

Problem solved in accounting department

Jenny Sali
Staff Writer

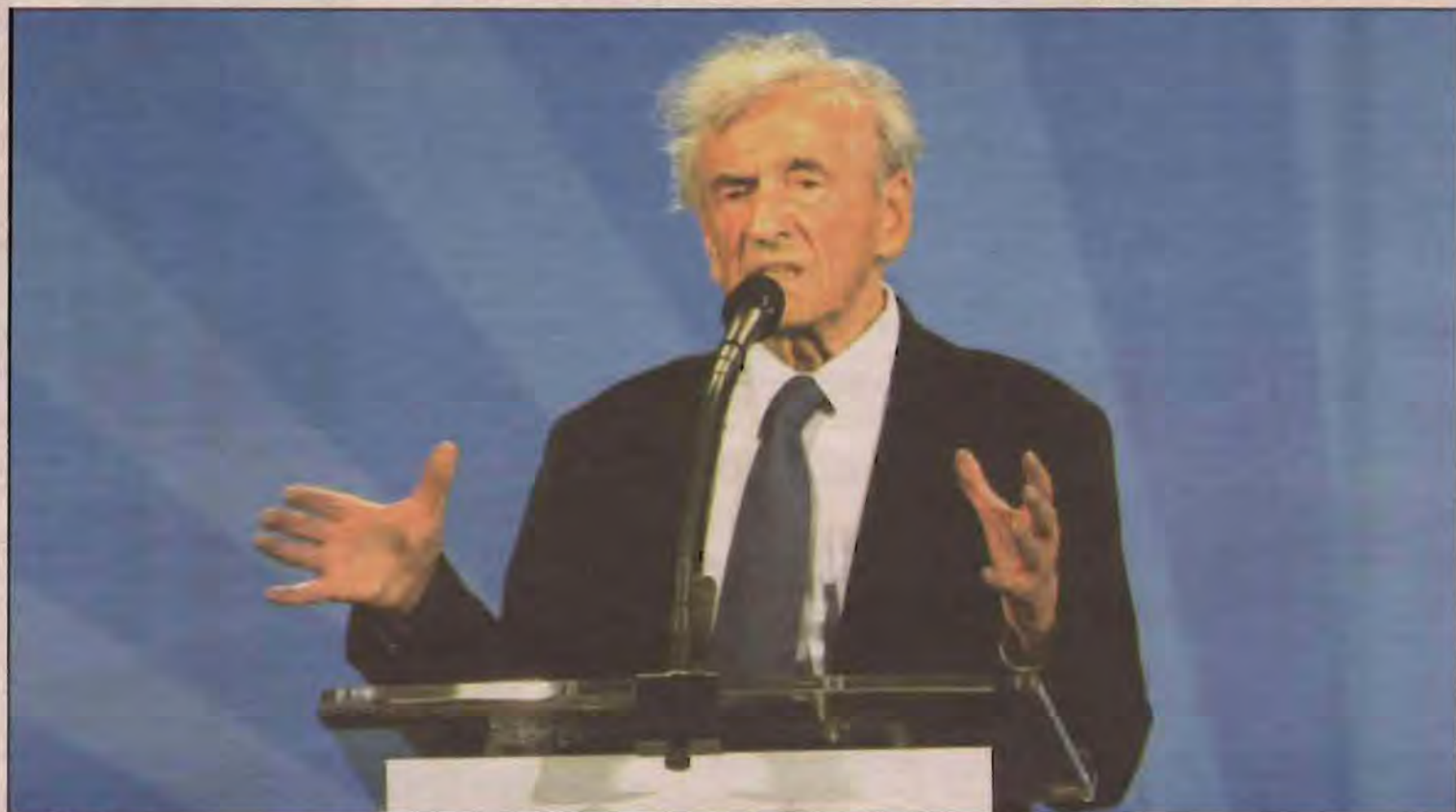
Class registration is often a stressful time, between getting up at 7:00am, making sure you have backups in case you don't get into the class you want, trying to fulfill requirements, relentlessly attempting to not get 8:00 am classes, and praying Banner does not freeze or kick you off. Unless you're lucky enough to have priority registration and register a couple weeks before everyone else, chances are you will have to endure the hectic morning of class registration.

Perhaps the ones who are the most anxious are the seniors. With only one semester left before they enter the cruelty of the "real world," where there are often no second chances and "Thursday nights" become a thing of the past, these soon-to-be grads have only one thing in mind: graduation. For seniors wanting to graduate in May, spring semester is the last semester they have to fulfill all their major and minor requirements before getting their diplomas.

Bryant University is known for having an excellent accounting program and many students attracted to that particular field come to Bryant just because of that appeal. This year, during registration, many concerns and rumors circulated about the accounting program amongst senior accounting majors. Students were complaining about not getting into classes they needed to graduate and not having enough sections of certain classes. Concerns were that the Accounting Department was downsizing the number of accounting courses offered.

Deciding to investigate, I thought the best person to

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(MCT Campus)

Elie Wiesel comes to Bryant December 3

Jenna Morris
Campus News Editor

Elie Wiesel, author of *Night*, and one of the few Holocaust survivors left will be sharing his story with the Bryant community.

Elie Wiesel, 81, was 15 when he and his family were deported to Auschwitz concentration camp. His mother and younger sister died; however his two older sisters survived. He and his father were later transported to Buchenwald, where his father died days before the camp was liberated in 1945.

Elie Wiesel became the founding Chairman of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council. He has received more than 100 honorary degrees from numerous institutions of higher learning and written over 50 books, his most famous being *Night*, a memoir about his time in multiple concentration camps, and his amazing story

of struggle and survival.

In 1986, he won the Nobel Prize for Peace. Soon after, he and his wife established The Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity. The purpose of this foundation is to fight indifference, intolerance and injustice through youth-focused programs and to promote equality, acceptance, and understanding.

Currently, Elie Wiesel spends a large amount of time working with his foundation. The Elie Wiesel foundation for Humanity was founded in memory of the Holocaust and has programs both domestically and abroad. This foundation organizes the Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics Essay contest each year, which is awarded to the most deserving college junior or senior. They also have many international conferences for young people in countries where there is conflict.

Elie Wiesel's story will be uplifting, inspirational, and moving. "It will show people

a different perspective and make you appreciate how you live," says Emily Coutu, a SASS member who planned this event.

All members of the Bryant community are encouraged to see Elie and listen to his powerful story. "I think it is going to move a lot of people because there are not many Holocaust survivors left," says Trevor Dumont, another SASS member who planned this event.

"If people come to this it is going to be an incredible experience. It will be a once in a lifetime opportunity."

Elie Wiesel will be speaking on Thursday, December 3rd at 7pm in the MAC. Tickets are free for all. Tickets will be available to students in CSI on November 16th, to faculty and staff on November 23rd in CSI (or by calling the SASS event line at 531-6664), and to the outside community on November 24th in CSI (or by calling the SASS event line).

Author and Human Rights Activist Elie Wiesel

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11/16
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11/23
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MSU drives for literacy

Cristine Cox
Staff Writer

For the second year in a row, the Multicultural Student Union (MSU) is sponsoring the BetterWorldBooks Book Drive. According to Josh Grolman '12, the Community Service Liaison for MSU, last year they "were very successful in drawing in about 50-60 books." MSU has already out-performed last year with about 100 books. And they still need more!

BetterWorldBooks is a company that takes any used books. If the books are reusable they go to an elementary or high school environment and are redistributed to underprivileged schools around the country.

"We encourage a lot of coloring books, story books, and similar books to be donated as well," Josh says.

Have you ever bought a book online? If the books are not reusable in those environments, such as books on the college level like Advanced Calculus or Psychological Theory, they are sold by the company online to anyone who would need them. Students across the country buy books from them because the prices are cheaper. All the money from book sales then goes directly to whatever project the company

is currently focused on.

This semester the proceeds support BetterWorldBooks' current project which is building houses in underdeveloped countries ranging from many countries in South America, to Africa and Asia. Next semester's project will be something different.

How can you help? Donate books! Over the Thanksgiving break, bring back any old books you may have lying around the house, especially books from elementary or high school. At the end of the year, students are encouraged to donate their text books from all their classes to the drive too.

"Instead of just getting a few dollars back for a used textbook, rather donate the book to a cause that may change someone else's life forever," Josh suggests. "Our collection boxes are big green bins that can be found in the Salmo hallway outside Faculty Suite A, in the Rotunda next to the drinking fountains, at the Papitto entrance of South in the Bryant Center, and right outside the Bookstore next to the Info Desk. The drive will be going on all year.

For any more information, go to their website: www.betterworldbooks.com



The Multicultural Student Union sponsored the BetterWorldBooks Drive. (Jessica Miles)

Colleges Against Cancer: Raising awareness



Colleges Against Cancer came together to show their support for Breast Cancer Awareness during the month of October. By selling t-shirts, dying hair pink, and raising awareness, CAC brought the community together to raise awareness for Breast Cancer. In doing so, they managed to raise over \$300 in donations for the American Cancer Society. November is Lung Cancer Awareness month and they will be celebrating the Great American Smokeout on Wednesday, November 18 to raise awareness of the dangers of smoking.

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INFORMATIONAL REPORT
NOV 2 2009-Monday at 12:46
Location: TOWNHOUSE
Summary: A report of someone living on campus illegally.

VANDALISM (Residence)
NOV 3 2009-Tuesday at 14:39
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A report of a broken window.

VANDALISM (Residence)
NOV 3 2009-Tuesday at 18:30
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A report that a suite was vandalized on Halloween.

EMT CALL Medical Services Rendered
NOV 4 2009-Wednesday at 23:46
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: Reports of a person with a heavy nose bleed. EMS was activated.

LARCENY Stolen Property
NOV 7 2009-Saturday at 02:44
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A reported theft of a Northface coat. Valued at \$250.00

ACCIDENT Motor Vehicle Accident
NOV 7 2009-Saturday at 21:03
Location: OFF JACOBS DRIVE
Summary: A report of a car accident with injuries at the front of campus. DPS units and EMS responded.

STUDENT CONDUCT Student Conduct Violation
NOV 7 2009-Saturday at 23:44

Location: TOWNHOUSE
Summary: A report of a student with an excessive amount of alcohol.

FIRE (Building)
NOV 8 2009-Sunday at 02:07
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A report of a trash fire in trash can outside of RH 12. A DPS officer responded and extinguished the fire.

EMT CALL Medical Services Rendered
NOV 8 2009-Sunday at 21:44
Location: GEORGE E BELLO CTR
Summary: A report of a student Feeling faint. EMS was activated.

BIAS INCIDENTS None Reported

To report a bias incident or hate crime, go to www.bryant.edu/bias or call the Bias Incident Hotline at x6920
Bias related incident – a threatened, attempted, or completed action that is motivated by bigotry and bias regarding a person's real or perceived race, religion, natural origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, or gender status. Examples of these incidents include name calling, offensive language/acts, and graffiti/behavior.

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Accounting department

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ask first would be Professor Dennis Bline, head of the Accounting Department. Professor Bline was quick to dispel the rumors saying that, "The number of undergraduate accounting sections are planned each year in conjunction with the registrar's office."

"The registrar provides information about the number of students needing accounting classes at each level as compared to previous years so the number of sections needed can be estimated and scheduled. The number of sections of particular courses is determined based on whether the course is required or elective and after considering the various electives needed to help students with diverse interests find courses that would be of interest."

"The mix of courses offered is also a function of the faculty composition. In addition, the registrar and I work to ensure that accounting classes are not cancelled. As a result, we do not schedule sections that, in our opinion, will have inadequate registration because cancelling sections cre-

ates havoc for students as schedules are adjusted." Bline goes on to say that in the 2008-2009 academic year, there were 97 undergraduate accounting sections offered, whereas this academic year, there are a total of 99 sections offered.

The Dean of the College of Business, Jack Trifts, also dismissed the rumor and held that the accounting program is "actually growing, not declining." He wanted to remind students to remember that, "there is a difference between not being able to get a required class and not being able to get a class at a desired time. Many times when I check into a complaint, I find classes with open seats early in the morning or on MWF afternoons. We have to spread our class offerings across the week even though many students would prefer to take classes between 10 and 2."

One of the classes students were having difficulty with was Financial Reporting III (FR3). Senior Accounting Major Brian Ko initially could not get into FR3 and really wanted to take FR3 because, "so much of the content from that class is

on the CPA exam. It also fulfilled an accounting elective requirement."

An internship would be able to fulfill the requirement, if you're lucky enough to get one; however, it may not prepare accounting majors for the CPA exam. Fortunately, another FR3 section was added due to the demand. Senior Kira Brantley faced a similar situation when she couldn't register for FR3 and another elective on government and not-for-profit accounting. Brantley was able to fix her situation by contacting Professor Bline. She said, "I emailed Professor Bline, and he took care of everything; there was another section of FR3 added for next semester, and I have already been enrolled. So although there was an initial problem, the head of the department was quick to respond and fix the problem. So the only ones that still have an issue are the ones that did not ask for help."

Lesson to learn? Although registration is stressful for everyone, especially graduating seniors, students need to take a moment to calm

down and look at all their options. If you have a scheduling conflict and cannot solve the problem yourself, ask for help! Utilize all your resources and go to your academic advisor or the head of the department of your major. After all, we are paying \$40,000+ to attend this fine institution, so take advantage of all the resources.

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PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS

Ooo-la-la! French waiters, tunes, and talk at Bryant

Jessica Miles
Editorial Assistant

On Tuesday, November 17 the Department of Modern Languages will host two cultural events, including the French Waiters' Race and a performance by the French Cajun band Magnolia.

The festivities will begin with the French Waiters' Race on Tuesday at 3pm outside the Unistructure. The event will test the skills of waiters and waitresses as they speed walk through an obstacle course in teams of two while carrying two glasses and a bottle of "wine" on a tray in one hand. Following each lap, the team members will switch off for the next lap. The winning team will be the one to reach the finish line with a full tray and will receive a prize.

The event is based on the traditional French Waiters' Race in Paris as a celebration of Bastille Day, in recognition of the storming of the Bastille fortress on July 14, 1789.

Tuesday evening at 7pm, the Department of Modern Languages invites the Bryant community to a performance by the Rhode Island-based French Cajun band Magnolia in the Bello Grand Hall. Inspired by the Louisiana music scene, Magnolia's southern flair sets a quick pace with two fiddlers, an accordion player, a guitar and bass player, and vocals. Visit Magnolia's website at magnoliacajunband.homestead.com.

Don't miss the Department of Modern Language's other events, including the French Coffee Hour series, where students converse in French over coffee and other treats. The next French Coffee Hour will take place on Monday, November 23 from 3:30 to 4:30 on the Rotunda Mezzanine.

Study Abroad Spotlight: Raymond Angell

Name: Raymond Angell
Location: San José, Costa Rica
University: Universidad de Costa Rica
Partner: API

Reason for going

When I first thought about studying abroad I wanted to definitely go somewhere warm. Being a Spanish minor, I also wanted to go to a country where I could improve my Spanish language skills. When my roommate suggested I go to Costa Rica I thought it was a great idea, being a heavily Spanish-speaking country with plenty of beaches and palm trees. Ironically, I had barely even heard of Costa Rica and knew little about the Latin American nation.

Best experience/memory

I had many priceless experiences while studying abroad, and the one that sticks out the most is the Costa Rica – United States soccer game I attended with the five or so other Americans in my group. This game was a qualifying match for the World Cup 2010 so it was very important, and being in a Latin American country, soccer was a huge deal to everyone. The US team was heavily favored so we faced a bunch of “resistance” from the Ticos (Costa Ricans) inside the stadium. Costa Rica ended up winning 3 – 1, and the fans did not let us forget it. It was a thrilling experience and the reaction to the Costa Rican win was very emotional and something I have never experienced here in the States. Probably being the only five US fans there, we got our picture taken and were in the newspaper the next day with a caption “No tienen motivos para festejar, señores” (You don’t have any reason to celebrate, guys)

How was the school different from Bryant University?

The school was different from Bryant University because most students of the Universi-

dad de Costa Rica, or UCR, were commuters. Only a small amount of students had on-campus housing, which required very high grades and were offered only if you lived very far away. Being a public university, it had a better reputation than the private educational institutes, which is almost the opposite of here in the US. I would also have to say that the overall academic atmosphere of the UCR is much more laid-back and less competitive than Bryant. But this is also a reflection of the entire Tican culture, where there is no stress and everything is “Pura Vida.”

How did this experience change you?

My experience in Costa Rica has certainly changed me. For one, I have adopted a more stress-free attitude on life, and have gained more of an appreciation for non-materialistic things. They say the best things in life are free, and sometimes they really are. After seeing the tropical rainforest, amazing beaches, volcanoes, and incredible waterfalls, I have truly gained an appreciation for the earth and nature. I have also come to realize the importance and infinite value of those people closest to you. My host family, whom I will never forget and plan on visiting in the future, gave me endless support and comfort while living with them. Being away from my family and friends here for four months made me appreciate them as well. My experiences abroad have certainly made an impact and will stick with me for the rest of my life.

Would you study abroad again given the opportunity?

I would definitely study abroad again, if I only had another opportunity. If I could, I would probably study somewhere in South America, perhaps Argentina or Brazil. I believe studying abroad is an excellent learning experience, and in today’s world of globalization, knowing and understanding another culture pays endless dividends.



Survivor Series Taylor Barone

Colleges Against Cancer’s will feature a cancer survivor bi-weekly leading up to Relay for Life.

By Emily Murphy
Copy Editor

What type of cancer were you diagnosed with?

I was diagnosed with Hodgkin’s Lymphoma which is located around the neck.

When were you diagnosed? At what age?

I was diagnosed at the age of 12. I was in the 6th grade.

What was your initial reaction to your diagnosis?

When I first found out, the thing I was most scared for was getting the surgery. I was a nervous wreck because I had never had surgery before. A couple days after while receiving my scans I cried and kept thinking I was going to die. Although I was so nervous about the surgery and having cancer, my doctor was awesome and made me feel comfortable. After a week or so I just started to focus on getting better and kept telling myself it would all be over soon and I was strong.

Did you know of a family history of this particular type of cancer, or cancer in general?



What was your biggest challenge in overcoming this disease?

My biggest challenge that I had to face was losing my hair. I was in 6th grade so I was getting older and the last thing I wanted was to have no hair. I felt like a boy and it made me feel insecure sometimes. I had missed my long dirty blonde hair.

How did your diagnosis affect your friends and family?

Being diagnosed with cancer affected my friends and family. My friends were very supportive of me. They would always make me get well cards or call and ask how I was doing. My family was also very supporting. They did everything they could to make me feel better. They always had a good attitude and did everything and anything they had to do to get me better.

What do you enjoy most about life now?

I just enjoy being a regular teenager and not the girl with cancer. I like being treated like everyone else and not having special treatment just because I was sick.

Do you have any hobbies?

I play 3 sports. Volleyball, basketball, and track. I am the captain of all 3 and I plan to either play volleyball or basketball in college. I also plan to become a nurse so I can give back to others just like my nurses helped me.



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The Student Entrepreneur: Are you serial?

By Michael Adams
Asst Editor in Chief

When I first started Eddie's Energy Bars, as many of you know, I had no idea what I was doing. I barely knew that I was diving head first into entrepreneurship. After three years of running a company, I am hooked on it.

When other kids are watching TV or aimlessly browsing Facebook, I'm the kid that's working on one of my companies.

But, I like it so much, that I have three companies. A lot of you only know me for the energy bars, but I've also got a mustard company in the works and I do graphic and web design on the side.

For samples of my work, you can take a quick gander at any of the SASS posters that you have seen up in the classrooms. I'm not here to toot my own horn, but to simply give you comfort in the fact that you have caught the entrepreneurial bug. It's one of the best viruses I've gotten. Now, my parents may think I'm slightly crazy, but they still support me in what I'm doing.

The food business is tough, as my dad notes, but it's what I love. I love food and entrepreneurship, so why not put them together, right? With this article, I decided to tackle the symptoms of a serial entrepreneur, and what you can do to propel all of your companies to success, while still maintaining control.

1. It's all about organization: Some of my friends might say that I'm the most unorganized individual. Take a look at my desk and you probably won't be able to find

anything. If I try to tell you, it's like a Vermonter giving directions. To alleviate this problem, organize your computer like it's your company structure. I have separate folders for all three companies that break down into individual folders like design, financials, marketing materials, website, and others. This will help you find things quickly. Owning multiple companies means really good time management. You need to be able to find things fast.

ferent: the distribution channels, manufacturing, profits, shelf life, overall operations—it's all different. They both require different operations to outsource.

3. Still live your life: I want to make it clear that I still try and live my life. A lot of it is my friends pulling me away from my computer to head out to dinner in Providence on a Friday night. I need to take a break from planning sales calls, updating the website, and finding a

label manufacturer for the mustard jars. I highly suggest you take breaks too. Being in front of the computer is down-right tiring. Your neck gets strained, your eyes burn, and you

get mentally and creatively drained. Sometimes, it's just as simple as taking a walk to get some fresh air or taking a nap, reading a book, or making yourself a longer dinner. Remember that you have friends, and you want to keep them. Don't isolate yourself from your friends just to work on your business. Name a cut off time, like 7:00 pm, and don't work after that.

So, why did I write this? Well, as you may know, there are several students on campus that own multiple businesses and fill their plate with on-campus activities. They are the heavily involved individuals. You may aspire to be them someday, but just keep these three tips in mind. It will help immensely.

Michael Adams is a Senior Marketing major at Bryant University and Owner of Eddie's Energy Bars, Green Mountain Mustard, and Orchard Lane Group in Richmond, Vermont.

'Outsource what you can: Again, being CEO of multiple companies, you need to focus on what you are good at.'

Forward all your e-mail accounts to one account so that you can check your e-mail in one place (best decision I've ever made) or if you are organizationally challenged, maybe this is something you outsource.

2. Outsource what you can: Again, being CEO of multiple companies, you need to focus on what you are good at. Surround yourself with people that can help you grow your companies. In college, you can pay a classmate to do your accounting. Ok, maybe not, but you can certainly outsource the manufacturing of your product or your website maintenance. What does all of this do? It enables you to spend time on your company's strategy and focus on one company because it is likely your companies probably have nothing to do with each other. For example, you would think the energy bar biz and mustard business are the same, but in fact they are completely dif-

Financial illiteracy is all too common



(MCT Campus)

By Harriet Johnson Brackey
MCT

I have a college degree, but you know, I just don't know anything about mortgages and what's the right thing to do."

When I heard a South Florida home buyer say this the other day, it sounded so familiar. I hear that sentiment so often, not just about mortgages, but about life insurance, investments, annuities, 401(k)s and mutual funds. Plenty of smart, conscientious people don't have a great understanding of personal finance, of financial products and how they work.

In fact, most people don't, judging by a handful of surveys, including the first National Financial Literacy Challenge, conducted last year among 46,000 high school students. Average score: 56 out of 100. That's an F.

I suspect the findings also apply to lots of post-high school grads.

Financial illiteracy is the norm, even though we have foundations, government initiatives, regulatory programs and private industry-funded educational institutes all designed to raise your level of financial knowledge. I've looked at this issue for years and I think that Wall Street really doesn't want to increase the nation's financial literacy. Nor do most school systems.

The impacts of financial ignorance are significant: Far too many people live beyond their means, don't save, pay high fees for investment and insurance products, get out of the stock market at the wrong time and make life-changing financial decisions without an ounce of clear information. Why bother to worry about this now? Congress is considering setting up a Consumer Financial Products Commission to evaluate the stuff the financial services industry sells ... because consumers certainly can't do it all. Even more crucial is this: Because most of us have to plan and fund our own retirement, such widespread ignorance is dangerous.

"I've made this point many times. If we are thinking we are going to address the lack of financial literacy by informing people at one seminar, let's not even start that discussion. You don't cure pneumonia with an aspirin," said

Annamaria Lusardi, professor of economics at Dartmouth College. Lusardi is editor of "Overcoming the Saving Slump: How to Increase the Effectiveness of Financial Education and Saving Programs."

Financial illiteracy is a serious condition, she says, and it requires a serious response. Her prescription: Start with financial education programs that aren't a one-size-fits-all. First, she says, educators at schools and any other institution should listen to what consumers want to know, which problems they'd like to solve. Let the consumer needs guide the educational program. Then provide solutions to their specific issues. And do all this in a clear and simple format.

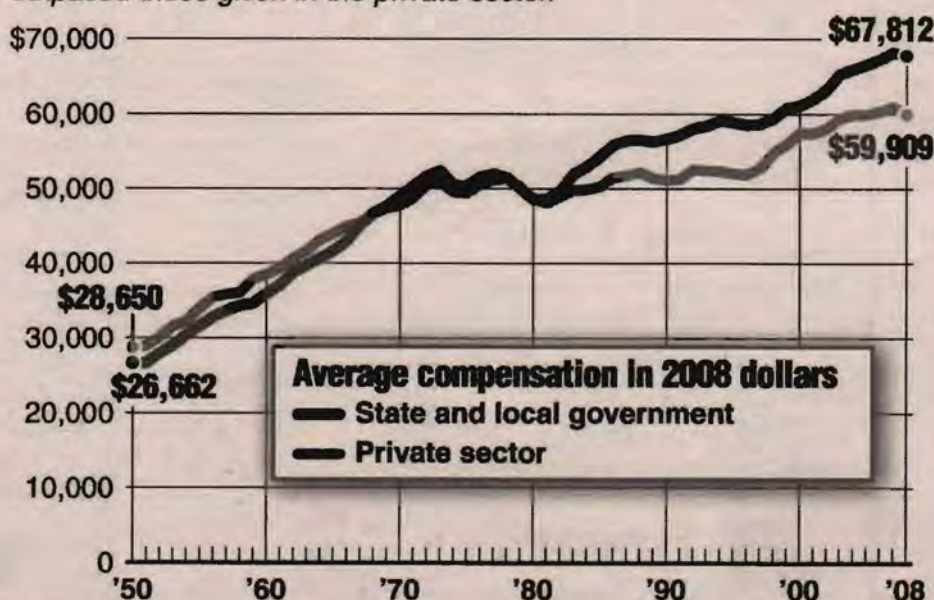
I asked the same questions of Jane Bryant Quinn, the columnist and best-selling personal finance author. Quinn is wrapping up a rewrite of her classic "Making the Most of Your Money." "I think a lot of people have indeed learned from us (in the press). That they should invest in index funds, things like that," Quinn said. "The personal finance press has done a great job of combating all the stuff you hear from Wall Street where they sell you all the terrible products with the high fees and the same from the insurance industry."

The next frontier, she thinks, may be financial products that are designed to get consumers to do the right thing such as college that require students to show that they tried to get financial aid before applying for a loan. I think there's another important aspect to increasing financial literacy. That's timing. I have a gut-level conviction that you can present all the information you want about finances to people and they won't hear it until they are ready. Tell 'em to save for retirement when they're trying to figure out how to budget for the new baby and your message won't get across.

"We are in a big teachable moment," Lusardi said. "The financial crisis has shown us how dire and how important financial mistakes are."

Private- vs. public-sector

Since 1980, increases in pay and benefits in the public sector have outpaced those given in the private sector.



Hourly compensation As of June 2009

	Wages and salaries	Benefits	Total
State and local government	\$26.01	\$13.65	\$39.66
Private sector	\$19.39	\$8.02	\$27.42

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
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Football falls to Sacred Heart, set to host St. Francis

*Courtesy of
Bryant Athletics*

Bryant sophomore quarterback Mike Croce passed for 181 yards while Khalel Pritchard had four catches for 77 yards but it was not enough as Sacred Heart used a balance offensive attack to pick up a 24-14 win over the visiting Bulldogs on Homecoming here Saturday.

Sacred Heart (2-7, 2-5 NEC) came into the game last in the NEC in rushing with only 100 yards per game on the year but the Pioneers, behind the hard running of Marcel Archer and Brian Friedman in the first half, gained 184 yards on the ground against a Bryant defense that had success against the run this season.

SHU took the game's opening possession and drove 71 yards for the game's first score. With Friedman and Archer picking up big gains, the Pioneers drove deep inside Bryant territory but failed to convert on third down on the Bryant 5 yard line and had to settle for a short 22-yard field goal.

Forced to punt on their first two possessions, the Bulldogs finally got things going following a good punt return by freshman Jordan Brown up to the Bulldog 34 yard line. On the first play from scrimmage, senior running back Lindsey Gamble broke through for a



Senior running back Lindsey Gamble, who will be honored as one of the Bulldog seniors this Saturday, rushed for 73 yards on six carries over Sacred Heart. (Courtesy of Bryant Athletics)

41 yard run down to the Pioneer 25 yard line.

Three plays later, running back Mike Canfora made amends for a dropped pass a play earlier as the junior took a Mike Croce screen pass 23 yards down to the Pioneer 6 setting up first and goal for the Bulldogs. Canfora would later score from a yard out to put Bryant on top 7-3.

SHU quarterback Dale Fink had a good day as the junior hit senior standout Steve Tedesco, the NEC's leading receiver, with a 30-yard touchdown pass in the corner of the

end zone to put SHU back on top 10-7. The Pioneers would stretch the lead to 17-7 on their next drive on a 1-yard run by Archer who helped set up the score with a 49-yard run down the right sideline.

Trying to avoid falling too far behind and looking to put some points on the board before halftime, Croce moved the Bulldogs downfield with an efficient scoring drive. An 18-yard pass play to Pritchard moved the ball across mid-field and two first-down pass plays to tight ends Matt Tracey and Matthew Hunt

had the Bulldogs looking to strike.

With a minute to go, Croce again connected with Pritchard across the middle on fourth down and the speedy receiver beat a pair of defensive backs into the end zone for a 31 yard score to pull the Bulldogs to within 17-14.

SHU's Fink would connect with Rich Rossi with a 16-yard score midway through the third quarter in what would prove to be the only points for either team in the second half. Archer amassed

106 yards rushing in the first half but just three in the second half to finish with 109. Fink completed 19 of 32 passes for 175 yards and two touchdowns.

Tedesco, who came into the game leading the conference with 6 catches per game, had four in the first half for 60 yards. The senior had one catch for 9 yards in the second.

Gamble had 73 yards rushing on just six carries for Bryant while Jerell Smith had 55 yards on 13 attempts. Croce completed 15 of 30 passes for 181 yards. Andrew Regan led the defense with 9 tackles (7 solo) while Peter Gauthier had 8 stops.

Bryant (3-6, 2-4 NEC) will return home next weekend hosting Saint Francis (PA) for Senior Day. Kickoff is set for noon.

Don't miss the Bulldogs last home game of the season...

Sat, 11/14 12:00 pm
vs. St. Francis (Pa.)

Bulldogs come from behind for exhibition win



Senior captain Kristin Mraz scored 16 points to lead the Bulldogs comeback over Assumption College. (Courtesy of Bryant Athletics)

*Courtesy of
Bryant Athletics*

The Bulldogs, who will play a full Northeast Conference schedule this season and 15 home games, kicked off their second season at the division 1 level with a win over Assumption. After shooting a dismal 20.6% in the first half, the team found their stroke as they posted a 57.1% shooting percentage in the second period. The Bulldogs were led by Kristin Mraz's 18 total points. The senior point guard hit three shots from beyond the arc, registered three assists and two steals on the night.

Assumption College, affiliated with the Northeast-10 conference, had a nine point advantage at the half before the Bulldogs mounted their comeback just minutes into the second period. Bryant

went on a 16-9 run to begin the second stage and was able to knot things up at 35 apiece just five minutes into the half. Within the next five minutes there were five lead changes and two ties before the Bulldogs were able to take control. In the last 10 minutes of the game, Bryant never surrendered the lead and outscored their opponent 22-13 to earn the exhibition win.

To go along with Mraz, senior captain Kelsey O'Keefe (Warren, Mass.) scored 13 points, pulled down six rebounds and had three assists. Junior Siamone Bennett (Newburgh, N.Y.) played tough down low and recorded 11 points to go along with her team-high 7 boards. Junior guard Lindsey Hudspeth (Mount Laurel, N.J.) hit two key three pointers en route to her eight point night.

The Greyhounds were led by senior forward Kayla Parker who went 6-8 from the

field for 14 points. Junior Molly Griffiths pulled down a game-high 10 rebounds.

Bryant's 2009-10 regular season gets underway at Ivy League affiliate Dartmouth College on Saturday, Nov. 14 when they face off with the Big Green. The Bulldogs will return home on Wednesday, Nov. 18 when they host Holy Cross at 7 p.m. in the Chace Athletic Center.

Don't miss the Bulldogs next home game...

Wed, 11/18 at 7:00 pm
vs. Holy Cross
Chace Athletic Center

**Top
Dogs**



Jadith Lorenzo

Year: Freshman

Sport: Volleyball

Lorenzo had 61 assists, 27 digs, and 11 kills in two matches last week. She also had two double-doubles on her way to being named All-Independent Player of the Week.



Andrew Regan

Year: Junior

Sport: Football

Regan, who has 43 total tackles on the season, led all Bulldogs against Sacred Heart with 9 total tackles, including seven solo tackles.

Regaining the throne



With the resurgence of an actual running back in New England, Laurence Maroney, will the Patriots be able to move past the last few years and reestablish themselves as the best team in the league? (MCT Campus)

By David Niles
Staff Writer

Don't fret, Red Sox fans, because the Yankees' recent championship could be a good omen for things to come...for the Patriots. The Patriots seem to be headed down the same course as the Yankees. The Yankees won four World Series titles in five years, and the Patriots won 3 Super Bowl titles in four

years. That success was followed by years of dominance in the regular season; division title followed by division title.

However, both teams couldn't seem to find magic in the postseason over these years. The Yankees had their heartbreaking, unlikely defeat when their dependable closer blew a save to the Arizona Diamondbacks in the 2001 World Series. The Patriots had their heartbreaking, un-

likely loss when they saw a no-name wide receiver make an incredible catch and their undefeated season ended in their final game.

Both teams had to overcome a cheating controversy. The Yankees and Patriots are both run by men (Steinbrenner and Belichick) that their fans love and rivals hate (but silently wish their team could be in such hands). The Yankees had to deal with steroid

allegations and the Patriots had to deal with Spygate.

The Yankees had to stand by and watch their hated rival (the Red Sox), a team they had dominated, win a championship. Similarly, the Patriots saw the Colts finally win a Super Bowl title after years of the Patriots being on the winning side of a one-sided rivalry.

Both teams had been getting old and saw the backbones of their teams decline, leave, and retire. The Yankees had relied on Bernie Williams, Paul O'Neil, David Cone, Tino Martinez, Mike Mussina and David Wells, while the Patriots had depended on Tedy Bruschi, Rodney Harrison, Mike Vrabel, Richard Seymour, Ty Law and Lawyer Milloy.

Through it all, some remain from the past championship years. The Yankees have the face of their franchise in Derek Jeter, while the Patriots have Tom Brady. The Yankees still had old veterans from championship years in Posada and Pettitte and the Patriots still have Kevin Faulk and Matt Light. The Yankees had their superstar still seeking a championship in A-Rod and the Patriots have that in Randy Moss. Rivera does his job better than anyone ever has and the same can be said about Wes Welker, although he hasn't done it as long or have the postseason resume.

The Yankees saw the need

to get younger and they developed Melky Cabrera, and Robinson Cano. The Patriots saw that need on defense; Gary Guyton and Brandon Merriweather look to be the real deal. Some of the young stars with enormous potential have yet to realize it (Joba Chamberlain and Phil Hughes for the Yankees, and Ben Watson and Laurence Maroney for the Patriots).

The Yankees made some mistakes in free agency, as Wang appears to be a bust, as does Adalius Thomas for the Patriots. However, the Yankees did hit the lottery with Mark Teixeira, while the Patriots appear to have their superstar of the future in Mayo.

Both New York and New England have their lovable fat guys with great personalities (CC Sabathia and Vince Wilfork), who are exceptionally athletic if you look past the over 650 pounds in combined girth. The Yankees have a player on his last legs who has won it elsewhere in Damon, and Junior Seau can't seem to stay away from the Patriots either. Matsui is no spring chicken either and has dealt with his share of injuries in the same way Fred Taylor has.

As you keep looking deeper and deeper the similarities seem endless. I guess you just have to hope the similarities end at there being an eight year waiting period between championship runs.

Baseball playoffs 2009: Thanks for all of the memories

MCT Campus

Alex Rodriguez couldn't stop smiling.

He was holding the World Series Commissioner's Trophy in his hands after the Yankees' Game 6 clincher Wednesday night. He rubbed it, he kissed it, he practically caressed it. There were real, honest tears in his eyes and nothing phony about his feelings for his teammates, from Derek Jeter to Jerry Hairston Jr.

A gazillionaire who has moved through dozens of relationships had found a lasting bond. His season, one that had started as badly as possible with an admission of steroid use that clouds his standing as a future Hall of Famer, had ended with him earning respect along with a championship.

"There have been a lot of ups and downs," Rodriguez said. "Overall, nothing you can do can compare to winning a championship with 25 guys buying into one thing — winning."

After Wednesday's victory, Mark Teixeira, CC Sabathia, A.J. Burnett, Nick Swisher and others who, like Rodriguez, were first-time champions on the big stage celebrated with passion, first on the Yankee Stadium field and then in the clubhouse. Jeter, like Mariano Rivera and Jorge Posada, now a five-time World Series champ, was as wide-eyed as kids like Joba Chamberlain and Brett Gardner.

"I forgot how it felt," he

said.

It's easy to see how. There were 31 playoff games this fall, beginning with one that is counted in the regular season, the Tigers-Twins game to decide a division championship, and I covered 18 of them. I saw six of eight games where a team was eliminated, including ones in St. Louis, Boston and Denver on consecutive days, but the unadulterated joy of the Yankee celebration caught me off guard.

It's easy to see Team Steinbrenner as so many dollar signs. But that \$201.5 million payroll is comprised of real people and it was ballplayers, not agents, money managers and highly-paid nannies who ran through the playoffs 11-4. I won't forget being there when the Yankees won their 27th title.

Among other lasting memories of the fall:

It seems forever ago, but the Rockies' Carlos Gonzalez, 23 and already twice traded, used a four-game playoff run to establish himself as one of the game's potential stars. He showed true five-tool skills for the Rockies, going 10-for-17 with two doubles, one homer and two stolen bases while playing a great center field.

It was a bad postseason for umpires, as most have been in recent years.

The worst call of all was by Tim McClelland, a crew chief, somehow missing a double play when the Yankees' Robinson Cano and Jorge Posada were tagged as they tried to avoid occupying third

base at the same time in an ALCS game. Replay later would allow umpires to turn correctly what appeared to be a Rodriguez double into a homer in Game 3 of the World Series.

Replay should be a hot topic at next week's general managers meeting in Chicago.

The Yankees won three of four games in which manager Joe Girardi used his starter on three days' rest, the exception being A.J. Burnett in Game 5 of the World Series. But was it a good idea. Sabathia, Burnett and Andy Pettitte had a 2.00 ERA in 72 innings in 10 fully rested starts in the postseason and a 5.24 ERA in 221/3 innings on short rest.

Cole Hamels, a World Series MVP for the Phillies in the 2008, rubbed teammates and fans wrong when he said he "can't wait for it to end" after a Game 2 loss in the World Series.

But nobody needs more damage control than Tigers slugger Miguel Cabrera, whose arrest for drunkenness (and his 0-for-11 against the White Sox) was the storyline when the Tigers dropped four of their last five games to miss the playoffs. Never mind he had a homer and a double in the 12-inning loss to the Twins in Game 163.

Joe Mauer showed greatness by going 2-for-1 in the same at-bat in Game 2 of the first-round loss to the Yankees. The AL MVP front-runner lost a double when umpire Phil Cuzzi wrongly called the ball foul but two pitches later delivered a single off Damaso Marte. The

guy's a freak.

Cliff Lee, what a guy. The Phillies ace not only went 4-0 with a 1.56 ERA in his five playoff starts but was 3-for-11 at the plate and even picked up a stolen base as a pinch runner. Maybe he should represent himself in negotiations on a contract extension, which could get him a monster contract.

Johnny Damon stole two bases on one play and in the process helped the Yankees turn the World Series with a ninth-inning rally against Brad Lidge in Game 4. Damon's first-to-third run with only a pause at second base should be enough to cause all teams extra work next spring, if not to consider abandoning the frequently played shifts altogether. It isn't going to hurt the 36-year-old left fielder-DH in his impending free agency, ether.

Including the Detroit game, Twins closer Joe Nathan was pounded for seven hits in 32/3 innings. He was tired at the end of a long season but it makes you wonder what Minnesota can expect in the two guaranteed years left on his contract, which also includes a club option for 2012.

NL MVP Albert Pujols, his team swept out of the first round in three games, left Busch Stadium without talking to reporters. He later said he hoped to spend his entire career in St. Louis but his body language spoke volumes in a somber clubhouse.

The Cardinals are in a tough spot with him. Financially, they can't afford the ex-

tension he deserves, and in every way except money, they can't afford to let him leave.

Down to their last strike, nobody on base and down two runs, the Angels somehow beat Red Sox closer Jonathan Papelbon for a Division Series clincher. With an in-house replacement available in Daniel Bard, Papelbon doesn't seem long for Boston.

Manny Ramirez, such a force for the Dodgers last year, had one home run in 32 postseason at-bats this time around. Ramirez is returning for a third season but only because it's him, not the team, holding the \$20 million option for 2010. Joe Torre's team looked great in the first round and overmatched in the NLCS, just like last year.

Mariano Rivera was there through everything. Closers on the other seven playoff teams were 9-for-15 in save situations; Rivera was 5-for-5, running his career playoff save total to 39, including 11 in the World Series.

At 39, Rivera worked in 10 of the Yankees' 11 victories (and 12 games overall). He threw 39 pitches in Game 2 of the Series — the most for him in any game since 2005 — and then 41 in Wednesday's clincher. His 16-inning postseason workload equaled his biggest ever.

His contract is up after next season but he said, "I think I'm going to stay for another five years."

Who would want a ride like this to end?

A year can make a lot of difference for basketball

Courtesy of
Bryant Athletics

A year can make a lot of difference, although not all by itself. One team that has used that time to make good improvements appears to be the Bryant Bulldogs, especially if their exhibition game on Friday night is any indication. One can only take so much out of such a game, as minutes and substitution patterns are designed to get a good look at a number of players and lineups. But the Bulldogs shot over 69 percent from the field in their 88-55 blowout win and appeared to click on all cylinders. If you want to get into a psychological aspect, the Bulldogs lost their second exhibition game last year, so getting a win only helps. Most important of all is how they looked, and that was decidedly good. There's no question the players and coaches feel it, as there's a different energy and optimism this time around. A lot has to do with the team's newcomers, but the holdovers looked good as well and that's also aided by the newcomers. "We knew the freshmen we brought in could play," said senior guard Chris Birrell, a starter on last season's team. "We make them better, they make us better. We're just trying to get better every day." One freshman, Claybrin McMath, looks like he'll be an instant impact player. He's active, athletic and will make plays often, and at 6'8" he's one of the players who adds a good deal of size to this team. Another, Vlad Kondraytyev, should be a fixture in the lineup whether he starts or not and he also checks in at 6'8". Add in point guard Raphael Jordan, a point guard who led the Bulldogs with 18 points on 7-8 shooting on Friday, and UMass transfer Papa Lo, who made all three of his shots and should be a shot-blocking presence inside, and it's clear the newcomers will give this team a different look. "I am excited about this team," said senior guard Cecil Gresham, the team's leading scorer last season. "You don't



Senior guard Chris Birrell expects the Bulldogs to be at the top of the conference this year. (Courtesy of Bryant Athletics)

want to be too optimistic, but in terms of being competitive, it's a huge leap forward for us with our size and our athleticism," said head coach Tim O'Shea. Jordan will play behind Birrell and give the Bulldogs a classic contrast at the position. There's the senior leader who knows the offense and initiates it in Birrell, and there's the young and exciting player with a higher ceiling but less experience in Jordan. Both have Gresham to get the ball to on the wing, as the senior had a good year in the team's inaugural Division I season and should be better with a better support cast around him. He should get better looks and opportunities to create with more size on the team now, as will players like Sam LeClerc (who will likely see time at the point as well) and Adam Parzych who also play off the ball. "It opens it up a lot more," Birrell said of the added size. "(Opponents) have to respect us down low, and they can't really press up on us as much because we do have a post presence." Besides McMath, Kondraytyev and Lo, the Bulldogs also have a holdover on the inside in Nick Pontes. The senior has come back in much better shape, a clear beneficiary of the team changing up its off-season workouts. He made a couple of plays at the defensive end that he simply would not have made last year, and now that he doesn't have to play center should be better off at

both ends. The Bulldogs have a more manageable schedule this time around. While there are still tough road games against teams from power conferences, gone are the guarantee games they have to hope on one plane after another for. The longest trips for non-conference games are to Indiana and St. John's, and they will leave New England just once in November. With a better roster in terms of talent, athleticism and size, they aren't saying they're going to win, but know they'll have a much better chance this time around. "We're going to be very competitive," said O'Shea. "A year ago, we were in survival mode. But now, we can play some of these bigger schools, and with our size, it's going to be a different game." After playing 14 games against Northeast Conference foes a year ago, the Bulldogs will play a full slate of 18 games that will count in the standings. They won't be eligible for the conference tournament until the transition to Division I is complete, but they will affect the standings and are eligible for individual awards. A year ago, they went 6-8 against Northeast Conference foes and know they can do better with the current roster. "We expect to be at the top of the conference," said Birrell. "We were 6-8 last year, and with the additions we made this year there's no reason we shouldn't be at the top of the conference."

Bulldog Bites

By Jackie Ammirato
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Football

Looking to snap a five game losing streak, the Bulldogs return to Smithfield for their final home game of the season, hosting St. Francis of Pennsylvania. St. Francis enters the game tied for last place in the NEC with a 1-5 league record. This is the second meeting in history of the two teams. In their first ever meeting, last season, Bryant came out on top, 23-0. The game will mark the last home game for the team's 25 seniors. During their four year tenure, the teams has gone 22-8 at home and won back-to-back NE-10 conference titles. Several Bulldog school records are in danger of being broken this weekend.

Jerrell Smith needs one more 100 yard rushing game to tie the school record (10 for the most in a single season. Smith also needs just 137 more yards to reach 1,000 rushing yards in a season for the second time in his career.

Aaron Bryant has set a new school record with 4 blocked kicks this season.

Chris Bird set a new school record, making 24 field goals in his career.

Paul Polomski needs just 18 more tackles to become the school's all-time career tackles leader. Right now, he has 212 tackles in his career.

Michael Morgan, needs just one more pass breakup to tie a new school record. He stands just one shy of the all-time Bryant record (27).

NEC Honors

Mary Green

Sophomore Mary Green became the first ever Bulldog women's soccer player to earn NEC accolades, being named to the second team All-NEC. Green started 18 games on defense this season, scoring one goal and tallying one assist. During the season, she took 21 total shots placing eight on the net. Since arriving at Bryant, Green has been a defensive standout starting in 34 games. Green is also a member of the women's lacrosse team, scoring 29 goals last season.

Kundayi Mawema & Kourtney Landi

Both earning All-Northeast Conference Second Team accolades, senior Kundayi Mawema and sophomore Kourtney Landi earned the field hockey program's first-ever all-league honors.

Mawema posted a 1.85 goals against average in her senior season, good for 27th in the nation. She recorded four shutouts on the year and her .795 save percentage was tied for eighth in the country. Mawema leaves Bryant holding program records for career saves with 552 and saves per game (7.46). She stands at number 2 in Bulldog history with 31 career wins, 10 shutouts, and 4379 minutes played.

Landi in just her sophomore season, led the team with 8 goals and 18 points. She also led the team with a .727 shot on goal percentage and two game winning goals. In just two seasons, Landi sits at number 9 all-time in Bryant history with 10 career goals.

Finishing the year at 7-11, the Bulldogs improved their record by six wins over last year. Under first year coach Shaunessy Saucier, the team defeated four Northeast Conference opponents.

Around the NEC

This week, Paul Gaffney, the President of the NEC's Council of Presidents, announced Noreen Morris as the new NEC Commissioner. Morris spent the last five years as the Senior Associate Athletic Director and Senior Woman Administrator at Northwestern University. She served on the Big Ten Joint Group and Administrator's Council and supervised five Northwestern sport programs including the women's lacrosse program, five-time defending national champions. Morris will oversee the athletic programs of the twelve members of the NEC: Central Connecticut State, Fairleigh Dickinson, Long Island, St. Francis (Pa.), Monmouth, Mount St. Mary's, Quinnipiac, Robert Morris, Sacred Heart, St. Francis (NY), Wagner and Bryant.

Bryant On Tap

Friday, November 13th:

Swimming, HOME vs. Providence, at 6:00 pm
Men's Basketball, at Providence, at 7:00 pm

Saturday, November 14th:

Men's Basketball, vs. Mercer (at PC), at 4:00 pm
Women's Basketball, at Dartmouth, at 7:00 pm

Sunday, November 15th:

Men's Basketball, vs. Bucknell (at PC), at 12:00 pm

Wednesday, November 18th:

Women's Basketball, HOME vs. Holy Cross, at 7:00 pm

Coach's Corner

Ask The Coach:

Question:

I find that I am stronger in one arm than the other arm when I am lifting. What can I do to make my arm strength balance out?

Answer:

Try concentrating more on the less dominant side when executing your lifts. For instance, if you are bench pressing, try to focus on pushing off more forcefully with your weaker side. Visualize that arm leading the lift off of your chest. We have many machines in the fitness center that allow you to train each arm separately. Use these machines and try using your weaker side first in order to equalize them. Don't try using a heavier weight with the weaker side in order to correct the problem. This has never proven to help the problem. Time and patience will always help.

Coach Tim's weekly workouts

Day #1

Walking lunges: 3 sets of 12 with each leg
Wide grip Bench press: 4 sets of 6

Incline Dumbbell Press: 3 sets of 8
Dips: 3 sets of 7
Leg Extensions: 4 sets of 7
Leg curls: 4 sets of 7
Stability Ball Crunches: 3 sets of 25
Leg Raises: 3 sets of 12

Day #2

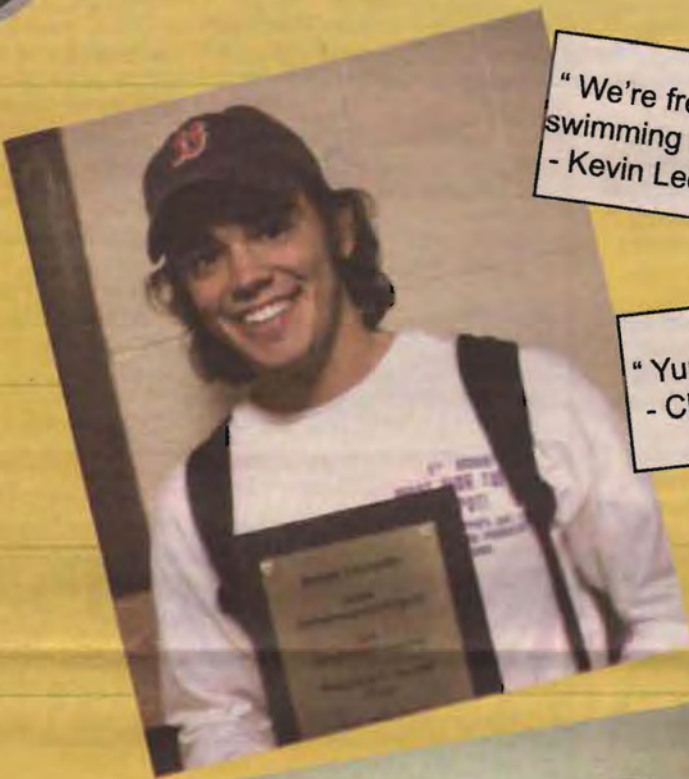
Chin Ups: 3 sets of 6
Front Squats: 4 sets of 8
Military barbell press: 4 sets of 6
Seated Cable rows: 4 sets of 10
Incline bench Press: 3 sets of 6
Dumbbell Curls: 4 sets of 10
Triceps Extensions: 4 sets of 10
Medicine Ball Twists: 3 sets of 20
Stability Ball Hyperextensions: 3 sets of 12

Day #3

Lunge/Side Lunge/Squat Circuit: 3 sets of 6 each
Back Squats: 5 sets of 6
Bench Press: 5 sets of 5
Lat Pull downs: 4 sets of 10
Seated Dumbbell Shoulder presses: 4 sets of 7
Crunch/Reverse Crunch: 3 sets of 25
Stability Ball Lockouts: 3 sets of 1 minute each

Students Out Speak

"Do you think its good that Bryant switched from D2 to D1?"

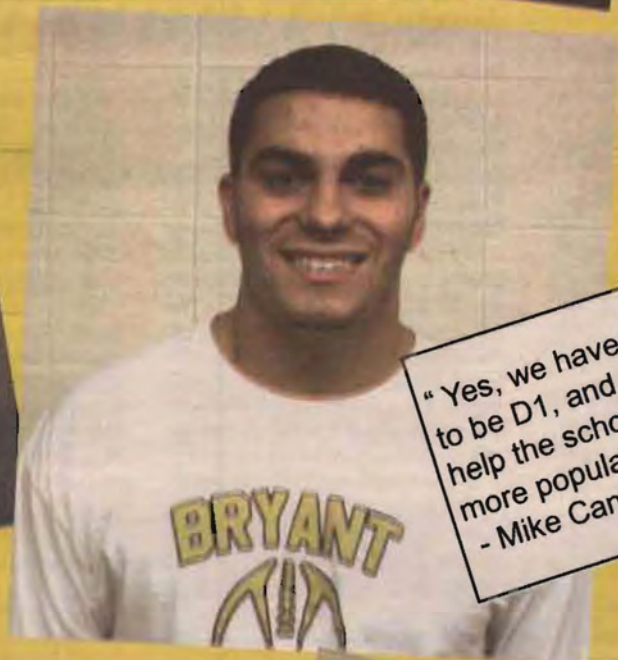


"We're fresh water fish swimming in the ocean"
- Kevin Lee '11

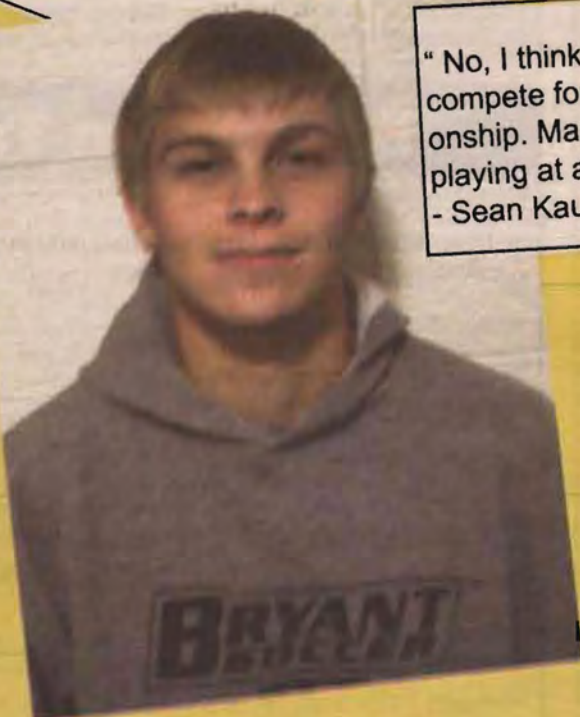
"Yup, I agree."
- Chris McKay '11



"I think its very demanding, a lot more time consuming but its cool that we get to play all these teams at a higher level."
- Taylor Savo '10
- Neil Black '10

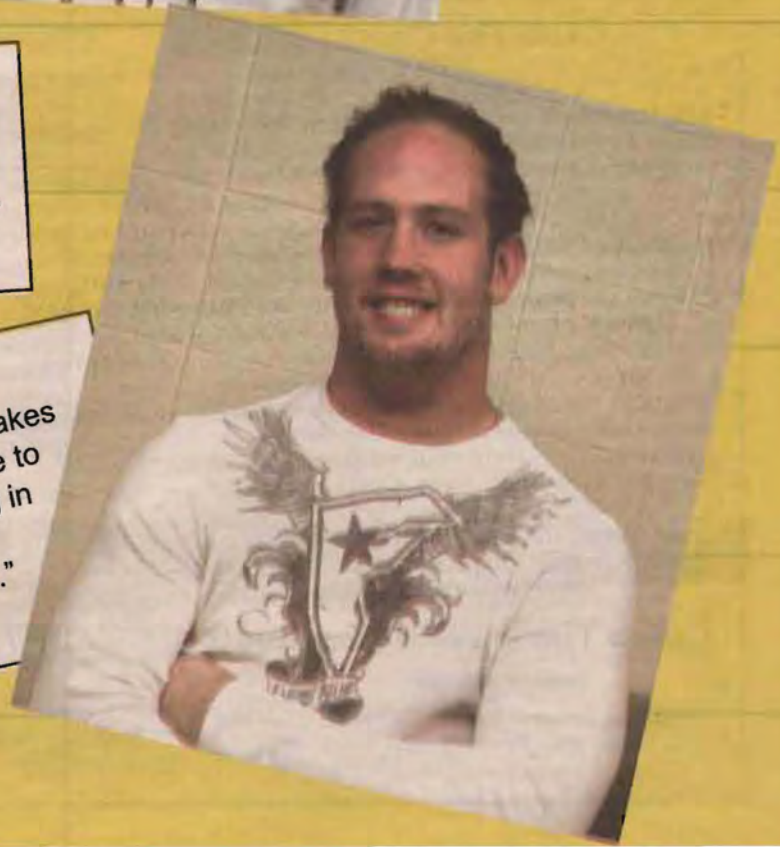


"Yes, we have the athletes to be D1, and its going to help the school become more popular"
- Mike Canfora '11



"No, I think its a bad idea. We can't compete for our conference championship. Many of us are D2 athletes playing at a D1 level, which is difficult."
- Sean Kaukus '11

"I think its good for the school expansion; it makes the school more aware to the public. Competing in D1 is a great experience for the athletes."
- Matt Hunt '11



Don't ask, don't tell, part II? What the Fort Hood reaction shows us

By Drew Green
Opinion Editor

As more and more information about Major Hasan and his past begins to arise, we get closer to proclaiming this a full-fledged terrorist attack. And yet again, it is perpetrated by a person of Islamic faith, and thusly depicted as an Islamic extremist. I hardly find these connections and assumptions a surprise in our post 9/11 America. I also am not surprised that the first place I heard this claim was on Fox News. Fox claimed they would be the only news source taking this angle when the story was breaking – as a side note, I prefer to get the news, not angles, but that's another issue for another article. Well, time passed, information was gathered, and more news organizations started giving credence to the claim that this was a terrorist attack. And of course the description of the man was as an Islamic extremist.

I have issues with jumping to the conclusion that these actions were a terrorist attack. The issues are not about the actions as much as how we react to the actions when they happen. There is a lot of information that would make people believe that he was a terrorist, at least in what our present day conventional wisdom assumes. He allegedly tried contacting Al Qaeda. He allegedly shouted "Allah Akbar" (god is great) before opening fire. He rejected the reasons and actions of war with Iraq and Afghanistan.

These three would make one believe he was a terrorist. However, there is another aspect I did not mention, but it is tied to what everyone thinks of when you hear terrorist nowadays: he was Muslim.

Let me make this clear. In no way am I saying that all terrorists are Muslim, or that all Muslims are terrorists. Claiming the opposite would be racist, bigoted, and ignorant. Sadly, we live in a world – and society – where some people are racist, bigoted, and ignorant. Since 9/11 it seems that the best way to qualify actions as terrorist has been by placing Islamic and extremist next to a person's name. In the world we live in this always seems to be the best way to remove a person from the center of society and make them a pariah.

There are two problems here. One, this removes any essence of responsibility from our society as a whole because the other person was an outcaste with disparate views from the societal norms. Two, it makes people view Muslims as the issue. If this situation were perpetrated by someone outside the United States, then I would agree that the first issue is not relevant. However, Major Hasan was born and raised in the United States. His actions are fully his responsibility, but that does not also mean that society had nothing to do with him ultimately committing this act. Plenty of people tried blaming aspects of society such as Marilyn Manson and violent video games after Columbine. So why is society



A soldier salutes the memorial of the lives lost at Fort Hood (MCT Campus)

not at least partially at fault when the person committing a crime is Muslim?

As for the issue of Muslims being judged as the real problem, this is my true concern going forward. What will Major Hasan's actions result in for Muslim Americans, particularly those in the armed services? We already know by accounts that he was subject to various incendiary comments about his religious beliefs by other service members. Will this get worse for other Muslim American servicemen because of a false extension that Islamic belief leads to terrorism? I certainly hope not.

The worst aspect that I can actually envision developing from this would be something

akin to the Don't ask, don't tell policy for gay and lesbian individuals in the armed services. I am hopeful that we live in a society that has enough belief in equality that something like this based upon religious beliefs would never be enacted. Despite that, it does not mean that it could not be something silently enforced. That is not necessarily something anyone wants to envision, especially in a country founded upon religious tolerance. Regardless, the question remains: could this actually happen? Have we reached a point of fear and ignorance that when we hear the word Muslim we think of a terrorist and begin to remove extremist from the equation? That is a sad day in history if some-

thing like that happens.

As a final point, I do not know what would have happened had a Christian or Jewish person been the one that committed the crime. What I am almost certain of is that these traits would not be the important factor for our society. The issue would become what party they associate themselves with and whether they had a 'liberal' or 'conservative' bent. However, a Muslim American was the perpetrator of this egregious crime. And what was the first personal factor we tended towards in analyzing this situation: he was Muslim. I do not know about you, but if that does not smack of racism, then I do not know what does.

The offensive level

By Nick Mancuso
Staff Writer

On Tuesday November 10 at 12:00 Midnight, the latest Activision Video Game title, Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2 was released. Gaming fans from across the country and globe waited in line at Gamestop Stores and video game retailers everywhere. The game is a standard first-person shooter, wherein you take on the role of a soldier and covert operations agent who carries out a series of missions against terrorists, enemy soldiers, and in one level, innocent civilians.

It's this level in particular that I want to speak about. In Level Three, we have our main character go undercover in a Russian terrorist unit. They follow the terrorists to Moscow airport, wherein the main character, with you playing and controlling his

movements, begins to open fire upon a crowd of travelers in line at the security checkpoint. The crowds of people in the airport were families, men, women, children, and tourists. They were not armed. They were not soldiers. They were not even terrorists. They were designed to be airline passengers, much like many of us have been.

This is not some disturbing cut-scene that you can just watch and wait for it to end, no it is a full level, of screaming and crying, shattering glass, and innocent people crawling away after suffering machine gun wounds, that you, play, shoot, and knife your way through.

When I witnessed this level being played (I'm not a gamer myself,) I was horrified. This level was not just some first

person shooter wherein you fought your way through hundreds of faceless targets. No, this level consisted of you pulling the trigger, and slaughtering and shooting through innocent people.

I found this level completely and horrifyingly offensive. We live today, in 2009,

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eight years after September 11th 2001, one of the most significant and psychologically jarring events in American History. Ask anyone who was over the age of 5 in 2001 where they were, who they were with and what it felt like to lose our national sense of safety, as we watched two great symbols of our powerful and mighty country come

crumbling down in a blaze of fire, smoke, and innocent lives.

When I watched this level, I was brought back instantly. The hysteria, the screaming, the crying, everything came flooding back into my memory from the first time I was ever afraid of what was out

there in the world, and the wondrous world of new things to experience was now riddled with fear, xenophobia, and horror.

This game glorifies terrorism. This game takes violence and terror, and makes it a fun playable experience for everyone. Despite its "Mature" rating, I firmly believe that this game, if it must be sold, this level must be omitted as it serves only to make light fun of what is such a grievous and difficult concept for so many. What will happen when chil-

dren play this game? Will terrorism become something that is to be admired, as it evidently is by the developers and executives at Activision.

Some proponents of this game believe that this is as disturbing as a violent movie or television show, however, as YOU are playing this game, and YOU are controlling this character as he commits atrocities for the sake of fun, YOU are virtually committing these acts, and as such, propagating the horrifying concept that terrorism and acts of violence are to be admired.

For those of you who are reading this and questioning how radical I am, watch someone play this level and see for yourself. I know I can't again, for the wave of emotion and memories that come with watching this senseless and unnecessary fantasy slaughter.

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

Battle of the sexes

What's in a name?

By **Kaleigh Durkin**
PR Manager

Congratulations! Hopefully after reading last week's article, you've landed yourself a good-looking and sweet significant other who treats you like the queen/king that you are! Well now that we've managed to find you a lovely companion, we reach the ever-pressing issue of relationship titling and definition. Now I'm not one to conform to society and anyone who knows me will probably tell you that I do what I do in spite of what everyone else says, but I do find myself wondering what others consider to be a true relationship on a college campus, and at what point they decide to be in an official, exclusive one.

I have done plenty of research on this topic with both men and women of heterosexual and homosexual orientations, and let me tell you, the opinions are as different as the fingerprints of each participant. Now as I continue to write this article, let me say up front that each relationship is different, and what works for one may not work for another, but rather that this article is a detailed explanation of my opinions and the research I've gathered from a group of close friends.

On a college campus, it's an entirely new ballgame compared to your high school dating scene, when your boyfriend or girlfriend would come over to watch movies, meet your parents, take you out on dates, and more often than not go home at the end of the night rather than stay with you in your room. Any typical night out on Bryant's campus, whether it be after a Tuesday at Parentes, Thursday after Effins, or any Friday and Saturday night spent carousing the townhouses can lead to a sleepover with a significant other or a person of possible interest. When asking my research participants what constituted an "exclusive" relationship, everyone was in some sort of agreement when they said that after a handful of sleepovers, and especially if one party takes the other out on a date (refer back to last week's issue for how that should play out) that they consider themselves to be in an "exclusive" relationship. Many of my friends and

I agree that there is a huge difference between being exclusive and being "official". One of the major trends I found in my "research" was that a majority of the boys I interviewed didn't feel the need to define the relationship with a title, while girls felt that a title would help all parties involved to be on the same page with one another.

For those of you kids who find it necessary to post your entire life and happenings on the elusive Facebook website, we've also taken you into consideration when deciding when a relationship should be "official" and if it is only considered to be official once it's posted on Facebook. Let me put these rumors to rest. Now as I've said, I don't speak for every person on campus or every person in a relationship, but when gathering ideas about whether a relationship was strictly official once it was "newsfeed worthy" was hands-down considered a false notion. A general consensus was that it's not necessarily whether it be an obvious statement that "Kaleigh Durkin is now in a relationship", but rather that I know in my heart that I am in a relationship.

One area that I've found Facebook to be used to define a relationship more often is when someone is single. Perhaps this social networking site has caused us to believe that we must inform others when we are single to increase the potential of being swooned by a good-looking someone. I'll admit that when I'm curious about the relationship status of someone I'm interested in, I jump right to our favorite book-marked site. If I see that the relationship section has been removed from said person's profile, I more often than not assume that there is some sort of relationship involvement; otherwise the profile would be single. This can prove to be a terrible way of discovering a person's situation, when all that would need to be done is a simple approach or a little conversation. Being in a relationship is all about feeling comfortable with one another enough to discuss what the relationship is and where it's going. If you can't ask someone to define what it is exactly that you're doing with your time, then perhaps you should reconsider whether

the relationship is one that even should progress.

I have to say that aside from all of my research comes my own personal opinions, which stand as follows: after about a month I would consider it time for me to have a conversation with the person I am involved with about where the relationship is going and what we consider ourselves to be. I'm not saying that I do this for other people, because more often than not when people ask me about my relationship status, I'm not quick to dish out details unless you happen to be amongst my closest group of friends; rather, the definition of what I'm doing with my time and if the person I am involved with can see themselves getting into a possible relationship with me is purely for my benefit. I don't think that a relationship has to be defined immediately, but after a significant period of time I think it's necessary for the two parties involved to at least be on the same page. Communication is an essential tool to making any relationship work, whether it be professional or intimate. So now that you're sitting there scratching your head, wondering what exactly it is you're doing with your romantic life, let me leave you with a few final points: TALK TO YOUR SIGNIFICANT OTHER. There is no such thing as too much communication and you owe it to yourself to know exactly what it is you've gotten yourself involved in. If you feel more comfortable, as I know I would, PUT A TITLE on what you're doing. We know there are relationship stages, but make sure you both are on the same page so that you don't think you're in an official relationship while your partner is running around sleeping with other people after too many Bud Light's at Parentes. Last but not least, if you think it's necessary, put it on Facebook. If you and your partner are proud of your decidedly official relationship, post it for the world to see, and if you can't decide who should make the move, all it takes is a little "Rock, Paper, Scissors" to get the ball rolling. Life is short, so celebrate the one you're with, and if you love the one you're with, shout it out, I'll be checking my newsfeed!

What are we?

By **David Nelligan**
Staff Writer

What are we? That is the dreaded question that eventually comes up in all situations between two people who are even somewhat together. This can also be asked as where do we stand, what are we doing, or where are we going? Sometimes even posed as a trick or coded question, such as, have you told your

parents about me or why do we never hang out with your friends? Usually asked by the girl, there seems to be a need to label what people are to each other. Why can't people just be happy with the way things are going and not try to ruin things by talking about relationship issues? No good can come from having this talk. It only causes problems, arguments, and forces people into uncomfortable situations. If two people are clearly more than just friends and both are happy with the way things are going, then let it be and just be happy. Don't try to analyze, pry, or make things more complicated than they have to be, just accept the situation. This one little question can even end up ruining the relationship completely as I have seen before, when the two would have continued to enjoy being together had the question not been asked.

The only issue that may need to be established is if you are exclusive. That will then tell you exactly where the relationship stands. If there is an agreement that you are exclusive, then right then it does not matter if you call it dating, that you are together, boyfriend/girlfriend, or give it any other title, it all means one thing; you are in a full blown relationship. Being exclusive or not is really the only standard that needs to be set, all other pieces will fall into place on their own.

In wrapping it all up, don't ruin a good thing by making it more complicated. It's that simple. Establishing a title for what two people are to each other is all semantics, it has nothing to do with what is actually going on in the relationship which is the most important part. There seems to be way too much emphasis on labels and not enough attention towards just enjoying life.

Observations

Compiled by Bryant Students

Trim That Bush

The shrubbery in front of the Bryant Center is in need of some serious grooming. Between all the students walking on it to put up posters and general overgrowth, it looks like a forest.

It's Getting Hot in Here

Heat is always nice, but over the past week the classrooms in the Unistructure have felt like a sauna. There has to be a happy medium between frigid and Death Valley on the thermostat.

Hit The Breaks!

People drive way too fast through the 16 parking lot. Students enjoy their lives despite all the work we need to do so make sure you drive the speed limit and not kill anyone.

Too Short to be Tasteful

The Freshmen girls need to learn what appropriate Business attire is. There are too many of them wearing skirts that are way too short for a business setting.

President's Community Forum

What happened to the community forum needing to get rescheduled? What is more important that the president speaking to the students who pay to go to this institution?

Send Observations to agreen1@bryant.edu.

Bryant Said What!?

Compiled by Bryant Students

"He's a virgin. In five minutes he won't be."

"Even after Monday and Tuesday the week still says WTF!"

"Person 1: Do you think she is dumb?"

Person 2: No, I don't know her. I know she likes dogs though."

"There's no better reason to get married than the espresso machine."

"What's a vertical line?"

"... And that is how we make money. We make money off of Mexicans."

"I wouldn't be caught dead as a business nerd. That would mean I would hate my life!"

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Simon Says: The night the wall came down and other amazing things



By Toby Simon
Staff Columnist

Twenty years ago my husband and I embarked on a journey with our three kids. We took leaves of absences from our jobs and moved to Paris for about 8 months. At the time, we both felt we needed a break from the work we were doing and were fortunate enough to find little projects to do in Paris. We pulled our kids out of school in Providence

and enrolled them in new Parisian ones-- the 14 and 16 year olds attended a bilingual school. Our little guy was 5 and he went to the neighborhood school or "l'ecole maternelle".

Initially our 14 year old daughter was upset that she'd be missing 8th grade in a middle school where 8th graders ruled. She rallied within 3 hours of landing in Paris after eating a fabulous lunch in a neighborhood bistro and then shopping for new Parisian duds. Our 16 year old son only wanted to know if he'd be able to continue playing ice hockey, which he was able to do. The five year old really didn't have any opinion on this adventure as long as he was included. For him Paris was Disney World. He adored the monuments--we lived right near the Eiffel Tower--and was totally enchanted with the various means of transportation. He became a bit of a metro fanatic, memorizing the stops and running to the station the minute we walked outside our apartment. And the Bateaux Mouches! He loved them too. The only thing he wanted when we left Paris was a metro map--the huge kind outside all the stations. So we got him one which hung proudly in his bedroom for years.

We rented a one bedroom apartment in a lovely

area of Paris. The apartment was sparsely furnished and pathetically decorated. But it was our "pied a terre" for this Parisian experience. The three kids shared the one bedroom and my husband and I slept in a 3/4 size bed in the living room. There was a small black and white TV in the living room. All the furniture was quite uncomfortable so we did a lot of sitting on the floor. The kitchen was the size of a small closet but the bathroom was huge with a gigantic bath tub.

Each night the five of us went shopping for our dinner provisions. The five year old developed a close relationship with the bakery at the corner of our street. They always had his favorite "patisserie" ready for him when we walked in the door. We lived right near La Rue des Belles Feuilles which had a shop selling the most delicious rotisserie chickens in all of France--the infamous "poulets de Brest".

We traveled everywhere by public transportation. (Our kids used to say: the Griswolds do Paris) It also meant that when we bought a bed board for the sagging mattress in our living room, we had to carry it home on the metro. We had yet to learn the French word for "delivery".

And what made that time in Paris even more memorable was witnessing two historic events. The first was the fall of the Berlin Wall. As we sat glued to the tv watching the crowds, the cheering and the sheer joy among both the East and West Germans, we spent a good deal of time explaining to our kids what this meant. Being typical American kids, they had never really studied much European history so they weren't sure what this moment was all about. In their schools in Paris, it was the topic of conversation for weeks. Lots of our French friends left Paris immediately to go to Germany to witness this his-



The fall of the Berlin Wall, 1989 (Google images)

tory. We still have a piece of the wall somewhere in our home.

The second incident happened a month later in December of 1989. The Romanian Revolution was a week long series of increasingly violent riots and fighting. We saw live shots of the revolution each night on our small tv. It was a successful one in that the Socialist Republic of Romania was disestablished and replaced by a democratic regime. The press also felt the need to cover the actual executions of the President and his wife, Nicolae and Elena Ceausescu so we also witnessed some extremely graphic evening news.

It seems hard to believe that it's been twenty years since we lived in Paris. As a family we reminisce about that year all the time, perhaps in an effort to keep the magic alive. It was one of those excellent adventures, one we'll never regret and always cherish.

The Ant Thomas Corner: Money brings happiness

By Anthony Thomas
Staff Writer

I need to know, who made up the lie that money does not bring happiness?? I am not the betting type, but if I was I would put all the hundred dollars I have in my bank account in favor that it was somebody with money who made up this ridiculous claim!! Okay, maybe I have a little bit more than a hundred dollars in my bank account, but I admit I am a terrible money saver. Part of the problem in America is that we hold money and want so high on our priority lists, that and confuse our wants for needs. This is where the problem occurs.

Honestly, if money did not bring happiness why would people major in actuarial mathematics? The only time math was fun was when I learned how to add and multiply, ever since division it has been downhill. Or even accounting; when was the last time someone got pumped up to do a financial audit? I do not mean to be offensive, but as people we have to make decisions on what type of quality of living we would like to have and if this includes sacrificing forty plus hours a week for

it...the paycheck makes the wait worthwhile.

For my adversaries that are still saying money does not bring happiness, answer this question, what can you do without money? You can be homeless, stand in train stations and ask for change every day, and catch shut eye at local park benches. Let's say you have a little bit more money than that and you have enough to afford for an apartment, but not enough to afford basic necessities. You can pay bills late, take the best walks in the park,

and make critical decisions like do you want your heat or electricity this month. These situations may appear amusing, but they are some people's realities.

I really just want to write for the rest of my life, but I like to party and take hot showers with all my lights on. I like going to the bar, getting wasted, yelling at top of my lungs and dancing like a fool. I enjoy traveling, going to restaurants, and dressing nice. Unfortunately, I could not do any of these things if I do not make enough money to do them. I spend money like it's going to run away from me and this is probably due to me knowing what it feels like to be without. I do not praise it, but I sure do have a good time spending it!!

'Honestly, if money did not bring happiness why would people major in actuarial mathematics?'

The Archway Top Ten: Courses we wish we had

10. The business of porn...
9. How to be lazy and succeed...
8. The art of walking (this should be mandatory)...
7. That's hot: Paris Hilton teaching a meteorology class...
6. Using Family Guy to explain society...
5. How to stage a revolution...
4. Learning from YouTube...
3. The art of war according to Starcraft...
2. Chuck Norris 101...
1. That's what she said, famous sayings by modern women

You know what really grinds my gears...

By Kaleigh Durkin
PR Manager

Well let me start off by saying that the fact that I am a senior and living in Hall 17 with a meal plan to the oh-so-delicious Salmonson Dining Hall already creates a feeling of bitterness towards the subject with which we're going to discuss right now. I guess that after being a Salmo-attender for the past four years has really given me the opportunity to learn the ropes of the dining hall, the "ins and outs" you could say, and I feel that it's my job as a senior with the knowledge I've accumulated, to pass down a few helpful hints to the underclassmen, and a few tips on how to prevent the grinding of my gears.

Now I understand that Salmo isn't a very large hall, compared to the food service areas at other schools, but we have to remember that we go to a very small school with an even smaller student population. It is for this reason that we must be aware of how it is that we navigate around the food distribution areas.

First of all, if you do happen to get your food from one of the areas, whether it be a nice grilled cheese, a cup of soup, or an exciting plate of stir-fry, PLEASE, wait to be seated before you start to eat your food. I understand that the deliciousness on your tray is hard to resist, but the last thing I want to see is you waiting in line for stir-fry eating a grilled cheese. Please do us all a favor and wait until you sit down before you curb your hunger pangs.

Along the same lines is the beverage center and the thirsty Salmo-goers who make me wait in line for an extra two minutes while they

fill up their cup one more time to quench their thirst. Here's a secret that I've discovered since I've been at Salmo: YOU CAN USE MORE THAN ONE CUP! I understand that sometimes you are incredibly thirsty and you can't seem to get enough Diet Coke or lemonade, but please, PLEASE, I have better things to do than wait for you to drink one drink before getting another, so get another cup. Salmo doesn't care if you take one cup or twelve; I'm telling you now, please don't make us wait.

Now we're going to get a bit more complicated; the line situation. I've heard more people observe other people's inability to pick a line to get a particular plate of food. If you want to get the typical entrée and you move to the line and wait by the counter, then please be aware that you are NOT to be confused with the line waiting for the vegetarian/vegan section. These lines are in fact two different lines, and must be treated as such. Nothing aggravates me more than standing in line for vegetables behind the little whippersnapper who was confused as to which line he or she belonged, and is standing in the way of everyone who is not waiting in line for the entrée choice. Please people, pick a line accordingly.

I'm glad that there is a reason that I was giving a meal plan during my senior year, if not only to teach the new Samo-goers the tricks of the trade, and I hope that you have learned a few things, which will inevitably make everyone's Salmonson trip that much smoother and more enjoyable...if that's even possible.

Bulldog flicks: *The Box* disappoints

What if you could have a million dollars at the push of a button?



(MCT Campus)

By Coburn Childs
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What would you do if someone gave you a mysterious box with a large red button and told you that pushing the button would guarantee you a payment of one million dollars? How about if he told you that doing so would also cause the death of somebody, somewhere in the world, who you do not know? This is the question posed by the dark, twisted, and absolutely laughable morality tale *The Box*.

Oddly set in 1976, *The Box* tells the story of Norma and Arthur Lewis (Cameron Diaz and *X-men's* James Marsden), a happily married couple living with their young son Walter in suburban Virginia. One morning, they wake up to said box on their front doorstep and are later paid a visit by the enigmatic Arlington Steward (Academy Award nominee Frank Langella), a sinister old man with a large burn mark on his face, who tells them they have 24 hours to make a rather difficult choice.

Steward won't tell them much; but he knows they want the money. Arthur has just been denied a promotion at NASA that he was counting on, and Norma has also just received some bad news from the school where she works. While they aren't exactly destitute, that \$1,000,000 would still change their lives entirely, and the first third of the movie involves them pondering the effect that pushing the button will have. This includes their discussion of whether they can live with the knowledge that they are re-

sponsible for someone's death. "What if it's someone's baby?" Arthur asks. "What if it's a murderer on death row?" Nora replies.

While the beginning of the movie makes for some good suspense in seeing whether or not they will push the button, it is when they actually make a choice that the movie starts to face problems. What will happen if they decide to just get rid of the box? And will pushing that button really cause somebody to die?

Well, Norma and Arthur find out soon enough, as they are immediately drawn into a conspiracy that involves government testing, zombie neighbors, nosebleeds, photographs from Mars, an evil librarian, and the afterlife. Sound stupid? Yeah, it is.

Directed by Richard Kelly (of *Donnie Darko* fame), this movie really could have been great. An intriguing plot that poses a lot of questions to the audience often has the potential to make for a great film. Unfortunately, this movie is bogged down by a confusing storyline, ridiculously cheesy dialogue, and frustrating plot holes. The 1970's setting and Cameron Diaz's bad southern accent don't help either. Basing the story on a tough question that has already been posed by short films, *Twilight Zone* episodes, and short stories already, Kelly only succeeds in making the story preposterous and barely entertaining.

While the leads of the film turn in strong performances (with the exception of that accent!), they are given a crap story to work with. At times, I swear Marsden and Diaz's

confused were completely genuine, as there is no way they could possibly take the scenes seriously. When Arthur enters a library that leads him to a water gateway that transports him to his bedroom, the audience was—needless to say—thoroughly baffled.

Oh, and don't expect a happy ending, either. In keeping with the rest of the film's tone, the final 15 minutes are grim, stupid, frustrating, and utterly depressing. When we actually get the token "resolution" that ties everything together, it is insufficient, still leaving many holes and once again relying completely on one very ridiculous decision. It's really too bad that *The Box* wastes such a great premise and top-notch cast on being so bad. If the filmmakers had stepped back and done a few rewrites, we may have had a better, more enjoyable, film. Sadly, this is one *Box* that is better left unopened.

I give *The Box* 1.5 out of 5 Bulldogs.

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



Wildfire pizza is the greatest

By A.J. Toto and Chris Macksey
Contributing Writers

This week's experience was somewhat like a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde experience. Wildfire, a small restaurant in North Providence suffered from a bit of identity crisis. The pizza, a Dr. Jekyll experience, was well worth the trip and thoroughly enjoyable while the rest of the menu, suffered from a bit of a "loss" of direction, much like Mr. Hyde.

Food

Wildfire offers a wide variety of selections across the board; soups, salads, burgers, sandwiches, pasta, all the way to original gourmet entrees but is most notable for their brick oven pizzas. The most pressing issue of the night was what to order. The dishes consist of a variety of food styles but most have an Italian flair to them. Wildfire also offers a superb specialty drink menu, as well as a great selection of other wines, spirits, and beers.

So let's get to it. We started off with homemade pasta fagioli a traditional Italian soup which included cannellini beans and Italian seasonings. We thought that it was compiled very nicely; it was rich, full of flavor and they gave us a decent portion. For entrees we couldn't pass up the pizza; it is their signature offering. We ordered "The forager" consisting of brick oven roasted wild mushrooms, sun-dried tomatoes, caramelized onions, asiago cheese, roasted garlic, rosemary and sage.

This pizza was a real treat; the flavors complemented each other very well. The sweetness of the onions, the smokiness of the mushrooms, and the creaminess/nuttiness of the asiago cheese were very predominant. Along with the aromatic scent of the rosemary and sage, the pizza played on all of your senses, which was most certainly due to the brick oven baking.

We also tried one of their house specialty entrees: grilled apple brined pork tenderloin, served with a mango and jalapeno chutney and a pomegranate beurre blanc (white butter) sauce, accompanied by whipped red bliss potatoes and steamed broccoli. As soon as we saw this item on the menu, we had to get it. But as good as it sounds, it seemed to fall short of our expectations.

There was a lot going on in terms of the sweetness of the apple brine, mango and pomegranate which was nice but there was no contrast from the jalapenos, which we were looking forward to. We felt that this was a key factor in the success of this dish. The pork was juicy and tender, but came out on the warm side; it definitely was not hot but it was tolerable. The potatoes were light and fluffy; they kept them simple, which made them great. The broccoli were unseasoned and had little flavor as they were steamed but felt they were tasty when dipped in the chutney and beurre blanc.

Atmosphere & Service

The atmosphere of the restaurant was an interesting subject. For the first half hour of our experience at Wildfire, we were trying to figure out what was up with the place. The bar, a gorgeous maple and tile wraparound was the key fixture of the establishment. The building almost seemed separated from the bar as it had a different feel to it. The seating area was set to be more private, while the bar was more of a social area. The service at Wildfire was also good; there were no complaints, yet our server was not overly friendly. In New York that is common since diners might perceive the server as noisy, but she just did not seem very interested.

Price

Appetizer prices range anywhere from \$6-\$13, and entrees \$16-\$24. These prices we thought were very reasonable, Wildfire gives you your money's worth in terms of quantity and quality of food. We felt the real value was in their gourmet pizzas - the average medium pizza is about \$13 and comes with gourmet and delicious ingredients and toppings, and it would be tough to finish a medium pizza yourself. We can't stress enough what a good deal these pizzas are.

Wildfire Restaurant hours: Monday - Friday: 11:30am - 10:00pm, Saturday & Sunday: 3:00pm - 10:00pm.

Wine Bar hours: Monday - Thursday: 11:30am - 11:00pm Friday: 11:30am - 1:00am Saturday: 3:00pm - 1:00am Sunday: 3:00pm - 10:00pm.

Wildfire is located at 1874 Mineral Spring Avenue, North Providence (401) 353-7110

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Two buds and a microbrew

A Review of Newport Storm's Hurricane Amber Ale (ABV: 5.2%; 6-pk: \$8.99)

By Bryan Regele and Justin Andrews
Staff Writers

Without a doubt Rhode Island is not the breeding ground for microbreweries, but as Bryant students we feel obliged to bring you a review from the Ocean State's own Newport Storm this week.

Also known as the Coastal Extreme Brewing Company, we love how four Colby College grads went counterculture by using a homebrew kit as an inspiration for starting a brewing operation instead of entering the corporate world.

They rolled their first kegs out back in 1999; they have since grown too large for their original Middletown location and are in the process of opening up a new brewery slated for operations in December. Though they now offer a seasonal and Blueberry Ale, the guys truly have their flagship Hurricane Amber Ale to thank for their success; so we grabbed a six-pack of just that for this review.

Taking out our first bottle we noted the bland and unattractive label on the brown longnecks and poured out its contents into a clear pint glass. The pour down the middle produced a finger length of head above hazy and expected amber body. This foam would linger and lace our glass through the session which is indicative of a low level of carbonation. The scents were bitter and typical of an American Pale Ale with little to no notes of anything to the contrary.

Our first sip was refresh-

ingly light with strong tastes of hops and pale malt. As we drank on we continued to note the ease of drinking the Hurricane Amber but also wondered what the real differentiating factor was for this beer. By the end of the glass we still could not decide on what made this such a well-received brew by Rhode Islanders, but then again maybe its drinkability is what makes it a favorite. Simply put, with its moderate alcohol level of 5.2% and a clean finish, you can make a longer session out than with typical microbrews. In that sense we feel that Newport is positioning this as more of an everyday beer than anything, similar to the way the Boston Beer Company positions their Samuel Adams' Boston Lager.

As beer fans we look for a bit more in our choices than just drinkability and normalcy. We honestly would not have grabbed this if we did not know the story behind the founding of Coastal Brewing

Company due to the bland packaging and their lack of variety in their beers. If all we wanted was a tastier option to Bud Light then we would have grabbed a six-pack of the cheaper Sam Adams and called it a night.

That being said, we applaud Newport's recent movement to special edition releases from their brew masters and hope that they will find a creation worthy of being a year-round choice to complement this Hurricane Amber Ale. Until then, though, all we have to rate them on is this unimpressive flagship; so we sadly award a dismal 2 out of 6 bottle caps to these liberal arts graduates and suggest they take some Bryant courses in differentiation and product marketing.

Do you think you have a brew that could pass our test? Be 21+ and send us an e-mail at bregale@bryant.edu or jandrew1@bryant.edu and we will put one of your favorites up to the test.



Mr. Bryant 2010 is coming!



Mr. Bryant 2010 will take place on December 4, 2009. This year's theme is "The Knights of the Salmo Table." Starring as the knights are Aaron Fortin, Ronald Blanchard, Eric MacCarthy, Taylor Zink, Cory Coutier, Patrick Helmas, A.J. Papa, Mark Barry, Jose Batista, Kyle Rudden, and Jarrod Gibbons. Doors open 7 p.m. Show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$3. (Stefanie Munroe)

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Don't cry over spilled thoughts

By Blair Worthington
Contributing Writer

An endless period.
An ongoing series.
A bad TV movie.
A relentless soul.

An open mind.
An excellent thought.
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An underlying theme.
An alternative plan.
A Job well done.
A complex phenomenon.



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Five rock docs that go inside the lives of iconic music-makers

By Christopher Kelly
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As "This Is It" shows, the greatest musicians also tend to be the greatest mysteries. Here are five other rock documentaries that pulled back the curtain on the lives of iconic performers and surprised us with their insight and backstage access.

Madonna: Truth or Dare (1991): What might easily have turned into a shallow, slick concert movie proves to be a surprisingly intimate study of a performer whose identity is as fluid as her dance moves.

Dixie Chicks: Shut Up and Sing (2006): It doesn't matter whether you love or hate them for their anti-George W. Bush rant in 2003. This doc offers a compelling look at media spin and image control in an age where YouTube can instantly expose everything you say to the world.

Let's Get Lost (1988): Directed by photographer Bruce Weber, this visually ravishing portrait of jazzman Chet Baker is one of the best movies you've never seen.

Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers: Runnin' Down a Dream (2007) Director Peter Bogdanovich ("The Last Picture Show") tells you everything you ever wanted to know and more (the film runs four hours) about the all-American rockers.

Metallica: Some Kind of Monster. (2004) Accompanying the legendary band as it tries to sort through its problems in therapy, this unwieldy, often very funny movie makes you see the metal heads as never before.