

Kramer and Corrigan spoke for an hour on the telephone Monday morning. Corrigan, the former ACC commissioner who helped Kramer invent the BCS, wasn't calling to see if the newest storm of discontent raging in Texas will finally require they enlist in a witness protection program. He was calling to compare notes about the game they still love.

Though both are retired, they remain vital parts of the BCS. They vote in the Harris Interactive Poll. All you Texas fans cursing them should know they both assert that they voted Texas ahead of Oklahoma this week. They are among the 133 former coaches, administrators, players and media who vote in a poll that accounts for one-third of the BCS standings.

"We never thought the BCS was a perfect system," said Corrigan, who was Notre Dame's athletic director before joining the ACC. "But it was a hell of a lot better than what we had. People forget that. When you look back, the bowl system was so com-

pletely bad. You almost never got No. 1 to play No. 2."

Before the Bowl Coalition morphed into the Bowl Alliance and finally the BCS, bowl officials secretly wooed teams in smoke-filled back rooms, typically making deals in early November. They gambled that the teams they picked would win out and retain their high rankings.

The gambles didn't always pay off.



More than ever it seems the BCS system is ruining the conclusion of the college football season - and there does not appear to be an end in sight. (MCT Campus)

In the 50 seasons between 1942 and '91, The Associated Press No. 1 team met No. 2 just eight times in a bowl game, about once every six seasons. The BCS, of course, is a perfect 10 for 10 matching up No. 1 vs. No. 2 since its creation. The outrage is over who most deserves those rankings and why a playoff is so distasteful to collegiate officials.

"There will always be some controversy," Kramer said. "You can't eliminate it. I never got so many nasty letters as I got for leaving someone off

the 64 teams who made the NCAA Tournament when I was on the basketball committee." That won't appease Texas fans, or those from USC and Penn State who think their one-loss conference champs are being unfairly excluded. In Sunday's newest BCS standings, Alabama (12-0) held tight to No. 1 while Oklahoma (11-1) controversially moved up to No. 2, jumping over Texas (11-1). The Longhorns slipped to No. 3.

That's notable because Texas beat Oklahoma 45-35 on a neutral field in Dallas in the Red River Shootout in October. It was notable, too, because the BCS standings were used as the tiebreaker separating Oklahoma, Texas and Texas Tech from their one-loss tie atop the Big 12 South. Oklahoma is now headed to the Big 12 Championship Game with an inside track to the BCS national title game.

"Going into the last couple weeks, we knew that a good team was going to be left out of the Big 12 championship," Texas coach Mack Brown said. "Unfortunately, in this situation, it was us. We don't like it, we don't agree with it or think it's fair, but, like anything else, we'll handle it and move forward."

Though Texas beat both Oklahoma and Missouri, the Longhorns will watch the Sooners and Tigers play for the Big 12 title Saturday in Kansas City, Mo.

Texas got bumped mostly because of the computers, with four of the six computers used by the BCS favoring Oklahoma. "They don't have agendas," Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said. "They don't have loyalties, they don't have opinions. They don't have all the bias everyone else does." Yet even Stoops, just two weeks ago, said he has "come full circle"

in desiring a playoff. "The BCS is the system we have, and I don't see a playoff on the horizon," Kramer said. "I don't see the support. I think we are as far as you'll get."

For Kramer, the storm that's passing ultimately serves to nurture the game's roots. He knows it will pass and believes the game will be better for its passing.

Students Speak Out

How do you prepare for finals?



"I make review sheets then study a few hours the night before."
Andrew Urquidi '09



"I color coordinate lists of what is due. Oh, and buy lots of chocolate and Ben and Jerry's."
Allyson Lagasse '10



"I make outlines."
Brittany Sandarciero '11



"I try to get a lot of sleep so I don't get sick from all the stress."
Jackie Lemieux '11



"I try to not stress out about it."
Meghan Kirchhof '11



"I live at the library."
Kristen Sandstrom '11



"I try to relax and pretend like its just like any other test. Also usually there is a lot of popcorn involved".
Torrey Rotblatt '09



"I meditate."
Dave Nelligan '10

Stompings and Stupidity: My Second Annual Black Friday Experience



By: Michael Adams
Opinion Editor

A quick survey of my fellow classmates told me that people either hate Black Friday or they love it. I obviously love it, or I wouldn't be writing about it. For those of you who have no clue as to what Black Friday is, it's the day after Thanksgiving where

retailers slash prices on hot products and hope to pull in shoppers and turn a profit (or transition into the black). It's the shopping day I look forward to, almost more than the killer chocolate fudge pie my mom makes every year.

Ok—here we go. My day started out at 7:30 am. I found no reason to get up at the crack of dawn for electronics I can't afford. I drove in with my sister, and we first picked up an iPod touch case for her, which was conveniently merchandised on the floor—yeah, thanks unnamed electronics retailer—you make shopping near impossible at a time when people need three coffees to be able to blink. We then ventured down to Vermont's largest indoor shopping mall—it was hectic. Parking was a nightmare, especially with the forty-something moms walking right into the road without even looking or the 85 year-old grandmother who just backs out of the space without even looking. Even though it seemed that the parking lot was jammed, there definitely was not the same amount of people walking around in the mall. No idea where they were, but sales were all over the place. It seemed every retailer had a certain percentage off the whole store—

it was awesome!

We then ventured downtown to yet another mall, did the usual, and watched all the children awe over Santa—he had transition lenses this year, so he is clearly keeping up with the times. His skin was not looking so good—I would suggest a visit to the dermatologist. I then went into a store that will also remain nameless, and decided to purchase something with my business debit card. The cashier proceeded to ask me if my last name was "energy bars" as the

busters, and they did not open at four in the morning to greet the yahoos ready for those early-bird deals.

This leads me to a story that I read post-shopping. I logged on to check my e-mail, and saw the headline: Wal-Mart Employee Stomped to Death. I read on to see if it was true, and it sure was! It turns out that the employee was trampled by the throngs of people that ended up breaking down the doors. As employees tried to help the man, other shoppers were stepping on him or over him to get to their deal of choice somewhere in the store. When police told shoppers to clear out, they complained, with some saying they were waiting since yesterday in front of the store. What is worse is the people who waited for Wal-Mart to re-open on the other side of the crime scene tape. You have got to be kidding me. Your fellow neighbors trampled over a man for an awesome deal on a TV or GPS? Don't we have any morals left in us to stop and help a man in distress? He was later pronounced dead at the hospital at 6:00 am. Think of the people who just stepped over him. Talk about feeling guilty. It gets worse, though. Also trampled on was a woman who was 8 months pregnant. She is reportedly doing ok but unfortunately the baby was lost. The question I have to ask is why is a woman who is 8 months pregnant out on Black Friday? You're about to pop and you want to go grab that laptop you have always wanted for a couple of hundred bucks. You have a human being in your belly! I don't get it.



(MCT Campus)

name on the card states Eddie's Energy Bars. I laughed and stated that I was using the card for my business. He then said that he was so embarrassed for asking the question, but then called me "Mr. Energy" and told me to have a good day. What? You already screwed up once. Don't make it worse. Now, this was not a store that had ridiculous door

I loved the deals and will absolutely do it again next year, but can we not trample people over? Thanks. Happy holidays to all of my devoted readers and good luck on finals!

Words of Wellness: Healthy Holidays!



By: Jennifer Diprete
Staff Columnist

The New England Journal of Medicine estimates that the average American typically gains between 1-5 pounds between mid-November and early

January. Just when you thought you were over the "Freshman 15," (which is a myth and over exaggerated) you find yourself in another predicament faced with making healthy choices during one of the most celebratory times of the year. It is not impossible to be healthy during the holidays, but it is a matter of committing to healthy habits and being mindful of the choices you are making. Here are some reminders and tips for ensuring a healthy holiday season.

Food Choices – Between parties and gatherings, it seems like the supply of food is never ending. Keep the following tips in mind: Choose fresh, raw vegetables when possible, just watch the dip. Dip once (remember, there is a difference between dipping and scooping) to provide flavor. Avoid double dipping as it not only unhygienic, it also adds more calories and fat than needed. For entrees, eat slowly. Pay attention to the taste and texture of your food. Resist shoveling food into your mouth before you have thoroughly chewed and swallowed

the previous bite. Give your brain and your belly a chance to catch up with each other. Skip seconds on the main dish and allow yourself to sit and relax before enjoying dessert (if you so choose). A half cup of vanilla ice cream will run you about 145 calories and one slice (1/8) of pumpkin pie about 180 calories. Not bad considering other dessert choices. Opt out of a slice (1/8) of pecan pie. You're looking at close to 480 calories for that indul-

gence!

Exercise – Not having enough time is not an excuse for ditching your workout routine. The stress relief and endorphin boost will help you navigate the season as stress free as possible. Tweak your schedule slightly and you will find that exercise can be built into the busiest of schedules. Increasing the intensity of your workout is the first way to reap the benefits of exercising without devoting a full 30 minutes to activity. Another possibility is breaking it up into three 10 minute workouts per day. While waiting for food to cook/bake, do sit-ups, jumping jacks, or push-ups. If you

have stairs in your house, you have a built in stair master at your disposal. Jog up and down a few times doing jumping jacks in between each session. While holiday shopping, take several trips to and from your car (park far away from the entrance too) to drop off bags, walk up the escalator (or better yet, take the stairs to the next level) instead of gliding up or down with ease. Think outside the box. Exercise doesn't mean there has

less sugar. Also keep in mind to limit the serving size. Do you have a penchant for cider? Avoid brands of bottled cider that contain sugar or artificial sweeteners. Look for labels indicating, "100% real juice." They are typically high in vitamin C. Mixed alcoholic drinks can contain as many calories as a meal. Good holiday cheer doesn't mean over doing it on the bubbly. Never drink and drive, keeping in mind that it will take approximately one hour per drink for your body to metabolize and "come down" from the effects of too much alcohol.

Bust Holiday Blues – While all the action of the holiday season can be quite exciting, it can also be very overwhelming. One way to maintain a balance includes scheduling time for yourself and sticking to it. It's okay to say, "no" sometimes. Try not to over-commit yourself. Studies show that repeated exposure to stressful events suppresses the immune system. No one wants to be sick during the holiday season. Rediscover what it means to savor – not only good food, but good company, meaningful moments, and nature's scenery. Remember what it feels like to feel satisfied, peaceful and still. And last, but not least, remember to smile and laugh. Just the physical act of smiling naturally makes you feel good. Go ahead, try it! I told you!

Happy and Healthy Holidays!



to be a gym or fitness center involved.

Beverages - Hot chocolate, cider, eggnog, and alcohol, oh my! According to one recent study, Americans get an average of 22% of their daily calories from beverages. If you like hot cocoa, stay away from packaged mixes. Most conventional brands contain artificial flavors, thickeners, and high amounts of sugar or artificial sweeteners. Try melting good quality dark chocolate, stir in warm soy milk, and season with honey and cinnamon. The blend of milk, eggs, sugar, and rum makes eggnog high in fat, sugar, and calories. Create your own by using low fat milk, organic eggs, and

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Making the Holidays Happy

By: Drew Green
Staff Writer

For my last article of this semester

I thought it I should change the pace a little and move away from my politically motivated articles and discuss something that has a more tangible impact on peoples' lives. The holiday season is upon us, as anyone who went shopping on Black Friday could tell you. While the economy is still suffering I think it is important that we keep things in perspective while we bemoan this difficult period we are going through. Although people here at



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Bryant are all from different backgrounds there is one common thread we have, and that is that we are privileged enough to be able to afford an education. It may not seem like a gift you want for the holidays, especially after finals have just ended, but all in all it is and it will continue to give as our lives extend past our time here at Bryant.

The point I am coming to is that here at Bryant we all have something we can give to make other people's lives better during this holiday season. This is the time for giving, so give is what the privileged should do. Now I realize that not everyone has money to give because of the financial situation we all find ourselves in, however, I ask that those who consider themselves to be in this predicament put their problems into a greater perspective. This time might be hard for many of my fellow students compared to previous years, but what about those who had less than you before this economy went south. You might be suffering, but I guarantee someone is suffering more. So in this

time of crisis it is more important than ever to spread the love this holiday season, because I am sure that everyone could use a little after a very long year.

Sadly, too many times I know that I have focused more on myself during the holiday season and what I am thankful for, and I know I am not the only person that does this. It is not necessarily a bad thing to do, I think it is important to reflect on your life and be thankful for whatever makes you happy. However, it is somewhat self-centered, but even more it is an unwillingness to view all of the plights that are present in

this world. I am the type of person that does not want to watch the news around the holidays because I want a feeling that there is peace, even if that feeling is shallow. I can recognize that living with blinders over your eyes is not a particularly good way to walk through life. This is why I urge people to

make some type of impact during the holiday season. We should not ignore the issues; rather we should embrace the issues and work to fix them. There are countless people who live their daily lives with problems we wish to never face. The best you can do is to find a way to offer some relief to those less fortunate than ourselves.

I will be finding some way to give to others during this holiday season, and hopefully this article will convince some of you to do the same. For those of you who do decide like me to give in some way I ask one more favor of you. I ask that what you give to is a cause you truly care about and not just something that is self gratifying. The act of giving should be out of love and respect, not pity. With that being said I would like to wish you all a Happy Holiday season.

Building a Cabinet

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Two of the most important jobs in any administration are secretary of state and attorney general _ the officials charged with overseeing our foreign relations and our system of justice. The ideal candidate for either job would have a combination of outstanding experience, knowledge, intelligence and judgment. When it comes to the Justice Department, President-elect Barack Obama apparently has found someone who meets that standard. But the State Department may be a different story.

There, the president-elect is reported to be giving serious thought to naming Hillary Clinton. Her appeal is obvious. Clinton is smart and hard-working. Her appointment would gratify the millions of Democrats who voted for her in the primaries, demonstrate Obama's preference for a centrist foreign policy and enlist the many talents of both his former rival and her husband.

But she has some significant shortcomings as well. Despite all the foreign travels she undertook while living in the White House, she has only modest experience in international issues. As Chicago Tribune reporters Mike Dorning and Christi Parsons noted in a March 7 story, "While Hillary Clinton represented the U.S. on the world stage at important moments while she was first lady, there is scant evidence that she played a pivotal role in major foreign policy decisions or in managing global crises." During her time in the Senate, she hasn't served on the Foreign Relations Committee.

It's an open question whether Clinton is ready to put aside her own views and priorities and become the loyal team player an effective secretary of state has to be. And while it might be nice to have Bill Clinton's talents on call, his personal flaws _ temper, indiscipline, ego _ could cancel them out.

Clinton is said to be considering whether she wants the job, and maybe she will help Obama by declining. Fortunately, he can choose from plenty of stellar candidates. There is former Nebraska Sen. Bob Kerrey, who served on the commission that investigated the Sept. 11 attacks. There is former Georgia Sen. Sam Nunn, who heads the private Nuclear Threat Initiative. There is Susan Rice, who was assistant secretary of state for African affairs under Bill Clinton. Any of them would serve Obama well.

The same can be said of the person he has reportedly asked to take over the Justice Department _ Eric Holder, a former judge, federal prosecutor and deputy attorney general. He is remembered in Chicago for putting the powerful Rep. Dan Rostenkowski in prison on corruption charges back in 1996.

Unlike President George W. Bush's first attorney general, John Ashcroft, Holder is not a career politician whose nomination would be aimed at placating a party faction; unlike Bush's second, Alberto Gonzales, he is not a pal who owes his career to the man appointing him. Holder was rightly criticized for facilitating President Clinton's disgraceful pardon of fugitive financier Marc Rich, but to his credit he has admitted he could have handled the matter better. But in the rest of his career, he has proven himself an exemplary professional. That is what the department needs to rebuild its morale and credibility after the scandal over several U.S. attorneys who were fired for political reasons.

The Justice Department deserves to be headed by someone of Holder's caliber. So does State.

Observations

Compiled by Bryant Students

Lights out--again!

Rumor has it that the F-block is perturbed by the two-minute warning they recieved before the power went out. Energy saving technique? Probably.

Not so secret...

We highly recommend that SPB hold Mr. Bryant rehearsal in a less trafficked area than South Cafe. The opening dance number was fantastic, and we can't wait to see the swimsuit competition.

Well, spray me sideways!

The fountain has been left on into the winter months. It's no longer refreshing when the spray turns to ice and whips you in the face on the way to the library--that's probably a sign to turn it off!

Global Warming

We can tell its going on because it was 55 degrees on December 1st. And not that we're complaining, because we get to wear our shorts again, but we would love to see a little snow!

Yield! Pedestrians crossing!

So if you find yourself driving through the suite village as you pack your car for winter break, please be aware that innocent people are traversing the campus. But there are 10 points in it for you if you can hit a goose*. ...Just kidding!

Got an observation? Send it to madams@bryant.edu.

*The Archway does not condone the murder of Bryant Geese.

Bryant Said What!?

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"It will be just like we're doing it...but without the frustration."

"I'm going to go waste another meal at Salmo."

"I feel like I should be wearing a cowboy hat right now!"

"I can't battle now...I have to pee."

Happy Holidays from the Opinion Section!

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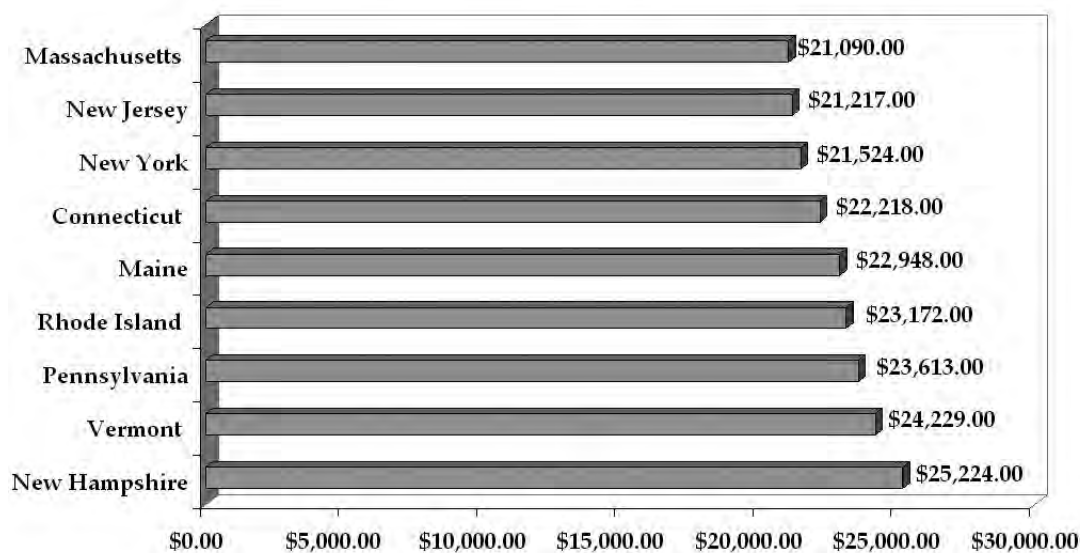
Credit Craze: Average Student Debt

By Ashley Palmer
SIFE Project Manager

As college students, most of us have the unfortunate responsibility of paying off numerous student loans, all beginning within 6-months of graduation. For most of our lives, especially as students, we have worked hard and strived to be above-average academically, socially, and within our extra-curricular activities. But the average student loan debt, both nationally and within our home states, is one

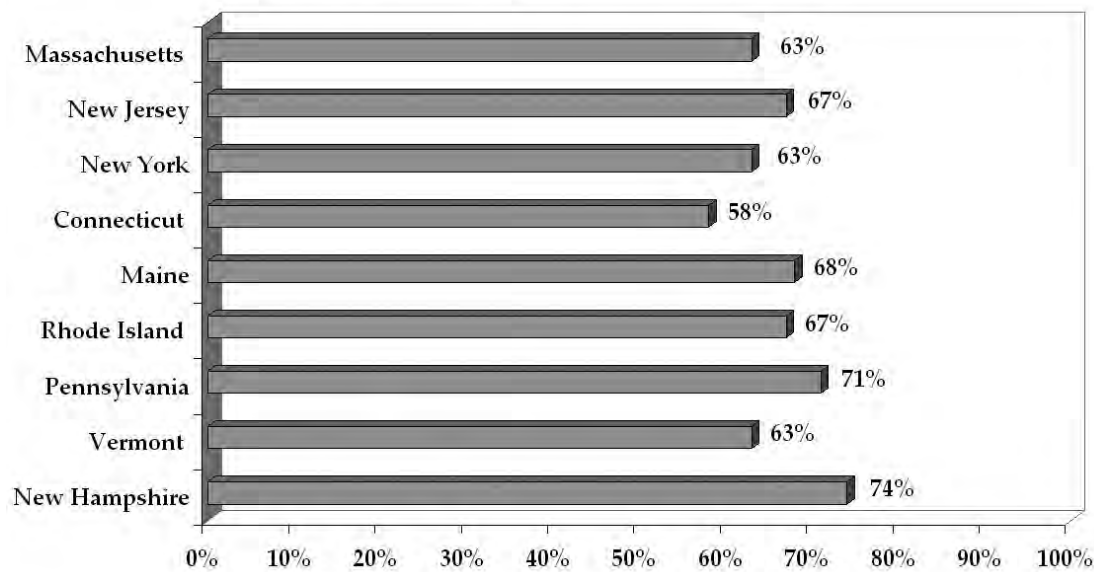
average that I am sure we all do not want to surpass. Did you know that the average student debt in the U.S. increased by 8% in 2008, but the average salary only increased by 4%? This week I wish to simply educate all readers about the various upon-graduation nationwide averages for student debt, including public and private universities combined. The charts below display averages for the states in which the majority of Bryant University students reside:

Average Student Debt



National Average: \$22,125.00

% of Students with Educational Debt



National Average: 66.4%

Data provided by www.projectonstudentdebt.org

Governors urge Obama to spend on infrastructure

By Erika Bolstad
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The nation's governors got to work on Tuesday, taking their case for a \$136 billion infrastructure spending program to the president-elect. The governors hope the plan will funnel immediate government money toward bridges, roads and rail lines, creating jobs and digging the economy out of recession.



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It's not a bailout or a bailout, insisted the host of the economic forum, Democratic Gov. Ed Rendell of Pennsylvania, the chairman of the National Governors Association. Rather, it's the "best remedy for getting America back to work."

"We think that we can create literally millions of new jobs and at the same time lots of orders for concrete and steel companies and asphalt companies and lumber companies and the like," Rendell said. "None of the bailouts have created one new job. Infrastructure can create, the economists say, 40,000 jobs for every \$1 billion of infrastructure spending. Well, that's a huge lift."

At least 41 states are expected to face budget shortfalls this year, in part because the slowing economy has decreased tax revenue states depend on for their annual spending plans.

Those shrinking state coffers come even as hard times and layoffs force more people to apply for unemployment and other state-administered benefits, including Medicaid. And declining property tax revenue in states with high foreclosure rates has hurt local governments, which depend on that money to provide local services.

Obama on Tuesday pledged to move as quickly as possible on a stimulus package that could hasten an economic turnaround, beginning at the state level.

"I recognize that every single one of you is struggling to come up with a budget at a time when you're facing great and growing needs," said Obama, who asked the governors for the meeting. "More and more people are turning to you for help for health care, for affordable housing, to prevent foreclosures even as the credit markets are tightening and tax revenues are making it more difficult to provide that help."

The country's economic woes require a bipartisan approach, Obama said. He told the Republican governors at the meeting that he was offering "the same hand of friendship and cooperation that I offer our Democratic governors. We have a strong and vibrant democracy. We compete vigorously during an election. But with the end of that season comes the time to govern together and that time is now."

Most governors were on board with the infrastructure spending proposal, including high-profile Republicans such as Arnold Schwarzenegger of California.

However, there was an undercurrent of dissent, led by Republican Gov. Mark Sanford of South Carolina. Sanford argued that it might not be possible to solve an economic crisis created by running up too much debt by piling on more government debt.

"There are very legitimate questions by any number of different folks . . . on whether or not this will indeed make the difference," Sanford said.

The overriding sentiment among the nation's top executives, however, was to begin building, and as quickly as possible.

Rendell cautioned that all U.S. governors are prepared to make sacrifices and cut spending in other areas and in many cases have already done so in the face of slowing tax collections. Pennsylvania has slashed \$311 million from its budgets and will trim up to \$500 million total in the coming days, he said.

"Every governor in this room has dealt with the effects of this crisis," Rendell said.

The economic summit at historic Congress Hall in Philadelphia came just a day after Schwarzenegger declared a fiscal crisis in the nation's most populous state. Schwarzenegger called for what he described as "hundreds of billions" in spending on ready-to-go infrastructure projects, including \$28 billion alone in California during the next several years.

The California Republican also backed a \$10 billion investment in high-speed rail.

"There's no reason in America we should be traveling the same speed we were 100 years ago," Schwarzenegger said.

Other governors chimed in with their proposals for restoring the economy, including programs out of North Carolina and Florida that aim to slow foreclosures and keep people in their homes.

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Sizing up the Detroit Three

Total vehicle sales for the world's top 10 automakers, and sales by major regions, in millions of units, 2007:

	The Americas	Europe	Asia, Oceania, Africa	Total
Toyota	3.0	1.1	3.7*	7.8
GM	5.1*	1.8	0.5	7.4
Ford	3.3	2.1	0.3	5.7
Volkswagen	1.2	3.4*	0.2	4.8
Honda	1.9	0.3	0.9	3.1
Hyundai	0.9	0.6	1.3	2.8
Nissan	1.4	0.4	1.0	2.8
Peugeot	0.2	2.5	0.01	2.7
Citroen	0.2	2.5	0.01	2.7
Chrysler	2.4	0.2	0.1	2.7
Fiat	0.6	1.7	0.1	2.4

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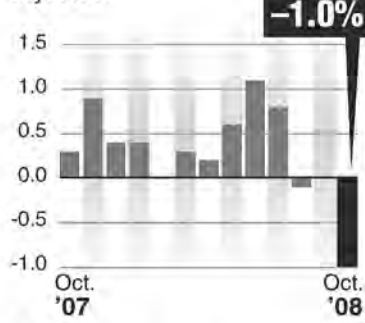
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Consumer price index, % change, by month, seasonally adjusted:



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Bulldog Flicks: *Quantum of Solace*

Luke Stankiewicz
Staff Writer

I saw *Quantum of Solace* twice because I wanted to make sure I gave it a fair review. After all, what's bigger than a new James Bond movie? He's the most revered secret agent in the world and has a long history of excellent films (with some recent exceptions). The most recent entry is not a bad film, but I didn't find it particularly good either, especially when compared to its predecessor, *Casino Royale*.

Daniel Craig is back as MI6 agent James Bond, or 007 as he is known. For those of you who don't know, MI6 is the British equivalent of the CIA. This time, Bond is up against a worldwide crime organization that (literally) has people everywhere. They have people in MI6, in the Canadian Secret Service, and probably even the CIA, though we all know that isn't easily corrupted.

The movie opens with Bond behind the wheel of an

Aston Martin DB9 chasing some dudes in a pitiful Jaguar XF. The shots of the Aston are some of the best in the movie. Then the movie cuts to an interrogation scene, where Bond pulls a man from his trunk and hands him over to M (Judi Dench), Bond's boss at MI6. After extensive questioning from M, the man reveals his identity. He is a member of an organization called Quantum that "has people everywhere." And he's not kidding, as one of the MI6 agents suddenly turns on M and starts shooting. Shaken up by this betrayal, M tells Bond to get to the bottom of this seemingly omnipotent organization. As any Bond fan would expect, this sends the agent on a journey across the world, with more twists and turns than you can keep track of.

Daniel Craig's Bond isn't much like Connery, and is even further away from Pierce Brosnan. While this may be, a Bond aficionado friend of mine pointed out something worth mentioning in this article. Ian Fleming's Bond was a brutal killer, not a suave Englishman that would spend his time charming ladies and ordering martinis. So certainly Craig is a divergence from the Bond we've come to know and love from the films, but as a direct lift from the books, he apparently does it well.

For the hardcore movie buffs, however, don't expect a Connery imitation. Craig plays this as more of a brute - a savage - much like his CIA counterpart, Jason Bourne. They are both motivated primarily by their mission, and in Bond's case, a little by revenge and anger over the assassination of his girlfriend Vesper Lynd (Eva Green) in *Casino Royale*. I personally prefer the Bond of old - the one that was notorious for sexual escapades and drinking martinis while shirking his duties.

Judi Dench has a pretty minor role in this film, but does well with what she gets. The mother son relationship that seems to develop between her and Bond gets irritating though,

as she spends the whole movie telling Bond to come home, and like a rebellious teenager Bond refuses.

The only other major characters in this movie are Camille Montes (Olga Kurylenko), the Bond Girl, and Dominic Greene (Mathieu Amalric), one of the most pathetic Bond villains ever conceived. These two characters are huge letdowns; Camille is the weakest name for a Bond girl I've ever heard, and Greene looks like a 10 year old could knock him out. Sure the girl's hot and the guy's evil, but they lack the sort of presence that makes them at all believable.

Another major flaw in this movie is that Bond never has sex with Camille. The very definition of a Bond Girl is that they are, at least in part, Bond's love interest. Not the case in this movie, a letdown for any true Bond fan. The locales are all right in this movie, but most of the movie takes place in South America, offering little in terms of exotic flair.

Bond also never returns to London, which robs the character of his identity, never establishing him as the Englishmen he is. The Bond in this film has no identity; he refuses to return home and instead wanders around aimlessly across the globe, tracking down an enemy that is most likely too big for one man to fight, even if it is 007.

As mentioned before, many of the Bond fundamentals are missing in this movie, the villain and Bond Girl are too plain, and neither do much for the film. Bond isn't the suave gadget wielding agent we all know and love, but assumes the role of a mercenary spy instead. This is fine if you like it, but I miss the way it used to be.

Even more problems arise in this film than just the basics. The actions shots are too choppy and quick, leaving the audience partially unaware of what is happening on screen. The movie has a Bourne feel to it as well, and even though those movies were excellent, Jason Bourne is not James Bond. Yet somehow it seems as though he is slowly turning into the rogue CIA agent. This would be a travesty for the series, because James Bond was always such a unique interesting character.

Overall the film is pretty good, but it's on a slippery slope. The character of Bond risks becoming somewhat of a cliché, as does the films extravagant plot. Most of the characters were static throughout, Bond being the only one who we got real insight into. I liked this movie, but it is miles away from *Casino Royale*. For this and all of the reasons listed above, I sadly give *Quantum of Solace* 3 out of 5 Bulldogs.

This movie earned
3 out of 5 bulldogs



Daniel Craig is back in his second Bond movie, but is it as good as the others? (MCTCampus)

Horoscopes


Aquarius
1/20 - 2/18

Your best source of income now is from stuff you already have. Sell things you don't need anymore, and finish work that you've promised. It's also a good time to collect old debts.


Pisces
2/19 - 3/20

Your friends come through for you, just in the nick of time. Don't worry about a person who has a hot temper. Don't get your feelings hurt. It has nothing to do with you.


Aries
3/21 - 4/19

The trouble you're facing now is that a lot of your ideas just don't seem to work on the first try. Knowing this ahead of time gives you an advantage. Be careful.


Taurus
4/20 - 5/20

You love your friends dearly, but that doesn't mean you let them make your decisions, especially in financial matters, as if you didn't know. Have fun, but don't get stuck paying more than you should.


Gemini
5/21 - 6/21

Stay out of an argument between a hothead and a dreamer. Stay calm, cool and collected, and you'll win them over without saying a word.


Cancer
6/22 - 7/22

New experiences and new faces help you appreciate the old, familiar ones you've had around for years. Share a laugh over something that temporarily had you baffled.


Leo
7/23 - 8/22

Keep punching the time clock and doing the job. You're building up your reserves. Pass on the after-work beer with the boys; you need every cent you can save.


Virgo
8/23 - 9/22

Do what needs to be done and get home as soon as you can. Your frustrations will be eased by the comforts of your own hearth. Everything will turn out fine.


Libra
9/23 - 10/22

The deadline is approaching, so pick up the pace. You're doing this on speculation. You don't know what you'll get back. Do your best. That always makes you feel better.


Scorpio
10/23 - 11/21

It's not a good day to gamble, or even to go shopping. Don't add to the confusion. Coach the younger people on budgets, but not in public, at the mall.


Sagittarius
11/22 - 12/21

You can add to your income in the privacy of your own home. There are lots of ways to do this now, and now's a good time to start. Bring in some extra cash.


Capricorn
12/22 - 1/19

Listen as someone else unloads his or her anxieties and fears. Resist the urge to make suggestions, if you possibly can. The other person just needs to vent.

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Jack is back!

By **Brigit Clancy**
Variety Editor

The following takes place on the upcoming season of 24.

On Sunday, November 23rd Jack Bauer returned for a two-hour movie event entitled *24: Redemption*. In the plot, a young boy is kidnapped at night and coerced into becoming a child soldier. He is then forced to kill a man for a rogue militia, a prologue that foreshadows what is to come. To avoid a United States Senate subpoena regarding the torturing of political prisoners, the show's main character, Jack Bauer, is hiding in the [fictional] African country of Sangala. He is at the Okavango school helping Carl Benton (Robert Carlyle) with missionary work. Knowing that the United Nations will cut Benton's funding for his new school if he does not turn himself in, Bauer decides once again to flee to anonymity.

While Jack packs, a group of the school's students decides to play soccer in a nearby field, where they are later rounded up by a rebel leader, Juma (Tony Todd), who is searching for new soldiers for an army that is aided by a secret illicit organization within the United States government. Two of the boys try to run, but both are shot by soldiers; one of the boys is killed.

After hearing that young boys are being forcibly enlisted as soldiers, Benton decides to go to the soccer field to see if his charges are safe. When he arrives, Benton discovers one of the boys was killed. He finds the surviving boy, who tells Benton that Juma and his army are going to the school to gather

more children. Benton calls Jack and asks him to make sure the boys are safe until he returns. Jack decides to stay and fight off Juma's men. He orders another teacher to take the boys to an underground shelter and then hides in wait for the intruders.

Juma and his army arrive at the school and Jack kills several fighters. Bauer then is captured and tortured so he will reveal the whereabouts of the boys. Benton soon returns to help Jack and the others escape. Jack kills the rebel leader, Ike Dubaku's brother, who then plots his revenge upon hearing the news.

In Washington D.C., Chris Woodley (Kris Lemche), an unknowing pawn in the subversive militant plot, is ordered to erase all information that would connect his boss to the militants. He decides to ignore the order, and calls his friend, Roger Taylor, the son of the new President Allison Taylor (Cherry Jones). Chris meets Roger and tells him that he has uncovered a possible conspiracy. Chris decides to send him via e-mail the information he was told to erase. He returns home to retrieve the data, but is stopped by men who work for Jonas Hodges (Jon Voight), who is tied to the rebel leaders in Sangala. The men destroy the records, kill Chris and later bury his body in cement.

In Sangala, Jack and Benton decide to take the children by van into the Sangala capital to evacuate them, but only have until 5pm to do so before the last United Nations helicopter leaves the United States Embassy. Ike and his men search for Jack and Benton's group and discover that there is only one road into the city that the group can take. Jack and Benton listen to the radio conversation of Ike and his men and then decide to walk the children

through the forest. Ike and his men catch up to the group by helicopter and then give chase on foot. Jack and the children are able to make it to the Embassy, but Benton is forced to stay behind when he accidentally steps on a land mine.

Jack and the children arrive at the gate where the last helicopter is waiting. Jack is forced to surrender to authorities for a trial in the United States in order for the children to be safely evacuated. He leaves with the children by helicopter, where they see hundreds of Sangalans left behind, ending the episode with a silent clock.

Redemption serves as a precursor for the seventh season of 24. It connects season six to seven by showing Jack's life after he leaves the United States in Season Six.

"Day 7" opens with the Counter-Terrorist Unit dismantled and Jack on trial. Newly elected President Taylor leads the country with her Chief of Staff Ethan Kanin (Bob Gunton). Jack's day takes an unexpected turn when Tony Almeida (Carlos Bernard), a former colleague, returns. After he is (erroneously) pronounced dead, Tony comes back as Jack's foe.

A national security crisis prompts an investigation by FBI agents including Janis Gold (Janeane Garofalo), Renee Walker (Annie Wersching), Larry Moss (Jeffrey Nordling), and Sean Hillinger (Rhys Coiro). Although CTU is no longer an organized agency, Chloe O'Brian (Mary Lynn Rajsckub) and Bill Buchanan (James Morrison) are back for another momentous day of shocking events.

The seventh longest day of Jack's life is set for a two-day, four-hour premiere on Sunday, January 11th and Monday, January 12th, 2009.

Celebrity Round-Up

By **Carlos Ramos**
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With so many celebrity stories out there in the media, it is difficult to choose the most interesting. Look no further, the weekly Celebrity Round Up brings you the most current and substantial news in the entertainment world.

Leading the week in review of news is Britney Spears and the media blitz that follows as she promotes her sixth studio album *Circus* now in stores. Spears started her holiday season by heading to Europe where she had three performances in each of the following countries: Germany, France, and England.

From there she continued her promotion by heading back to the U.S. to perform in New York City for *Good Morning America* (GMA). Spears will continue her exciting comeback trail by performing on various television shows and then a circus-themed tour in March.

Spears can add the honor of being number one in Yahoo's list of top searched topics of 2008. Second on the list was WWE (World Wrestling Entertainment), and third runner up was president elect Barack Obama.

Sticking to the "year end best list" topic, according to iTunes, Coldplay's *Viva la Vida* album was the most downloaded of the year. While British native Leona Lewis' single

"Bleeding Love" has sold over 3.2 million digital copies. Other artists in the top ten include Rihanna with her single "Disturbia," Katie Perry's "I Kissed a Girl," and Flo Rida with his single "Low."

Switching focus to the television and movie front, NBC's critically acclaimed drama *Lipstick Jungle* is struggling to stay alive. The network has not ordered any new episodes of *Jungle* or the Christian Slater drama *My Own Worst Enemy*. The shows will finish out what the networks have already filmed; *Jungle* has 13 new episodes left and *Enemy* has 9 left.

The *Lipstick Jungle* set has not been taken down, and executives say that for the show to remain in the lineup it must prove that fans are watching on television, not including on-line viewers. In the end, it comes down to advertisers. Even I would be sad to see the show go.

Over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, *Four Christmases* took the top spot at the box office with 31.1 million dollars. Disney's animated movie *Bolt* came in second taking in 26.6 million dollars, and

the teen vampire hit *Twilight* rounded up the top three with a close 26.3 million dollars.

Some movies out this weekend and this winter break that have a lot of buzz include: *Cadillac Records*, *The Day the Earth Stood Still*, *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*, and *Valkyrie*. Hope everyone has a safe and relaxing winter break. Tune-in next month.



Britney Spears is in Yahoo's list of top searched topics of 2008. (MCTCampus)

Word Vomit

A Visit for the Holidays
By **Blair Worthington**
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With the seasons turning,
Loved ones yearning,
To be with each other again.
I look to my side
And what a surprise
But to be with my very best friend.
What are you doing here
I say with great cheer
And she replies with a hug with no end.
The way that I feel
This just can't be real
A card I was just about to send!
Well now that you're next to me,
I can let these thoughts be,
And my warm wishes to you I can lend.
Happy Holidays!

Identity
By **Kevin Javier**
Contributing Writer

What makes me so different from you?
What makes you criticize
all the things that I do?
Should I pretend to be something
that I am not within,
so you can feel you are in power
time and time again?
Why can't I make a mistake
without being criticized?
Doesn't it matter to you
the way I feel inside?
I shouldn't have to fear that the color of my skin
or the style of my hair
will have me perceived
as something I don't want to be
I want to be myself
but there is very little difference
between you and me.

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