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A look back at Bryant's past

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In the mid-1800s, it was difficult to begin a career in business. Two young Midwesterners, Henry Bryant and Henry Stratton, decided that a school with a short, intensive training period in business school would give the necessary preparation for a career. Bryant and Stratton figured that the demand for commercial education would greatly increase. In 1853, they secured a penmanship teacher, James Lusk, as partner and backer, and the three opened Bryant, Stratton and Lusk College in Cleveland. Within a few months Lusk dropped out, but Bryant and Stratton were still dreaming of expanding and building a chain of colleges across the country. Within two years, they set up a business school in Buffalo, New York.

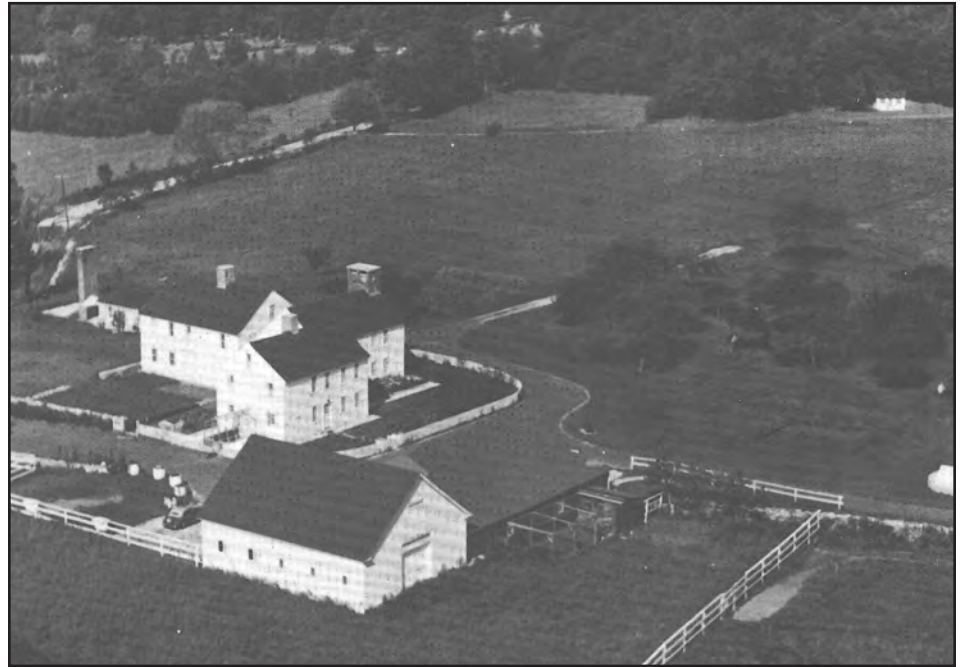
In the 1860s, people flocked to these colleges. Bryant and Stratton used the profits to found more colleges and ended up with forty-four altogether. Among these was the Bryant

and Stratton National Business College in Providence, Rhode Island, founded in 1863.

Harry Loeb Jacobs later purchased Bryant and Stratton in the 1900s. Jacobs predicted that after World War I, a flood of veterans would come back to the country. In the 1918-9 school year, about 1,965 students registered at the Providence Bryant and Stratton. Bryant's enrollment leveled off at about 1,200 students. Jacobs also instituted tuition, a portion of which would go back into the college itself.

As the college prospered in the 1920s, Jacobs looked for better facilities for Bryant and Stratton. In 1925, the college was moved to the top three floors of a building in Providence.

Later Jacobs looked for an excellent student to be offered a job at Bryant. He found Nelson Gulski, who graduated in 1925 and immediately began teaching accounting. Gulski later became Dean of the Division of Business Administration, then vice president, and in 1969 and 1975, the acting president. (Bryant's faculty dining room in the Unistructure is named after Nelson Gulski.)



Bryant: The First 125 Years

Farmland owned by Earl Tupper, who donated land for Bryant campus development. (Bryant: The First 125 Years)

At the end of their college careers, students had help finding a job. Jacobs hired a full-time director of student welfare and placement. Jacobs kept alive the tradition of cultivating contacts with business people with the aim of placing graduates in jobs.

In the mid-1920s, Bryant and Stratton was already half a century old.

New organizations began appearing on campus. A student newspaper entitled, the *Bryant-Stratton News* began in the 1930s; each issue cost five cents. Sororities and fraternities also emerged in the early 1930s. These organizations sponsored social events and encouraged intramural sports. All events were covered in the *Bryant-Stratton News*.

In the 1930s, a catalogue described Bryant and Stratton as having "A Liberal Business Education". The catalogue stated that business required a broader training than in the past. Clear thinking, sound judgment, cultural sophistication, and good character were required by young men and women seeking business professions. The motto during this time was "from campus to career in two years," which

strongly appealed to those who wanted to have a career.

In 1927, Bryant and Stratton and the Rhode Island College of Education (now Rhode Island College) cooperated in training students to teach commercial subjects: the students went two years at RIC, then two years at Bryant. In 1937, however, students started to take all of their courses at Bryant during a four-and-a-half-year program.

In the mid-1930s, students were coming to the colleges in increasing numbers. Despite limitations on enrollment, Bryant's facilities did not have enough space. Jacobs decided to look for another site for the college in Providence. He decided to move it to College Hill, the site of present-day Rhode Island School of Design. In 1935, Jacobs moved the college again to the East Side of Providence. He spent \$5,000 converting an old hospital and its grounds to a college.

Jacobs decided that the college should have a new identity. The name, "Bryant and Stratton" was associated with an old-time business

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Architect Robert Hillier, center, shares his design for the Unistructure with Norman Gulski, left, and a student, right. (Bryant: The First 125 Years)

SPB creates a Halloween theme weekend!

By Alison Duncan
Staff Writer

When is a better time for a week of scary events than the week of Halloween? The Student Programming Board has focused their energy most recently on creating a week full of events based on the theme of Halloween. SPB at Bryant is a group of students who make things happen on campus. These members strive to provide the Bryant community with diverse events to get students more actively involved on campus and to provide a break from the work aspect of college. These events are planned over the entire semester and constantly offer the students new opportunities.

This Halloween week began this past weekend, on Saturday, October 25, with a trip to Six Flags New England for their Annual Fright Fest. This event brought 48 Bryant students to Massachusetts to experience this transformation of Six Flags into a full-out Halloween event. This trip was a huge success as it was a sell-out.

Last night was SPB's Murder Mystery Dinner event, which allowed students to sign away a meal and attend a Sodexo-

catered meal. SPB "hired actors to come in and act out a 'clue game,'" basically a 'whodunit,'" said Shannon Wheeler, Theme Weekend Co-Chair of SPB. This event required the dedication of SPB in order to plan each aspect of the dinner.

Tonight is the Haunted Trail, "a huge SPB tradition," said Wheeler. This event took up a large amount of time and work in order for it to be a success. Wheeler said that SPB spent the past three weeks building a tunnel and haunted house walk-through portion of the trail, along with replicating a realistic graveyard. Volunteers of SPB contributed during Build Days, which are the days of actual scenery production.

"This event was a blast to help with; I know that Shannon Wheeler and Allison DiMaggio, the co-chairs for the Themed Weekend Committee, have put a lot of time and energy into making this a success. They actually built a house and painted it, it's going to be great," said Jill Daly, member of SPB.

The Haunted Trail takes place from 7:30-11:30pm tonight and SPB will bring groups of people down the cross country trails on the six rented

golf carts. There will be people jumping out of the woods at the golf carts while the guides tell scary stories.

The ending to the Halloween Week takes place on Saturday with the Oktoberfest, a first time event cosponsored by SPB, Multicultural Student Union, and International Student Organization. This event brings together both German and Mexican culture, with traditional

foods and games of these countries.

There will be "pie and whipped cream eating contests, hot cinnamon donuts and apple cider, eating donuts off a string, Halloween trivia, and other games that have to do with the fall season," said Wheeler. "We have never done anything like this."

Come out and get take advantage of these great events tonight and tomorrow!

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Going Green: Election '08 sustainability initiatives

By Marisa Bono
Staff Writer

With Election Day right around the corner, you have undoubtedly heard talk of the Red states and Blue states. However, it seems as though the plans to make these states a bit greener has become lost somewhere between the heated debates about the war in Iraq and Sarah Palin skits featured on Saturday Night Live. Barack Obama and John McCain are the two most prominent figures in the upcoming election. Here is a brief summary of Obama's and McCain's sustainability initiatives:

Barack Obama has proposed the "New Energy for America" plan. It can be found on www.BarackObama.com and includes implementing the following points:
 -Provide short-term relief to American families facing pain at the pump.
 -Help create five million new jobs by strategically investing \$150 billion over the next ten years to catalyze private efforts to build a clean energy future.
 -Within 10 years save more oil than we currently import from the Middle East and Venezuela combined.
 -Put 1 million Plug-In Hybrid cars – that can get up to 150 miles per gallon – on the road by 2015, cars that we will work to make sure are built here in America.
 -Ensure 10% of our electricity comes from renewable sources by 2012, and 25% by 2025.
 -Implement an economy-wide cap-and-trade program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 80% by 2050.

John McCain has proposed his plan, "The Lexington Project." It can

be found on www.JohnMcCain.com and includes the following:

- Expanding domestic oil and natural gas exploration and production.
- Taking action now to break our dependency on foreign oil by reforming our transportation sector.
- Investing in clean, alternative sources of energy.
- Protecting our environment by addressing climate change.
- Promoting energy efficiency.
- Addressing speculative pricing of oil.

Both candidates were interviewed by Amanda Griscom Little for Grist.org. She posed the questions, "Why should voters consider you the strongest green candidate? What sets your platform on energy and the environment apart from the others?"

Obama responded, "I'm proud of the fact that one of the first sets of endorsements I received in my race for the U.S. Senate was from the Sierra Club and the League of Conservation Voters. I've since cast tough votes on behalf of the environment. For example, I voted against the "Clear Skies" bill that George Bush was promoting, despite the fact that the administration had heated up support for the bill in southern Illinois, which you know is a coal area of the country. So I think people can feel confident that I don't just talk the talk, I walk the walk."

McCain's response was as follows: "My clear record of environmental advocacy and activism, ranging from my ef-

forts to protect the Grand Canyon to working with [Connecticut Sen.] Joe Lieberman to get a cap-and-trade proposal to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions through the United States Senate."

So now it is up to you to decide which candidate is more prepared to take on America's energy crisis. No-

vember 4th is Election Day. If you would like to know more about how green your candidate is, check out their campaign websites or Grist.org. No matter what color state you are from, make sure you get out and vote!

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Ben Zander leaves mark on E-pitch competition

By Lauren Amarante
Staff Writer

On Tuesday of last week, Bryant hosted some of the world's elite. The closest assistant to Queen Noor of Jordan, the wife of David Pogue and CFO of his company, the former President of Heineken USA, and the chairman and former CEO of the largest toy distributor in the world – Hasbro. Entrepreneurs came from Kentucky, California, New York, Massachusetts, and Connecticut. What could have possibly brought all these people to Smithfield, RI? Benjamin Zander did.

Benjamin Zander - who is he anyway? Classical

music conductor? Isn't classical music what my mom listens to every so often when she gets stressed? Well, over the past two months, the name "Benjamin Zander" has spread across Bryant's campus in a fascinating way. He is the perfect combination of liberal arts and business and agreed to speak at Bryant free of charge.

Back in June, Benjamin Zander agreed to speak at the Elevator Pitch Competition this fall. Not only is he the world-famous conductor of the Boston Philharmonic, but he is also quoted by Tom Peters (best-selling author) as "the hottest property on the management guru circuit."

Bryant's Global Entrepreneurship Program hosted its 13th semi-annual Elevator Pitch Competition last week and it was agreed that the event was the biggest and best of them yet. On top of the fact that over 100 student teams competed in the first round of competition, the event was hyped up with its world-class keynote speaker and panel of judges. Judges included, Andy Thomas (former President of Heineken USA), Alan Hasenfeld (Chairman and former CEO of Hasbro), Jim Pontarelli (President of RDW Group), Evie Goldfine (co-founder and former Chief Administrative Officer of Omnipoint, now T-Mobile), Troy Byrd (WOZ Group & founder of Bryant CEO and GEP),

Peter Dorsey (Senior Vice President of the Business Development Company of Rhode Island), Carol Malysz (President of the Center for Women & Enterprise), and our own VP James Damron, Dean Jack Trifts, and Dean David Lux.

Among a cadre of prestigious conferences and events, Zander has spoken at the World Economic Forum four times and is opening for them in 2009. The World Economic Forum is the host of the world's elite – 1,200 kings, queens, and CEOs of corporations like Microsoft. Zander is a sought-after leadership expert and has spoken at over two thirds of Fortune 500 companies. He quotes this side of his world impact as "starting a conversation in Corporate America." This conversation, he explained to Bryant on Tuesday, lives in two worlds (or realms) – one of that being the world of "downward spirals" where everything an individual says results in downward spiraling possibilities. "Not enough money. Not enough resources. Not enough time. Economy is bad." However, there is another world, he said. This is the world of "radiating possibilities," where you can live by "quieting the voice in your head that says you can't do it."

Having found the courage to pitch their ideas in front of a multitude of CEOs and prestigious people, all participants of this year's E-Pitch were quite proud. Certain ones rose above the rest and won cash prizes ranging from \$200 to \$500. Anthony Nader of *Infinite Solutions* won "Best Pitch" and \$500. Jeff DeLuca of *Color Your Soles* won "Most Likely to Succeed" and \$300. Ray Haddad and Danny Waugh won "Crowd Favorite" with *GoCo*.

This event was dubbed as an evening of "Ideas & Shining Eyes," as Benjamin Zander measures his success on how many "shining eyes" are in the room. Let me tell you, there were enough shining eyes in the Bello Center to light a village and many more.



Record numbers attend Bryant's 'Happy Days'

By Erin Devito
Staff Writer

Bryant hosted just over 2900 guests, a new school record, for Parents and Family Weekend this year. "Bryant's Happy Days" took place October 17 through October 19 and included a fabulous fifties theme. The weekend was run by the Center for Student Involvement and Student Senate, with senior Brian Ford and junior Jordan Letendre as the event co-chairs. Ford and Letendre, with the help of the CSI staff, worked tirelessly over the summer and the beginning of first semester to plan one of Bryant's major annual events. "Every last detail has to be decided, from the overall theme of the weekend, to the colors of the napkins on the dinner tables. That can all get stressful at times and learning to deal with those pressures was definitely something I took away from this experience," Letendre says.

Family and friends began arriving and checking in on Friday afternoon. At 7pm, guests and students were invited to Janikies Theatre to enjoy the comedic play, *The Perfect Idiot*, put on by the Bryant Players. Repeated performances continued on Saturday night and Sunday afternoon. Guests also cheered on the men and women's basketball teams as they held their annual Midnight Madness kick-off celebration. Host Steve MacDonald of WHJJ introduced the teams and coaches and the team seniors addressed the crowd about their upcoming seasons. The celebration continued with shooting contests and prize give-away's. Also on Friday night there was 50's Family Bingo and a dessert reception in Kati's Kafe (Salmanson Dining Hall). Great prizes were distributed to both parents and students as guests enjoyed delicious desserts, such as milkshakes and ice-cream sundaes, served by the friendly Salmanson staff.

More guests arrived on Saturday morning and afternoon and attended a continental breakfast in Stepan Grand Hall upon check-in. At 9am, Dean's List students and their families were invited to a Dean's List reception, held in Salmanson dining hall, where they were served breakfast and congratulated by distinguished faculty. Also at this time there were academic and co-curricular showcases in the rotunda featuring information tables about life at Bryant.

Following a performance by the Bryant Singers and Bottom Line, President Machtley made his annual State of the University Address in Janikies, which was filled to capacity. Guests were able to watch the speech on the large screens in the rotunda and in first floor classrooms. Following the speech were sessions about life at Bryant, put on by Academic Affairs and a (MIPA) Multicultural and International Parents Association Meeting.

On Saturday, a large crowd of around 5,600 came out to watch the Bulldogs football team defeat Robert Morris 20-7. Families and friends also enjoyed a barbecue in a tent outside the stadium featuring The Continentals Band, novelties such as face painting, and various fundraisers. Beginning at 2pm

was a festive Latino Heritage Month Carnival on the Bryant Center patio with entertainment and a variety of vendors and activities for families and friends to enjoy. Later in the afternoon, at the pond, was the 15th annual duck race fundraiser for the senior class. Hundreds of little colorful rubber duckies floating through the pond were surely a sight to see, and the first twenty ducks to cross the finish line received great prizes! Also on Saturday, the women's volleyball team took on one of the Northeast Conference's top teams, Long Island University, and recorded an unfortunate 3-0 loss.

Saturday night consisted of a Catholic mass and Interfaith prayer service, as well as Rockin Ron's 50's Diner, a delicious fifties themed meal for registered guests. The MAC was decked out with fabulous decorations. Servers and Senators running the event

were adorned in fifties fashion while the sweet sounds of an Elvis impersonator played in the background. Following the last dinner seating was a show by Damian the Hypnotist, a famous performer that has been seen on MTV.

Sunday featured a jazz brunch with music by The Monks of Funk Band in Stepan Grand Hall. Overall, the weekend was an immense success and attracted a large crowd of families and friends to Bryant. It was extremely rewarding for Ford and Letendre to see hours of work amount to something successful, and they appreciate the efforts of the Center for Student Involvement, Student Senate, and everyone else involved in the weekend. Letendre says, "I loved every part of the weekend. Seeing four months worth of hard work unfold in front of your eyes is always a great feeling."



The Student Senate worked hard to put together Parents and Family Weekend 2008.

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Bryant honors loss of two professors

By Brigit Clancy
Variety Editor

The Department of History & Social Sciences and the Bryant Faculty Federation invited the entire Bryant community to a memorial service for two departed colleagues, Professors Julia Gladstone and Marsha Posusney. The service was held on Wednesday, October 29th from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Mary Lyons, a Professor of Communication and Literary Studies, said, "They were both such accomplished women and they both died so tragically young."

Professor Posusney was a Professor of Political Science. Professor Gladstone was an Associate Professor of Legal Studies, as well as the Legal Studies Coordinator.

David Lux, the Dean for the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, remembered Professor Posusney, a close friend. "Marsha Posusney was an amazing person. She was a top flight academic with an international reputation for her scholarship and publications. She was a careful and considerate

instructor who gave her best to every student. She kept in regular contact with many Bryant alums, and inspired more than one to pursue a graduate program in international studies or political science. [Her] vision and work in curriculum development was key in our ability to develop the political science minor, the Global Studies concentration and major, and the politics and law major. She left a legacy to every Bryant student in the courses, programs, and standards she helped establish, as well as in the hiring of every faculty member currently involved in the political science and global studies program."

Dean Lux also remembered Professor Gladstone, with whom he had a close relationship as well. "Legal studies faculty before her had laid down a foundation for the legal studies minor, but it was Julia Gladstone who put everything together and carried that program through the curriculum committee and into the course catalogue," said Dean Lux. "In the process, she became one of Bryant's leading faculty when it came to curriculum design and implementation. She then served many years on

the curriculum committee and for the last several years of her life she chaired that committee. She was passionate in caring about how the university and its programs worked. A good many senior faculty will remember that she was the chair of the committee that established our current grading system of + and - grades. She was also seriously involved in the curriculum work on every one of the Arts and Sciences majors created in recent years, as well as programs such as the International Business degree and the Modern Languages program. Julia Gladstone was also passionate about her research and teaching. Her research made her an internationally recognized authority on the law of the internet. For many years she served on ABA committees involved in professional ethics, and in recent years she had begun a very productive research and publication program dealing with legal and ethical questions

following from the development of the human genome project, cloning, and biotechnology."

Dr. Gregg Carter, a Professor of Sociology and the Chair of

"They were both such accomplished women and they both died so tragically young."

the Department of History and Social Sciences, said, "Professors Gladstone and Posusney had many fine qualities in common: They both loved their work. They both were dedicated to their students, and over the years received consistent high praise on their student perception forms (the 'SIR-IIs'). They both were dedicated to their scholarship—and consistently published articles in first-rate scholarly journals; Professor Posusney also had an award winning book on the Middle East published by Columbia University Press. They both were dedicated to serving their university, their professions, and the greater good. For example, they served on some of the toughest committees for any faculty member at Bryant to serve on, including the faculty contract negotiation team (they were both leaders in Bryant's Faculty Federation, one of the best known in the country because it led the way for the AFT's unionization of college faculty back in the 1960s), the Curriculum Committee, and the Committee on University Organization."

The Department of History and Social Sciences has recently created the Julia Gladstone and Marsha Posusney



Professor Marsha Posusney,
Political Science

Memorial Scholarship for the Study of History and the Social Sciences to honor their service and commitment to the Bryant community. This scholarship will be given to a student in good academic standing with financial need that will be majoring in Politics and Law, Global Studies, History, or Sociology.

Professor Carter commented, "[Professors Gladstone and Posusney] were both full of charm, humor, and integrity—and both had the absolute respect of their peers. They will be missed!"

Dean Lux said, "I knew Marsha Posusney from the time of her interview on campus (1992). I was her department chair from 1996 until 2002 and her dean since. I consider her among my closest friends on campus."

Dean Lux commented that he will remember Professor Posusney as "serious, witty, adventuresome, and committed to academic excellence. Her first book won the most coveted book prize in Middle Eastern studies, but she also absolutely adored cheap sci-fi novels. She was passionate about social justice and her commitment to helping search for extra terrestrial life (SETI Project)."

He will always remember her passion for social justice and "her smile as she navigated a paddle boat in the pond at Roger Williams Park."

"[Julia Gladstone] was the first hire HSS made in my time as department chair," said Dean Lux. "I have never known anyone who liked her job more than Julia Gladstone. She celebrated every day that she got a chance to work as a 'professor.' She loved her students. She loved her research. And she even loved the routine tasks

of coordinating a curriculum—planning schedules, going over course



Professor Julia Gladstone, Associate Professor of Legal Studies

proposals, and interviewing applicants who wanted to part-time." Dean Lux remembered that Professor Gladstone came to the Department of History and Social Sciences as a very eager new assistant. "From her first days on campus she wanted to succeed, and as her department chair I saw a lot of her. Even after I moved into the dean's office, she would come by at least once a year to talk about her career and how things were going. She never failed to marvel at how good life had been to her and how much she appreciated the opportunity to teach at Bryant."

Judy McDonnell, an Associate Professor of Sociology and the Sociology Program Chair, said, "One way that students can honor [the lives of both professors] is to 'give back, both to the Bryant community and the larger communities of which we are a part. Become involved or stay involved. Professors Gladstone and Posusney—both who were remarkable women, family members, scholars, and teachers—were committed to social justice. Continuing their work is a wonderful way for students to celebrate their lives."

ISES Speaker

By Kaligh Durkin

Assistant Public Relations Manager

One of the perks of attending a school like Bryant is the number of diverse clubs and societies that have been established on campus, ranging from academic clubs to special interest clubs. In an effort to promote the Liberal Arts Department on campus and increase the opportunities for liberal arts students, the Communication Society and Shelia Guay are sponsoring an informational session on Wednesday November 19, 2008 at 5pm for the International Special Events Society (ISES). This society's mission is aimed towards educating, promoting, and advancing the special events industry and its network of professionals. The Communication Society and Shelia Guay are hosting the President of the Johnson and Whales Chapter of ISES to come speak to any interested persons about creating an ISES chapter here at Bryant. It is through these efforts that both the Liberal Arts Department and the Communication Society hopes to

increase the opportunities that are presented for Bryant Students.

In becoming an active member of the society, you are given a network of connections in the Special Events and Event Planning industry. The Special Events industry is constantly growing and the hope of the people involved is to create a prestigious society on campus to provide students of any major with the resources necessary to learn more about such career fields. This up and coming society will provide a plethora of connections and skills to develop in the Event Planning industry.

If you are of any major and are interested in attending an information session about a brand new society coming to your campus, please stop by Nick's Place in the Bryant Center on Wednesday November 19, 2008 at 5:00pm. Show your support and help increase the number of opportunities that Bryant students are given in new and exciting fields!

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school. With its upgraded courses, the addition of liberal arts courses, and degree-granting programs, the college was in a different place. After careful consideration, a new name was chosen—Bryant College of Business Administration.

Over time, the college expanded as homes went up for sale. At first, women from other states attending Bryant lived in a house called, "Bryant Hall." Gardner Jacobs, the son of Harry Jacobs, had his mind set on providing housing for students within walking distance of the college. In 1938, he bought two houses and remodeled them for use as dormitories. In the years following, he continued to purchase different homes and converted them into residence halls.

Enrollment rates dropped during World War II. After 1945, enrollment started increasing again. Many veterans felt that a two-year program was appealing. The idea of a refresher course as a starting point was also appealing to many. Enrollment peaked in 1949 with 3,000 students.

In 1948, Harry Jacobs offered Bryant to Brown University. He was able to get a bill introduced in the Rhode Island Legislature which made Bryant a tax-exempt, non-profit institution, which would eventually become property of Brown. Jacobs did this as a precaution to ensure that after his death the college would not fall into the wrong hands and "make a mess of it". The President of Brown declined the offer within a few years. At that point, an amendment to the original bill had to be passed stating that in 1960, Bryant College would be independent. In 1960 Bryant officially became an independent non-profit institution.

Gardner Jacobs replaced his father, Harry, as the President of Bryant in 1961. The college continued to expand in the 1960s as it had in the

1950s. Intramural sports became increasingly popular. More cultural activities were offered, such as a

drama group and a lecture committee. More student activities in general were growing in number.

In 1963, Bryant College celebrated its one-hundredth birthday.

The community began to feel a need for better classroom facilities, a gym, faculty offices, and a modern library. Sites for the new college were suggested, but each had serious drawbacks. The college had little money in reserve—it lasted on tuition. Gardner Jacobs heard of a man who lived in Smithfield named Earl Tupper, the president of Tupperware Corporation, who wanted to sell his estate, that had once served as Smithfield's airport. The estate was a large 220-acre farm. Tupper asked for a price of \$75,000 to \$100,000 and decided to contact him. Tupper called Jacobs six months later to speak with Jacobs about his property. The two met at a hotel in Providence. Jacobs brought with him a college catalog and talked to Tupper about what the college was doing. Tupper was so impressed with Bryant that he decided to donate his farm to the college instead of selling it.

Officials at Bryant decided to sell the East Side campus to fund its new campus in Smithfield, which would cost around \$5 million dollars. One prospective buyer was Brown. Brown had been looking to expand and decided to purchase the campus.

The college Administrators and the Board of Trustees later met to hear architects' plans for the new campus. Robert Hillier, one of the architects, decided to make a scale model of the land and the building he would construct.

Hillier had constructed buildings at Fairleigh Dickinson University, so Jacobs sent a delegation to see what Hillier had done. The delegation liked the dormitories because they were large enough to be efficient, but not so large that a student would be de-

prived of the feeling of a home. Each suite had three bedrooms.

Hillier and a team of seven people spent months trying to construct buildings for the campus. The initial model had been a campus with several buildings, but the architects, who had been attempting to walk the campus in snow, thought that it would be a great idea to make it one building so that people could take off their coats and so forth. The team was working on a tight budget. With one building there could be one main lobby with fewer elevators, restrooms, and fire escapes than with multiple buildings. Hillier showed the board that there would be much less energy loss with one building instead of several. The Unistructure proved to be the most economical design. In the finished design of the Unistructure there was a student union, swimming pool, 500-person capacity auditorium, cafeteria, faculty dining hall, bank, post office, bookstore, station for student-operated radio, and library, as well as administrative and faculty offices and classrooms.

Bryant later bought an acre of land for \$5,000 that became the winding entrance to the college on Douglas Pike. Utilities such as electricity and gas could be brought to the new campus through Douglas Pike.

The ornamental entranceway—the arch—from the old South Hall on the East Side campus was brought to the Smithfield campus. New traditions developed in which students would not pass through the arch until they graduate.

When more and more students began applying to Bryant, the dormitories started to overflow. In 1974, townhouses were built. They were deemed modern apartments available only for seniors, both men and women. Although the townhouses provided housing for two hundred and fifty students, the college still needed more dorms.

Gulski later steered the college in the 1970s to have a new student center. The Koffler Center was built as

the student union in 1976. It was named in honor of Sol Koffler, a generous patron and founder of American Tourister. The building was later transformed into a unique computer resource center for students, faculty, and regional business in 1987.

In 1981, the Multipurpose Activities Building (or MAC) was built. The MAC provided courts for basketball, volleyball, tennis, badminton, and soccer as well as five racquetball-handball courts and a large multi-sports arena that could be used for other sports. Approximately 90 percent of the students attending Bryant participated in some kind of sport.

Bryant had seventy clubs and organizations for students to participate in. A student programming board was later organized by the student senate at the end of the seventies.

The Bryant Center was opened in 1986. It provided a gathering place for all students in the Bryant community.

Bryant continued to expand and pursue excellence through the 1980s and 1990s. It has evolved to better itself as a university in all aspects—academic, athletic, and extracurricular activities.

In 2002, the Bello Center opened and completely reconfigured the Bryant campus. This academic center holds the Douglas and Judith Krupp Library and the C.A. Starr Financial Markets Center, which is where students simulate real stock trading scenarios. Bryant became a university in 2004.

Over the past decade, Bryant University has become more diverse, attracting more female students, students outside of New England, and students in the College of Arts and Sciences. Many of the names in Bryant's history appear in the college today, Gulski Dining Room, Koffler, and our mascot Tupper the Bulldog, to name a few.

Over the years, Bryant has completely transformed itself into the well-respected university that it is today.

Pumpkin Fest raises money for Camp Sunshine

By Jackie Lemieux
Staff Writer

On Friday, October 17th, The Collegiate Entrepreneurs' Organization held its annual charitable event—Pumpkin Fest. Three hundred-fifty pumpkins arrived via U-Haul at 9am, and almost all of them had been carved or painted by 5:30 that afternoon. CEO footed the bill for the entire event, and all proceeds went to Camp Sunshine, a camp for terminally ill children and their families.

The event raised over 1,100 dollars and was a huge success. When students arrived, they were asked to make a small donation to Camp

Sunshine. They could use cash or their dining dollars. Students moved along the assembly-line style event—first to the Decapitating section, then to the Gutting section, and finally to the Carving section. Students also had the option to skip over the decapitating and gutting sections by picking up a pre-gutted pumpkin. Also, they could paint a pumpkin.

Many faculty members donated to Camp Sunshine, and some participated in the event. CEO E-board members were also "pied" in the face with a mixture of

pumpkin guts and whipped cream for a donation of three to five dollars. Also, many students, parents, and faculty members decided to donate money without carving a complimentary pumpkin.

The day resulted in many creative pumpkins that were all lined up along the pond. At the lighting ceremony at 6pm, the pumpkins were lit. Bryant's Velocity Dance Team danced at 6:15, and the prizes were announced shortly afterwards. The top four pumpkins were awarded various gift cards,

including a 150 dollar cash prize, a 25 dollar gift card to the bookstore, and a 15 dollar Starbucks card.

Pumpkin Fest also got a lot of press—including the local NBC television station, The Providence Journal, Smithfield Magazine and the Breeze. The event was coordinated by joint Event Planners Emily Murphy and Haley Trenchholm.

The Collegiate Entrepreneurs' Organization is always looking for dynamic, creative people to join. They meet on Thursdays at 5pm in Papitto.

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Close-up with Senate E-board

By **Cristine Cox**
Staff Writer

The five individuals who represent the Student Senate as Executive Board members all share one thing in common: the passion and desire to make a difference at Bryant. For one, the position found them, and for others, their involvement in Senate pushed them to want to do more. No matter what brought them to Senate, as leaders among leaders, they are doing just that.

The cheerful face of Student Senate President Whitney Blatsos ('09) greets the Senators as their meeting is ready to be brought to order. "I was involved with Senate in high school and loved the outlet it provided as a sounding board for students and myself," she says. It is safe to say that Blatsos has found her outlet here at Bryant as the liaison to the administration and the student body.

Her decision to run for President was rooted in her desire to have an even greater impact. "I felt as though it was my time to step up and work on a different level to help implement change for the organization in a positive way," she says. With the many responsibilities of Student Senate President, Blatsos does not have as much time for other clubs and organizations; however, this does not mean that her ear isn't to the ground. She recognizes the importance of community to Bryant and asks her peers to keep that in mind and help continue to build the sense of community so that Bryant can continue to be a great place to live and learn.

Normand Duquette ('09) can hardly hide his enthusiasm as we begin our interview because he's been looking for that sense of community between the Senators and the general student body. He wishes that more students would reach out to the organization. So many students do not attempt to approach them until budget hearings but they would like to see more diverse conversation with their constituents.

"Let your voice be heard," know what is going on, be involved in decision making on campus so you can see everything from a ground level – these are the exact reasons why Duquette decided to get involved, specifically with Senate. "My favorite thing about being involved with Senate is meeting and working with all the different people," he says; so why don't you meet someone new and approach a Senator? They would love to meet you.

Like his peers, Secretary Ryan Letourneau ('11) relishes in his ability to voice any and every concern he has, and have it actually be heard. "I did Student Government Association (SGA) in high school, but we really had no say because administration was pretty much the voice. I joined Senate because I like how I'm the voice; we are the voice," he says, referring to the student body here at Bryant. "If you have a problem with something, I'm sure someone else has the same problem. It

is important to voice your concerns and not just settle with what you are getting." Working with a group of students who are driven to change this community the best they can is one of the many perks of working with Senate in Letourneau's eyes, and he is extending that opportunity to you. Senate meetings are every Wednesday at 4pm in Papitto, and that is where you can find out how you can get involved.

Robert S. Harvey ('11) took a different route to becoming involved with Student Senate. Harvey began as a member of the Ways and Means Committee, finding his passion within the monetary matters of Senate. He ran for the treasurer position at the end of his first year. This was no ordinary treasurer role, however, as Harvey would be the first to deal with the Student Involvement Fee (SIF) as a member of the SIF Oversight Board.

"Based on my past experiences in leadership roles, I felt that I would offer an effective and organized approach concerning the new initiative (SIF)," Harvey said, but he would also like to help people understand the role of the Treasurer better. "When you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change," Harvey quotes, and he as well as the Senate executive board as a whole are working on changing the way Senate is seen by the student body.

Danielle Malatesta also walked a different route to becoming a Student Senator. "My class actually wrote me in for an open junior seat last year, and I served as the Historian and Community Service Committee Co-Chair." The position "found me," she said, but she's still passionate about her role. "Any position you hold you should be passionate about ... my favorite thing about working on Senate is the potential to make an impact on my community. It is a great thing for students, not many feel they can do that."

As the Speaker of the Council, a unique role in itself, she is doing just that. She serves as a liaison between the legislative body of Senators and the executive board; she is also available to the rest of us, (as are the rest of the Senators) because if there isn't a committee for an issue, it is her responsibility to find the answer to the issue. When asked if she felt that she and Senate as a whole were making a difference, her answer was "Absolutely!" However, she recognizes that it is not always a transparent job, and her fellow executive board members agree.

"It's a thankless job sometimes," Blatsos tells me.

"We're normal human beings too. I make the same mistakes you do," Duquette says.

The bottom line is this: don't be intimidated by the suits, the gavel, or the podium, because our Senators are here for us, they are for the students by the students. But how can they do for the students if we don't convey to them what we want? We voted for them, so let's work to make that happen!

DPS LOG

EMT CALL Medical Services Rendered OCT 21 2008-Tuesday at 07:22

Location: RESIDENCE HALL

Summary: A report of a person that had fallen in the shower. EMS was activated.

VANDALISM (AUTO) OCT 21 2008-Tuesday at 15:03

Location: SENIOR APARTMENT LOT

Summary: A report that a vehicle was vandalized.

EMT CALL Medical Services Rendered OCT 21 2008-Tuesday at 21:20

Location: UNISTRUCTURE

Summary: A report of an unconscious person. EMS was activated.

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT OCT 22 2008-Wednesday at 21:45

Location: BELLO CENTER LOT

Summary: A report of front end damage to a vehicle.

VANDALISM OCT 25 2008-Saturday at 00:10

Location: TOWNHOUSE

Summary: A vandalized light pole in the townhouse area.

EMT CALL Medical Services Rendered OCT 25 2008-Saturday at 00:50

Location: RESIDENCE HALL

Summary: A report of an intoxicated male. EMS was activated.

VANDALISM OCT 25 2008-Saturday at 01:52

Location: TOWNHOUSE

Summary: A report of a broken window.

EMT CALL Medical Services Rendered OCT 25 2008-Saturday at 02:25

Location: ENTRY CONTROL STATION

Summary: A report of an intoxicated male. EMS was activated.

EMT CALL Medical Services Rendered OCT 25 2008-Saturday at 21:57

Location: GEORGE E BELLO CENTER

Summary: A report of a female who has fallen. EMS was activated.

BIAS INCIDENTS None reported.

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Bryant University Cries "Wolf!"

Bryant University will welcome the Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem, NY and their six-year old Arctic gray wolf, Atka, on November 7th at 12 noon.

The program will include an awe-inspiring, up-close encounter with this important but misunderstood predator. Guests will learn about the history of wolves in the United States, the importance of wolves in a healthy ecosystem and the efforts to save these magnificent creatures for future generations.

Date: Friday, November 7

Time: 12:00 Noon

Location: Janikies Auditorium

Tickets: Bryant Center Info Desk 232-6245



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Spotlight on Interns: Christopher Andrukonis

Name: Christopher Andrukonis
Class of: 2009
Concentration: Computer Information Systems
Minor: Legal Studies
Internship Site: Fidelity Investments
Location: Marlborough, MA

How did you locate your internship?

I went through fidelity/careers.com. Ever since sophomore year I've been working with one contact at Fidelity and she set me up with some interviews. This is the one that came through. I got an e-mail saying an opportunity was available, so I e-mailed the hiring manager about it and she contacted me for a phone interview. It was my first phone interview, and it was kind of tough. There were some awkward silences, but I asked her a lot of questions about tools they use and she asked about me why I was interested in the job, so it ended up going well.

What did you learn about the profession?

It's very interesting – both the CIS part of the profession, as well as seeing how Fidelity works and how their many divisions are broken up. Their IT area is unlike so many – it's broken up into several divisions, so I was working in one of the most diverse divisions of any corporation. I wasn't as into the financial industry as I thought I would be, but I learned a lot about 401k's and how people invest their money – we'd use databases with social security numbers in the test environment. I really learned how to work in a corporate environment and became comfortable in it, as well as how much your communications skills are developed there. I learned stuff you can't learn in the classroom. The people in the profession are a little older and people were older than me at the internship and I couldn't connect all the time with them, but they know how to communicate with you. It was kind of hard leaving on the last day because it had been fun and because of all the people I met and networking I did.

What were your major responsibilities?

I was a tester for the Net Benefits website where people put money into their 401k; I worked on a CCW Project – setting up a call center. Fidelity wanted to reach out more to customers – and the CCW Project was geared towards providing better customer service for their consumers. The developers came in with code and I tested it – it was exploratory testing, not scripted, but we'd go in and actually try and break the system; if we found a bug we'd use the tools to send it to a triage process where it was sent to developers

who would fix bugs, then it was sent back to us to retest. I wrote test cases before we executed them and assisted with a test plan strategy document, which was a large overview of all the test cases we imported that we wanted to test and then explained how we were actually going to test. I also worked on internal 'wiki' where people can throw up anything they want onto the site (for Fidelity users only); I'd enter things my manager wanted on her site.

What did you find most challenging about your internship?

We had to use a query tool to search for social security numbers, it works a lot like Access, and I couldn't search in that at all – it was challenging for me at first, but then I got very comfortable with it and realized how efficient a tool it was. The 40-hour work week was a big reality check for me because I hadn't worked like that in the summer before – you get a lot done in the morning and then have lunch. After that, the afternoon slows down and drags and drags and you're not having as much to do. If I knew I was busy but my manager left I would think about how I could leave but that I should probably do work and catch up on things. I would want to leave but I would stay and get work done.

What did you find most rewarding about your internship?

What will be the most rewarding will be this fall when they're going to take all the work we did and implement it into a live environment for their Fidelity customers. There was an off-shore testing team, so I got see how it was working globally because we were actually testing 24 hrs a day and when we left the tech's in India would take over. That was also a little bit of a challenge – getting used to their accents when calling them. All my managers spoke highly of me and they took me out for lunch on the last day and said they'd love to offer me a position and want me to stay in touch with them so that when something comes up they can let me know....that was very rewarding.

What did you learn about yourself?

I always thought of myself as shy so I thought my communication skills were better than I thought



they'd be. My manager told me my skills were very good on the job; when I was there I joined the golf league so it was fun to network and that's something I won't always make myself do – I was surprised with myself in how much I actually liked the job and how much fun I actually had there. I definitely built up my self confidence in the corporate environment. I learned this is something I want to do – you might find the complete opposite – I think it's better to find that out during an internship than in a job. You build a lot of character and you learn stuff you're not going to learn in the classroom.

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

Spotlight on Study Abroad: Colby Banks

Name: Colby T. Banks
Class of: 2009
University: University of New South Wales (UNSW)
Location: Bondi Beach—Sydney, Australia
Partner: Arcadia
Semester Abroad: Spring 2008
Duration: February – June (not nearly long enough!)

Reason for Going:

Choosing to go abroad was the hardest decision I have ever made but was easily the best one! I thought it would be extremely difficult to be away from my family for an entire semester so I decided to take part in the Sophomore International Experience Program (SIEP) to gain some international traveling. My two week experience with SIEP in London, Rome & Paris left a traveling bug in me. I made the decision to go abroad after I spoke with many graduates who stated that their only regret of their college years was not going abroad. The next day after hearing that statement I submitted my paperwork for Australia!

Best Experience/Memory:

One week after classes started we had a week off for "Spring Break". I took part in a trip to the Great Barrier Reef with fellow Bryant students where we went to the Great Barrier Reef, whitewater rafting on the Tully River, bungee jumping, skydiving, snorkeling, scuba diving, jungle surfing, hiking, swimming in gorges and a three day boat adventure. Not only did I form a relationship with these people that will always connect us, but I was able to see the most gorgeous sunsets, sunrises, landscape views and have an overwhelming feeling that going to Australia was indeed the right choice.

Funny Cultural Experience:

My roommate and I had decided to visit Surfers Paradise, a very famous beach with the city built on top of it. We had made a last minute decision to cancel our hostel arrangements and rent a 'Wicked Camper' which we were told was a white van that came with a kitchen, bed and other amenities. Since we made the arrangement the night before we were flying into Surfers Paradise, there was only one Camper available two hours away from where we landed. We took a train to get there and when we finally arrived at the camper place, we were horri-



fied. The campers had dirty statements all over them and had graffiti head to toe of superheroes. Needless to say, they were as loud in boldness as was the engine. Not to mention that it was a standard...I didn't know how to drive one at the time and they drive on the opposite side of the road in Australia! Talk about a panic attack! It was scary but very fulfilling experience at the end of our trip.
How was the school different from Bryant University: UNSW had almost 40,000 students and had two campuses in different areas of Sydney. It offered many degrees which brought a diverse culture to the school. Not only were the students diverse, but so were my teachers! One of my girl teachers let her boxers hang out; one guy teacher had a long

pony tail and always wore jeans and cowboy boots. Another teacher wouldn't even wear shoes!! It was a pleasant change but it made me realize how lucky I am to attend Bryant with the small campus environment.

How did this experience change you? This experience turned me into a completely different person. I was able to find who I am as a person and realize that quality of life is extremely important. I have a new career path and a new set of goals in my life that I know will ensure a lifetime of happiness.

Would you study abroad again given the opportunity? UM YES!! I'd leave tomorrow if I could....

The pros and cons of solar energy

Maddie Archambeault
Staff Writer

Solar Energy is inexhaustible, has minimal environmental impacts, is less complex and hazardous than other methods, saves money on electricity, and would reduce the amount of waste product, so what is the problem?

It is costly to initially set up a system, requires large areas of land and high volumes of nonrenewable materials in the construction, can be unreliable because of varying amounts of sunshine, is not efficient, is unpredictable, and could possibly contaminate water and buildings, so why bother?

To construct a sufficient solar energy system for the United States, 150 thousand square kilometers of land would need to be covered in solar cells, a small amount compared to the 3.7 million square miles that belongs to the country now. Another option is the Sahara desert. This area is large enough to provide the world with all of its electricity needs.

Critics claim that in order to complete a project of this size, forests would have to be destroyed and land that could have been used for farming would be taken up by solar cells. It would seem that other countries also face this issue of space. But with the option of panels on roofs, this concern is negated.

Another point to be made is that solar energy is affected by the weather and the atmosphere around it. In high polluting cities, solar cells are not as efficient because of lack of sunlight. They do not function when the sun is not out, only working for half of each day, at best. Technology has been developed to store energy in batteries that can produce up to 1 kilowatt of energy per hour but, to the individual this does not make the investment worthwhile.

On a global scale, solar cells offer different potential benefits. The incredibly minimized amount of pollution is the greatest effect of solar power as well as the concept of free electricity.

The extraction of fossil fuels results in contamination in so many areas. Fluids used for lubrication in drilling contain toxic chemicals and are often dumped nearby as well as seeping into the ground nearby. The infrastructure required to remove the fuels, roads, trucks, wells, etcetera harm the wildlife in the area, as

do oil spills. These reasons alone should convince most people to switch to alternative energy.

The greatest benefit that the United States would realize from the use of solar energy would be independence from foreign fuel suppliers. The creation and maintenance of alternative energy incorporates a variety of professionals, strengthening our economy. Jobs are created domestically, supporting development in the U.S. instead of outside nations. Although this solution makes sense and would provide great benefits to the U.S. and the world, it is fairly new, requires high startup costs, and is not as reliable as fossil fuels.

Alternative energy sources have the potential to provide the world with 10,000 times the amount of energy that it needs, and never run out. Photovoltaic (PV) modules, a system that uses sunlight to heat water, turning it into electricity, avoids the use of gas or electricity. This does not pollute the ozone, allowing the atmosphere to stay intact, as opposed to the use of fossil fuels which, contaminate it creating acid rain, smog, and global warming.

These systems range from large scale power plants that look like a field of black or blue glass, to commercial rooftop systems. The appeal of these systems is the minimal maintenance but, mostly the reduced cost of energy.

To install a PV system for a typical American family living in a 3 bedroom home would cost about \$14,500 after a government rebate and tax credits. After the set-up cost however, the buyer will have free electricity. The initial set-up cost outweighs the benefits for most families.

However, the PV market is growing at 30% per year. With demand increasing, the potential for economies of scale may help lower the costs of installing such systems in the future, thus making it more affordable to the average middle class family.

With the recent cost of fuel on the decline, the future investment in solar energy may be as well. The environmental impacts of this technology would benefit the world like no other; but, as startup costs continue to remain high, solar power may remain as an impractical option for the majority of people.

Credit Craze: The good, the bad, and the ugly of credit cards

By Ashley Palmer
SIFE Project Manager

If you think you want to take on the risk of opening up a new credit card, you may want to think again before you come face to face with the temptation of a potentially endless credit limit. Some of the benefits of opening up a credit card are that you can make purchases and have up to a month of wait time before financing charges set in, as well as some aspects of life, such as renting a car or hotel room, require that you have a major credit card on file in case of damages. Not to mention the incentives that some credit cards provide including: frequent flyer miles, points for rewards such as retail products, as well as cash back for every some-odd dollars you spend on your card. It is these incentives that allure consumers, especially the inexperienced student and young adult who may not understand the overall effect a credit card can make on one's life, not to mention wallet and credit score.

With a credit card you are in sense borrowing money from the credit card company with the promise to pay them back over a period of time. This, however, does not come without hidden fees. Although the majority of credit cards may advertise "first 12-months 0%APR", that promotion may or may not apply to you, as with some companies you only receive 0% APR if you spend a certain amount of money per billing cycle. Plus, once this one-year trial is up, you are then expected to continue to use the credit card with a high APR, usually around 18-20%. An APR is the annual percentage rate which is a way of stating the interest rate you will pay if you carry over a balance, take out a cash advance, or transfer a balance from another card. The APR states the interest rate as a yearly rate. Besides the APR, most credit cards also charge a yearly maintenance fee (AMF), which is a fee for simply owning the open credit card. These fees at times can catch the consumer off guard and surprise

them as they may actually owe the company more than they anticipated.

Not only can a credit card cost you today, with fees such as the APR and AMF, it also can cost you money in the long run, such as how it affects your credit and credit score. It is important to not own too many open credit cards, for this looks negative to lenders and your debt to income ratio may appear relatively high. Also, if you miss just one payment on a credit card, your credit score is negatively affected and this negative impact remains for all lenders to see for a minimum of seven years. This could affect you when it comes time to finance a car or even rent an apartment.

Now it may appear that I am portraying credit cards negatively, but that is not the case. I myself own one that I use on a regular basis. I am simply advising you all to make sure you view all aspects of the card you wish to open. Speak to a professional and make sure you understand all the fees, penalties, and incentives they offer. If you use it correctly, a credit card can help your credit score and allow others to view you as a sensible and responsible borrower. The average American family has \$7,000, as Americans typically hold about 5% of their yearly salary on their credit cards. To consolidate and make sure that this does not happen to you, I would advise you all to be knowledgeable. Only hold one credit card with a decent credit limit for your use and survival; however, truly only spend what you know you can repay back within a short amount of time. And lastly, do not open up individual store credit cards, for there truly is not a need. Any wide-based credit card, such as Visa and MasterCard, are generally accepted everywhere so why burden your credit with excess debt? Consumers be wise... the decisions you make today regarding your personal income and debt can and will affect your future.

The Student Entrepreneur: Compete by Giving

By Michael Adams
Staff Writer

There are hundreds of ways you can beat your competitors. One that I have found incredibly successful is the donation of product or services. Eddie's has local competition, and like any company, I want to differentiate myself from them. Here are three tips on how to make product donation work for your company:

1. Donate Locally: Although you will probably get donation requests from all over the nation, donating locally will be the biggest bang for your buck. Why? Well, it's because you will most likely have selective distribution, and if you donate within say, one hundred miles, people can actually go purchase your product or your service! The only returns on investment that we have seen are from locally donated product.

2. Only Donate Your Products or Services: Some of you may disagree with me on this one, but I am a firm believer in that it is better to donate tangible product than to donate cash. Cash is king in any business—especially when you are just starting up. Product is more effective in getting the customer's attention. If you donate money, you might get a cool banner put up with your logo, and a PA announcement, but to put the product in the consumer's hand is much more valuable.

3. Learn to Say No: This was the hardest part for me to do (I still am not good at it). You need to learn to turn people down. It's impossible to donate to every event. If you did, you would be out of business. You could pick one charity and donate to that one, but make sure that it fits right in with your target market. What you will probably end up doing is screening all of your donation requests to see if they pass your qualifying bullet points. For example, our rule of thumb is Vermont-based non-profits that do something great for the community we live in.

In the end, donating products and services will bring your company the credibility it is looking for. Social responsibility is such a hot topic right now so why not get involved? Plus, the holiday season is just around the corner. Happy giving!

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

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

What's your idea?

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

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

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

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

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Bryant outmatched by #17 UMass

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By Casey Mulcare
Asst. Sports Editor

Everyone knows that the Bryant football program was going to go through their growing pains in their transition to Division I-AA, and Bryant went through a lot of its pains Saturday at McGuirk Stadium in Amherst, MA against the University of Massachusetts, falling to the #17 ranked Minutemen 42 to 7.

UMass quarterback Liam Coen, a product of Rhode Island's LaSalle Academy, executed his offense quickly and precisely, leading UMass to three quick scores with touchdown passes to Jeremy Horne, Victor Cruz and Matt Silver. Horne had an especially good game, hauling in three touchdowns on the day. To make matters worse, starting quarterback Jay Graber was sidelined with an injury and the Bulldogs took the field with junior backup Kurt Spear under center for the first time this year. Spear was calm under pressure however, going 3 for 4 on the drive. The Bulldogs ate up almost seven minutes on the drive, the longest drive of their season, and capped it off with a touchdown run by junior Lindsey Gamble, closing the gap to 21 to 7 in the closing minutes of the first quarter.

That would unfortunately be the last time the Bulldogs saw the end zone, as UMass showed why they were the reigning CAA Conference champs and National Finalist last season and shut down the Bulldogs for the rest of the game. Spear continued to play well, orchestrating the offense to a couple of decent drives before having to punt the ball away each time. UMass put up another couple of quick scores in the second quarter, closing out the half up 35 to 7. The Minutemen coasted through the rest of the game, with Coen finishing 11 for 18 for 389 yards and five scores. Running back Tony Nelson also ran in a score for UMass.

Gamble and fellow junior Jerrell Smith combined for 108 of Bryant's 126 rushing yards while Spear went 7 for 17 for 70 yards.

The defense was led by sophomore safety Addison Lynch,



Courtesy of Athletic Department

who had a career best 12 tackles and junior linebacker Paul Polomski, who put in another solid performance with 10 tackles. The Bulldogs were able to force and recover three fumbles, all of which came in the second half. Unfortunately the Bulldogs couldn't capitalize on any of the Minutemen miscues.

While the outcome was obviously not what Bryant had hoped for, this game was a huge step in the right direction for the Bulldogs. They took on one of the biggest kids on the block, took their lumps, and came back stronger from the experience. Bryant showed inklings of success against one of the best teams in the nation in their first year out of Division II, a feat the Bulldogs can definitely build upon in the coming years. Expect Bryant to be well prepared for their Senior Day matchup against Duquesne.

Bryant looks to avenge the loss this Saturday against Duquesne on Senior Day at 12 noon at Bulldog Stadium. The game can be heard on WOON 1240 AM or WJMF 88.7 FM.

It was over when: With the bulldogs trailing 35 to 7 in the beginning of the second half, UMass quarterback Liam Coen found Jeremy Horne down the field for Horne's 3rd touchdown of the game.

Players of the game: UMass quarterback Liam Coen threw for 389 yards and 5 TDs; Bryant safety Addison Lynch had 12 tackles (4 solo) and a forced fumble.

Turning point: With Bryant looking to make it a game after their first score, running back Tony Nelson ran in a touchdown for UMass, pushing the score to 28 to 7, and out of reach for Bryant.

Up next: vs. Duquesne, 12 pm, Saturday, Nov. 1 Senior Day

Bryant hosts Second Bench Press Competition

By Peter Zhang
Staff Writer

Dustin Cabral, a student at Bryant, will host Bryant University's second bench press competition on November 15, 2008, at 4:30pm in the MAC.

There will be over \$400 in prizes, said Mr. Cabral. Last semester competitors were awarded prizes like mp3 players, t-shirts, and ribbons. In addition, staff, facility, and DPS will be allowed to compete in their own division.

The entry fee for the competition is five dollars. The competition will be judged by AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) judges. Tim Brien, Director of the Bryant University Fitness Center, is a national judge, and he will supervise the event as well.

Bryant University held its first bench press competition in April 2008. Mr. Cabral organized the event with great success. The competition turned out "better than predicted," said Mr. Cabral. "We expected maybe 20 people at most but there ended up being 40 some competitors and even more spectators."

Two women competed in last semester's competition, "hopefully there will be more this semester," said Mr. Cabral. The women fell under the 123 and 148 weight classes. They lifted up to 110 and 120 pounds respectively, and both placed first in their own weight class.

"This competition means a lot to people who are into weight lifting because they don't get many chances to compete," said Mr. Cabral.

Mr. Cabral encourages all weight lifters on campus to compete. "Odds are you have a good shot to win something. The competition gets you pumped and you will be able to lift more than you would have with the adrenaline," said Mr. Cabral.

Tim Brien (tbrien@bryant.edu) or Dustin Cabral will provide additional information about the competition and rules. Or visit "Bryant Bench Competition" on Facebook.

Impressive start set tone for Men's Golf season

By David Nelligan
Staff Writer

Bryant University's golf team is off to another great start this season already taking the Dartmouth Invitational out of six teams, finishing fourteenth at the Hawks Invitational out of twenty three teams, and coming in third at Yale during the MacDonald Cup out of fifteen teams.

These tournaments have featured many of the country's top golf teams including Baylor University, North Carolina State, and Oklahoma University. Lead by senior captain Scott Congdon the team has made a smooth transition into division one competition. Bryant, who used to play fifty percent of their schedule against division two schools, and the other fifty percent against division one, has competed

against all division one teams this season without any trouble. Congdon attributes much of this success to the young, skilled team Bryant has put together. Mostly sophomores and juniors, the level of play has risen

throughout the entire team over the past years competing against both division one and division two teams. "Everyone on the team has been playing well, not just one or two people," Scott said mentioning how well Jason Thresher has played this season. Jason took home the individual title at the Yale tournament for Bryant. Congdon also said how playing against some of the top players in the country has helped him and the team step up their game.

The team has finished five of six tournaments for the fall season and moved on to the New England Regionals October 20th and 21st to finish up their schedule. Due to the division one rules the team will not be able to compete for Nationals, but will be able to receive individual bids depending on how well they finish. They will also be getting ready for another competitive season next spring.



Courtesy of Athletic Department



Steph Del Mistro

Year: Sophomore

Sport: Soccer

Del Mistro scored the game-winner against Cornell to lift the Bulldogs to a 1-0 victory on Friday on senior day. The goal was the third of her career and helped head coach Chris Flint to his 100th career win.



Addison Lynch

Year: Sophomore

Sport: Football

The sophomore safety led the team with 12 tackles (4 solo, 8 assisted) in a 42-7 loss against UMass. The Braintree, MA native also added a forced fumble in the second half.

Bulldog Bites

Hockey Club starts season strong

Freshmen Mike Brown and Joe Fusco are proving to be positive assets on Bryant's Club Ice Hockey team this year. The two are the only freshmen to dress for games, and will hopefully contribute to another trip to the National Tournament for the team. Both Brown and Fusco scored in the team's first game of the season, helping the bulldogs to clinch a victory against Westfield State on Friday night. Fusco, #27, scored a goal and had an assist, while Brown, #20, had a hat trick, leading Bryant to the 13-5 win. The two seem to be playing great with the team, and Bryant is looking at a good chance for yet another successful season.

The hockey team is 2-0, after beating Westfield State on Friday 13-5, and University of New Hampshire Saturday, 5-4.

Women's Soccer victory gives Coach Flint 100th win

A late goal by Steph Del Mistro against Cornell on Friday afternoon helped the Bulldogs to a 1-0 victory, and gave head coach Chris Flint his 100th career win with the Bryant soccer program in just his ninth season. The Colby College graduate started with the program back in the 2000 season. Since that time, the women's soccer program has amassed a record of 100 wins, 64 losses, and 18 ties. Since taking over the program, Flint has had just two seasons of fewer than 10 wins. The squad has qualified for the Northeast-10 tournament in six of his eight seasons, while earning a bid in the NCAA tournament three times. Last season, Flint led the Bulldogs to their highest ever national ranking, finishing 13th in the national polls and reaching as high as second at one point during the season. The 2007 Bulldogs won a school record 17 games. In his tenure, Flint has been recognized with two Northeast-10 Coach of the Year awards and as well as the NEWISA Coach of the Year in 2001, after turning around a three-win team in 2000 into a 13-win team in 2001. This season, the Bulldogs began a new challenge as they embarked on their first season of Division I play. Flint, by far the most successful coach in program history, has led his team to a record of 4-9-3, with wins over Northern Colorado, Wagner, NJIT and Cornell, while playing a rigorous travel schedule that featured just one home game.

Field Hockey falls to #20th ranked Rutgers

Despite tough defense and hard work Sunday afternoon, the Bryant University field hockey team fell short, falling to No. 20 Rutgers, 6-0, at Providence College in their second-to-last game of the season. The Bulldogs had a tough time getting adjusted to the quick play of the Scarlet Knights out of the gates, giving up a trio of scores in the first seven minutes of play. Jessica Hoh got the scoring started just 3:39 into the game when Amy Lewis fed the ball to the right post where Hoh was waiting to put it past junior goalkeeper Kundayi Mawema (Harare, Zimbabwe) for a 1-0 lead. Less than two minutes later, Jill Beck deflected a Jenna Bull shot into the Bryant cage to score her first goal of the year and give visiting Rutgers (13-5) a two-score advantage. Sarah Dunn made it 3-0 in the seventh minute before the Bulldogs (1-16) settled in to keep the Scarlet Knights from scoring again until the 23rd minute, when Lewis made good on a rebound bouncing around in front of the net for a goal of her own and a 4-0 score entering halftime. The Bulldogs kept the Rutgers offense at bay for most of the second frame, allowing just a pair of goals to the nation's 20th-ranked squad, both off rebounds. The first came just over 11 minutes into the second half off the stick of Heather Garces, who also scored her first goal of the year, and the final tally came in the 67th minute, when Karen Brewster found net for the 6-0 final. The Scarlet Knights, led by 12 shots from Lewis, outshot the Bulldogs, 35-3. The Bulldogs round out their inaugural Division I season next Sunday, November 2 when they travel to Loudonville, N.Y. for one final bout against Siena College. Game time is 1 p.m.

Men's Swimming finishes 5th at Bentley Invitational

Senior Tom Ferrigno won the 200 yard backstroke, while Steven Nguyen took home the 500 yard freestyle to help the Bulldogs to a 5th place finish at the Bentley Invitational on Sunday in their first meet of the season. The meet featured eight teams, with Southern Connecticut finishing in first place. Ferrigno also finished in third in the 200 yard breaststroke, while Nguyen came in sixth in the 1000 yard freestyle. Ray Savner finished in second in the 50 yard freestyle, falling just .07 of a second short of first place finisher Rafael Pena of Bentley. Freshman Kevin McDonald also competed in the 50 yard freestyle, coming in seventh with a time of 23.30. Also having strong performances for the Bulldogs were freshman Zach Bowen, finishing sixth in the 200 yard freestyle with a time of 1:53.16, and sophomore Matt Derwin, who came in fifth in the 200 yard butterfly. The squad will next travel to Boston College on Friday for its first ever Division I dual meet (5 p.m.).

Men's Soccer concludes inaugural D-1 season

Courtesy of BryantBulldogs.com

The Bryant University men's soccer team concluded its inaugural season of Division I play with a, 4-0, loss at Albany Saturday. After 38 years of Division II play, the Bulldogs took the first step in a four-year transition period this season. The squad finished the season with a 1-14-1 record, playing a brutal schedule that included two top-25 opponents (Brown and Providence) as well as trips to Old Dominion, James Madison, Pitts-

burgh, Richmond, and Virginia Commonwealth. After starting off the season with back-to-back losses at Marquette and at VCU, the Bulldogs grabbed their first Division I win on September 7th with a, 2-0, victory over Richmond. Senior captain Manny Rodriguez (North Branford, Conn.) scored what would prove to be the game-winning goal in the 27th minute of play. Freshman Ben Mello (Rehoboth, Mass.) put home his first career

goal in the contest on a goal off a corner kick in the 56th minute to give Bryant some insurance, as they went on to a 2-0 win.

Bryant will continue to play teams tough, including falling to Pittsburgh 2-1 in overtime followed by a 0-0 tie against Robert Morris. Bryant would close out the season with 11-straight losses, mustering just one goal the rest of the way.

Rodriguez and Mello would tie for the team lead in points with four, each scoring a pair of goals. Freshman Robb Rodriguez (North Branford, Conn.) tallied one goal and one assist on the season, placing him third on the team, while fellow freshmen Anthony Restivo (Lis-

bon, Conn.) and Nicholas Parisi (Holbrook, N.Y.) each notched one assist.

Freshman defender Cuinn Nevins (Cheshire, Conn.) and forward Ben Mello each had their seasons cut short due to injuries. Mello started eight games, playing in nine before suffering a knee injury, while Nevins ruptured his spleen in the third game of the season.

Head coach Seamus Purcell had a young squad this year that featured 14 freshmen and seven sophomores. Freshman defender Ethan

Friedman (Massapequa, N.Y.) became a staple on the defense, appearing in nine games while starting the final six. Outside back Ben Lawrence (Amherst, N.H.) impressed many with his aggressive play, starting 14 games for Bryant while appearing in 15. Keeper Andrew Snell (South Salem, N.Y.) led the team in goals against average, surrendering 2.68 goals per game while making 33 saves in eight appearances.

Midfielder Tom Nelan (East Haddam, Conn.) improved each game this season, and was a main target in the middle, winning the majority of headers.

Sophomore Norbert Guery (Andover, Mass.) made the change from forward to sweeper after Nevins went down with an injury and did a solid job in the back. Manny Rodriguez also made the switch to defensive cen-

ter midfield to help sure up the Bulldog defense.

Purcell will have the task of replacing seniors Matt Brown (South Easton, Mass.) and Manny Rodriguez in the off-season. Brown tallied 11 career goals while dishing out three assists in three seasons with the Bulldogs, leading the team in scoring in the 2007 season. Rodriguez played 65 matches over four seasons, scoring 14 goals and two assists, good for 26 points in his career.

The Bulldogs will have some time off before getting ready for their 2009 spring season and their second year of Division I play.



The men's soccer team wrapped up a challenging Division I season in 2008. (Courtesy of Athletic Department)

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Game	Demers	Giardino	Mulcare	Yaks
NY Jets at Buffalo	Buffalo	Buffalo	Buffalo	NY Jets
Detroit at Chicago	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago
Jacksonville at Cincinnati	Jacksonville	Jacksonville	Jacksonville	Jacksonville
Baltimore at Cleveland	Baltimore	Baltimore	Baltimore	Cleveland
Green Bay at Tennessee	Tennessee	Green Bay	Tennessee	Green Bay
Arizona at St. Louis	Arizona	St. Louis	Arizona	Arizona
Houston at Minnesota	Houston	Houston	Minnesota	Minnesota
Tampa Bay at Kansas City	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay
Miami at Denver	Denver	Miami	Denver	Denver
Atlanta at Oakland	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta
Dallas at NY Giants	NY Giants	NY Giants	NY Giants	NY Giants
Philadelphia at Seattle	Philly	Philly	Philly	Philly
New England at Indianapolis	New England	Indy	New England	New Eng.
Pittsburgh at Washington	Pittsburgh	Washington	Washington	Pittsburgh
Last Week's Record	8-6	9-5	9-5	9-5
OVERALL RECORD	59-41	59-41	54-46	56-44

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NBA season opens amid economic concerns

By David Boyce
MCT Campus

Just the NBA's luck. As the new season opens without any of the image-tainting controversies that has plagued the league in past years, something more ominous—the nation's flagging economy—looms overhead.

The 2008-09 NBA season opens Tuesday night with three games. All of them will probably sell out.

LeBron James' Cleveland Cavaliers play at Boston, the defending champions. Top pick Derrick Rose makes his debut for Chicago at home against Milwaukee. And Portland travels to Los Angeles to take on the defending Western Conference champion Lakers.

Those are intriguing openers that fans will find a few extra \$20s to pay for their seats. But the way the economy is declining, will enough NBA fans find those \$20s to pay for \$30, \$50, \$60 or \$100 seats to see Milwaukee at Atlanta on Jan. 23?

There is a real possibility that many NBA arenas will be half-empty if the economy stays in its present state or gets worse. It's something of which the league is aware.

In his annual preseason teleconference, NBA commissioner David Stern addressed the economic concerns.

"We did spend a fair amount of time sharing

ideas and talking about the state of the economy, looking for ways to keep our game relevant," Stern said.

What the economy could do to erode the resurgent popularity of the NBA, makes preseason issues of the previous three years seem almost trivial.

Before the start of the 2005-06 season, Stern en-

referee Tim Donaghy was the only one involved in a point-shaving scam to cover his betting on NBA games.

The credibility of the NBA was definitely at stake last year, but the league got through it just fine and ended with a dream finals matchup between two storied franchises.

The economy is a far scarier issue for the NBA. If basketball fans are struggling to pay for basic needs like food, gas and a home mortgage, they certainly won't have money for NBA tickets.

Stern said about 1,000 tickets per team will cost \$10 or less for every game. As the season progresses, the \$10, nose-bleed tickets might creep further down in the arena.

When Portland played Atlanta in a preseason game at the Sprint Center the several hundred \$10 tickets were quickly snapped up. There were plenty of \$50 and \$90 tickets available.

It proved there was a market for NBA basketball in Kansas City for \$10, but at \$50?

Stern is optimistic the current economic climate will not hurt the NBA too much.

"From a business perspective, we are going to be about flat in attendance, which is good news, and our sponsor renewals and presentations are very strong," he said.

Stern, though, is not taking a Pollyanna view of the upcoming season. He's aware of these troubling times.

"I think that if you are alive in this world and you have access to that ancient form of communication, the newspaper, you can't help but read the headlines of what's going on," Stern said. "Company after company is announcing large layoffs.

"So if you're having a business discussion you just have to understand what's going on in the world around you, and we did that."



Lebron James and the rest of the star-studded NBA kicked off the new season after a very successful 2007. But amidst financial difficulties and a faltering economy, will the NBA build on their breakout season? (MCT Campus)

forced a dress code, in part, to clean up the image of NBA players. The following season the NBA was quicker to call technical fouls on players for complaining about fouls.

And last year, Stern had to assure the public that

Club Spotlight: Men's Rugby

By Matthew Kane
Staff Writer

The Bryant Men's Rugby Club (2-2) led by Co-captain Jameson Antonowicz, narrowly defeated the visiting Roger Williams University Hawks (2-2) 24-22 in the final minutes of regulation, keeping their playoff chances alive.

Trailing 22-19 with two minutes left in regulation, Antonowicz pounded the ball into the Hawk's try zone, retaking the lead and sustaining the possibility of a playoff berth for the Bulldogs. The try brought a conclusion to a back and forth battle between two equally skilled rugby teams, in which the outcome was unclear until the final whistle blew.

Early in the first half Antonowicz crashed the ball in on the Hawk's goal line, giving the Bulldogs an early 7-0 lead and scoring the first of his three tries. With momentum in their favor, sophomore Martin Moss added another try; and following a failed conversion attempt the Bulldogs led 12-0.

After a series of defensive standoffs, the Hawks put their first points on the board, closing the gap at halftime to 12-7. After a short intermission the visitors quickly picked up where they left off at the end of the first half, netting another try, however this time after failing to make the conversion, they tied the Bulldogs 12-12.

The score remained the same until Antonowicz scored his second try, giving the Bulldogs a 19-12 lead midway through the second half.

However, unfazed by the Bulldog's scoring, the Hawks quickly marched down the field and again tied the game at 19 all.

With the score still tied heading into the final five minutes of regulation, a penalty was called against the Bryant Bulldogs, giving the Hawk's the opportunity to kick for points. After a successful kick the Hawk's now led the Bulldogs 22-19.

Frantically marching down the field, knowing full well that a potential postseason berth was on the line, the Bulldogs found themselves not far from the Hawk's try-zone with little more than two minutes left in the game. Following what he had done all game, Antonowicz added his third and final try giving the Bulldogs a late 24-22 lead.

The Bulldogs would not relinquish the lead, improving their record to 2-2.

Mediocrity at its best

By David Niles
Staff Writer

Last week I wrote about the possible end of the Patriot's reign over the NFL. They established themselves as the NFL's equivalent of a dynasty this decade, winning 3 Super Bowls, while no other franchise was able to win 2.

While, the Patriots may not be able to dominate the league anymore, it isn't as if another team has stepped up to take their place. Take a look around. I find it hard to pronounce a single NFL team as dominant. Coming into the season, the Patriots, Colts, Chargers, Giants, and Cowboys were widely considered to be the top 5 teams in the NFL. The Patriots lost Tom Brady and their defense has been giving up points to mediocre offenses. The Colts have struggled to get their offense in sync and couldn't stop you or me from running on them. The Chargers lost Manning and LaDainian Tomlinson is beginning to look like he is approaching that 30-year old running back decline. The Giants looked like the defending Super Bowl champs for their first four games but then dropped a game to the lowly Browns. The Cowboys lost their Pro Bowl quarterback and then their pride after a blowout loss to the winless Rams this past weekend.

The Bills and Steelers are both 5-2 and the Titans are undefeated at 7-0. But do the Titans really scare you? Their defense has been outstanding, allowing 11 points per game, and the

offense has unquestionably benefitted from benching Vince Young in favor of the veteran Kerry Collins. Do you know what these three teams have in common. They have yet to play a game against a winning team. They have beaten up on teams like the Bengals, Raiders, Browns, Rams, Seahawks, and Texans.

This season, more than any other, might come down to health. Is there any doubt that the Patriots would be right at the top if Brady were healthy and active? All the teams at the top of their divisions have been able to escape injury thus far. But if Ben Roethlisberger goes down I don't think the Steelers make the playoffs. Which teams will be able to stay healthy is anyone's guess.

Another problem is that we don't know the identity of many of the top teams. For instance, the Broncos averaged 38 points per game in their first 3 games and then failed to score 20 in their next three. Among the contenders in the NFC, the Packers, Bears, Redskins and Falcons all have young, unproven quarterbacks leading the way. Will they be able to

keep it up? In Tampa Bay, Jon Gruden can't decide on a quarterback. The Cardinals only lead their division because the other three teams have been abysmal and the chances of Kurt Warner being healthy for an entire season aren't good.

So what are we to do? Well, watch the games of course. This is the NFL where any week, any team can beat any other.



Can journeyman Kerry Collins lead what appears to be the best team in the league to a Super Bowl in 2008?(MCT Campus)

Students Speak Out

What is your favorite Halloween costume?



"A few friends and I are going to be the BlueMan-group."
Robert Stewart '09



"I'm going to be a hippie."
Alyssa Rollins '12



"My costume is a 1930's flapper girl."
Emily Hoodlet '12



"I am dressing as a schoolgirl."
Shaina Gamache '12



"Seeing Doug Francis-Berman dressed up in a gorilla suit."
Brian Murphy '11



"One time when I was little, my mom dressed me and my brother and cousin up as labrador retrievers and we roamed around the neighborhood barking."
Ian Ross '11



"When I was younger my dad dressed up me and my three sisters as household appliances.. I was a stove and my sisters were a washer, a dryer and a refridgerator"
Bri Lefebvre '11



"Brendan King as a man riding an ostrich."
Doug Berman '11

Umm...No Check Please?



By: Michael Adams
Opinion Editor

By now, if you have read my articles, I am the type of kid that doesn't write about current events—I leave that to the other staff writers of the paper, and like to throw in some light humor for my articles. Well, this week, I have noticed an alarming trend: restaurant patrons not paying for their meals. Here are two recent incidents, followed by my lovely, slightly unsympathetic, commentary.

First up, and probably the most shocking, was when (former) Miss Teen Louisiana and her three friends decided to skip out on their \$46.07 bill. Now, I am going to get past the fact that, stereotypically, beauty pageant contestants aren't exactly the brightest crayon in the box. They left their check on the table and left the eatery, only to come back minutes later to get little Miss Lindsey Evans' purse. But that didn't happen because before she could get to her purse, she and her posse were arrested. Oh, they found some pot and miscellaneous drug equipment in her friends' possession as well. Congrats!

You are officially idiots. They didn't even have a valid reason for bouncing without paying. When this paper went to print, they were released from jail on bond.

The next story is just stupid in its own right. A 66 year old woman decided to go to jail over paying her \$7.45 bill at some rinky-dink Waffle House in Fort Pierce, FL. The officer asked her to pay the bill or go to jail, and well, she chose jail. She was charged with, get this, "obtaining food or lodging with intent to defraud, a second degree misdemeanor." I had no idea there was actually a name for this! She now faces up to two months in prison and a \$500 fine. Hmm...\$7.45 Waffle House bill or \$500 plus two months locked in a prison with one hour of "recreation time"? I know, it's a hard decision, but honestly, most three year olds would know which choice to make.

These are just two recent stories that I found. There are plenty more because this happens all of the time. You get horrible service and want to get up and leave. We've all had that experience before. Believe it or not, some people actually do get up and leave without paying—they just don't get arrested. Newsflash people, that's a form of stealing. You know, stealing, the thing we're taught not to do in kindergarten? It should be engraved in your heads that stealing is illegal. I guess the engraver wasn't

there for these two sleaze balls.

I, with hopefully most of the Bryant campus, have a good enough moral compass, to the point where, even if I get terrible service, I will still pay the check. It doesn't matter to me if it's \$5.00 or \$100.00. While I have never worked in the restaurant industry, I do believe that these waiters and waitresses work hard for their money. That not only means that you should pay your bill, but you should also tip them well—especially if you are a bunch of college students out to dinner, not to get too much into dining 101 here.

Is there a reason for the rise in unpaid checks? Well, some of you may argue that it's the economy. Well, if it's the economy, and you can't even seem to pay your frigging rent, then what on earth are you doing eating out? I know you want to "keep up with the Jones", but doesn't it come to a point? Only go out to eat if you can afford it. You could probably feed your family twice, maybe three times, in exchange for going out to dinner. Grocery stores are wonderful services, aren't they?

I wanted to prove that not paying your restaurant bill will occur with anyone, from a beauty queen, to some old lady, who can't seem to get their priorities straight. Please pay your restaurant bills.

Multipartisan Hackery: Gun Control Guns are Good Gun Regulation

By Matt Vincunas
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By Drew Green
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A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed. This is perhaps one of the most important statements our founding fathers crafted, not only for the safety of the country, but for the freedom of its people. As a hunter and someone who enjoys firearms, the right of the 2nd amendment is one that as it says, should not be infringed. Over the summer the United States Supreme Court upheld the decision of the Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit that it was a person's individual right to own firearms, such as handguns, and that it is necessary to own these for personal safety. Surprisingly only five justices agreed with our founding fathers, leaving the other four, likely Obama supporters. But in all seriousness, the right of the 2nd amendment is necessary for the safety of our citizens, even if there are some people who abuse their right, like gangs and murderers. For Washington D.C. to even think about banning the purchasing and use of handguns for personal safety is absurd. Sure there are gang members who are killing people, but don't go to ban one of the tools of the murders. The gang members and thugs that use the guns are the ones who should suffer, not law abiding citizens that go by the rules. The rules in this country already are strict and discourage people from owning guns as it is.

At home, I sleep better knowing that anyone who breaks into my house is only one pull from my index finger away from joining the best place for thugs and robbers, six feet under. The 2nd amendment also provides me the opportunity to wake up that morning and hunt for animals, the same way our forefathers did. It is not only the fact that I am safe, but I can enjoy a hobby that has been with our country since conception. One argument against this amendment is that it is only a right for a state militia. The state militias are the people who own guns, taking this right away would mean taking away every states militia, therefore taking away one of the few arguments anti-gun folk like Obama have. The GOP's own vice presidential nominee, Sarah Palin, is an avid hunter. Having grown up in a small town and with a father who loves hunting, there is no greater experience than getting up early in the morning and hunting with dad and bringing food home to the family. Granted we could just go to the grocery store and buy whatever meat we damn please, there is just an aspect of hunting that is indescribable and not purchasable in a grocery store. Sure, people might argue that just banning handguns and other firearms in a city will not influence hunters in rural areas, but if the wrong people are granted power there is no limit to what they could do.

Banning guns in a city or even on a state scale does not make sense. For one thing, gang members and criminals will get guns no matter what. There is a reason they are called criminals, they would do anything to get a gun to continue their gang ways. If you do ban guns the only real people who are hurt by this are the citizens who purchase guns legally, such as hunters or firearms enthusiasts. Since they would not steal guns there would be no way for them to have one, which in turn would lead to more crime. There is no need for further regulation of guns, barring any science that only lets certain people shoot guns. The real answer for problems such as gun-related homicides and gang activity is the source of the problem; there needs to be harsher sentences for gun crimes. Now if I'm driving down the road to go hunting and I have a gun that is not in a case with five hundred locks on it, that should not be considered a gun crime. The lawmakers, especially in Massachusetts, make it nearly impossible to have a gun in your household or car. It has to be locked in a case while in the house, and they even want them to be disassembled with a trigger lock. If someone does break into your house maybe they'll give you a few minutes to unlock the gun case and assemble the gun. Of course the lawmakers don't have to worry about owning guns because they have people who protect them, unlike normal citizens.

I have never held, fired, or owned a gun of any kind for any reason and I can say firmly that I never will. I will not buy one as a means of protection or for a means of sport. However, I am respectful that I have the choice to do so if I had ever wanted to. I do not see gun control as an issue of whether people should be allowed to own guns, but rather an issue of regulating gun sales to increase the protection of American citizens. And is that not what many owners of guns use them for, protection?

Currently 46 percent of the price for a gun is dependent on taxes (varying a few percentage points based on state sales tax). With a percentage this high why not give the power to sell guns directly to the Department of Defense and then sell the assortment of brands through the government? Then the actual sale of guns can go directly through the government, and not just the background check. Selling guns in stores regulated by the Department of Defense would reduce the chance that there were illegal transactions, and hopefully in the long run reduce the black market sales of guns not distributed by the government.

The one major issue I have with the "right to bear arms" is that last little "s". Pluralizing it and making it arms makes me weary of whether or not I can fully agree with the law. Yes, you should be able to own a gun if you want to and are a citizen who has shown that you will not use it with malicious intent to harm another human being. However, I do feel that none are necessary, one is enough, and will go as far to say that two should be the most. The true purpose of a gun is its distinct protection that it gives the holder. We should not get lost and think that since there is a law allowing citizens to own a gun that it can be for the purpose of acquiring a collection. It is important to remember the time period this law was created. The reason behind needing a law to allow the ownership of guns was so the individual could protect himself, not to have a collection. So why is that people need to have more guns than they have hands? You cannot use more than two at once for protection, so why should more be legally allowed? If guns are a means to protect yourself then there should be a limit on how much protection a person needs.

As for what type of gun a person should own is another issue. I highly doubt that a semi-automatic or assault weapon is necessary in protecting an individual from harm. If anything, having and using a gun like that on a perpetrator will probably cause more harm than the perpetrator originally intended. Those guns are a means of protection when death is going to be the outcome one way or another, which is why people in the army use such weapons. Civilians do not face the same threat and should not be allowed to acquire those types of guns. It is, for lack of a better phrase, "overkill". It is not necessarily whether or not the number of bullets used is too much, but whether the gun itself is too much to be considered a weapon of "defense". If you were being held at knife point and the person lunged at you would a single shot from a handgun be considered more as a means of self defense or more as a means of aggression if compared against the same situation and shooting the person with a shotgun?

The point I am trying to make with this example is that guns are not supposed to be a means to simply kill. If you own a gun with the notion that it will be used to kill an aggressor that comes into your home you have already become as bad as your potential aggressor. The idea of defense is to protect yourself, not to kill the other person. However, when guns are made to be more powerful and effective (deadlier) and people make a point of buying the more powerful weapon, are they not simply saying that the life of another individual is not important if it interferes with their life? When guns are that powerful that death is almost a certainty, they are unnecessary; a person's level of protection is not directly correlated with how powerful their gun is.



A Secular Perspective: Teach Religion in Public Schools

By: **Brandon Dobro**
Staff Writer

It goes without saying that each individual probably thinks long and hard about which religion to choose, if any. So why is it that the world is completely Balkanized by different religions? In many parts of the world, a person is almost certain to follow a particular religious doctrine as a mere result of their geography. This doesn't make any sense when you consider that there are thousands of equally plausible religions to believe in. Until, of course, you recognize the astonishing lack of theological education around the world and in our own country.

I am not suggesting that we teach religious values, but religious facts in an impartial, objective manner. Religion is just too important to avoid in the classroom. It has been the root of some of the world's greatest wars and the cause of some of the world's greatest achievements. It has shaped not only the world's most influential leaders, but entire cultures. Just about the entire world today sees their religion not just as a spiritual guide, but as a way of life. In an educational system that is supposed to teach multi-disciplinary facts about the world, there is simply no avoiding religion.

I would be willing to bet that most college students could not write more than a thousand words about the world's major religions. Most of this knowledge probably comes from parents or church and is only about one particular religion. From a very young age, many children are conditioned into believing that one particular religion is true and that the rest are nonsense. There is no escaping the desire of parents to want their children to believe the truth about anything, particularly when it comes to choosing a spiritual path. But there is a fine line between teaching and brainwashing. It doesn't seem right that parents call their son or daughter a "Christian child" or a "Jewish child," just like it doesn't make any sense to call your child a Republican or Democrat. Do children really know enough about the world to make these types of decisions? Children are the reason words like "impressionable" exist and they will believe just about anything if drilled into their heads enough times.

Is any child really capable of discerning the truth from absurdity? If you stumble over this question, go no further than Santa Claus. It's pretty safe to say that until the age of about ten, most kids would bet their lives on the belief that there exists an old man with flying reindeer, a red jumpsuit, and a toy-manufacturing sweatshop the size of the North Pole. But what stopped you from believ-

ing in Santa? Was it the recognition that most other kids your age didn't believe in him? Did you set up a camcorder and catch Mom and Dad putting all the gifts under the tree? Or was it the realization that all the wrapping paper was actually the same? Whatever the reason, as more information and evidence piled up against the jolly old man, you were eventually led to deny his existence, hopefully. Now imagine that Santa wasn't actually a tangible person delivering gifts, but rather the supernatural creator of the Universe, who, by definition, there is no proof of nonexistence. Add a few heart-warming stories that happened a few thousand years ago (some that are true and some that are not—you get to choose), a weekly gathering with members of your community to discuss and sing about this belief, and the confirmation that millions of others also hold this belief, and you have something that most people will believe long past the age of ten.

Children should instead learn about all kinds of different religions and the transformation that each religion has gone through. What is religion? How did each religion form and how have they each evolved? What effect has religion had on the world's communities, music, art, and architecture? What causes a religion to spread? Why is it that some religions still exist while others have been weeded out? These are all very important questions that even most adults would likely have difficulty answering. This is extremely troubling.

So, why is it that teaching about religion is shunned from public schools, even if all preaching and biases are excluded? Personally, I think it comes down to the narcissistic, but mainstream view that if your children aren't solely going to learn your religion, they shouldn't learn about others. Or maybe people are just afraid of transparency with regard to their own religion. Would it be so terrible if a child could explain both the good things and the bad things that have been done in the name of religion? How far do we need to go to keep thoughts such as, "Why is there so much detail about the life of Jesus when nothing was written about him until over fifty years after his death?" and "Wow, a lot of people have died in the name of my god, maybe I should rethink this thing" out of our children's heads? What kind of world is it when truth and knowledge for children are pushed aside in exchange for our own self-interests? In order to live in an informed society, we have to ask these questions of ourselves, otherwise we will keep our children from asking questions of themselves.

Observations

Compiled by Michael Adams, Mike Yakovonis and Linsey Morse

Just in Time

We love the new clocks--now it's not perpetually 9:42 in every classroom in the Unistructure!

Sorry, wrong number!

The list of clubs and organizations on the Bryant website are outdated--some by two years. Can someone please update the listings, before we call a Bryant Alum?

Congratulations President Machtley!

Last week, President Machtley was awarded the Business Excellence Award in Business Leadership. We look forward to a bright future for the University.

Legends of the Hidden Commuter Lockers

We have heard some rumblings about new lockers for commuters near the Commuter Connection. It's not like we're jealous or anything, but they do bring back some lovely high school memories. Can we stuff the nerdy kids into these lockers too? (Kid-ding.)

Bryant Said What!?

Compiled by Bryant Students

"What the hell is 'Funfetti'?"

"So basically, all you have to do is take a piece of printer paper, put it under a goose, wait for it to poop, and go hand it in."

"If Stephen Hawking can do it, you can do it too."

"I can see a school bus from my house!"

"This looks like Miss Frizzle having sex with Fabio."

"How much does your pound of bologna weigh?"

"So I fell down the stairs this morning...like, the whole entire flight of stairs."

"I felt like a stripper, because everyone was throwing singles at me all day."

"Park your car in the Harvard Yard."

"No, you can't. You'll get a ticket."

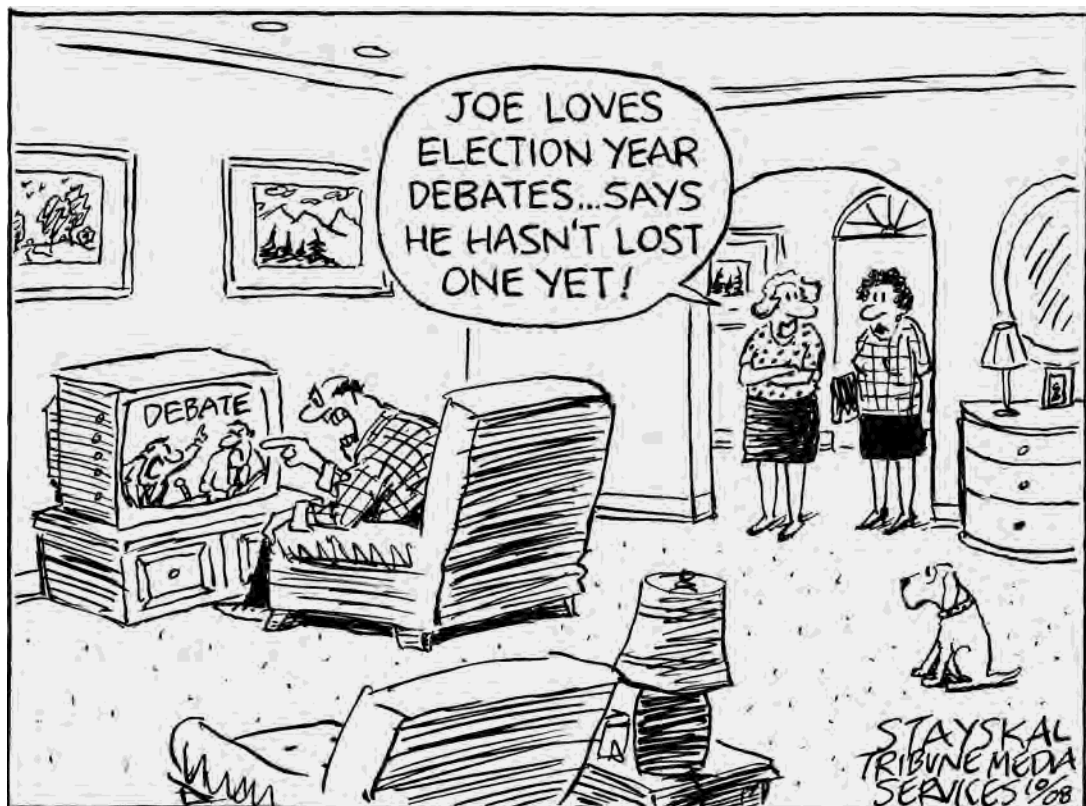
Parents Said What!?

Mother: She was walking around with boobs sticking out!

Father: That's what boobs usually do.

Mother: I was at the beauty salon for eight hours!

Father: You should have gotten your money back.



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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I want to respond to the article "Gay Marriage is Useless." Matt Vincunas wrote in his article, "Why are [homosexuals] fighting for something they already have?" His article talks about a marriage certificate as, "A piece of paper." Let me be clear that homosexual marriage focuses on civil marriage and legal rights, unrelated to a religious marriage. We all remember a thing called separation of church and state, right? A marriage certificate is not just, "A piece of paper." It has much more value than that. Experts that have looked at civil marriage note that between the state and federal levels there are more than 1,400 benefits that may accrue to married couples. Matt continues to say that, "A marriage license is just a title. If homosexuals are marrying for benefits, their marriage must not be based on love." A marriage license ensures the ability for homosexuals to visit their partner in the hospital. Tell me that sitting beside a hospital bed is not an act of love, Matt.

Additionally, a "married" couple does not have to prove ownership of every item inside their home after a spouse dies. Civil marriage provides many financial benefits that married couples are unaware of until they need to use them. Homosexuals are not trying to obtain, "special rights" as Matt says, but are seeking equal rights. Here is my favorite part. Matt also said, "The point of heterosexual couples being married is to pro-create and raise children together." Really, Matt? What do you say to the millions of men and women in the U.S. who are unable to conceive children? Do you tell them to try harder and put more effort into it? What do you say to the millions of men and women that are single parents and doing a wonderful job? Do you tell them to look around to find an opposite sex spouse because they do not meet your imperative of heterosexual couples pro-creating and raising children together? Matt mentions that his life, "Is not any worse with gay people in the world, as long as he does not have to deal with them." Please don't leave that off your résumé, Matt. For more information on homosexual marriage benefits visit www.MarriageEquality.org. I also want to thank Drew Green for clearly researching the issues and writing an informed article.

A.J. Sorbera

Dear Editor,

In a recent edition of the Archway I noticed one of the entries in the "Observations" column was about the interfaith web-cam. The entry asked if someone could please explain the point of the camera. I participated in its setup and would like to take a moment to briefly highlight its purpose and significance to the Bryant Community.

The camera is a simple web-cam that streams images to the Bryant University website. These images give our site dynamic content and show the world how proud we are of our growing institution. The building's progress can be viewed by interested faculty, staff, students, parents, alumni, and even representatives from the architectural firm that designed it.

The camera takes still images at regular intervals every day workers are on the site. These snapshots are being used to chronicle the progress of the construction and it is hoped they will eventually be used to create a time-lapse video.

The camera has been well advertised to those working on the jobsite and the project managers have been very responsive to it. They too like the idea of showing friends and family the project they are working on and are looking forward to the time-lapse video when the project is completed.

Lastly the camera can be used as a temporary security device monitoring the area at off hours to make sure everything is as it should be.

I hope this letter helps to inform the Bryant community about the purpose of the web-cam. It is an exciting project I have been happy to work on. I invite everyone to take a moment to peek in on it from time to time, and I look forward to the building's completion next year.

Regards,

Daniel Greene

Media Production Analyst
Bryant University

Dear Editor,

This past week, I was appalled by both the title and content of "Gay Marriage is Useless" by Matt Vincunas. I am in full support of gay marriage; however, as anyone who knows me will tell you, I thoroughly enjoy an intelligent discussion with the opposing side. The contradictory, offensive, and completely factually unsupported statements in this article compelled me to respond.

Vincunas' statement that "we do not need gay people being labeled as 'married' and... allowed to be on the same level as a typical heterosexual marriage" was little less than revolting. The "same level"? The article begins by stating that the author believes that homosexuals are inherently on a lower level than heterosexuals and deserve to remain inferior. Assuredly, this is a perfect example of heterosexism.

Despite this statement, another part of the same paragraph states that Vincunas "[does] not disagree with homosexual people [or] their actions". One statement purports the tolerance of the author for homosexual individuals and practices while the other openly states his belief that heterosexuality is innately superior to homosexuality; these two statements are clearly in opposition to one another. These contradictory statements are confusing; the author must be either one or the other (heterosexist or tolerant) but cannot be both.

A common argument of anti-gay-marriage individuals was exemplified in Vincunas' statement that "the point of heterosexual couples being

married is to pro-create [sic] and raise children together". Vincunas goes so far as to state that a couple's ability to have children is what makes a marriage sacred.

If I were to subscribe to this logic, I would be absolutely befuddled by today's society. What then, is the "point" of two heterosexuals getting married who beforehand discuss that they do not want to have children – are they willfully violating the sanctity of their own marriage? What about two heterosexual people who get married and then discover that one of them is sterile?

If the logic used by Vincunas is sound, then Congress must act now to prevent people from continuing to violate the sanctity of marriage. Prior to every marriage, each couple should have to undergo fertility testing to verify that they are biologically able to have children. Additionally, they should be required to sign a legal document stating that they are obligated by law to procreate. Those who do not meet both of these requirements should not be allowed to legally marry nor receive marriage benefits. According to Vincunas, it should be inconsequential to these people that they can no longer be legally married; "after all," as he reminds us, "it is only a title. Unless they are marrying for the benefits, which would not be a marriage based on love".

If Vincunas would support Congress passing a law with the above prerequisites, then I could follow the logic of his argument. However, I sincerely doubt that many people would support such legislation, and I am inclined to believe that the logic Vin-

cunas suggests is not based on the ability of a couple to produce children as he claims but instead based only on inherent heterosexism.

To digress into a discussion of the ability of a homosexual couple to raise children, as Vincunas randomly and briefly addresses, is unrelated to the topic at hand – this would be to discuss homosexual adoption/child rearing rather than gay marriage. According to Vincunas, "facts and statistics are not necessary," so I will not bother taking the time to back up my statement that I believe that gay couples can raise children together just fine.

For Vincunas to compare homosexual rights to his undying love for the Boston Red Sox has undeniably faulty logic and is offensively like comparing apples to oranges: "I don't want a law enacted that makes everyone like the Red Sox, so why do gay people push to have same sex [sic] marriage to be legalized if they are allowed to be together as it is"?

I can identify several serious problems with this statement. First, to compare a person's sexual orientation and loving bond with another person to being an ardent sports fan is, plainly, disrespectful. Second, having a law that forces people who do not like Boston to be part of Red Sox Nation is not comparable to enacting gay marriage laws – if gay marriage were legalized, it would be available to those who chose to utilize it, but it would not force anyone who did not want to engage in a gay marriage to become a part of one.

Insulting comparison between baseball and homosexual rights aside, a more

appropriate example would be as follows: as the law stands today, Vincunas could not go to Fenway to enjoy his favorite baseball team in public. He would be allowed to enjoy watching them on television in the privacy of his home as long as he did not dare to try and "infringe on" the rights of the Yankee fans by coming to the stadium to cheer for his team in public. If Vincunas were to ask for the "special right" to watch the game live like all of the Yankee fans are allowed to do, he would be outright denied in all of the fifty states except for Massachusetts, California, and Connecticut. This metaphor more accurately mirrors the state of homosexual rights in society today.

The benefits to be received by a legally married couple are extensive. If Vincunas were interested in "facts and statistics" (which he states he is not), he would discover that homosexual couples are not seeking "special rights" (as he states) but rather the right to the exact same benefits enjoyed by heterosexual couples.

Vincunas accuses same-sex marriage supporters of treating marriage as only a pathway to legal benefits and not as an institution of love. Although I agree that marriage should be first and foremost about love, we cannot simply ignore that there are legal and tax benefits provided to the segment of our society engaged in a heterosexual marriage.

If we genuinely believe, as the Declaration of Independence states, "that all men are created equal", then we are faced with two options: either we must extend legal marriage rights to all married citi-

zens (regardless of sexual orientation) or we must offer them to no one. Either option would be equitable; in our current state, however, we are openly discriminating against homosexuals by extending these rights only to heterosexual couples in 47 states. Homosexual rights activists are not "fighting for what [homosexuals] already have"; they are fighting for the right to have homosexual marriages recognized not only as institutions of love but with the same rights and privileges as heterosexual marriages.

After conflating love and baseball and providing a plethora of other stinging comments, Vincunas returns to his initial argument that he is fine with gay people as long as they "don't try to push it on society". Gay couples are allowed to be together, according to Vincunas, so long as they do not dare to ask to be on "the same level" as heterosexual couples and ask for equal rights such as visitation in hospitals or joint tax filing benefits. If Vincunas must ask why "it is so important for gay people to have a right to become married", then I encourage him to research the issue. I, along with many others, would be happy to discuss it. The conversation about gay marriage is not simply controversy-seeking, as Vincunas suggests. It is a fight for equal rights for equal human beings and one that I plan to continue conversing about until we start practicing what we preach: liberty and justice for all.

-Kim Cole

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Bulldog Flicks: *Flash of Genius*

Luke Stankiewicz
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Flash of Genius is the kind of movie you go see if you want something interesting, funny, and dramatic. This is what I expected from the film, and it's exactly what I got. I didn't have tremendously high expectations, so not surprisingly I left the theater with more than I thought I would. This is because with most biopics, the story is either irrelevant or uninteresting, or the main character is of no real importance and is therefore not worth making a movie about. *Flash of Genius*, however, is none of these things. It is a solid movie with great performances, a great script, and one that (most surprisingly) breaks free from the typical formula of feel-good Disney-made movies and actually gives us an accurate picture of the story it is telling.

The movie is about Robert Kearns (Greg Kinnear), or Bob to his friends. Driving home from church one day, he wonders why his windshield wipers can only go at one speed, and not adjust for the intensity of the rain outside. Either it's not quick enough, he thinks, or it's too slow and impairs his vision. Being an inventor, he doesn't just dismiss the quandary, instead he goes to his basement workshop and comes up with a device he calls the "Blinking Eye Wiper" so called for the way it clears water the way your eyes clear tears, only when necessary.

Recognizing the opportunity for massive profit from this device, he takes it to the Ford motor company to see if they're interested in putting it in their cars. As it turns out, every major car company had been working on an "intermittent" wiper as they call it, and Bob beat them all to the punch. At first Ford is skeptical, but after a working demo, they essentially tell Bob he has a deal (after the legal stuff etc.).

As this is the 1950's, it was a simpler time, one with less accountability from companies who could more easily hide their inner doings. For Bob Kearns, this non transparency allows Ford to steal his idea after taking a prototype he built, copying it, and then terminating the deal they had with him. Bob meanwhile, is unaware that Ford stole his idea, and only realizes this years later when he sees a car with wipers using his design.

Instead of letting this go however, Bob determines that it isn't right for Ford to take credit for his work, and is determined to sue them for the rights to his design. The rest of the movie tells of how the lawsuit, which lasts several years, affects his family life, his work, his relationships, and even his sanity at one point.

Everything about this movie is great, but not perfect. I thoroughly enjoyed every single second of this film, and it's all because of one man, Greg Kinnear. His performance is so good and so convincing that the rest of the characters in the movie just sort of fade away. Every second he was on film he was engaging, drawing the audience into Bob Kearns' struggle in a real way, not superficially.

You could see the mental anguish of the frustrated Kearns on Kinnear's face, it's not simply stated in a line where he says "I'm frustrated." He is genuine, smart, funny, and convincing - something you don't get often with movies outside of the Oscar caliber range. Lauren Graham, who plays Kearns' wife Phyllis, was adequate. She was bother-

some at some points as she annoyingly never seemed to understand why her husband was fighting Ford for his idea (even though the movie made it quite clear). Some other major character include Bob's original business partner Gil Privick (Dermot Mulroney) who does well, and Alan Alda as his lawyer. Both do fine but end up forgettable alongside Kinnear.

Like I mentioned before, this movie gives you more than the average biopic, especially one made by the notoriously kid-friendly Disney Corporation. *Flash of Genius* does a lot of things well where other movies fail, and even treads unfamiliar ground in some cases. One such area is the issue of morality and ethics throughout the film.

At one point Ford offers Kearns thirty million dollars to settle the lawsuit, but will not admit that he was the true inventor. From an ethical standpoint, Bob has a tough decision to make. While the money would help his family tremendously, it would also mean that he is selling himself out for money. It is up to the audience to decide what they would do, greatly affecting the way they view Bob's ultimate decision.

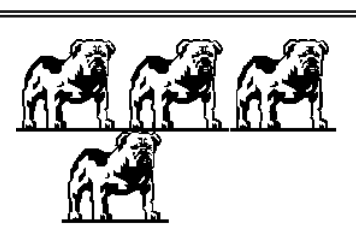
Robert's tenacity in pursuing the Ford motor company in his lawsuit is genuinely engaging, and doesn't ever turn Bob into a ridiculous underdog. Instead, it shows his trouble, shows his pain, and evinces all of his hard work and the costs of what he went through. I like this kind of stuff in a movie a lot, a very lot, because I want realism from a film, not some story full of fluff designed to make me feel good.

This movie doesn't have a fairy tale ending; it has exactly the kind of ending you would expect if you were seeing the case as it was happening in the 1950's. Bob's life doesn't return to normal after the trial is over, his life is still as imperfect as it was before the hearings, and exactly the way it should be. You leave the theater with a sense of justice being served, but not with a feeling of great optimism. The underdog won, but it was a pyrrhic victory (save the twenty-eight million he eventually got).

This is a great film, with an excellent performance by Kinnear who elevates the film from average to extraordinary. Go see it, be inspired, and watch the little guy win. But also think about what happened, what you would do, what Bob did, and how you feel about it. These questions are raised in the movie for that purpose. For all of these reasons, I give *Flash of Genius* 4 out of 5 Bulldogs.

Movie Recommendation: This week I'm recommending the film *Say Anything*. It stars John Cusack in one of his best performances as a teenager in love with the smartest and prettiest girl at school, and his interactions with her disapproving father. This is the quintessential romantic comedy and is still the best one ever made. It's unconventional and formulaic (since it set the bar) at the same time. Everyone should see this movie; it's one of the all time greatest.

This movie earned 4 out of 5 bulldogs



Horoscopes



Aquarius
1/20 - 2/18

Don't let your enthusiasm for life and enjoyment tempt you to overspend. You will have fun even if you are careful about expenses. You might detect a hint of deceit or dishonesty this evening. All is not as it first appears.



Pisces
2/19 - 3/20

There's something really spooky going on and you can't help thinking like that. You're more sensitive to atmosphere and there may be one or two moments this Halloween when you will be convinced you've seen a real ghost.



Aries
3/21 - 4/19

You might get together with co-workers who are also friends at a Halloween party. Just because you like someone is no reason to let them make your decisions for you. Something you've been aiming for is almost within reach. You can see the light at the end of the tunnel.



Taurus
4/20 - 5/20

Change challenges you. You're never at ease when circumstances are shifting and some important things are going on in your life now. It won't be easy and there are a few mountains you will have to climb but you have the energy and stamina to cope.



Gemini
5/21 - 6/21

Some interesting days are ahead. At Halloween, something extravagant and a little bizarre will make for a more mysterious evening. You get the chance to make some interesting new alliances and Cupid could also be involved.



Cancer
6/22 - 7/22

You're feeling lucky at this time. Dreams are vivid around Halloween. People visit you in your dreams; some faces you will recognise, others will be unfamiliar. Your outlook will improve after a message received and new areas of your personal life are opening up for you.



Leo
7/23 - 8/22

You always want to look your best and you might meet someone around this time who introduces you to a new diet or exercise program. It might sound like you will get fit the easy way but there's probably more to it than others are making out.



Virgo
8/23 - 9/22

A friend or neighbor appreciates your practical and careful personality. They might be planning a special event for this evening and with your help all will come together perfectly. You have a great way of keeping things calm and orderly when chaos threatens.



Libra
9/23 - 10/22

Some strong magnetism exists between you and someone you meet this Halloween. You're expected to join in with social events. If you aren't in the mood, don't feel obliged to participate.



Scorpio
10/23 - 11/21

You might feel it's time for a change. A series of events will make you realise it is time to take on new long-term commitments probably of the professional kind. This will put you on a new career path and you will start to feel more optimistic for the future.



Sagittarius
11/22 - 12/21

Someone is up to some imaginative fun and frolics. Could that someone be you? The more flexible your plans at this time, the more you will enjoy yourself. A friend is grateful for a tip you're willing to give them.



Capricorn
12/22 - 1/19

Creativity flows and there's a lot of passion in the air this Halloween. A friend or loved-one's reaction to a question or proposal you put to them might surprise you. Be sure to keep your promises.

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'The Perfect Idiot': A perfect success

By Katie Watts
Staff Writer

The Bryant Players have once again stunned us with their wonderful acting skills. This past weekend was their first show of the 2008 – 2009 school year. "The Perfect Idiot" by Eunice and Grant Atkinson brought in huge audiences and broke all former attendance records for the Bryant Players. The cast, made up of some returning members and lots of new faces left nothing to the imagination with their phenomenal interpretation of the show.

The show tells the story of the young Dan Tennyson (Kevin Dunn, '12) who is trying to convince his parents (John Gardner, '12 and Joelle Sopariwala, '12) to allow him to take college entrance exams. His parents quickly become very reluctant when his school's principal, Mr. Barnard (Ethan Beise, '12) and teacher, Ms. Baker (Jen McEligott, '12) show up at his house to tell his parents about how Dan has recently quit all the activities he was involved in. When Dan realizes that there is no way his parents

are going to let him go to college until he can become a "social success," he turns to his brother Jackie (Coburn

shown up at their house to convince Dan to tutor the biggest jock in school, Puff (Parker Williams, '12). Dan

man, Mr. Latherby (Ryan Smith, '09). Of course stealing the show with her great antics is the Tennysons' maid,

officer (Matthew Tivnan, '10). Finally as we conclude the show, a doctor (Kevin Javier, '12) shows up thinking of Dan as the "Perfect Idiot" because he got a perfect zero on his I.Q. test. When they realize that Dan intentionally failed his I.Q. test because he really liked Linda and didn't want to leave her behind when he went to college, the doctor lets Dan retake his I.Q. test and all is well again, and Dan and Linda can go to college together.

This brilliant cast was lead by Director Amber De Angelis ('09) and Assistant Director Mandie Dev ('10). The show was captivating with its humor, and taught the audience a little bit of a life lesson. For the first show of four this year, "The Perfect Idiot" really sets the bar for the Players this year. It should be both entertaining and interesting to see the next show of the year, Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" as adapted by Brian Way, December 5th, 6th, and 7th.



The Cast of 'The Perfect Idiot' poses after one of three performances. (Photo courtesy of Mark Laslo)

Childs, '12) who is clearly a ladies' man. Jackie's friends Carla (Tara Calnan, '12), Linda (Jennie Kitaychik, '12) and his girlfriend Jeannie (Jenna Morris, '12) have

agrees to tutor Puff as long as everyone helps him to become the most popular kid in school, and help him get back on the television show that is sponsored by a local business-

Rhodorah (Krissy Aucoin, '10). And when the plot that Dan has thought up begins to unravel itself to the adults, we are joined by a reporter (Carlos Ramos, '10) and a police

Bon Appetit: Rocco Osteria

By Jessica Komoroski
Assitant Editor-in-Chief

One of the newest eateries in Rhode Island, Rocco Italian Osteria, offers delicious and original Italian dishes at a price that is not going to leave a hole in your wallet. With filling pasta, chicken and seafood dishes priced no higher than twenty-eight dollars, a simple dinner for two could be enjoyed for only fifty dollars. Treat yourself to an eight- to twelve-dollar appetizer and a scrumptious dessert from their personal pastry chefs, and you may be facing a romantic dinner check upwards of one hundred dollars. Of course, it's not always the food one is paying for. Rocco holds true to its name bringing its customers all the comfort and consistency one may look for in a traditional Italian osteria. The question, though, is how comfortable is too comfortable?

Walking up to this barn-like structure from your car (which you hopefully found a spot to park it in their certain disaster of a parking lot), you may start to wonder whether this is a restaurant or a cow-milking site. Once you step into the door, however, the crown molding, plush waiting area and sensual wall sconces allow the happy restaurant goers to breathe a sigh of relief. Given the fact that you called ahead and made a reservation (which, by the way, is definitely a good idea unless you enjoy eating a scrumptious meal at 11pm), a cheery hostess will bring you

around the wall into the dining area which is sure to instill memories of family gatherings past.

Picture this: Grandma's living room. A light carpet covers the floor wall to flesh-colored wall, and small candles light each table covered with simple white table clothes. Although there are tables fit to seat four people along the walls, the restaurant also seats larger parties upwards of 10 people right in the center of the dining floor. The largest table even has two black couches on either of the longer sides of the oval table, a system that I found difficult to wrap my head around. After all, what if little cousin Suzie was at one end of the couch struggling with Papa long legs to decide just how far this couch should be from the table? That aside, the location of these tables make the parties who must sit there feel as if they are on display—I know I did! The "cozy" seating arrangements may overdo the idea of comfort, but the ideas and themes of the restaurant are spot on.

Of course, it wouldn't be fair to downplay the quality of food given the environment of the new Osteria. Taking things from the top, the calamari appetizer was one of the best I've had in years. The squid was tasty and complimented nicely by a light, crispy, batter that wasn't swimming in grease, served with sauce and banana peppers on the side. As for the main entrée, the chicken ravioli is a delicious choice that isn't your everyday pasta and

sauce. As promised by the menu description, tender homemade pasta is stuffed with finely pulled chicken and hints of sun-dried tomatoes and bathed in a rich gorgonzola sauce that, to my happy surprise, was not too thick or too watery. The scialatelli al frutti di mare and rigatoni alla boscaiola also come highly recommended from my dining colleagues. In order to complete this meal, a fresh dessert from the pastry chef seemed fitting. Along with a steaming hot cup of their coffee served from a genuine Italian coffee press, the pumpkin cheesecake was better than anything the Cheesecake Factory can throw at you. The portion was awfully generous and the cake had a rich consistency that was paired beautifully with a hint of that friendly fall flavor we all know and love. Topped with a raspberry and served on a plate that included tasteful and artistic chocolate syrup designs, the dessert dishes have taken the cake for the osteria.

So where does that leave you, the amateur restaurant connoisseur who's dying for a meal that is different yet satisfying? Rocco Italian Osteria can give you just that at a price that isn't mind-boggling. The fish-in-a-bowl atmosphere is one that can be overlooked considering the quality of the meal you are sure to enjoy dining at Rocco. So gentlemen, grab your lady and treat her to a meal that is sure to fill her for days (or at least until lunch tomorrow!).

Delicious Murder

By Brigit Clancy
Variety Editor

It was mysterious and deliciously entertaining; so began the night of dining and murder solving.

On Thursday October 30th, the Bryant Players and the Student Programming Board co-sponsored an event entitled "Dinner & a Mystery". Students had the chance to try to solve a mystery while being served dinner. Kristen Aucoin, the President of Bryant Players, said that "Dinner & a Mystery" is a night where a hired group of professionals perform a murder mystery show while everyone eats dinner and tries to solve the mystery.

This event was perfectly scheduled for the autumnal date. The dinner lasted from 8pm until 11pm.

Word Vomit

By Blair Worthington
Staff Columnist

"Good can come"

Going forward with no light at the end.
Is this good or does this mean I'm trapped?
The walls are closing in but then they stop.
The entire ceiling then begins to bend.
One thing stops and another thing starts.
When is it going to end and get easy?
Then comes the open door where the light is.
Finally the uncertainty parts
Ways with my mind and I know I am free.
Why did this challenge me so?
I was so worried and concerned and now
All this wants to do is let me be me.

Tune-in to WJMF

A note from General Manager, A.J. Toto

WJMF First Ever Politics Night!
Tuesday November 4th at 8pm

Join WJMF for our first ever politics night at 8pm on Tuesday November 4th for nonstop coverage of the 2008 presidential election. We will have guests from several Bryant university groups, as well as members from the political science department stopping by. WJMF will be in the Rotunda giving out free cookies as well from 10am-2pm do promote the big night. So call in or stop by to give us your input on the presidential election. Get ready for an exciting night Bryant University!



History of Halloween

By Sue Nowiki
MCT Campus

Halloween. The name comes from an early Christian festival on November 1st—All Hallowmas or All Saints Day—and thus, the night before is Hallow's Eve or Hallow E'en, as it is called in Ireland.

In old English, the word "Hallow" meant "sanctify." It's the same word used in the familiar Lord's Prayer: "Our father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name."

Like some other holidays, this one contains a mix of Christian and pagan rituals, marking the end of the harvest season and the initiation of winter. But unlike other holidays, this one draws the ire of many evangelical Christians because of the overwhelming emphasis on costumes of witches, ghouls, ghosts, bloody and violent masks and other fierce characters. In "Star Wars" language, it would be all about the "dark side of the force."

There is much conflicting evidence about how the holiday and traditions such as bobbing for apples got started, and even erroneous literature spread by some Christian groups. In a Dec. 29,

2006, online article by Dennis Rupert, pastor of New Life Community Church of Stafford, Va., he states, "Contrary to Christian criticism from many sources, Halloween did not originate as a satanic festival. ... Halloween's

Boy Scouts "mobilized to organize safe and fun alternatives to vandalism." This resulted in the "trick or treat" greeting and costumed children who became more common in the late 1930s.

And it is mostly an American tradition—you will not find nearly as much turnout for Halloween in England as you will for the bonfires of Guy Fawkes Day on November 6th, and in that country, costumes are often what you put together from items in your closet.

In the United States, it is definitely big business today, with costumes for adults on the rise. BIGresearch found that consumers spent \$4.96 billion on Halloween-related goods in 2006, up significantly from \$3.29 billion the previous year.

Many churches now offer their own Halloween alternatives, often called harvest or fall festivals.

Cake walks, apple bobbing, bounce houses and "friendly" costumes of animals, princesses and superheroes replace scary haunted houses and the danger of tainted treats from strangers' homes.



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association with satanic worship is a modern phenomenon."

He said pranks on Halloween date to the late 1800s and that by the 1920s, those pranks had turned into destruction of property and cruelty to animals and people, so neighborhood committees and organizations such as the

Bryant Players Spotlight: Jenna Morris

What is your favorite thing about being in the Players?

I love rehearsing with the other cast members. It's always a good time and we have a lot of fun.

What is your least favorite thing?

I have trouble memorizing lines. I get really nervous on days where we have to be off book.

Why did you join the Players?

I was in drama club my senior year of high school and loved it. It's fun to put yourself in a character's shoes and work with others to create a show.

What was the most rewarding experience you have had while you were in the Players?

So far, meeting everyone in the Players has been very rewarding. Everyone is really nice and outgoing. We all get along really well. I know that once everything comes together and we have our first show during Parents and Family Weekend, it will be incredibly rewarding and gratifying.



Photo Courtesy of Jenna Morris.

'A Christmas Carol' next for Bryant Players

By Brigit Clancy
Variety Editor

The Bryant Players have been holding auditions recently for their upcoming play "A Christmas Carol". Senior Ryan Smith, the Director of this play, said that the auditions took about two hours a day. The play has about 36 roles, so needless to say that Smith and Assistant Director junior Krissy Aucoin were quite occupied holding auditions the past two weeks.

Bryant's version of "A Christmas Carol" will be very similar to the classic by Charles Dickens. Smith hopes to include a few more carols into the play.

It is almost the holiday season, so watch for the Bryant Players' adaptation of "A Christmas Carol" showing Friday December 5th, Saturday December 6th, and Sunday December 7th.



Bryant Trivia

By Brigit Clancy
Variety Editor

How many people visit the Machtleys at their home each year for dinner?

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