

## Omicron Delta Kappa inducts new members

By Jessica Komoroski

Assistant Editor-in-Chief

On Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> 2008, Bryant University will induct 35 members of the campus community into the Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society. More commonly known as ODK, this national leadership honor society is entering its fourth year as a circle at Bryant. The society recognizes achievements in the five phases of campus life, which include scholarship; athletics; journalism, speech and mass media; creative and performing arts; and campus or community service, social and religious activities, and campus government.

On a national level, ODK organizes fund raising activities, mediates leadership workshops for high school students and collaborates with alumni associations and other honor societies on a variety of different projects. The society strives to unite leaders on a basis of mutual interest and understanding and create strong networking connections across the nation. They provide leadership scholarships and other awards for its members to recognize their past successes and achievements as leaders on college campuses. Omicron Delta Kappa also holds national conferences that its members can attend to gain knowledge and experience in a variety of different fields. Bryant's own Brian Robinson, a member from the Class of 2009, recently attended the CLT2 conference in Washington D.C., otherwise known as the Campus Leaders Today, Community Leaders Tomorrow. Robinson learned how to be a part of non-profit organizations and serve on their boards.

The Bryant chapter is composed of students, faculty, staff and administration members, including

***“The society strives to unite leaders on a basis of mutual interest and understanding and create strong networking connections across the nation.”***

President Machtley and Dr. Eakin among others. This year's E-board is working to make Omicron Delta Kappa a recognized organization campus-wide. The E-Board consists of President Matt Buttaro, Vice President Kristen Collins, Secretary Emylee Sidera, and Treasurer Jenna Coates. The group will be working on creating an ODK newsletter that will profile current members and their accomplishments as a distinguished leader. They hope to conduct leadership workshops and bring speakers to campus throughout the academic year, expanding their exposure in the Bryant community. Another one of the group's endeavors is to bring together ODK circles from nearby campuses such as Northeastern University. On a personal level, the Bryant ODK chapter holds monthly meetings to create a sense of unity among its members. The chapter encompasses a diverse group of students and staff members who mold the sentiment of what it means to be a

leader at Bryant.

In order for a student to be an eligible candidate for the honor society, he or she must not only be a leader in one of the five phases of campus life, but also must hold junior or senior status, fall within the top 35% of their class in academic standing and remain in good judicial standing with the university. Each candidate is nominated to submit a resume and application, which is given to all current members who then vote on the candidates.

Sunday's induction ceremony will begin at 5:00 p.m. in Janikies Theater and last until about 5:45 p.m. It will include some opening words, a brief his-



tory of the organization, and a candle lighting to represent the five phases of campus life. Each inductee will then be called on stage individually and recognized as a member. The ceremony will end with closing remarks from Dr. Eakin and a dinner in Papitto Dining hall for current members, inductees and their guests. One of ODK's missions is to recognize previous accomplishments of their members. Because of this, the chapter will be having a table in the rotunda on Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. The group encourages everybody to stop by to gain more knowledge of the society and meet the members from Bryant's campus.

See page 2 for a list of 2008 Inductees

## New policy tackles poor writing, prepares students

By Christina Hein

Assistant Campus News Editor

As upperclassmen returned to campus this year and as freshmen arrived for the first time, students became aware of a new policy being implemented across university classes—the Fatal Flaw Policy. This policy places new pressure on Bryant students' writing abilities in ways that affect their grades. In the previous years, professors have set their own guidelines and requirements as to how grammatically correct a paper must be for it to receive a decent grade. Now, due to the F.F.P., a standard has appeared throughout our university. All professors have adopted some variation of this policy and distributed it to their students with their syllabi.

The Fatal Flaw Policy was created in order to emphasize the importance of formal and correct writing in our world today, regardless of the type of school we're in, the major we declared, or the class the writing is for. Although Bryant University is primarily a business school, or maybe *because* it is a business school, writing is crucial to success in any profession. Research has found that within five years of receiving their diplomas, 85% of college graduates have changed their career field, not just their job title (source: career.kent.edu). So what if you're an accounting major right now? In 10 years, statistics show that you'll likely be in a job that you could never consider right now.

The F.F.P. covers such errors as misspelled words, fragment or run-on sentences, punctuation, and incorrect grammar. This list of common mistakes is standard in every professor's Fatal Flaw Policy. However, professors vary on how strict they choose to make the consequences of such mistakes. For example, in one management class, the policy is that any paper with more than three fatal flaws on a page, ten in an entire document, or handwritten or unprofessional papers will not be accepted. In fact, the professor will not continue reading the paper after the paper has exceeded the limit of fatal flaws. In a communications class, the rule is the same, but, if a paper surpasses the number of mistakes al-

lowed, it can be resubmitted with a 10% or one letter reduction to the final grade.

Most students believe that the F.F.P. is nothing but beneficial for us students. Although it adds a much greater deal of pressure in reviewing our papers knowing that there is a potentially decreased grade if these errors exist, simultaneously it is effortless to see that our writing is improving.

As Molly Briggs, 2011, says, "In every paper that I've written this year I've found fewer and fewer faults upon re-reading them. Also, knowing that there is a sanction for simply skipping over reviews of our papers certainly has motivated me to search a little bit harder for them before the paper is turned in the first time."

Although students don't necessarily disagree with the policy, they do disagree with the levels at which they are applied to various people. Dan Tothill, 2011, shares this belief.

"In one of my classes, the sheet which outlined the requirements surrounding the Fatal Flaw Policy, my professor actually had two Fatal Flaws she criticizes! It's unbelievable that our professors expect us to achieve near-perfection in our writing, and then they turn around and mess up the first sheet of paper they had us for the semester."

Many students don't share this perspective, and that is understandable.

As Vaidehi Patel, 2011, says, "I don't think grammar is as important in the world today as maybe it once was. But aside from that, the content of the paper is what is important. What if you've written the best paper in the class, analysis-wise,

and you lose 10% of it because you misplaced a comma or forgot to capitalize 'I' or something like that?" This is a valid argument: why should a professor simply stop grading the content of the paper, which was the purpose of the assignment in the first place, when the limit of three per page is exceeded?

Although it makes sense that content should be as, if not more, important than writing style (punctuation, spelling, grammar), it is also true that success beyond university in the "real world" is virtually impossible without these skills. It is unrealistic to expect that a potential employer will overlook misspellings on our resumes simply because we were involved in many activities or took great leadership control. Similarly, it's unreasonable that a senator receiving a letter begging them to consider, for example, lower speed limits in residential neighborhoods, will overlook the grammar of the letter because the point is elegantly phrased. Right now, although it's frustrating and adds time to our already-crammed schedules, editing our papers not only guarantees us the grade we deserve due to the effort put into the content, but it also ensures our ability to succeed 'out there'.

PRESCOTT  
STANDARD  
US POSTAGE  
PAID  
WORCESTER MA  
PERMIT NO. 539



# Entrepreneurship Day

Photos by Nicholas Millard and James O'Reilly



## Spotlight on Interns: Alexander Turgeon & Kimberly Vo

**Students:** Alexander Turgeon and Kimberly Vo, Class of 2009  
**Internship Site:** TJX Companies, Framingham, MA

### How did you locate your internship?

**Kim Vo** (Marketing/Management with a Communications Minor)

I had been applying there since freshmen year – I initially learned of the internship from an email through the ICC – I kept applying each year. They remembered me each time I applied! My interview was more of a conversation than an interview; they wanted to know about me; they knew I traveled to Italy so we talked a lot about that and they made me feel really comfortable.

**Alex Turgeon** (Marketing with a Communications Minor)

I learned of it through a career fair on campus during my sophomore year. I was interested at the time but they told me you had to be a junior so knowing that when junior year came it was the only thing I applied to. I interviewed on campus and the interviewer was really nice; then I went to TJX Headquarters for the interview – that process was long, almost a full day. They interview you the same as they would a job and the human resources people are much more serious than the first interview. It was a little nerve wracking but it could have been worse.

### What did you learn about the profession?

**Kim Vo**

It's really different. Before I was just a consumer so I only saw what was on the floor - interning made me realize how much it takes to get merchandise to the floor, how important relationships with vendors are so that they send products on time to get it to the store on time. It was very fast paced. We were always one step ahead of everything.

**Alex Turgeon**

It's definitely always interesting, always changing from week to week. You deal with a lot of numbers but since it's the product you like that you're thinking about it never gets boring. You're always thinking a season in advance. I think the people who are most successful in the field are those who really, really enjoy the department they were assigned - you have

to be really interested in your aspect of the business. The classroom is good for preparing your foundation of concepts but it was my experience this summer that helped me learn the actual skills that will be helpful to me when looking for a job.

### What were your major responsibilities?

**Kim Vo**

My biggest tasks occurred as a result of being down an analyst in the department I was in so I took on more responsibilities – I had categories (coordinates in sports teams in ladies fashion). I had to check when merchandise would hit the warehouse, then plan/allocate where I wanted the merchandise to go before it hit the warehouse. So I'd pull data when orders had been made by buyers, I planned strategy, saw what the top stores were for sales in coordinates, figured out how much would go to each store. It was frustrating sometimes because you want to make it right – you want to ensure the products will be bought. I did a lot of store visits to see how what was planned for merchandise was actually presented in the store to see if the employees followed instructions for being displayed.

At first I wasn't really sure what to expect from my internship. I was just hoping that I wouldn't be running mindless tasks for my department all day. Instead, my department made me feel as important as the other workers. The work that I accomplished on a daily basis was not tedious work to keep me busy.



Rather it was problem solving and helping with projects that made an impact on my department, and in turn the company. This internship definitely exceeded my expectations because I didn't think I was going to have as much responsibility as I did.

**Alex Turgeon**

I originally thought I would have some responsibilities but that I was going to be performing the small tasks and only getting exposure to the real

See "Interns" page 5



Going Green

Eco-friendly fashion!

Omicron Delta Kappa

2008 Induction List

ByMarisa Bono  
Staff Writer

Most people enjoy drinking an ice cold bottle of water on a hot summer day. Even more people enjoy wearing that same bottle on a chilly fall day. You see, plastic bottles are made from a resin called polyethylene terephthalate (PET). Some clothing companies are now utilizing a new polyester fiber in their products known as EcoSpun, which is made from recycled PET. This fiber is being used in all sorts of products, including handbags, carpets, blankets, socks, and the Polartec fleece we all love so much when the cold weather comes along.

Alternative materials are increasing in popularity when it comes to clothing and shoes. Chaco makes many of their products out of organic cotton. They even use bamboo in their t-shirts! IPATH specializes in using alternative materials in their shoes such as hemp, organic cotton, and coconut husk.

When you support companies that utilize alternative materials, you help preserve the earth's natural resources. For instance, buying fleece made from EcoSpun helps keep over 3 million plastic bottles out of landfills each year. This in turn saves over a half million barrels of oil and eliminates 400,000 tons of harmful air emissions.

Growers of conventional cotton use unbelievable amounts of chemicals and pesticides; 20,000 deaths occur around the world each year from pesticide poisoning. It takes ¾ of a pound of chemicals to produce enough cotton for those jeans you are wearing right now. Organic cotton

completely eliminates the use of these chemicals and by doing so increases the sustainability of the land that the crop is grown on. There is no chance of harmful pesticides seeping into the water supply or depleting the health of the workers that pick the cotton.

Check out some organic clothing and shoes at Chacousa.com, IPATH.com, and Polartec.com. Look good, stay warm, and recycle those bottles.

Be a greener student!

- Reduce the amount of paper, plastic, and Styrofoam waste by buying reusable plates and utensils. This applies especially to freshman and seniors who have access to dishwashers! Make sure they are filled to capacity before running them.
- Unplug your power strip when it is not being used.
- Use compact fluorescent light bulbs to reduce energy consumption by 75%
- Buy used textbooks whenever possible. You will save money and reduce the amount of paper used to produce brand new textbooks.

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




**Juniors**  
Nicole R. Archambault  
Meredith E. Archambault  
Aimee K. Bennett  
Brigit K. Clancy  
Cristina L. Connor  
Christopher S. Corry  
Geoffrey R. Ensby  
Alissa K. Foley  
Deidre L. A. Fraser  
Andrew J. Green  
Jillian F. Grembowicz  
Daniel P. Hackenson  
Christine M. Hayden  
Allyson E. Lagasse  
Tiago G. Machado  
Emiliano Omeri  
Cailin A. Rocco  
Jeffrey A. Steacie II

Nikole A. Such  
**Seniors**  
Lauren M. Albert  
Kyle J. Audet  
Kristen M. Brekne  
Matthew J. Buckheit  
John M. Crisafulli  
Stephanie R. Fontaine  
Hannah E. Jorgensen  
Kelly A. O'Connell  
Joseph D. Pelletier  
Katelyn M. Thomas  
Shannon M. Wheeler  
**Faculty/Staff**  
Sandra L. Enos Ph. D.  
Shawn P. Monaghan  
Paul J. Reilly  
Meagan M. Sage  
Angela M. Wicks Ph.D.

Be the 250th person to register online at [www.bryantarchway.com](http://www.bryantarchway.com) and win a \$50 Visa Gift Card

WHAT NOW?



THE BRYANT MBA One-Year Program

Do you have what you need to get the job you want? With the Bryant MBA one-year program, you will gain both the skills and experience to launch a successful career.


This accelerated one-year program is designed to build upon undergraduate programs in all academic areas – liberal arts, science, technology, and business – to name a few.

- Begin the program directly after you graduate from college.
- No professional experience is required.
- Gain hands-on experience, and build mentor relationships with corporate executives through the Business Practicum program.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE Bryant MBA One-year Program attend an upcoming information session:


Tuesday, October 28  
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
MRC 4

Contact us at (401) 232-6230 or [gradprog@bryant.edu](mailto:gradprog@bryant.edu)



Bryant UNIVERSITY

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS  
1150 Douglas Pike  
Smithfield, Rhode Island  
[www.bryant.edu](http://www.bryant.edu)



Another Reason Not to Share Cups

Submitted by Susan Curran  
Director of Health Services

The CDC announced today that Herpes Simplex 1, a common virus among college age students, has risen 230% since 2007. This number reflects reported cases; there could be many more cases. These numbers are blamed on the sharing of cups in such ways as the “beer pong game”, shared water bottles, or pass the cup traditions among college students. Other concerns we have been aware of such as slipping unknown substances into cups or the spread of viruses, and mono are still a worry. Now you have this other reason Herpes Simplex 1.


Herpes Simplex is a virus that enters the body through a break in the skin around your lips or mouth. The first symptoms may be tingling, itching, burning or pain to the lip. Then redness, swelling and tiny blisters develop in a cluster. The blisters may break, allowing a clear fluid to leak then scab over. Thus the cold sore you are familiar with. This process may last up to two weeks.

This virus remains in your body and may cause recurrent outbreaks. Numerous outbreaks may warrant a pill to prevent outbreaks. The virus can be spread. You can spread this to other areas of your body or to others if they come into contact with the infected fluid from the lesion.

Treatment is available in the form of creams, ointments, or pills. The treatment may lessen the discomfort or shorten the length by two or three days.

As the virus lies dormant in your system things like stress, illnesses, sun exposure, poor nutrition all can trigger an outbreak. Avoid sharing cups, razors, toothbrushes or towels.

So here we have another reason not to share cups.



STUDENTS, TEACHERS, PARENTS!!!! WHY RENT WHEN YOU CAN OWN? CONDO'S STARTING IN THE \$190'S, 2BED, 2 BATH~CLOSE TO SCHOOL,CENTURY 21 CROSSROADS CALL ROXANNE TODAY! 401-258-8472

# WNAC FOX Providence Searches for TV Host

Think you could host a television show? Well, here's your chance. The search is on for a host of **The Rhode Show**, a brand new morning show coming to FOX Providence. Come out to Twin River in Lincoln, Rhode Island, on Thursday, October 23, 2008 from 10am to 6pm to audition to win a job for one year. The winner will receive one year's employment at WNAC FOX Providence and be named a host on **The Rhode Show** airing in January 2009. **The Rhode Show** is Rhode Island's *first and only* local news, lifestyle and entertainment program.

"To win a job on TV for one year is an incredible opportunity," says Susan Tracy-Durant, Director of Creative Services for WPRI 12 & FOX Providence. "We're looking for a candidate with enthusiasm and creativity. Top candidates will be energetic, fun-to-watch personalities who can represent FOX Providence on-air and online."

In addition, candidates will also be efficient with web and mobile communications systems, including blogging and/or texting, uploading video, as well as shooting video and still pictures. An expert panel of judges will make its decision based on personality, on-camera performance, and originality. All entrants must be at least 21 years of age and bring an ID as proof of age.

For more information, log onto foxprovidence.com. This audition made possible by 92 PRO-FM, Twin River, The Rhode Island Lottery, and WNAC FOX Providence.

## CSI SPOTLIGHT

### Michael Adams

The Center for Student Involvement would like to announce the next 2008-09 CSI Student Spotlight Award Recipient, Michael Adams. Michael is a member of the newly formed Student Arts and Speaker Series and has been involved in the many incredible events that this committee has done this year. Michael is also the Opinion Editor of the Archway and has served as an Event Manager for Bryant @ Night for the past two years. Michael's ability to balance all of these commitments and still remain a stellar student makes him a very worthy recipient of this week's Spotlight Award! The entire CSI staff would like to congratulate Michael as being selected as the first 2008-09 Student Spotlight award recipient.

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



# Let your voice be heard! Weekly Senate coverage

ByErin Devito  
Staff Writer

At Wednesday's Senate meeting, President Machtley was present to welcome students, faculty and staff back to Bryant for another wonderful year. He addressed the community about the busy summer Bryant has had, especially with all of the ongoing construction. This is due to the implementation of a fire suppression system in the Unistructure and the construction of the Interfaith Center. The tentative goal for completion of the Interfaith Center is May 9, 2009. Future plans for campus development include new faculty suites to be built next summer for the Fall 2009 semester and plans for a new freshman residence hall. Machtley also expressed his optimism about Bryant athletics now being Division I, and is proud of how the sports teams have been performing so far this year. In conclusion, President Machtley stressed the importance of developing character in life, for financial success only goes so far. He also encourages everyone, students especially, to get out and vote this upcoming election, as it is in our financial best interest.

The following list briefly states what was discussed and brought to the Senate's attention at the meeting on October 8, 2008:  
**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

-SPAC will be meeting Thursday, October 23 at 5:00pm in MRC4 (location is tentative). All club presidents are encouraged to attend. Rich Hurley will be speaking at the meeting.

-Parents and Family Weekend is this weekend, October 17-19!

-There will be two wellness events coming up in November! On November 5, there will be a Men's Wellness Clinic, and on November 19, there will be free STD testing. Look for more information on both of these exciting new events.

-The September 'Senators of the Month' are: Brian Ford and Jordan Letendre, Parents and Family Weekend Co-Chairs. Congratulations!

**INFORMAL NEW BUSINESS (to be addressed at a future meeting):**

-Quiet floor hours not being obeyed.  
-Where does the recycling go?

**FORMAL NEW BUSINESS:**

-The Bryant Builds constitution has been revised. Bryant Builds has been accepted as a Habitat for Humanity chapter and will have a new logo and a new name, Bryant Habitat for Humanity.

-Erin DeVito was elected to the open sophomore seat of Senate in a Special Election.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

-Athletics: Bryant going Division I does *not* affect athlete travel expenses.

-A laundry alert system is being looked into for the new year, and may be implemented next fall.

**ANNOUCEMENTS:**

-Senior class gift kick-off will be October 30 from 5-7pm in the N-block parking lot.

-Michael Adams, of the Archway and SASS, is the new CSI (Center for Student Involvement) Spotlight!

If you would like to "let your voice be heard", attend a Student Senate meeting! Meetings are held every Wednesday at 4:00pm in Papitto dining hall (on the first floor of the Bryant Center.) See you there!

## DPS LOG

**LARCENY** (\$200-\$500)  
OCT 6 2008-Monday at 16:18  
Location: UNISTRUCTURE  
Summary: A report of a stolen camera.

**VANDALISM (AUTO)**  
Vandalism to Auto(S) OCT 6  
2008-Monday at 18:30  
Location: HALL 15 LOT  
Summary: A report of vandalism to a Toyota.

**FIRE ALARM** Fire Alarm  
OCT 7 2008-Tuesday at 23:45  
Location: TOWNHOUSE  
Summary: A fire alarm in a townhouse caused by cooking. Alarm reset.

**DRUG ACTIVITY** OCT 7  
2008-Tuesday at 05:14  
Location: LOWER MAIN-TAINENCE ROAD  
Summary: SPD arrested a person for possession of marijuana.

**FIRE ALARM** OCT 7  
2008-Tuesday at 10:45  
Location: TOWNHOUSE  
Summary: A fire alarm in a townhouse caused by cooking.

**EMT CALL** Medical Services Rendered OCT 7 2008-Tuesday at 18:31  
Location: PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE  
Summary: A report of possible fractured fingers. EMS was activated.

**EMT CALL** Medical Services Rendered OCT 9 2008-Thursday at 16:52  
Location: INTERMURAL ATHLETIC FIELD  
Summary: A report of a possible fractured finger. EMS was activated.

**BURGLARY** B&E Non-Res.(Night) OCT 10 2008-Friday at 08:45  
Location: BRYANT CENTER  
Summary: A report of a stolen laptop.

**HARASSMENT** OCT 10 2008-Friday at 10:15  
Location: RESIDENCE HALL  
Summary: A student reports he is being harassed.

**VANDALISM (AUTO)**  
OCT 10 2008-Friday at 13:01  
Location: STRIP PARKING  
Summary: A student reports damage to the roof of a car. SPD asked to respond to take a report.

**EMT CALL** Medical Services Rendered OCT 11 2008-Saturday at 15:47  
Location: FOOTBALL FIELD  
Summary: A report of a head injury. EMS was activated.

**LARCENY** from Motor Vehicle OCT 12 2008-Sunday at 15:06  
Location: OLD TOWNHOUSE LOT  
Summary: A student reports a GPS unit stolen from her vehicle.

**BIAS INCIDENTS** None Reported

**To report a bias incident or hate crime, go to [www.bryant.edu/bias](http://www.bryant.edu/bias) or call the Bias Incident Hotline at x6920**

**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.**

**REMINDER:** All vehicles must be registered on campus! Avoid the expense of being ticketed and towed—Register your car today!!!

**Register Today!**  
**[www.bryantarchway.com](http://www.bryantarchway.com)**  
**Give a damn**



# Study Abroad Spotlight: Reilly Flaherty ‘09

**Name:** Reilly Flaherty  
**Class of** 2009  
**University:** University of Otago  
**Location:** Dunedin, New Zealand  
**Partner:** Arcadia  
**Semester abroad:** Spring 2008  
**Duration:** Early February- Late June

**Reason for going:** Why spend your entire college experience at just one university when you have the opportunity to spend a semester at another university anywhere in the world you choose?

**Best Experience:** I don’t have one in particular. In the five or so months I was abroad I met the most amazing people from all over the world, each with much different backgrounds and ways of looking at the world. These people all changed me in their own way and opened my eyes to things I had been missing. I guess things like traveling and backpacking through the unrivaled natural beauty of New Zealand every weekend, seeing the very famous and culturally important Maori war dance the “Haka” performed live, scuba diving the Great Barrier Reef in Australia, and basking in the tropics of Samoa were all decent as well.

**Funny Cultural Experience:** Before heading back to the U.S I flew to the small Polynesian island of Samoa for a few days. One of the days I met an American guy who was in the Peace Corps there doing volunteer work. He invited me to spend a few days living with him and his Samoan host family in a traditional village where there was no running water, television, or modern amenities. The day I arrived I was getting a tour of the village and teenage girls kept coming up to me and asking if I would go for a walk with them later. I had no idea at the time but apparently it is a big deal to go on a walk with a girl in a Samoan village because they expect you to propose soon afterward. My friend in the Peace Corps told me it was a good thing I was leaving the next day.

The school couldn’t be more different. The campus was much larger but still manageable and defined at the same time. The architecture was very traditional and beautiful Victorian style buildings, the lively city of Dunedin was a 5 minute walk, 23,000 students attend the university, most classes are in lecture halls, there was an astounding international student body, and there was a sweet jazz bar on campus. Also, many students there live in “colleges,” our



equivalent to resident halls. The difference is that most students get accepted to the actual university, it is the various colleges that are competitive to get into. The colleges have their own dining halls, they host parties for the students who live there, and are extremely competitive with the other colleges. In addition, it isn’t uncommon to hear Kiwi’s (New Zealanders) complain about their \$3,000 debt after they leave school. If they only knew how expensive higher education in America is and how little our government helps students pay for it.

For me, going abroad enabled me to step outside of every aspect of my life back at home and forced me to draw comparisons and gain valuable insights that will shape my character forever.

**Would you study abroad again?** Studying abroad should be mandatory.

## Interns

**Continued from page 1**

duties but that was not the case. I was given much more responsibility than I thought I would get. My biggest job was to analyze sales and then ship the sweaters according to their performance.

As an intern they gave me my own category (I worked in the Ladies Sportswear department for TJMaxx and was given my own category, fine gauge sweaters) and I had to pull information on how well it was doing, its sales, and how it was doing in certain zones of the country and then notice any trends – was it selling better or quicker with a certain group of people by pulling demographics. That was a typical Monday – pulling the info and analyzing it. On Tuesdays you’d provide all your information and describe how you planned on shipping the merchandise out to the stores according to what you found and you’d be told if it was a good idea or not. You’d make decisions on whether you should hold merchandise at the distribution center or ship to the stores. The rest of the week would be assisting the analysts with Excel sheets of selling and merchandise information based on past sales. Sometimes I would go on store visits to see what was out on the floor, how did certain stores look. If it was a top selling store then what was on display would be treated differently then at other stores.

**What did you find most challenging about your internship?**

**Kim Vo**

I had a hard time asking questions when I was first there because I was a little intimidated, so I’d take in what they’d tell me to do and rather then asking questions to verify I’d just do it then I would get stuck and hesitate to ask questions. My manager helped me get over that and taught me to look out for myself and even if it seems like a silly question to ask because you should always know why you’re doing a specific task and how it will help the company.

What surprised me the most was how relaxed the office was. Of course you are there to work, but there is always time to laugh. I thought that I was going to be at a desk all day typing away at a computer. But instead I was in constant communication with the buyers as well as other departments.

**Alex Turgeon**

The most difficult thing for me was when I first started was feeling so overwhelmed with the all the different retail software programs we were required to learn because they could be really complicated. There were a lot of terms I was previously unaware of, a lot of TJX lingo that was a little hard to catch on

to at first. Once you got by all that though it was fine. They were all really, really helpful and understood I had no background and knew nothing yet. Sometimes it was intimidating talking to management as an intern, but I had to. For example, If the customer isn’t responding to a certain style shirt or competition doesn’t have that style in their mix, the analysts need to report that to the buyer so they will no longer purchase that style. TJX encourages their analysts to work hand in hand with their supervisors and buyers.

**What did you find most rewarding about your internship?**

**Kim Vo**

Tying into going to the store and seeing your product in the store and that you were the person that picked that store to carry that merchandise, then going back a week or so later and see that it’s gone or been shopped. The knowledge I’ve gained – I knew a little about off price retail but the whole experience taught me so much more and I was lucky to get chosen and participate in what the company does. All of my on the job training is something that I would never learn in textbooks. But the most important is how to build relationships and maintain them. Communication and relationships with those you work with are vital. I was able to identify a role model during my internship. She was the one who took me in and trained me on everything I needed to know. She was a great teacher because she wouldn’t just ramble on, rather she would ask me questions to see if I could make reasoning to why I was doing what I was doing. She was a very good listener...always asking what I wanted to gain from this internship and helped to make it happen. The one behavior that I did not want to emulate is that she always seemed frantic! It was only because she had so much on her plate and she wanted every task to be delivered perfectly.

**Alex Turgeon**

I never worked in a corporate setting before so it was definitely an eye opener – the culture there was awesome, the people were so friendly, even the way the desks are set up – you’re in an area with your boss and your buyers – so the whole atmosphere was better then what they tell you in school. It was a much better experience then school would lead you to believe! I’d advise students to take advantage of opportunities that come through Bryant while you can. Even though TJX felt like a ‘reach’ internship for me because they only accept a few interns I gave it a shot anyways because you never know and if you get it and if you do it will open up so many doors for you and help you make a lot of contacts – the networking

contacts are great. Getting your foot in the door is a great opportunity to start making contacts. My supervisor also told me that the internship is for your own personal benefit, not the company’s, so really use your resources and take advantage of the opportunities while you have them.

**What did you learn about yourself?**

**Kim Vo**

I have always been involved and speak my mind but in a corporate setting I held myself back a lot which is not good for moving up in the career path because when you do that you’re blocking yourself off from doing your job to the full potential and you’re presenting yourself to be not as great worker as you could be. I grew as a person because I never realized I would be so quiet – I learned I need to take initiative and speak out – which I’m like in everyday life but when I’m put in a new environment I do get hesitant. I’ve learned from what my supervisor told me and grew from it – just because you’re new that doesn’t mean you hold - back you give it your all. ASK QUESTIONS! Never be afraid to ask questions or think that any question is a silly question. This was the biggest thing that I learned in this internship. There is no right or wrong answer like the classroom. By asking lots of question it shows that you want to know more about the job. It shows that you are not doing a task to just complete it, but that you want to know WHY you are doing it.

**Alex Turgeon**

I don’t think I want to work in that industry – it takes 6 – 8 years to become a buyer and until you become a buyer there is a lot of computer work – I learned that I can’t sit behind a computer that many hours a day for 6 – 8 years before I can get to where I want to be. I learned the people around you really make a difference in your day to day work experience – the people were great and positive and that made a big difference for me personally – it affects how you do your work. I don’t know exactly what I want to do now but I’m very glad I did this because it was a great experience; I learned a lot in the corporate world, it’s a great opportunity for a college student to have, and I can say I walked away with a lot more knowledge of the working world then I had before.

The Amica Center for Career Education will be open during winter break and students are welcome to use the Career Library and/or meet with a career counselor during this time to discuss other internship opportunities. Stop in to make an appointment or call at 401-232-6090.

# Welcome to the new economy

*A discussion of the financial crisis with insight from the last week's financial symposium*

**By Joe Pelletier**

*Online and Business Editor*

With the Dow Jones Industrial Average spiking 936 points on Monday, following a week of historic losses on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), it is easy to speculate whether or not the worst of the financial crisis is behind us; yet for many, the financial crisis continues to prove arduous. While the volatility of the stock market has served as an excellent barometer for our confidence in the global financial system, it does not act as an appropriate measure for our country's current economic state of affairs.

Though retirement accounts and IRAs may find themselves rebounding through short-term movements in the marketplace, many things about our society, economy, and way of life have changed as a result of the financial crisis. As Time magazine put it in the cover of their October 13th issue, we are now and will be experiencing a series of "New Hard Times". As consumers find credit increasingly difficult to come by, the collateral backing mortgages – their houses – have begun to depreciate. The belief that property will forever create equity for homeowners has unraveled, subsequently making the "American Dream" harder to achieve. Americans have overextended and overleveraged themselves using precarious financial products created by Wall Street. Investors blindly bought into this system under the impression that such investments were triple-A and secure.

Now the bubble has burst. After many years of growth and economic prosperity, we've lost the light at the end of the tunnel. With no light in sight, we lost our confidence, and turned to those who help instigate some of the chaos employed by Wall Street – the government. Deregulation allowed many investment banks, hedge funds, and individuals with large pools of capital to overexpose themselves to risk while stimulating the progression of structured finance.

What we now have is a \$700 billion "bailout"

package passed by Congress nearly three weeks ago to help our economy regain confidence (and capital) during these pressing times. The bailout, more formally known as the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (EESA), adds to what is already years of unrestrained spending and debt accumulation, bringing our national debt to somewhere above \$10 trillion.

Originally, the rescue plan allowed the government to purchase illiquid assets from troubled financial firms using a price discovery mechanism known as reverse auctions. Doubts over the effectiveness of reverse auctions have caused many to question whether or not the government would be able to purchase assets for "pennies on the dollar". Many of the bad level 3 assets held by banks are highly complex and difficult to value, making it difficult to determine if the government will be paying a fair price for the securities.

However, this week the Treasury has released details about a more comprehensive financial rescue program, focused on spending \$250 billion of EESA's funds by taking equity stakes in U.S. banks. By recapitalizing banks, the Treasury believes these institutions will have the funds available to begin their normal financing activities. This new course of action follows developments over the weekend by many European banks, which have felt the effects of this global credit crunch as well.

Still, the Treasury plan leaves opportunities for the government to deal with bank assets on a case-by-case basis. At this point, measuring success is more about minimizing the final cost to taxpayers. According to *The Economist*, the average financial crisis costs approximately 16% of GDP. At face value, the EESA plan currently measures 6%. But do not be swayed into thinking we are better off this time; many of the indirect costs associated with the current credit crunch have yet to be determined and the extent to which taxpayers will be impacted continues to lie in the now ever-more-powerful hands of Treasury.

On October 6th, Bryant professors M. Cary Collins and Peter Nigro presented their research and expertise at the finance symposium. The discus-

sion included some key points about how our economy has arrived to the state it is in today. Firstly, over time, the mortgage lending industry had abandoned their basic fundamentals of loan origination. Many loans were issued with little or no borrower background investigation work prepared. For example, during the symposium Professor Nigro referred to a type of mortgage called "NINJA" loans, which gave credit to those with no income, job, or assets. Even worse, many of these mortgages coupled the required down payment into a secondary loan known as a "piggyback". Instead of banks and lenders assuming the risks of such loans, they would sell them to institutions like Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, among others, and receive payment for "securitizing" the debt of borrowers.

The process of securitization packages loans into financial instruments for which investors can buy into, thus spreading risk across the marketplace. As one may guess, securitization is a technically lucrative process, making it difficult for investors to understand the risks involved. Subprime loans became the perfect constituents for such collateralized debt obligations. Between 2000 and 2006, subprime loan origination grew at a compounded annual growth rate of 37%. Professor Collins believes that the complexity of our financial system has been, in part, responsible for the subprime revolution. To prevent such crises from occurring again, he suggests we must become more simplified in our investment methods.

As Professor Nigro pointed out at the symposium, over time the Fed has become better at reducing the longevity of recessions. But this is a different problem, one with unprecedented challenges and complicated, untested strategies. And even with government intervention aside, the outcome of this crisis has affected all Americans. The credit flexibility and spending habits we have become so accustomed to has vanished overnight, changing the way we pay for college, automobiles, and homes for the unforeseeable future.

## Credit Craze: Brokerage Accounts 101

*What you should know before you invest*

**By Thomas O'Connor**

*SIFE Contributor*

As someone just starting out in the world of investing, I felt pretty lost amid all the technical terms and financial savvy that comes in the fast paced world of finance. I asked a friend for some help and he said that as a beginner, you've got to start with the basics, Investing 101 if you will. Those basics come in the form of a brokerage account, allowing you to purchase stocks and bonds, thereby building your portfolio as an investor. These accounts are available through broker firms such as TD Waterhouse, Ameritrade, and Charles Schwab. In order to open one of these accounts, you first have to apply for them either online or mail in an application with a check equaling the amount of a minimum deposit, usually ranging from \$500 to \$1,000. On the other hand, E\*Trade offers "starter brokerage accounts" that simply require a minimum initial investment of \$50, which may prove to be more reasonable for young investors. Once your account is opened, you use your money to purchase stocks, bonds, and mutual funds. Most brokerage accounts also allow the investor to short sell, hedge, and or simply invest in IPO's and common stock. Over time, these purchases you make through your brokerage account accumulate in terms of wealth, paying you dividends; however these variable markets may prove to reduce your initial investment as well. All in all, it is a gamble and all depends on your research and knowledge of investing.

Brokerage firms are split into two categories; those being traditional brokerages and discount brokerages. The traditional types offer a full range of services where professional money managers offer advice as to where you should put your money; in exchange for their full service, you have to pay a high commission fee. Discount firms are less expensive in terms of commission, but they offer no advice; leaving the investor to make their own financial decisions. Ultimately whether you qualify to receive the full range of services provided from the brokerage company depends on the size of your investments.

All in all, brokerage accounts are about as simple as it gets to the first time investor. It's a great way to get your feet wet, maybe accumulate a little money, and gain some experience in investing and the financial world.

## *The Financial Crisis: Who's to blame?*

Credit rating agencies are, along with several other parties, a major contributor to the subprime fallout plaguing our economy today.

Check out [www.bryantarchway.com](http://www.bryantarchway.com) this week for a republication of "Changes in the rating game", an article originally published in February 12, 2008 edition of *The Archway* detailing conflicts-of-interest found in the credit rating system.

## The Student Entrepreneur: Press Kits are Essential to PR Success

**By Michael Adams**

*Staff Writer*

I have a paper and electronic version of my press kit for Eddie's Energy because I have learned that press kits do just that: they get you great press on a constant basis, and they need to be available for the media all the time. This press could be TV, radio, magazine, etc.

Before I get into my suggestions as to why press kits are effective, I want to point out that negative press can also give your company an incredible amount of buzz. Recently, Burton Snowboards, a company located in Burlington, VT, has come under fire for their partnership with Playboy. They have designed snowboards with images of retro images of Playboy bunnies. Some people love the idea, and others, like parents, are up in arms, but it puts Burton back in the spotlight, which companies almost always want.

With that out of the way, here are three suggestions to make your press kit the anchor of your public relations campaign:

**1.Make it Flow With Your Other Marketing Material:** There is nothing worse than not knowing where your press kit is from. Keep your overall design including the colors, font type and size the same. This will help your customers and the media associate the kit with your company.

**2.Make One Kit for Every Media Outlet:** It's a waste of time to keep on making a kit for

everyone that asks for one. You need to spend your time better. I created one kit for everyone. It's the same information, and I send it out to every media contact that I have when there is something newsworthy. By creating one kit, it can be easily attached to an e-mail, or printed ahead of time for old-fashioned snail mail, which saves you time and money.

**3.Please Proof Read:** It's the worst when the media finds a spelling error, a run-on sentence, or even the wrong web address. These mistakes may be detrimental to your credibility as an organization. Read over your press kit at least once, and have another member of your team look over it as well. This will hopefully alleviate any mistakes you might have missed on your re-read.

Writing a press kit can be a daunting job, and you may want to outsource a few things, it not the entire project of making a press kit. It's time consuming, but if you are into designing the kit yourself, go for it. With a beautiful press kit, you will be jumping for joy when the media starts knocking on your front door eager to do a story on your growing company.

*Writer's note:* This column will become a bi-weekly column starting this week. Thank you for your continued readership.

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



# Bulldogs trampled by Marist

	7
	34

**It was over when:** Trailing 13-0 in the 3rd quarter, the Bulldogs 12 play, 49 yard drive culminates in a missed field goal; the Red Foxes proceed to drive down the field for a back-breaking touchdown and a 20-0 lead.

**Player of the game:** Marist quarterback Chris Debowski threw for 4 touchdowns and 321 yards; Bulldogs tailback Lindsey Gamble ran for 100 yards in a losing effort.

**Turning point:** The Bulldogs moved the ball well but could never capatelize in the first half. Marist drove over 70 yards in the final five minutes of the first half to give themselves a 13-0 lead.

**Up next:** vs. Robert Morris, Saturday @ 1:00 p.m.

By Mike Cronin Jr.  
Staff Writer

On Saturday night, the Bryant Bulldog football team (3-3) traveled to Poughkeepsie, N.Y. to play the Marist Red Foxes (2-5). After beating Wagner (2-4) two weeks ago by a score of 24-14 for Bryant's first Division I victory, the Bulldogs had a bye last weekend. They had a lot of momentum coming into this matchup with Marist, but the Red Foxes offensive proved to be deadly in the 34-7 loss.

The big story for Marist was their quarterback, Chris Debowski, who completed 15 of 28 passes for 321 yards and tied a school record with 4 touchdown passes. Receiver James LaMacchia caught 4 of Debowski's passes for 154 yards and 2 touchdowns. The combination of Debowski and LaMacchia produced the two big plays of the day. On Marist's first offensive play of the game, the quarterback and receiver hooked up for an 80 yard touchdown. In the third quarter, they connected again for a 56 yard score.

The Bulldogs did a good job of putting together some productive drives, but could not finish. A Rory Foley goal line interception of a Jay Graber pass and a 35 yard missed field goal by Chris Bird were costly for Bryant. Graber finished by going 11-15 for 119 yards in the air. The lone Bulldog touchdown was a 7 yard run by Lindsey Gamble with just under 11 minutes to play in the fourth quarter.

Gamble and Jerell Smith performed very well on the ground for Bryant. Gamble rushed 20 times for 100 yards and Smith carried the ball 11 times for 94 yards. On the defensive end, Paul Polomski recorded 8 tackles, Jason Riffe had 7 and a sack, and Don Smith had 6.

This Saturday is Parents & Family Weekend. The upcoming football game will be a battle between the Bulldogs and the Robert Morris Colonials (2-4). The game can be heard on WOON-AM 1240 and WJMF 88.7 FM.



Courtesy of the Athletic Department

The Bulldogs defense played hard throughout the contest, keeping the game close late into the third quarter.

# Ingredients for a Championship: Familiar Faces and Foes

By Anthony Iannello  
Staff Writer

If any Yankee or Red Sox fan feels the need to re-live past postseason glory, all one needs to do is take a look at the Los Angeles Dodgers; or perhaps they should be more appropriately known as the Los Angeles Yankees/Red Sox. While Red Sox fans are enjoying another ALCS berth, as a Yankee fan I cannot say the same. Each year, as the warm breeze of September gives way to the cold gusts of October, there has always been at least one mainstay in a life of flux: The New York Yankees playing post-season baseball. Yet, as the American League and National League Championship series' get set to kick off this week, the absence of the most storied franchise in baseball history leaves me in a position I've never had to experience. As unbearable as the Yankees elimination from playoff contention was for me to bear as a Yankees fan, all I have to do is look 3,000 miles across the country



Courtesy of MCT Campus

Lineups loaded with big names do not directly translate to championship teams.




to witness an all too familiar sight that brings me some comfort in this unusual October.

While the Yankees are watching the playoffs from the comfort of their home for the first time since 1993, the man who guided them to all 13 playoff appearances now sports a different shade of blue, and is still finding the same results. Joe Torre, who was unceremoniously ushered out as Yankees manager after last season much to the chagrin of the Bronx Bombers fan base, is guiding the young Los Angeles Dodgers to what would have seemed like an improbable World Series run. After knocking off the heavily favored Cubs in the NLDS, the Dodgers will now take on the Phillies for a shot to keep playing deep into October. Torre is not alone in his Yankee-like quest for a championship in Los Angeles, bringing along Don Mattingly from his previous coaching staff. After being passed over as the replacement for Joe Torre, Mattingly packed his bags and headed to his old coach's new address, taking a little piece of the Yankees with him.

Fear not Red Sox Nation, this article is not only about the Yankees. In fact, to see for yourself, why don't you take a look at the Dodgers roster and see if you don't spot some familiar names. Obviously Manny Ramirez is the first name you're going to recognize. But look harder and you will find that the

Dodgers have stocked themselves with not only Yankees postseason heroes, but with some ingredients from the Red Sox championship teams as well. Now residing as the most experienced ace of the postseason pitching rotation is Derek Lowe, a man who won a game during the World Series win in 2004 and started the All-Star game as a member of the Red Sox in 2002. Buried on the depth chart is another Red Sox at heart who, while traded away during the 2004 season, certainly knows what it is like to be on a championship caliber squad: Nomar Garciaparra. While these names may not be making the same contribution that Manny Ramirez has, their clubhouse influence alone provides a boost for such a young team.

As much as it pains any fan to see a former team employee winning in different colors, at the same time I cannot help myself cheering for these Dodgers with an AL East flavor. Joe Torre and Manny Ramirez will go down in history with two of the most hallowed postseason resumes; Resumes that were built during their respective tenures with the Yankees and Red Sox. The Dodgers seem to have found a great recipe for postseason success: If you can't beat them, grab their scraps. By stocking their roster with the experience that former Yankees and Red Sox bring, the Dodgers have given themselves a chance to succeed this October. With my Yanks home for October, I find myself rooting for this young Los Angeles team. I see no greater ending to this disappointing season than seeing Joe Torre add to his postseason aura with another deep October run. And, as is customary, a parting blow to the Red Sox must be given: Beware Sox fans, for if you manage to get past the Rays, Joe Torre could be waiting for you once again. And this time...he's got Manny.

		<h2>Tom Casey</h2> <p><b>Year:</b> Senior</p> <p><b>Sport:</b> Cross Country</p> <p>Tom Casey was Bryant's top finisher at the New England Cross Country Championships over the weekend, coming in 141st overall in 26 minutes, 42 seconds. Bryant placed 37th overall.</p>		<h2>Delia Glover</h2> <p><b>Year:</b> Senior</p> <p><b>Sport:</b> Volleyball</p> <p>Glover was named to the all-tournament team with 46 digs in three matches at the Seattle University Dig for the Cure Volleyball tournament over the weekend.</p>
---	---	---	---	--









## Your Budget Just Got Bigger Thanks To Your **\$10-A-Month** Home Phone!

### Now T-Mobile® Customers Can Experience:

- **Unlimited Nationwide Calling from their home phones**
- **The hassle-free convenience of keeping their current home phone number**
- **Tons of calling features**
  - voice mail - caller ID - call waiting
  - 3-way conferencing - call forwarding

**plus taxes and fees; 2-year agreement and qualifying rate plan required.**

**T-Mobile @Home**

visit [www.t-mobileathome.com](http://www.t-mobileathome.com)

**Go Global!**

And for just  
**\$5 a month** more  
enjoy discounted  
**International Rates.**

CAPE COD

WIRELESS

**The Village Plaza  
375 Putnam Pike  
Smithfield, RI 02917**

**(401) 232-5881**

\*All unlimited features are only for direct communications between 2 people; domestic only. Limited time offer subject to change. Offer expires 10/31/2008. Taxes, fees, and other upfront and monthly charges may apply. GENERAL TERMS: Credit approval, activation on a qualified T-Mobile rate plan, per line activation fee and minimum 1- or 2-year agreement may be required; \$200/line early cancellation fee applies to 1 and 2-year agreements. Regulatory Programs Fee (not a tax or government-mandated charge) of 86¢ per line/month applies. Taxes approx. 6-28% of your monthly bill. Overage minutes extra; partial minutes rounded up for billing. T-Mobile @Home: 2-year service agreement, qualifying rate plan, T-Mobile @Home plan, HiPort router, compatible phone, and broadband Internet connection required. Nationwide voice-only plan; all data, messaging, and other services billed according to your regular rate plan and other pricing. See T-Mobile @Home Supplemental Terms and Conditions for more information, including important limitations on availability

and reliability of 9-1-1 emergency service. COVERAGE: Service not available everywhere; for details see Coverage Maps at T-Mobile.com. ABNORMAL CALL PATTERNS: Call duration and/or your continued eligibility for any rate plan may be limited or terminated for (a) consumer protection purposes, (b) abusive conduct or abnormal call pattern(s), or (c) significant roaming. See Pricing, Services and Device brochures, and T-Mobile's Terms and Conditions (including mandatory arbitration) at T-Mobile.com, for additional rate plan information, charges for features and services, and restrictions and details. T-Mobile, the magenta color, and the HotSpot design are registered trademarks of Deutsche Telekom AG. "WHENEVER Minutes, myFaves, the myFaves design, and stick together are registered trademarks of T-Mobile USA, Inc. Who's in Your Fave 5, FlexPay, T-Mobile @Home are service marks, of T-Mobile USA, Inc." All other brands, product names, company names, trademarks and service marks are the property of their respective owners.

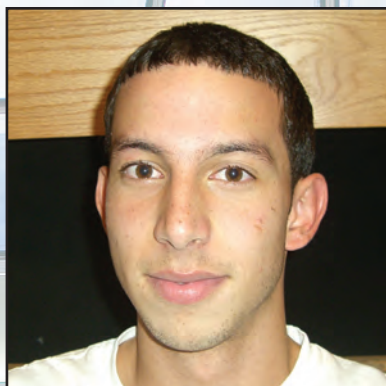


# Students Speak Out

What is your  
favorite part about  
parents weekend?



"Showing my mom all  
my cool posters."  
Mike Warner '11



"Checking out all the  
hot moms."  
Paul Perez '11



"Reconnecting with my  
family after not being  
able to see them for a  
while."  
Mallory Rousseau '11



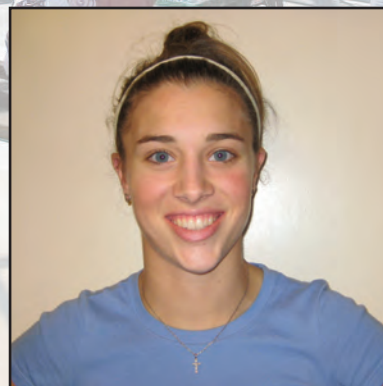
"The rubber ducky race."  
Brian Foley '11



"I like meeting other  
people's parents."  
Rachael Karpman '11



"The football game with  
all the parents is really  
enjoyable."  
Danny Waugh '12



"Just getting to see my  
family because I live far  
from home and I'm  
really busy as an athlete."  
Lindsey Hudspeth '11



"The variety of activities  
that Bryant offers on  
campus."  
James Ryan '11



## Stop Rubbernecking



By: Michael Adams  
Opinion Editor

So, I had a wonderful get-away back to Vermont this past weekend. I saw stunning fall foliage at its peak, and had plenty of apple cider related treats (cider donuts rule). Anyway, the reason I am writing this article is to discuss what I experienced coming back to Bryant, driving on lovely New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island highways: the drivers always engage in rubbernecking, and it drives me bonkers!

Now, what is rubbernecking, you might ask? Well, I'll give you an example during my travels, and you might understand. Rubbernecking is when you suddenly experience traffic for no reason. A couple of miles down the highway, you witness a car accident on the side of the road, or some guy taking a leak in the woods. But wait! The traffic then suddenly disappears as you drive past the attraction. That is rubbernecking; when everyone

feels the need to slow down, turn their head, and stare at what is going on across the road. This creates traffic pile ups, and a whole bunch of pissy people (myself included).

It's perfectly fine to look at the accident, say "Oh, crap. I am glad that wasn't me" and drive on at regular highway driving speed (75 mph for you ya-hoos). It's when you don't pay attention to where you are going, slow down to 40 mph to try and see if you know the person being transported into the ambulance that is completely unnecessary. I've got places to go, people to see. The last thing I want is to be behind congested traffic only to find out that it has been backed up five miles because some family's child can't wait for the restroom so they have to stop on the side of the road.

There should be some kind of lane on the highway where you can blow by these drivers, because frankly, most of the time the cars will not be in a mangled mess. I think this lane is actually called the carpool lane—you know the one that people use even if there is no one is in the car?

It's just an accident people! Accidents happen. Do you need to slow down and look at each and

every one to see if you know anyone in the accident? It's kind of like when people pass the police on the highway, after they have pulled someone over. Yes, it's the polite thing to pull over and give the cop some room, but that doesn't mean you need to slow down to 50 mph. He's not going to pull you over, too. He already pulled some speed demon over, and it is always likely to be the dude in the SUV blazing by at 90 mph. I always laugh when I see that happen—serves you right, buddy.

In the end, I ask you, that next time you are on some major highway, please do not rubberneck. It's not the most fun to be stuck in traffic because of some accident that happened that wasn't even that major. I know we're never going to get that perfect instance when everyone drives the same speed limit, and we go on with our lives. It's a constant battle with the old women who goes 40 mph and the young professional late for a meeting who goes 100 and tails your rear until you move over to the middle lane. Maybe I am just venting about my experiences on the highway system, but I hope that I am not the only one that this kind of stuff happens to. Happy driving!

## Multipartisan Hackery: Marriage Rights

### Gay Marriage is Useless

By Matt Vincunas  
Staff Writer

Many of the arguments against gay marriage are for religious reasons. For someone who is not that religious, I certainly have other reasons as why this should not be allowed. For one thing, I do not disagree with homosexual people and their actions. It does not make my life any worse if there are gay people in this world, as long as I do not have to deal with it. What they do behind closed doors is something I do not want to know about, and it should stay like that. We do not need gay people being labeled as "married" and be allowed to be on the same level as a typical heterosexual marriage. There is a sacred aspect of marriage, not the religious sacred, but the foundation of our society, mom and dad, nuclear family sacred. Facts or statistics are not necessary to decide whether two men or two women can raise children better than heterosexual couples. The fact is that homosexual people should only be allowed to be a couple, not categorized as married. After all, it is only a title. Unless they are marrying for the benefits, which would not be a marriage based on love.

The point of heterosexual couples being married is to pro-create and raise children together. The children these parents raise usually look up to their parents and follow how they act. The last time I checked two gay people could not create life. And if they do adopt kids or receive a kid through inseminating some random lady, these kids will look up to them and see that they like each other, further exemplifying the problem of homosexuals having kids. If homosexuals want to be together, then they can be, just don't try to push it on society and try to infringe on the sacredness of marriage. I don't push my views of religion on you. I don't want a law enacted that makes everyone like the Red Sox, so why do gay people push for to have same sex marriage to be legalized if they are allowed to be together as it is. That is why this country is so great; you get to choose your lifestyle with freedom. But as soon as someone wants to have special rights or even push for laws that will give them a piece of paper proving they are married, then that is taking it too far. Why are you fighting over something you are already allowed to have? Marriage is supposed to be about love, not waving a finger at other people and telling us we are not right because we are attracted to the same sex. You can already legally love someone of the same sex, so why is it necessary for gay people to go farther than that? Seems to me like they just want to cause some controversy.

Then there is the question as to whether you are born with homosexuality or if it develops over time in your personality. I personally believe that it is developed over time through influences of your surroundings and other things that you are exposed to in your life. However, I am not a scientist and even they do not know for sure. All I know is that I do not want this country to have to make laws or legalize every little aspect of people's lives. If it is so important for gay people to have a right to become married, then I would sure like to hear the reason why.

### Making Marriage Equal

By Drew Green  
Staff Writer

The total has now reached three. It is not enough, but it is continuing a saga that started with Massachusetts over four years ago. In this generation's equivalent of the civil rights movement there has been, and will continue to be, much hostility towards same sex couples who wish to become married. Once again, like many instances in this nation's past, we are arguing over the ruling of what is "equality". We live in a country where at one point gender was the question of equality, then race, and now sexual orientation becomes the third in a long line of reforms that have tested the will and strength of those who are considered the minority. Who a person is should not be a factor of how they live their life. Marriage is a right, and whether you are gay or straight that right should not be jeopardized.

I hear people claiming that marriage is a "sacred institution that is meant for a man and a woman only". Well that is a farce; if it was sacred we would not have a fifty percent divorce rate and shotgun marriages in Las Vegas. However, if the church wants to say that marriage is between a man and a woman, then fine, the church does not have power over the word or the institution of marriage to actually make that law. You cannot argue over either of those because marriage is a cross religious institution and no religious medium has any distinct congressional power, so there. This is not a matter of dogma; this is a matter of equality. The fact is equality is not being given to those who deserve it. Being in a same sex relationship does not mean that a man or a woman is a criminal, so no rights should be held from them; they are people just as much anyone else and should be treated as such.

Justice Palmer wrote it best in his majority opinion by saying, "Although marriage and civil unions do embody the same legal rights under our law, they are by no means equal. The former is an institution of transcendent historical, cultural and social significance, whereas the latter is not." Creating a separate institution for individuals is inherently unequal. We have learned this since grade school. This precedent is most commonly referred to as Brown V the Board of Education. Although education and marriage differ widely, the suppression of individuals from having the same quality as the majority represents bigotry. It is a social injustice that contradicts the constitutional notion of equality. So even though same sex couples have civil unions in some states that does not take away from the fact that those unions do not have the same sanctity and meaning of marriage.

Conversely, there are dissenting opinions that show how ignorance is blinding the sight of others. Justice Peter T. Zarella wrote in his opinion that "The ancient definition of marriage as the union of one man and one woman has its basis in biology, not bigotry". My response to Justice Zarella is it is not your job to assess the definition and meaning of marriage, your job in this case was to assess whether a civil union was inherently equal to marriage despite the fact that the separation was meant to create inequality. Biology is not an excuse for determining people's equality. The Americans with Disabilities Act proves such a point. Simply because a person's biology is different does not mean that they are not afforded the same rights as others.

As a country we cannot continue a march of prejudice over gay pride marches everywhere. As a country we question the morality of same sex marriages, but why? Why is someone living the life that they were born to live, or chose to live an immoral act? Is it really so far beyond society to accept differences based upon who a person chooses to spend their life with and sleep with on a nightly basis? We all share this small planet, we are all people, yet through thousands of years of trial we cannot agree that as people on this planet our differences are meaningless when compared to the fact that we are all humans; a trait that no matter your religion, color, ethnicity, sexual orientation, etc., can be taken away. Yet we always come back to this question of whether separate is equal. Well, to put it plainly, you cannot separate a person from the definition of being human, so you cannot separate a person from their rights as a human. This includes a person's right to marry whomever they wish.

Check out our website  
[www.bryantarchway.com](http://www.bryantarchway.com)  
Be the 250th person to  
register and win a \$50  
Visa Gift Card



# Parent-Student Communication

My personal sexual escapades, or sexcapades if you will, were discovered in high school, when I left my exposed diary on the living room couch. Conveniently, the first page was a vivid description of my loss of virginity, encompassing more detail than a Danielle Steel novel. Luckily I only needed one page to write the whole story. You can imagine how fantastic the remainder of my summer vaca-

In conclusion, what if you, as parents or guardians, talked, not preached, to your offspring about their budding sexualities'. If you make yourselves more available and less judgmental, perhaps we will feel comfortable enough coming to you either for information, counsel, or for help. It's never too late to become closer with family.



*The Opinion pages of The Archway feature the opinions of the identified columnists and writers, which are not necessarily those of the newspaper or Bryant University.*

# Observations

# Bryant Said What!?

**Heard a funny quote? E-mail it to  
madams@bryant.edu.**

# THE ARCHWAY

The Student Voice of Bryant University since 1946

## Staff

### John Crisafulli Editor-In-Chief

Assistant Editor: Jessica Komoroski

Business Manager: Stephen Doyle

Advertising Manager: Tracey Gant

Editorial Assistant: Mike Yakavonis

Photo Editor: Amanda Dunn

Assistant Photo Editor: Ashley McNamara

Campus News Editor: Jessica Miles

Assistant Campus News Editor: Christina Hein

Opinion Editor: Michael Adams

Assistant Opinion Editor: Linsey Morse

Variety Editor: Brigit Clancy

Sports Editor: David Giardino

Assistant Sports Editor: Casey Mulcare

Interim Business Editor: Joe Pelletier

Copy Editor: Emily Murphy, Alissa Foley

Web Editor: Joe Pelletier

Public Relations Manager: Stephen Demers

Assistant Public Relations Manager: Kaleigh Durkin

Photographer: James O'Reilly

Advertising Representative: Alyssa Tyson

Advisor: Meagan Sage

Technical Advisor: Larry Sasso

## Contact Information

If you need to contact *The Archway* or any staff member, please feel free to use the contact information listed below.

### *The Archway*

Bryant University, Box 7

1150 Douglas Pike

Smithfield, RI 02917

Location: Bryant Center, 3rd floor

Phone: (401) 232-6028

(401) 232-6488

Fax: (401) 232-6710

E-mail: [archway@bryant.edu](mailto:archway@bryant.edu)

Advertising Email:

[archads@bryant.edu](mailto:archads@bryant.edu)

[www.bryantarchway.com](http://www.bryantarchway.com)

*The Archway* is printed by Massweb.

### Guidelines for Comment...

We welcome your comments and submissions on editorials, articles, or topics of importance to you. Only letters including author's name, and phone number will be considered for publication (phone numbers will not be printed, they are for verification purposes only).

Letters to the Editor of 300 words or fewer will have the best chance of being published. Also, except in extraordinary circumstances, we will not print submissions exceeding 500 words. All submissions are printed at the discretion of the newspaper staff. *The Archway* staff reserves the right to edit for length, accuracy, clarity, and libelous material.

Letters and submissions must be submitted electronically. Bryant University community members can email submissions to: [archway@bryant.edu](mailto:archway@bryant.edu). Letters and articles can also be given to *The Archway* on disk. They can be left in *The Archway* drop box on the third floor of the Bryant Center or disks can be mailed through campus mail to box 7.

The deadline for all submissions is by 5 p.m. on the Monday prior to publication (for a complete production schedule, contact *The Archway* office). Late submissions will be accepted at the discretion of *The Archway* staff and more than likely will be held until the next issue.

Members of the Bryant community are welcome to take one copy of each edition of *The Archway* for free. If you are interested in purchasing multiple copies for a price of 50 cents each, please contact *The Archway* office. Please note that newspaper theft is a crime. Those who violate the single copy rule may be subject to disciplinary action.



## Bulldog Flicks: *What Just Happened?*

By Roger Moore  
MCT Campus

Say what you will about the guy, but nobody, nobody, is better at playing Bruce Willis than Bruce Willis. As a portly, bearded, tantrum-throwing, chair-tossing version of the movie star "Bruce Willis," *Die Hard* dude all but walks off with *What Just Happened?* Watch Willis blow his fuse in front of the producer of his new picture (Robert DeNiro), and you'd swear you can see the Oscar-winning tough guy not just flinch at the mock violence. Bobby D's giggling behind those eyes.

Movies about Hollywood are as common as Jolie babies, and there have been broader, funnier, meaner takes on the business than this one. But this Barry Levinson version of real-life producer Art Linson's memoir is more movie-savvy than any of them. Linson, who produced *Fight Club*, *Into the Wild* and scads of other films, finally shows us what a "real" producer actually does.

Ben (DeNiro) has a Sean Penn drama in previews, going through test screenings. It's not going well. He begs the director to cut it. "Where can I kiss you? Where? Name the location!"

He has another picture about to start filming. But his star, the man whose presence ensures that the film will be financed and filmed, has "a Grizzly Adams beard. And he's a pig." They're talking about Bruce Willis. He doesn't shave, no movie.

A screenwriter (Stanley Tucci) is determined to make this film about a florist. "It's the Rose Bowl Parade meets *The Da Vinci Code*!"

And an agent known and hated by all has just killed himself. Think of this as "Three Movies and a Funeral."

Add to that stress the weight of Ben's home life—as in, he has none. He's got two ex-wives, including one he's still in love with, a trophy bride (Robin Wright Penn) who tired of his "work first" lifestyle and the ever-ringing

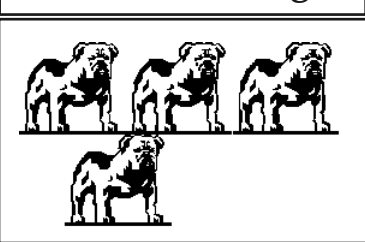
phone.

*What Just Happened?* follows Ben through two weeks of his life, bending over backward at every turn, stroking his mad Brit director (Michael Wincott, a stitch), nagging Bruce's ulcerous agent (John Turturro, hilarious) into making his client shave, yielding to the will of the iron-lady studio boss (Catherine Keener, doing a perfect Sherry Lansing), trying to please everyone, pleasing almost no one, and knowing that all this effort is just running in place, paying alimony, child support and overhead while watching his status on Vanity Fair's *Hollywood power* ladder slip by the hour.

DeNiro is the best he's been in years as this master negotiator who somehow can't seem to get anyone to do things his way, an unflappable operator who handles revelations about his kids and a brazen come-on by a starlet in a men's room as business as usual, nothing to lose your cool over. Linson, producing the film, and director Levinson see to it that Ben is not the movie-mogul-as-monster we've seen in "Swimming with Sharks" and other Hollywood roman a clefs. He's just a guy who multi-tasks, charms, lies and stalks his latest ex-wife because he has to.

It's Hollywood, and everyone's into yoga, Ecstasy and starlets, yoked to their Blue Tooth like a deal-sealing ball-and-chain. Yes, it's an inside-baseball movie in the extreme. But if you're into baseball, you'll recognize the lineup and grin at *What Just Happened?*

This movie earned 4 out of 5 bulldogs



## Horoscopes



**Aquarius**  
1/20 - 2/18

You're lucky and getting luckier. This is a wonderful thing. Your group activities will start flowing more effortlessly too, especially anything involving foreigners. Start planning your next trip.



**Pisces**  
2/19 - 3/20  
3/21 - 4/19

Household chores are starting to grab at your ankles as you walk by. Pizza boxes and empty soda cans may be encroaching on your living space. Better not have company over until you regain control.



**Aries**  
3/21 - 4/19

Plan your route before you take off on your next shopping trip. Don't spend more on gas than you'll save by going to the sale. If what you want is far away, have it delivered.



**Taurus**  
4/20 - 5/20

As you write up your shopping list, don't get too outrageous. Better pay a couple of bills before you visit the malls. Sure, you'd like a new wardrobe, but you might also fix up what you have.



**Gemini**  
5/21 - 6/21

You're more confident now, but you're still facing opposition. This is one argument that could end in a standoff. Explain as well as you can, but don't be surprised if you can't get agreement. Be patient.



**Cancer**  
6/22 - 7/22

Go through your closets now. You're quite likely to find things that have gone all the way around and come back into style. You'll be glad you kept 'em.



**Leo**  
7/23 - 8/22

Appearances are important, but they aren't everything. Your fans love you because of your heart, not your shiny outer shell. Follow your inner passion, but only if it's legal.



**Virgo**  
8/23 - 9/22

The work you do now will attract the attention of very important people. This could lead to more authority for you, and maybe more money. Or, if that's not happening where you are, get a better job.



**Libra**  
9/23 - 10/22

It's starting to look like you can get what you want, but there will be at least one setback before that happens. Or maybe it's a detour. Proceed with caution.



**Scorpio**  
10/23 - 11/21

Be looking for more ways to save. It's the same as money earned. This could involve recycling or selling something you already have. Think green and watch it turn into gold.



**Sagittarius**  
11/22 - 12/21

You have nothing against criticism, although you'd just as soon avoid it. You're not really big on hassles, no matter where they come from. Ignore a heckler.



**Capricorn**  
12/22 - 1/19

The work has stacked up, but that's OK. You're in the mood to do it now. You'll whittle down that pile in no time at all. Don't spend the check before it clears.

## Tune in to WJMF

A note from A.J. Toto, General Manager for WJMF.

## Brand New Morning Show!

WJMF would like to introduce its brand new morning show starting on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Join WJMF every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8-10 am. WJMF Hosts will be providing the latest in news, sports, campus updates, the weekly weather outlook, and much more. And make sure to call in to win some great WJMF prizes every day! Give us a call next week at (401) 232-6150, or drop us an instant message our screen name is "WJMF 887". And make sure to listen in at 88.7 FM or listen online at [www.wjmf887.com](http://www.wjmf887.com). Wake up on the right side of the bed with "The Beat of Bryant" WJMF 88.7.

**WJMF**

**88.7**

**THE BEAT OF BRYANT**



# Celebrity Round-Up

By Carlos Ramos  
Staff Writer

Some weeks are better than others for celebrity news; this week was on the slower side. The Presley family has two new additions, as Lisa Marie Presley, daughter of Elvis Presley, gave birth to twin girls last Tuesday. Presley is 40 and has two other kids from previous marriages. The father of the twins is musician Michael Lockwood.

Everyone seems to be in love with “Saturday Night Live” this season with fresh new faces and new skits to parody, but one actor who is not laughing is Boston native Mark Wahlberg. In a sketch that aired two weeks ago called “Mark Wahlberg Talks to Animals”, Andy Samberg played the “Entourage” producer, and when asked about the sketch, Wahlberg said, “I didn’t think it was really funny. It couldn’t compare to Tina Fey doing Sarah Palin.”

Wahlberg will play boxer “Irish” Micky Ward in *The Fighter*, the film slated to start production in Massachusetts sometime this fall. And according to *People* online, a possible wedding to long time girl friend Rhea Durham next summer.

Britney Spears’ new single “Womanizer” took the number one spot for iTunes downloads within less than 24 hours of release. This was followed by the

release of her highly anticipated video for the single, which was directed by Joseph Kahn. Let’s just say the video leaves little to the imagination in one scene where Spears is in a sauna.

is currently in the states playing for the LA Galaxy. Over the weekend at the box office, my predictions of *Body of Lies* entering at number one was put to rest with the movie *Beverly Hills Chihuahua* taking in approximately \$17 million. The number two spot went to sci-fi horror movie *Quarantine* bringing around \$14 million in ticket sales. While the DiCaprio and Crowe pairing only brought in \$12 million domestically.

This weekend you can choose from a plethora of movies. First off there is the movie adaptation of the video game “Max Payne.” If you want a nice drama to watch with the family you can watch the movie adaptation of the book *The Secret Life of Bees* starring Queen Latifah, Alicia Keys, Dakota Fanning, and Jennifer Hudson. Stirring up the box office this weekend is the controversial movie about current President Bush entitled *W*. With all the buzz around this movie and the current economy in shambles, I predict *W*. will take the number one spot away from America’s favorite Chihuahua.



Courtesy of MCT Campus.

DiCaprio and Crowe bring in \$12 million with *Body of Lies*.

Two-live in housekeepers have been arrested on suspicion of theft after family members of Victoria Beckham, wife of soccer star, David Beckham, noticed the auction of personal items on eBay. David

# Bulldog Reviews: Fun fall activities in our ‘backyard’ New Moon

By Corinne O’Neill  
Staff Writer

In the novel, *Twilight* Bella and Edward discover not only how important but how dangerous they are to one another. When Bella discovers Edwards’s secret, she is already too far involved with this boy. She does not care if he were evil, a murderer, or a werewolf. She accepts that Edward is a vampire and the only thing she worries about is losing him. Unfortunately, Edward has the same fear which is brought to reality when James’ coven attacks trying to destroy Bella.

In *New Moon*, the second installment of the *Twilight* saga, the reader experiences regret, depression, anxiety, and fear that nothing and no one will survive. When Edward realizes that not everyone of his kind is as safe and as “vegetarian” as he and his family, he decides that he cannot continue to put Bella in a dangerous, life-threatening position. He makes the decision to leave Forks and Bella. This departure thrusts Bella into a zombie-like state and despair. She cannot find a way to continue living without Edward, until she meets an old family friend, Jacob Black.

Jacob is a teenage boy who lives on the Indian reservation near Forks. He is kind and will help piece Bella together. Bella soon learns that there are secrets even on the reservation that she never could have guessed. Secrets that once again threaten her relationships and life. Will Bella be able to cope with the life she seems unable to escape? Will she be able to find a way to return to Edward and show him that no danger is strong enough to stop them from being together? Or will she realize that there are things even greater, more powerful, and more dangerous than anything she could have experienced before. And most of all will Bella be able to decide between what she wants and what she needs. Life for Bella, Edward, and Jacob is about to get very interesting and complicated.

By Paige Lacasse  
Staff Writer

Looking for some inexpensive, fun, fall activities in the area? Head up 295 N to exit 11, and take a left onto route 114 and you’ll find plenty to keep you entertained. First you’ll come upon Phantom Farms. Each weekend the farm offers tractor-driven hayrides, a burlap maze, and a pumpkin patch. In addition, the farm holds special events such as the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual classic car show on October 18<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am to 3:00pm complete with music by DJ Bruce Palmer. and the chili cook-off on October 19<sup>th</sup>. The chili cook-off runs from noon to 2:00pm, showcasing a live Cajun band, chili tasting and judging. While you’re there, make sure to check out the country store and try some of the apple crisp. Phantom Farms is open from 6:30am-6:00pm Monday through Friday and from 7:00am to 6:00pm on weekends. The farm is located at 2920 Diamond Hill Rd, Cumberland, RI 02864.

For a less traditional fall experience, continue on route 114 to The Ice Cream Machine. A popular summer tradition, the Ice Cream Machine is now open year round from 11:00am to 9:00pm, 7 days a week. With over 30 different flavors of homemade, old fashioned ice cream and a selection of low-fat frozen yogurt and sorbets, The Ice Cream Machine makes for a tasty treat any time of year. Special fall ice cream flavors include apple and pumpkin. The caramel apple sundae is highly recommended. There are plenty of on-site picnic tables, just make sure to dress warmly. The

Ice Cream Machine is located at 4288 Diamond Hill Rd, Cumberland, RI 02864.

Directly across the street from The Ice Cream Machine is Diamond Hill State Park. During the day this is a great place for hiking or just relaxing with friends. However at night, the Cumberland Parks and Recreation Department turns the area into its annual “Haunted Hill”. The Haunted Hill features 16 different scary acts along a spooky trail. It draws an older crowd than some other area attractions since it is not recommended for anyone under the age of 11. The attraction is open every Friday and Saturday night in October and Sunday October 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday October 30<sup>th</sup>. The park opens at 7:00pm and the last guests are admitted at 10:00pm. General admission is \$12.00. Haunted Hill at Diamond Hill State Park is located at 4097 Diamond Hill Rd, Cumberland, RI 02864.

For more scares, check out the haunted hayrides offered by the Towle family on Tower Hill Rd in Cumberland, RI. The dark, winding road is off of route 114 and in itself is a popular destination for local teenagers and young adults looking for some chills. The Towle’s haunted hayride features nine skits along a trail. Admission is \$8 for adults. Hayrides are offered from 7:00pm to 10:00pm the first four Friday and Saturday nights in October. All proceeds will be donated to St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital and toward a fund to benefit a Cumberland teenager with brain cancer. The hayrides are located at 42 Tower Hill Rd, Cumberland, RI 02864.

## Word Vomit

By Blair Worthington  
Staff Columnist

Forgotten in the wind like a misplaced thought  
You walk away even though we just fought  
Without a care in your mind that things really went bad  
You turn and look at me and don’t realize I’m sad  
I’m broken inside and all hope is lost  
For me to be happy what the hell is the cost!  
I’m so sick of not knowing I need an answer now  
I’m over all of the who, what and how!  
Just stay here and settle this with me.  
It’s the one thing you could do since I’m having your baby.

Listen to  
“The Archway On-Air”  
Wednesdays 9pm to 10pm  
only on  
WJMF 88.7



# Bulldog Reviews: Clapton

By **Brigit Clancy**  
*Variety Editor*

Eric Clapton may be best known as a guitarist from the 1960s, but he is still an influential artist in today's music industry. Clapton has lived a storied past that may interest guitar aficionados from all styles of music.

Clapton's autobiography details his personal life and relations along with an in depth account of his personal journey thus far as a musician for all ages.

Eric Patrick Clapton was born on March 30, 1945 in Surrey, England. His parents were Patricia Clapton and Edward Fryer. Clapton, who grew up with his grandparents, thought Patricia (his mother) was his sister until he was nine years old. He relates how he was traumatized when he found out his true parentage.

On his thirteenth birthday, Clapton received his first acoustic guitar. Through dedicated practice and determination the self taught guitar virtuoso has become an acclaimed member of several bands with the influence of Rhythm and Blues as well as Rock.

Clapton later earned the nickname "Slow Hand" because he played his guitar so fiercely that the strings would break during his con-

certs. Clapton would then proceed to change the strings as the crowd clapped slowly. He was also given adulation by graffiti artists in a London subway where they wrote "Clapton is God". A book reviewer quoted Clapton, referring to the aforementioned accolade, saying Clapton was ambivalent about the phrase but then added "it was really quite nice".

Clapton's muse for some of his most commercially famous songs was model Patti Boyd, his now ex-wife. In the 1970s, he wrote "Layla", "Wonderful Tonight", and "Bell Bottom Blues" for Boyd.

Clapton described in the book how he has been plagued by drugs and alcohol for a good part of his life. He also details his road to spiritual enlightenment via transcendental philosophy and lifestyle changes. He has suffered tragedy with the loss of his young son in an accident. Clapton has at times

had a tumultuous life that could rival his success as an artist.

Clapton is the only artist to be a triple inductee into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. He entered into the Hall of Fame as a member of The Yardbirds, Cream, and as a solo artist.

*Eric Clapton: The Autobiography* is forthright and exposes every aspect of his illustrious career and private live.



Courtesy of MCT Campus.

# Bryant Players Spotlight: Tara Calnan



James King

*Who inspired you to become a Bryant Player?*

I actually moonlighted at Bryant last year and met Steve Ali-brandi, the Bryant Players secretary. He told me about the group and what they do. Once I came to campus I looked for more information.

*How long have you been acting?*

I've done school-theater since I was in the fifth grade, so this is my ninth year.

*What is the most challenging part of being an actress?*

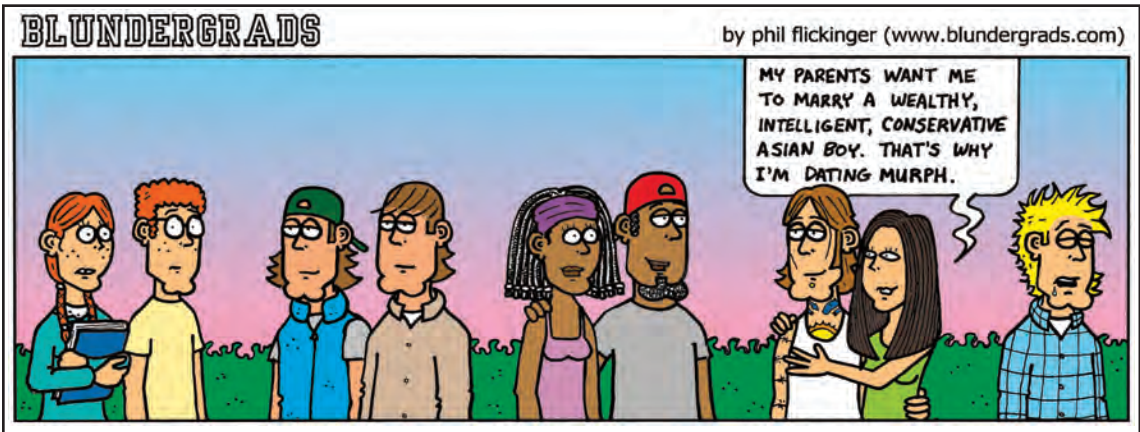
The most challenging part of being an actress is becoming your character. For the entirety of the play I need to be a different person and understand how that person would react to a situation, not how I would.

*Are you considering performing in another production?*

Yes, most definitely. I've had a lot of fun doing "A Perfect Idiot" and want to continue.

*What can people expect from "A Perfect Idiot"?*

People can expect laughs, some romance, and a lot of crazy antics. It'll be a good show to go to.



**the JUNCTION Ronzio**

**PIZZA & SUBS**

*Pizza with a Rhode Island Accent.*

**FREE DELIVERY ON CAMPUS**

Call Ahead for  
**FAST PICK-UP SERVICE**

**531-6620**

**Early Bird Special**

**Free Fountain Soda  
with the Purchase of  
2 slices of Pizza  
Monday-Friday 4-10 PM**

**Now We're Open Until 2 am  
on Thursday**

**Open Daily at 4 PM**  
**Sunday until Midnight**  
**Monday-Wednesday until 1 AM**  
**Thursday until 2 AM**  
**Friday- Saturday until 3 AM**  
**NOW HIRING**

### Ronzio Appetizers

Mozzarella Sticks .....	5.99(6 pc)	10.99(12 pc)
Boneless Chicken Tenders...	5.99 (small)	11.79(large)
<i>(Buffalo style with Blue Cheese or plain with BBQ Sauce or Honey-Mustard)</i>		
Chicken Wings .....	6.29	12.49
<i>(Buffalo style with Blue Cheese, BBQ, Teriyaki or Hot &amp; Spicy)</i>		
French Fries.....	2.29	3.29
with Nacho Cheese & Bacon ...	add 1.99	add 1.99
Onion Rings .....	3.29	5.29
Cheesy Nachos .....		5.49
Cheesy Bread .....		4.75
Garlic Twists .....		4.29
Cinnamon Sticks .....		4.29

### Ronzio Pizzas

	Slice	Personal	Large	X-Large
Plain Cheese .....	2.35	3.99	10.39	12.25
1 Topping .....	2.60	4.49	11.40	13.50
Additional Toppings.....	.25	.50	1.25	1.50
Thick Crust (Add).....			1.00	1.00

### Ronzio Favorites

#### Create Your Own Calzone

Cheese & 3 Toppings .....	5.69
Each Additional Topping .....	.50



# Feed your future

See how many ways there are  
to create your own path at PwC.

Begin at [www.pwc.tv](http://www.pwc.tv)



**PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS** 

© 2008 PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. All rights reserved. "PricewaterhouseCoopers" refers to PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP or, as the context requires, the PricewaterhouseCoopers global network or other member firms of the network, each of which is a separate and independent legal entity. We are proud to be an Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity Employer.