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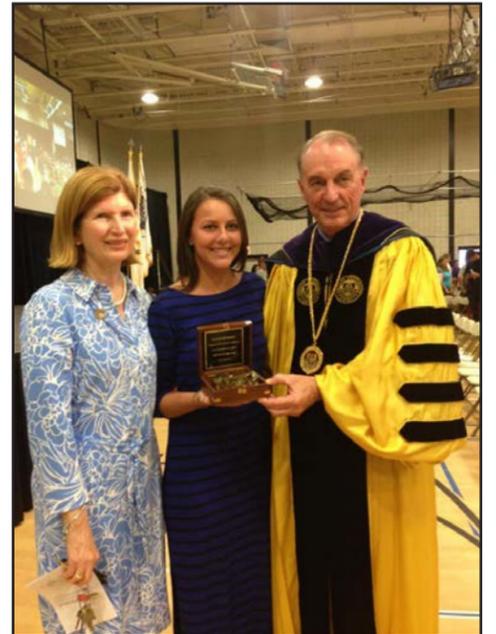
By **Kathryn Valentini**
Senior Staff Writer

On September 4th, 2013, the Bryant community welcomed, officially, the incoming freshman class. It was a beautiful day, and the school was buzzing with the excitement of students returning to campus. As the freshmen class filed into their seats for convocation, wondering if the next hour or two of their day was going to be boring or not, they had no idea the remarkable story they were about to hear. Although, I personally, was not at Convocation, I had the opportunity to watch it streamed online. At minute 58 of convocation, President Machtley began to speak of courage and strength. I, like the rest of Bryant had received the e-mail over the summer about a fellow student being attacked in Boston, and yet, the vague details that were given never led me to speculate on the magnitude of the events. In my dorm room watching the video, I sat in stunned silence, goose-bumps covered my arms, and I was so overcome with emotion, I was glad I wasn't surrounded by hundreds of people.

"There's another type of courage," President Machtley began, "and that's when you respond to something that's involuntary,

something that happens unexpectedly...in early July, I saw the news that a young woman from Bentley University had been attacked by an unknown assailant and had been killed... later in the evening news, I saw that another woman had been attacked in Boston and also had been seriously wounded. And then I received an email...saying that one of our own students had also been attacked and she did not go down passively... She mustered the courage to take on this assailant and she fought with all her strength and with all her energies against this violent man, who was attacking her, and she was wounded, but she wounded him too. And as a result, he fled, and then later, when he was being treated in the hospital, it was discovered that he was the assailant and the evidence is that he was the assailant not just of her, but of the other two women as well. She showed extraordinary courage... And Kayleigh Ballantyne, truly, was a heroine."

Even as I read those chilling words over again, the emotions are still overwhelming. I can imagine that among the freshmen class that day, many people were wondering if they would have had that same type of courage, had they been in Kayleigh's situation. Truthfully, I don't know if I would have possessed that same fight, strength and



Kayleigh with President and Mrs. Machtley after Convocation. (University Relations)

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Bulldog football: a win and a loss

Bryant Bulldogs at the University of Maine

By **Tyler Donovan**
Contributing Writer

The Bryant Bulldogs fell short this weekend at the University of Maine; however each member of the team got a lot out of the trip anyway. Friday night would have been a perfect time to get into bed early and focus on the day's next mission considering it would be one of the toughest games of the year. Instead, led by Coach Fine, the team walked over to the airport, which was attached to the team hotel, and mingled with United States Soldiers and Marines who were getting ready for a yearlong mission to Kuwait.

Bangor International Airport is usually the last stop in America for United States Service members before they engage in operations around the world. Since shortly after September 11, 2001 troops began filling through Bangor, many times troops take a flight from Bangor to Europe and then from Europe to countries such as Iraq, Afghanistan, and Kuwait. Over a million service members have traveled out of and into Bangor International Airport during the past 12 years. For several thousand Americans Bangor was the last time they ever stepped foot on United States soil.

On Friday it was a combination of Army Soldiers and Marines who were traveling out of Bangor and eventually landing in Kuwait. Kuwait is a small country directly south of Iraq. Although many Americans listen to President Obama's speeches and automatically assume that all soldiers are out of Iraq and the war is over, that is not completely true. Yes, all of the American soldiers are "technically" out of Iraq; however thousands of Americas are still stationed throughout Kuwait. Many of these soldiers sleep closer to Iraq then



Bryant Football with U.S. Army, Marines

Bryant is to Providence. If anything were to occur in Iraq these troops will be immediately called to cross the border and handle any conflict. On top of the risk and the constant mission these soldiers are engaged in while in Kuwait, they are also away from their families. Birthdays, births, weddings, and just spending time with your friends are all sacrificed for a year, in order to serve the country.

As of this very moment over 65,000 troops are operating throughout Afghanistan, still engaged in a very tense and dangerous conflict, and 15,000 troops stand ready in Kuwait, ready to defend, engage, and protect throughout Iraq, Iran, and other middle eastern countries. Every one of these is making tremendous sacrifices for our country, and it is great that the Bulldogs expressed this appreciation.

Although the Bulldogs did not get the win this weekend, hopefully each player got plenty out of meeting these American heroes. Michael Westerhaus, Bryant Bulldogs Quarterback said, "Our team was moved by the opportunity to spend some time with the troops deployed last Friday night. The experience gave us perspective and motivation to carry with us for the remainder of the season. It was an honor to thank those who are prepared to give so much for our country." Hopefully these soldiers continue to follow the Bulldogs online from Kuwait, and we get some wins for them.





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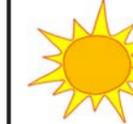
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Campus Calendar

September	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
							
	10pm- Photo Scavenger Hunt- Hall 17 lawn	5pm- Chinese Culture Night- WaterFire 10pm- Jeopardy- Hall 17 MP room		8:45am- Mojo Mondays- Amica			10am- PWC barbeque- Koffler Lawn

Bulldog Bulletin



The Archway: Writers' Meetings, Mondays 5pm, Fisher Center room 1
Bryant Pride: General Meetings, Thursdays 5:30pm, Fisher Center room 2A
Bryant Players: General Meetings, Tuesdays 5pm, Bello 214



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Sigma Chi wins The Peterson Award

By Kathryn Valentini and Alex Scelzo
Senior Staff Writer & Contributing Writer

When eight brothers from Bryant's Lambda Eta chapter of the Sigma Chi fraternity embarked on their annual trip to Purdue University this August for the Balfour Leadership Training Workshop, they had no idea that they would be returning to Bryant with one of the highest honors; not to mention being named the second best Sigma Chi chapter in North America. Unaware, the Sigma Chi brothers packed into cars and stocked up on snacks for the 16 hour trek to the workshop in West Lafayette, Indiana.

Every year, the Balfour Leadership Training Workshop (BLTW) is attended by Sigma Chi brothers from universities across the United States and Canada as a way to improve their chapters and gain valuable leadership experience. Through discussion with chapter representatives across the country, the brothers of the Lambda Eta chapter gained vital insight on the processes and programs that they could apply to strengthen Bryant in the coming semester.

For Sigma Chi at Bryant, this has been only the third journey to the workshop since their installation in May of 2010. However, over the past three summers, Bryant's chapter of Sigma Chi has been awarded special honors. Each year at the BLTW, Sigma Chi International

issues the Peterson Significant Chapter Award, which recognizes excellence of performance by chapters in major areas of operation. In Lambda Eta's first year as a chartered Sigma Chi chapter, they were awarded the Blue Peterson award, granted to top Sigma Chi chapters. The following year, Lambda Eta performed even better, receiving the prestigious Gold Peterson Award, which is reserved for the top 6 chapters worldwide.

Bryant's brothers this semester hoped to repeat this performance, and succeeded not only in receiving another Gold Peterson, but being named the second best Sigma Chi Chapter in North America. In a fraternity with over 240 active chapters across North America, this accomplishment amazed the brothers from Bryant.

Lambda Eta president Michael Malenfant commented that, "it is truly an honor. We would not have been awarded this award for a second straight year if it weren't for all the brothers' hard work. We can't expect to just keep getting recognition so our chapter needs to keep improving what we've done thus far."

While celebrating this achievement, the brothers are coming into this semester with renewed vigor. Constantly seeking to combat the sometimes-negative stigma of Greek Life, Lambda Eta hopes that this honor for Bryant University promotes the image of Greek excellence on campus. They know that there is always more work to be done, especially if they hope to improve Bryant's standing this year.



**The Archway will be out on stands midday
 on Fridays this year!
 We hope you pick one up then!**

Key Words

A regular column from ACE and the Writing Center



By Stephanie Carter
ACE/Writing Center Staff Contributor

Last week, Sam Grabelle mentioned that we needed help finding a title for our new column. Our favorite entry came from ACE's own Corey Larsen, who came up with "Key Words." We love Corey's idea, and are happy to make it the official name of our ACE and Writing Center column. We plan to offer some key words (get it?) of wisdom each week on ways to achieve academic success.

Here are some Key Words about ACE and the Writing Center:

ACE stands for Academic Center for Excellence. Once upon a time, we considered naming our department Academic Success Services, but that acronym wouldn't really give the right impression, would it?

Tutors and Consultants are students who work in ACE and the Writing Center. They provide subject area and writing tutoring for just about every class offered here at Bryant. The students who are hired as tutors and consultants are recommended by faculty members, must maintain strong GPAs, and undergo many hours of training on how to tutor effectively. They are a fantastic resource for all students.

Specialists are professional staff members who work directly with students who want to improve their academic performance. Between them, they can answer just about any question you may have about math, writing or learning strategies.

Labs are drop-in spots in ACE and the Writing Center. There's always a tutor on hand in the labs, so you can swing by anytime you need immediate help in Finance, Accounting, Math or Economics. You can remember the labs we have with the acronym FAME. We also offer drop-in services for CIS tutoring and for writing. Toward the end of the semester, we also offer help with the GFOB business plan in our Business

Plan Lab.

Workshops are 1-hour sessions that ACE and the Writing Center's professional staff offer regularly. If you are feeling like you need to brush up on any of your academic skills, from note-taking to citing sources, working in a group to writing concisely, we'd love to have you attend!

FIRST5 is a new initiative to encourage students to take advantage of services for their academic success. Students who complete five activities in the first five weeks of the semester are entered into a raffle for great prizes. Interested? Just make sure you:

1. Take a tour of ACE
2. Visit a specialist or academic advisor
3. Attend a workshop or Gateway session
4. Meet with a tutor or visit a lab
5. Attend a Writing Center appointment

Resources: Here in ACE and the Writing Center, we consider all of our staff excellent resources for any help you might need. But, we have other academic success resources, too. Check out our writing handouts in ACE or on our website: www.academicsuccess.bryant.edu. We are also on Twitter at [BryantACEWC](https://twitter.com/BryantACEWC). Follow us there for access to further resources – we are looking for more followers!

And finally, Success. You might have noticed that I keep using the word "success" in this column. So, what does academic success really mean? It means different things to each individual student. For one person, success could be a 4.0 GPA. For another, maybe it means learning about a subject you never even knew about before Bryant. Or success could be doing well in your most challenging class. However you define academic success for yourself, ACE and the Writing Center is here to help!

Bryant Dragon Dance wins bronze

Bryant University's dragon dance team returned last week from the Luija International Dragon Dance Competition with a third-place medal and the "Most Popular Team" award. The two day tournament was host to 13 teams from around the world.



The Bryant University team arrived in Wuhan China a week before the competition to train at the China University of Geosciences with their dragon dance team. There ten Bryant students trained for four days with Professor Kai Hu, a Kung Fu master and an expert in traditional chinese culture. The Bryant team trained daily for up to twelve hours alongside Chinese university students. "It has been an incredible cultural experience to train alongside the (CUG) team," said Ryan Tengler one of the leaders of the Bryant team "between the jet-lag and long days we are all pretty exhausted, but when you hit that physical limit you just have to dig deep and keep going." After four days of intense training the team left for Kunshan for the two day competition.

The Luija International Dragon Dance Competition was comprised of 13 teams from mainland China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan. The Bryant team was the only team from North America and is believed to be the only university sponsored dragon dance team in the United States.



The first day competition was a "freestyle" event where teams could perform any routine between six and nine minutes. Dragon dance combines athleticism and artistry to bring to life a 54-foot-long decorative cloth and bamboo dragon. Over 3,000 spectators attended the outdoor event held in a local sports complex. The audience clapped in delight at the Bryant team's "Titanic Formation". While music from the movie Titanic was played the dragon formed the shape of a boat and two members were raised into the air, mimicking the iconic scene between Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet.

The other formations create beautiful shapes and movements out of the dragon. The team showcased some of its new formations that required teammates to suspend themselves off the ground. These more technically challenging new formations made the dragon move in a "figure eight" movement and helped improve the teams score.

On the second day the team scored slightly higher, perfectly performing their routine in the second day's more "traditional dance" competition. "I was very happy with the way we performed today, the communication was incredible," Said Ben Heinemeyer, one of the teams dragon heads. "We made a few small mistakes the first day and were nervous coming into the second day, but everyone focused on their form and all our hard work really paid off." Smiles and tears abounded at the final awards ceremony as competitors said goodbye to their newly made friends.

The team's next performance will be the night of Saturday September 21st at WaterFire in Providence. The team will perform their award winning routine on the main stage after traveling by boat the length of the river.

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Tupper's Tidbits

Tupper's Top Five "Dog-vantages"

Iron Clad Tupper I



Yeah...being a dog...it's a "ruff" life...BOL (Bark Out Loud)!. (Christina Senecal)

"I wish I had your life..." "This dog has the life..." "When I die, I want to come back as you, Tupper!"

I hear variations of this theme all the time. Why? Because I'm a pampered pooch. Note that I did not use the word "spoiled." Because I'm not. Merriam-Webster online uses this for the definition of spoiled: to impair the disposition or character of by overindulgence or excessive praise.

I think we can all agree that I'm still a character. And well-behaved.

I will freely acknowledge that I get special treatment as a mascot. But besides coming to school, I get treated the exact same as the other two (French) bulldogs in the house. There are, however advantages dogs have over humans. I'll call them "dog-vantages." Here are Tupper's Top Five "Dog-vantages":

5. The world is our bathroom. When I gotta go, I just go. I don't care if I'm in a fancy garden, a park, or the middle of a playing field (sorry about that, Bulldogs). I mean, I mostly confine it to outdoors (which kinda stinks when it's rainy or cold, but, hey, can't have everything), but it's harmful to suppress bodily functions.

4. No homework. Don't get me wrong. I put in my time when I went to puppy kindergarten with the moms. "Sit." "Stay." "Leave it." "High five." And if I got it right, I got a nice piece of dried lamb lung. OMNOMNOM. Don't be jelly - if

you get your stuff right, you get good grades. Then good internships and good jobs. Getting papers! I haven't gotten papers since I was potty training.

3. We get plenty of rest. The momma's at work all day. I get to sleep. Or at least rest, since I gotta stay on top of my social media. You guys tweet A LOT when you're in class...

2. We don't worry about dating. No candlelight dinners. No pressure to send "Good morning, beautiful" texts (although seriously, guys, that doesn't cost you anything and gives you MAJOR points). No marriage. When we like each other, there's butt sniffing, and...well... I'll leave it at that.

And the number one "dog-vantage" we have is:

1. Humans are our best friend. I don't worry about anything, really, because I know my human will take care of me - food, water, scratchies, treats, love. It's all we need. We're not that complicated. Like men.

So there you have it. Tupper's Top Five "Dog-vantages." Don't forget - I'm on Twitter (@bryanttuppy) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/bulldogtupper). Get at me! I'll see you soon. 'Til next time... WOOF!

Turner's Thoughts

September: No Kid Hungry Month



By Debbie Turner
Registered Dietician for
Bryant University Dining



September is No Kid Hungry month. Sodexo will support the campaign, country wide, by wearing Orange on September 17th. By wearing Orange through the month of September, you can help raise awareness for the 1 in 5 kids in America that are food insecure.

Visit

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for more information!

25% of households with children living in large cities are food insecure



Gas Stove Girl

Pumpkin Snickerdoodle Cookies

By Jess Komoroski

Archway Editor-in-Chief Alumnus

For the cookies:

3 3/4 cups flour (yes, that much!)
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
2 sticks unsalted butter, room temperature
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup packed dark brown sugar
1 cup packed pumpkin puree
1 large egg
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
For the coating
1/2 cup sugar
2 teaspoons cinnamon sugar
2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
Dash ground cardamom
(just a dash..this stuff is strong), optional



Here's what you do:

In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, salt, cinnamon, ginger and pumpkin pie spice. Set aside.

In a stand mixer fitted with a paddle attachment, beat the butter, sugar, and brown sugar on medium speed until fluffy, about 3 minutes. With the mixer still on medium speed, add the pumpkin puree until well combined. Add the egg and vanilla extract. Stop the mixer and scrape down the sides of the bowl. Lower speed to medium-low and add the dry ingredients in 3 batches, being careful not to over mix.

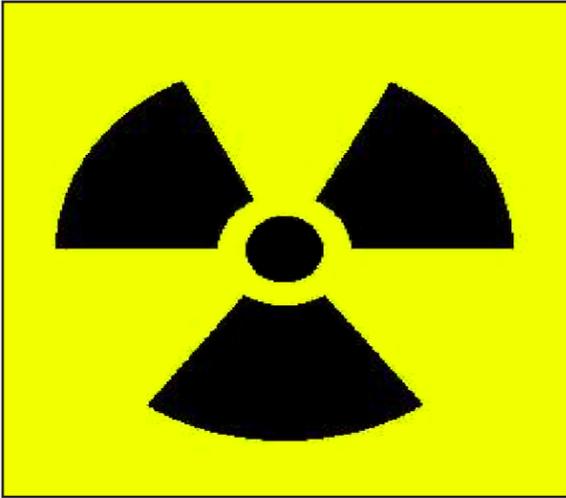
Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and refrigerate for one hour.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper. Mix together the sugar and all the spices for the coating in a small bowl. Using a medium cookie scoop, scoop out the dough and roll into balls. Roll in the cinnamon sugar mixture to coat on all sides. Set dough balls about 2 inches apart on the baking sheet. Wet the bottom of a flat glass and dip in the coating; then, press down on each dough ball to flatten to about an inch thick. These cookies should not spread, so they will stay about as thick as you press them down.

Bake for 10-12 minutes or until cookies are set. Tap gently on the top of the cookie; if it gives only slightly and doesn't deflate, they are done. Cool for 5 minutes on the baking sheet, then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely. Cookies will last in an airtight container at room temperature for 5 days.

Nuclear energy: the answer?

By May Vickers
Staff Writer



For many individuals, when we hear the word nuclear, an image of a nuclear bomb or nuclear weapon immediately pops into our head. However, with the prevalent concept of mutual mass destruction, the threat from nuclear power seems much more imminent and dangerous than the threat of a nuclear bomb. A fear of nuclear meltdowns persists from previous accidents including Chernobyl, Three Mile Island and more recently Fukushima, Japan. The nuclear meltdown catastrophe which occurred in Fukushima, Japan on March 11th 2011, brought the fear of nuclear disasters to the world's forefront.

Why did the nuclear meltdown occur? The Fukushima Daiichi and Daini power plants are located near Japan's Eastern shoreline. On March 11th 2011, the Great East Japan Earthquake occurred one hundred and thirty kilometers offshore with a magnitude of 9.0. The earthquake caused a large tsunami which killed nineteen thousand civilians and destroyed close to a million buildings. Although no serious damage occurred to the nuclear reactors from the earthquake, all six external power supplies were extinguished. When the tsunami hit both power plants, the water submerged and damaged the seawater pumps for the main condenser and auxiliary cooling circuits.

With the significant damage caused by the earthquake and subsequent tsunami, all employees evacuated the buildings for fear of nuclear meltdown in reactors one through three. At 7:03 pm a nuclear emergency was declared. Although, this major nuclear catastrophe occurred two years ago, the world has faced serious consequences. According to various studies, a radioactive plume of water in

the Pacific Ocean, will reach the United States shoreline by 2014. The radioactive plume comes from radioactive particles falling out from the atmosphere into the ocean, contaminated water directly released from damaged power plants and water that became contaminated by leaching radioactive particles from tainted soil. This radioactive plume may have subsequent health and environmental impacts.

With three major nuclear power disasters highlighted throughout history, the question comes to mind, is nuclear energy a form of sustainable energy? The answer is that it is not. Various organizations have deemed nuclear energy as unsustainable, uneconomic, dirty and dangerous. Nuclear power is inflexible in nature, generates radioactive waste and has hidden costs. The energy is created by splitting uranium atoms in a process called nuclear fission. Although, generating nuclear energy has no upfront greenhouse gas emissions, uranium itself is a non-renewable energy source thus making it an unsustainable practice.

Although, using nuclear energy is flawed, the world on a global level cannot immediately stop using non-renewable energy sources. The United States should take a leadership role in this area of expertise and begin to build renewable energy infrastructure and provide increased financial incentives for using renewable alternatives. Nuclear energy can be used as a bridging source while the world innovates the best method for diversifying its energy resources. We will never find a perfect energy source that solves all energy issues but with intensified collaboration on global, regional and local levels, it is feasible for countries to begin to phase out fossil fuel use with renewable alternatives.



The Student Senate will be very busy the next few weeks as we really get ourselves geared up for the rest of the year. As is the case with most people's Septembers, getting adjusted to the regular routine always seems to be a mad house. This year it seems especially with so many changes and new things going on at Bryant. However, we have a lot going on throughout the rest of September that we hope all of you involve yourselves with, especially the freshman class.

Here are some of the things coming up this month that we as The Senate or individuals on behalf of the Senate will be hosting and attending:

Friday 9/20 at 4:00pm - Freshman Class Candidate Speeches in Hall 15
Sunday 9/22 at 10:00am - Leadership Summit in Bello
Monday & Tuesday 9/23 and 9/24 - Freshman Class Elections
Wednesday 9/25 at 4:00pm - Student Senate Meeting in Hall 15
Thursday 9/26 at 2:00pm - Grand Opening Ceremony of the Fisher Student Center
Saturday 9/28 - Open House

We hope that should you have any thoughts, questions, concerns, recommendations, etc., that you come to one of these events and voice them to us and we can follow up with you on how to proceed with them. We are here for all of you and would love to do anything we can to make sure that your hopes and dreams for Bryant University become realities.

A true heroine

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courage displayed by Kayleigh. I feel honored to be able to write about Kayleigh's courage, for, as Presidently Machtley said, she likely saved many women from going through what Kayleigh and two other women endured.

So often I am used to reading and writing about stories that make people wonder about the good and evil people and forces that exist in the world today. Often they are stories written about events far away, events that don't necessarily "hit home" because I feel at a safe enough distance from the event. And often, those stories tell of a tragedy and the good that ultimately comes out of that event. However, this isn't a story about tragedy, this is a story about one young woman who possesses such strength, courage, determination and fight unlike anyone I have had the pleasure of meeting before. Kayleigh Ballantyne is a senior here at Bryant and has been a member of the Bryant University field hockey team for the past 4 years. In late July, she was brutally attacked in South Boston and stabbed 9 times.

I had the opportunity to ask Kayleigh a few questions about the Character Award she received and how this experience has changed her.

Kathryn: How did you feel when you first heard you were going to be receiving the "Character Award", and what does it mean to you to have received this award?

Kayleigh: "When I found out that President Machtley had talked to my mom and told her I was going to receive the Character award, I felt an overwhelming feeling of pride, and accomplishment. At first I was worried that I was receiving the award because I survived the situation. After talking to President Machtley I quickly learned his reasoning for the award, and I fit into his four important concepts of this Character Award. This award proves to me, and everyone else, that I have overcome a HUGE set back in my life, and the fact that I'm back on the grind at Bryant and trying to move on from this situation is a very important achievement, and I'm getting recognized for it. I tried to force myself to believe for the first few weeks that this situation was just another bump in the road in my life, and that I would be over it in no time. However, after a few weeks, reality set in and I knew coping with this would be a hardship."

Kathryn: What do you hope others will learn from you?

Kayleigh: My biggest goal in life is to get awareness out to teens and young adults that tragic situations can happen no matter who you are and where you are. I want people to understand no matter what happens, if you have enough strength and perseverance to keep pushing you can get through anything. People don't know how courageous they are until that courage is being tested. I told my field hockey coach after my accident that there is no other institution that I could ever be a part of besides Bryant. This institution has done nothing but support me and be there for me throughout all of this. President Machtley, faculty, staff & students have been more than supportive in making me feel comfortable since being back at Bryant. My favorite part about Bryant is the people that surround you every single day and the amount of comfort that one has being on this campus. We are in the top 10 safest schools on campus. If it wasn't for DPS and the amount of trust I have in them, I most likely wouldn't be back here right now. My field hockey team is incredible and I have 25 sisters to back me up and protect me on this campus. I couldn't thank them and my coaches enough for being my family away from home.

When I first set out to write this article, I have to admit, I didn't know what I was in for. I kept trying to find the words to convey the emotions that come from hearing a story like this, to make people feel the emotions that cannot be put in words. I realized that this is the kind of story that speaks for itself. In its bare, unfaltering truth, we are reminded that while the world is often filled with sadness and evil, it is also filled with courageous, brave, kind, caring people, like Kayleigh Ballantyne.

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Changes in compliance on Wall Street

By John Zeiner
Business Editor

It has been five years since Lehman Brothers filed for bankruptcy. This has allowed regulators and Wall Street ample time to reflect on what they could and should have done. On the brighter side, since the financial crisis companies have become much more direct about impending litigation and government investigations. Furthermore, the significant public scrutiny they have faced has led companies to invest a lot more money and resources into compliance with the many regulatory requirements. The fall of Lehman Brothers as a whole had little to do with how firms followed the rules. But the public outrage over how the government failed to oversee financial institutions has created a significantly tougher regulatory environment where companies cannot afford to misstep.

In 2010, the Dodd-Frank Act was adopted to address the inadequate regulation and oversight of the financial markets. It was deemed as a means to prevent “too big to fail” banks from utilizing government bailouts. Yet, many of the rules included in the law have not been adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. They have been tied down with having to figure out how to regulate financial products such as money market funds and derivatives.

People tend to criticize the government for not acting swiftly enough. However, when they moved quickly by bailing out American International Group (AIG) in response to the Lehman bankruptcy, the criticisms were that it was overreaching and playing favorites in the market. That culture of act now, respond later, no longer exists within companies. They don't wait around to be stirred. Despite the lack of total regulations being in place, it has become somewhat of an arms race among firms to see who complies with the law the best.



But, we must not expect this commitment to last. At some point in time companies will begin to complain about the excess costs that are required to keep up with “burdensome” regulations.

Chief Executive of JPMorgan Chase, Jamie Dimon, survived the financial crisis while earning the strongest reputation. He led the bank charge against regulations like the Volcker Rule which would have restricted investments made by large banks. Firms are beginning to lobby behind the scenes to keep these rules from becoming oppressive.

Unfortunately things are not looking as bright as they used to for Dimon. Last year JPMorgan had to deal with several government investigations that included its disclosure of \$6 billion in trading losses and whether their hiring of the children of government officials in Asia violated the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. In fact, JPMorgan's most recent quarterly securities filing consisted of a nine-page narration of numerous lawsuits and investigations it faces. This is on the opposite end of the spectrum from how Goldman Sachs dealt with their

2009 investigation of their sale of collateralized debt obligations. In their case, they made no mention of it, so it came by surprise when the SEC filed a civil fraud lawsuit in 2010 that ended with Goldman paying \$550 million to settle. JPMorgan disclosed that estimated potential litigation costs could run as high as \$6.8 billion with its legal expenses being \$678 million for the quarter. Also, sources told The Wall Street Journal last week, “the bank planned to spend an additional \$1.5 billion and commit 5,000 employees to its compliance program while strengthening the autonomy of those responsible for how it follows laws and regulations.”

Spending money on compliance is not something that will generate revenue or increase the profitability of a company. Rather it is more along the lines of insurance or any other preventative measure. The money that they put into training employees on how to act in favor of regulations and following the law can result in the company not having to face future investigations or penalties the government would impose on a violation. For now, the idea of compliance is that it is no longer an excess cost, but an overhead cost that is just a part of any other daily expense for an organization.

It is clear that the debacle that was Lehman Brothers has undoubtedly placed a greater emphasis on firms showing that they are indeed following the rules and regulations. One question remains, will the inevitable pushback against regulation lead to a substantial weakening in the compliance department? After praising the Dodd-Frank Act President Obama said, “No law can force anybody to be responsible; it's still incumbent on those on Wall Street to heed the lessons of this crisis in terms of how they conduct their businesses.” The question of whether the clarity promoted since the Fall of Lehman Brothers will continue to allow monitoring if the pledge to following the law remains in place.

Biz Snipz - news from around the world

By John Zeiner
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Starbucks tackles China

As most people know, Americans love their Starbucks and pretty soon we will not be the only country craving their coffees. Early next year, it is expected that China will replace Canada as the second-largest market for the global coffee giant, where they expect to open their 1,000th store before the end of 2013.

On Monday, Starbucks announced the opening of two iconic, flagship stores where they will be bidding to appeal to the Chinese customers by experimenting with the interior and exterior designs of their new stores. There will even be a new 24-hour location in Beijing. Starbucks, which has more than 12,000 U.S. locations, now views China as its biggest growth market, which can help it taper the pace of domestic growth. For them, it is all about tapping into growth markets that have room for expansion.

By the end of 2013, Starbucks will have 4,000 locations across China and Asia Pacific. The two new innovative stores in Beijing are not just focused on capturing the wandering eye of the curious, but aimed at keeping the customers coming back. One of the stores is a 4,000 square-foot, two-story building, located at one of Beijing's busiest intersections. Also, there is a huge Starbucks icon on the outside of the building that illuminates at night allowing it to be seen from blocks away.

By offering hand-crafted items to customers and innovative designs, they are going great lengths to appease the coffee culture.

The other store which is located in the younger, hipper area of Beijing is targeting Millennials. Besides being open 24 hours, the store features ceiling-to-floor glass windows and a special club on the second floor that will feature live music on the weekends. John Culver, Starbucks' Group President of China and Asia Pacific, said, “Unlike U.S. locations, which do about 70% of their business before 10 a.m., the stores in China do just the opposite with more than 70% of their business in the afternoon and evening. It's a lifestyle to the Chinese. It's much more of a gathering place for social occasions.”

With the installation of these two flagship stores, this shows the attitude Starbucks takes towards the market and with a population of more than 1.2 Billion people they are rightfully so. Their challenge: influence a predominantly tea-drinking culture to drink more coffee.

Tech buy backs surge

In their announcement on Tuesday, Microsoft revealed a 22% increase in their dividend in addition to a revelation with even more potential: a \$40 billion stock buyback program. Microsoft is just one of many other tech companies that have decided to use their cash to reinvest in their own stock.

According to Standard & Poor's senior index analyst,

Howard Silverbatt, “companies are announcing buybacks in a big way, increasing them 18.1% to \$118.1 billion the second quarter from a year earlier.” That is the largest increase since the third quarter of 2007. Apple accounted for a huge portion of the buyback story in the second quarter. Without their \$16 billion in stock repurchases, buybacks as a whole would have only increased by 2%.

Why is there a sudden need to repurchase stock? Many companies, specifically tech companies, have a significant amount of cash and buying back their own stock is safer than purchasing others or increasing their dividend. They tend to shy away from the dividend increase because if they needed to reduce it, the reduction would be seen as a sign of weakness in their performance by Wall Street. Currently, there is a record total of \$1.14 trillion in cash and equivalents held by companies.

\$3 gas here to stay

On Tuesday, AAA released yet another statistic regarding gas prices. The average price of gasoline will surpass \$3 per gallon for the 1,000th consecutive day which has never happened before. Understandably by now, it is expected that as another statistic is released regarding the soaring prices of gasoline that there will be a public outcry among those who feel they have been taken advantage of at the pump.

But at this point, one would expect that people would know the likelihood of gas returning to their two dollar prices is a scene

from the past. The current streak began on December 23, 2010 and today the national average for a gallon of regular gas is \$3.52, according to AAA's daily price tracking service. AAA forecasts that unless there is another recession, a price floor of \$3 a gallon is here to stay.

‘Despite prices not dropping below \$3 a gallon in 1,000 days, they have also not risen about \$4’

Patrick DeHaan of Gasbuddy.com believes that following the peaceful resolution between the United States and Syria, it is possible to see gas average in the low \$3 around Christmas. On a positive note, despite prices not dropping below \$3 a gallon in 1,000 days, they have also not risen about \$4.

Private health exchange for Walgreens

Walgreens, the United States' largest drugstore chain said Wednesday that it will send its workers to a private health insurance exchange, which is similar to those offered to uninsured Americans by the federal government next month. “The program provides more health coverage choices and an opportunity for most employees to lower their out-of-pocket health care costs next year,” the company said.

They will provide tools and resources to help employees

personalize coverage for themselves and their dependents, at the same time they will continue offering wellness benefits and health insurance to its employees as the plan administrator. “This is an irreversible trend from defined benefit to defined contribution employer-based health coverage,” says Wendell Potter, a former spokesman for Cigna Insurance. “It is comparable to the move several years ago from pensions to 401(k)s.”

The “continued unraveling of the employer-based system of health coverage,” which is prompted in part by the new health law, is good news, says Potter. But he worries too much of the burden of health costs are being shifted to employees. Benefits have long been a point of debate for retailers who often employ part-time, mostly low paid workers. The world's largest retailer, Walmart has been criticized for their labor union-backed employee groups for health insurance that are hard to afford because of high premiums or high deductibles, or hard to qualify due to unpredictable scheduling.



Beasts of the East: preview of Bulldogs' first NEC matchup against Wagner

By Justin Beaucage
Sports Editor

It was a tough loss for the Bulldogs to swallow last weekend. After jumping out to an early 16-7 lead on the road against Maine, the team let the win fall right through their hands. Maine scored 28 straight points to shock the Bulldogs with a 35-22 finish. As heartbreaking as the defeat was, the team knows there's a huge contest looming ahead of them that they must turn their attention to. The Bulldogs will certainly be tested on the road with their first conference matchup of the season against rival Wagner.

Hopefully, for the Bulldogs, revenge will be sweet. Last season, the Wagner Seahawks defended their home turf and defeated the Bulldogs 31-21, to give Bryant its fifth straight loss to open the 2012 campaign. However, one year can make a huge difference, and both teams are completely different from just a season ago. The Bulldogs will be entering this first NEC contest with an impressive 2-1 record, while Wagner has begun the season 1-2.

Despite the difference in records, it should be a closely contested matchup between these two bitter rivals. The Bulldogs will hope to get their offense going early and build a big lead against Wagner. Bryant will enter this game averaging 24 points per game while only allowing 19. Wagner is just coming off a demoralizing defeat, getting shutout by Syracuse, 54-0. The Seahawks' confidence could still be hurt from this crushing loss, and they may come out flat right out of the



Freshman Paul Canevari won NEC Rookie of the Week after his phenomenal game against Maine on Saturday. (Tom O'Brien)

gate. If the Bulldogs can jump on this early, it may be too much for Wagner to recover from.

It may truly come down to a battle in the trenches to see who comes out victorious in this one. Both teams have opened the season with strong running attacks. The Bulldogs are averaging around 200 yards per game on the ground as opposed to Wagner's 164 yards. The Seahawks' main threat out of the backfield is 5th year running back Dominique Williams, who has run for over three hundred yards with three scores already. The Bulldogs' leading rusher, junior Ricardo McCray, will look to outrun this opposing running back. McCray has done a nice job with the ball in his hands this

season, rushing for 288 yards with one touchdown.

Whichever offense can establish the run in the first couple of series would not only have an advantage on the scoreboard, but also in controlling the game. The Bulldogs may be able to stop their attack, since the defense has surrendered only 80 yards per game rushing to their opponents this season.

If Bryant wants get on the scoreboard quickly, they will have to find receiver Jordan Harris early and often. Harris will look to follow up on his best game of the season last week, catching nine passes for 182 yards and a touchdown. He will look to take advantage of

a weak Wagner secondary that has only gotten one interception in three games. If the Bulldogs can get their offense rolling early, they could find themselves with a huge lead. If we are looking at just offenses, the Bulldogs could have a very productive day. Bryant has averaged just under 420 yards per game, while Wagner has given up 437 yards per game. An explosive offense could take advantage of a vulnerable defense.

On defense, for the Bulldogs, the most important part of this game, as mentioned earlier, is stopping the run. The Seahawks' passing attack is led by junior Matt Misley. He has only attempted 60 passes in three games, and has also

thrown three interceptions. This quarterback could struggle against a very opportunistic Bulldogs secondary that has four interceptions already on the year. It will be important for the Bulldogs to take advantage of Wagner's offensive line as well. The Bulldogs already have 11 sacks this year, and their pressure on the junior quarterback could force him into some really poor decisions.

There are a few under-the-radar keys to the game that the Bulldogs should look out for in this NEC contest. Bryant has committed 27 penalties this year, and the team can't afford to make critical errors in big games like these. If the team is a little more disciplined on both sides of the ball, they could put even more points on the board. Also, if the Bulldogs defense does allow Wagner into the red zone, they should be very careful. Wagner has been very efficient in their scoring opportunities when inside the 20 this year, scoring 88 percent of the time (79 percent for a touchdown).

Finally, for the Bulldogs to have more scoring opportunities, they will try to improve on their third-down conversions. Bryant has only converted 35 percent of their third down attempts. By not giving the ball up so much on third down, Bryant can continue drives and control the game.

The Bulldogs will try to do all this and more to pick up its first road win of the season on Saturday, September 28, against Wagner. Not only will the Bulldogs try to get back on track with a victory, but they will try to make this a statement game, telling the NEC they are legitimate contenders in the conference.

Sports Shorts

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- Despite the tough loss this past weekend, it wasn't all bad for the Bulldog's football team. Sophomore running back Paul Canevari was named the NEC Rookie of the Week for his phenomenal game against one of the toughest defenses in the country. Canevari had a career day against Maine, running for 96 yards and two touchdowns on 18 carries on Saturday. Receiver Jordan Harris also added an award to his trophy case, winning honorable mention for the Wide Receiver of the Week by College Football Performance Award. Harris caught nine passes for 182 yards and scored his first touchdown of the season.
- Bryant's tennis team was extremely impressive this weekend at the Brown Invitational. Senior captain Dana Parziale scored three victories against three very challenging opponents. After defeating opponents from both Boston University and Brown, Parziale picked up an amazing victory in straight sets, 6-3, 6-3, over the reigning MAAC Player of the Year Dalen Klassen. The victory in the finals gave Parziale the flight championship for the weekend. Sophomores Max Vogt and Phillip Kim also had a great weekend on the courts. In just their second time teaming up, winning a main doubles flight. The Bulldogs can't celebrate for too long, as they must move on to the USTA Invitational this weekend.
- This past Sunday afternoon the women's field hockey team kept their winning streak going, making themselves serious competitors in the NEC. The Bulldogs scored four straight goals to pick up their fourth consecutive victory in a huge win against UMass Lowell. Two of the team's four goals came from senior midfielder Olivia Jenkins. Despite three goals in the first fifteen minutes from the Riverhawks, the Bulldogs were able to fight back and pick up the hard-fought victory. Rosie Bird was also able to pick up her seventh goal on the season, and continued to be a leader for this team. Senior Megan Hancock made three saves and picked up her fourth win of the year. The next challenge for the team will be the two games in St. Louis over the weekend. The comeback victory should give them a lot of momentum heading into the slate of games.
- After an impressive showing on the green two weekends ago, the Bulldog's golf team continued to impress this past weekend. Sophomore Joe Walp carded a three-round score of 220 (+4) to finish tied for eighth place. Walp's efforts on the course helped Bryant finish sixth place overall at the Adams Cup. The Bulldogs finished with a score of 914 to place sixth out of sixteen schools competing. Bulldogs' Kyle Buschmann finished the tournament tied for 22nd, while Sam Russell carded a 227 (+11) to finish out the tournament in a tie for 44th. The Bulldog's next test will be next Monday and Tuesday when they compete in the Hawk Invitational in South Kent, Connecticut.
- On and off the field, it's a great feeling when Bryant University can be proudly represented by our student-athletes. This past weekend, before their game against Maine, the Bulldog's football team got to meet and send off members of the U.S. Army and the Marines. When the team arrived in Bangor, they met up with these brave men and women who protect this country. The team got to take pictures and share stories with the soldiers. Afterwards, the soldiers would have to go to an assignment in Kuwait. It's always nice to see our Bryant Bulldogs making a positive impact in the community. The Bulldog's next game will be this Saturday against Wagner in New York.
- Are you looking to join any clubs or organizations and meet new people? There are plenty of different sports to join right here at Bryant University. From intramurals to club sports, there are plenty of opportunities to still get to play sports that you enjoy and spend a couple of hours a week doing what you really like. One of the most interesting and entertaining clubs here on campus is the bowling club. Run by junior president Michael Elmasian, the bowling club is a fun way to go out every Thursday night and just have fun with people from your school. If you are interested in this or any other club, make sure to check out the pages for these clubs and contact the leaders of these clubs. Remember, it is never too late to get involved at your school.

Too early to panic: 0-2 teams have some work to do

By Justin Beaucage
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Every year, at the beginning of the NFL season, there is one question on everyone's mind: who's going to win the Super Bowl? Many NFL teams hope to be the answer to this question. However, two weeks into this football year, many Super Bowl contenders have already met many obstacles on their way to the Lombardi Trophy.

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This year, there are plenty of Super Bowl hopefuls that have more questions than answers for the problems they have on their team.

The start to this NFL season has certainly been wild and filled with highlight-reel plays. Some franchises have gotten off to a fast start, solidifying themselves as a team that will be playing football in January. Others, however, have dug themselves quite a hole, and will have to fight back to try to turn their season around before it's too late.

History shows if these teams have any playoff hopes, they should start fixing things now. Since 1990, 22 teams which started off 0-2 have made the playoffs, and only three of those teams have won the Super Bowl. Eight teams have begun their 2013 campaign with a 0-2 record, and two of them were playoff teams last season. Here are some of the problems of some of the winless teams and how they can fix them:

1. Washington Redskins: Is it time to bench Robert Griffin III? After Barack Obama, Robert Griffin III and his knee might be the most talked-about person in Washington D.C. However, after

showing some rust in the first two games and not looking like the explosive Rookie of the Year we all saw last year, is it time for Griffin and his knee to take a seat on the bench?

As preseason favorite for the Super Bowl, there were many high expectations coming into the season for Washington. However, their Super Bowl hopes only stood a chance, ironically, if Griffin's knee was healthy. Two weeks into the year, it looks like Griffin might not be healthy and may have been rushed back to open up the season. It raises the question if he should be benched until he is knee is back to full strength.

Despite the disappointing 0-2 start, it is not time to call this season a wash in Washington. The Redskins still have the sixth-ranked offense in the NFL heading into this week, and Griffin seems like he gets better as the game goes on. Fans have to remember he did not play during the entire preseason, and it may take some time to get his timing back with his players. Even though backup quarterback Kurt Cousins showed flashes last year, Griffin is still the man to carry this offense, even if he is on a bad leg. In a very wide-open NFC East, the Redskins should be patient with Griffin, and it will definitely be worth the wait

2. Minnesota Vikings: Is there an issue at quarterback? If Adrian Peterson proved anything last season, it's that he may not be from this planet. After posting the second-most rushing yards in a season coming off ACL surgery, Peterson hoped to carry the Vikings to the playoffs once again this season.

However, after two straight losses against divisional opponents, time could be running out very soon for this Vikings team. Opposing defenses have stacked the box and began completely focusing their attention on stopping Peterson. Although he has rushed for 193 yards in two games, the unbalanced offensive attack is not working. Usually, for an offense, a team can turn to the passing game when their



Redskins quarterback Robert Griffin III and his health are key to his team's success (MCT Campus)

running back is getting stopped.

For the Vikings, however, they may not be able to turn to quarterback Christian Ponder for this. In two games, he has completed less than 60 percent of his passes and has thrown two touchdowns with four interceptions. He has also only attempted 14 more passes than Peterson has run the ball. This lackluster play at quarterback is not the recipe for success, and the Vikings should turn to someone else to give themselves more production from the passing game.

3. New York Giants: What is going on with Eli Manning? A year after going 8-8 and missing the playoffs, the rebuilt Giants looked to get off to a quick start and get back to their Super Bowl glory days. Even with all the off season moves, out of the gate, the Giants have fallen flat, and are winless with a lot of problems on offense.

First, the Giants are worst in the league running the ball, and have failed to find someone to be a consistent running back. Also, the leader of this football team, quarterback Eli Manning, has looked like anything but a leader early on. He has thrown

a whopping seven interceptions in just two games. It's still early, and the Giants do have time to solve their offensive problems. With all the focus on the Jets in the off season, maybe it was the other New York team people should have been concerned about.

4. Pittsburgh Steelers:

When will the offense catch up with the defense? Coming into the season, many fans thought Pittsburgh would be a dark horse to compete in February. With the way they have been playing, they might not even make it out of September.

The Steelers have opened the season 0-2 for the first time since 2000. Much thanks for their poor start is given to the lack of an running game, ranking second-to-last running the ball with 38 yards per game. The offense needs to find a way to get into the end zone, as they are ranked 30th in scoring; only averaging 9.5 points per game. If they don't get their running game going and start scoring some touchdowns, it could be a very long season in Pittsburgh.

5. Carolina Panthers: When will the Panthers be able to close a game out? Ever since

quarterback Cam Newton exploded on the scene with a record-breaking rookie season, Panthers fans have been waiting for the team to take the next step.

However, that step might not come this year. For the third straight year, under head coach Ron Rivera, the Panthers have kicked off the season with two straight losses. Their most recent defeat came from the Buffalo Bills thanks to a game-winning, comeback touchdown from a rookie quarterback with less than 2 seconds left. The Panthers are now 2-14 in games decided by a touchdown or less since Rivera started coaching. If the Panthers can't learn to close out games, no matter how exciting Newton may be, Carolina will never make the jump into a playoff team.

These are just some of the teams that have a lot of changes to make early in the season to keep their playoff hopes alive. Coming into the year, these teams had playoff dreams, but the start to their seasons has been a nightmare. For these teams, there's still a chance, as they can still fix these problems before time runs out.

Patriots 'drop' Jets in home opener in close game

Despite receivers struggling, the defense shines and the Patriots defeat their rivals to open the season 2-0

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The New England Patriots were able to overcome many drops from not only their wide receivers, but also from the sky, as they were able to score early and hold on to beat the New York Jets by a score of thirteen to ten last Thursday night.

It looked like it would be the Pats night, early on as they scored on their first drive of the game thanks to Aaron Dobson's thirty nine yard touchdown reception. The catch was Dobson's first of his professional career and he likely won't have any easier touchdown catches for the rest of his career. The Patriots faked a run left and Dobson lined up in the right slot and faked like he was blocking and was able to evade Jet defenders and waltz his way into the end zone. Dobson caught only two more passes the rest of the game, while having many costly drops that drew the ire of his quarterback, Tom Brady.

On the Jets first drive of the game they did exactly the opposite of what they had planned on doing, turning the ball over. Devin McCourty was able to jar the ball loose from Jet Receiver, Stephen Hill, after Hill made a nice thirty three yard catch.

McCourty then scooped up the fumble and returned forty four yards to the Jets eight yard line. The Pats were able to only manage a field goal out of their prime situation. Perhaps this was a telling sign as they were only able to score three more points the rest of the game.

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The Jets from that point on until late in the fourth quarter seemed to control the line of scrimmage and game. The Jets were able to use their fabled "Ground and Pound" strategy to churn out 100 yards on twenty five carries between Chris Ivory and Bilal Powell. This strategy worked essentially all night and offensive coordinator Marty Morhinweg drew his fair share of criticism, as he seemed to abandon this strategy at crucial points late in the game. In the fourth quarter

alone rookie quarterback Geno Smith threw three interceptions. While Smith has to be accountable for those picks, an offensive coordinators job is to put his quarterback in the best position to succeed, and throwing the ball thirty five times against an improved Patriots secondary in the pouring rain in week two is not doing that.

All of the Boston area seems to be attacking the Patriots weakness that is their receiving core and their weak hands. Fans not need to fret over the lack of offense, but rather cheer for the defense that has grown in leaps and bounds since the end of last season. The Pats secondary, led by Aquib Talib, Devin McCourty, and Alfonso Dennard were able to pick off three passes. The past few seasons it seems as if their secondary hasn't picked off three passes in an entire season, let alone in one game. Look for another close game for the Pats next week as the



Patriots quarterback Tom Brady gets pumped up for the team's second win early in the season (MCT Campus)

Buccaneers make their way to Gillette Stadium. The Patriots receiving core will still consist mainly of untested rookies. However, Patriots fans, there are reports that a certain all pro Tight End could be suiting up Sunday for them.

Alabama for three; who can stop the Crimson Tide?

By Justin Beaucage
Sports Editor

In sports, teams that win everything are despised. The New York Yankees, the Los Angeles Lakers, and the Pittsburgh Steelers are some of the most hated empires in sports history. However, at the end of this college football season, there may be one villain to rule them all: the Alabama Crimson Tide.

With all the focus this season on Johnny Manziel signing autographs, Jadeveon Clowney's pursuit for a Heisman, and even Oregon stealing some of the spotlight, it seems like everyone has forgotten about Alabama and how dominant of a football program they have become.

For the number 1 Crimson Tide, it has just been another day at the office for this highly successful program, starting their season 2-0, including a recent 49-42 thrilling victory over Texas A&M. Even with an impressive start, Alabama has no intention of stopping here. This team has one goal and one goal only: to become the first program to win three-straight national championships.

From the looks of it, there isn't anyone that can stop them from doing it.

Alabama has been unarguably the most dominant college football team for the last three seasons. Under head coach Nick Saban, over the last three years, the team has gone a remarkable 27-2, and this football factory has produced 22 NFL players since 2011. Even when their players leave, it seems like there is someone else to take their spot and continue Alabama's dominance. It surely does look like a great blueprint to win



Oregon's De'Anthony Thomas could pose a huge threat to Alabama if they played (MCT Campus)

national championships.

With all this said who can stop Alabama on their journey for a record third national title? Here are the top five teams with the best chance of dethroning the Crimson Tide:

1. (3) Clemson Tigers: When it comes to beating Alabama, this team may have the best chance of meeting and beating them in the national championship game. Clemson, with quarterback Tajh Boyd and playmaking receiver Sammy Watkins, may have the offensive weapons to beat Alabama.

One of the weaknesses of Alabama's great defense early this year has been stopping the run. Clemson averages around 190 yards rushing per game, and could control the game by running the ball. This would keep Alabama's offense off the field and not give them many chances to put points on the board. If these two teams meet in the national championship

game, Clemson has a good chance to keep Alabama's third title away from them.

2. (2) Oregon Ducks: One of the best ways to defeat Alabama is to simply outscore them. The Oregon Ducks would have no problem trying to do that if these two teams did square up. Oregon is 4th in the nation in rushing, averaging an amazing 355 yards on the ground. Led by Heisman candidate De'Anthony Thomas, the running game could really exploit Alabama's lack of run defense. The Ducks play an extremely fast-paced style, which is something Alabama might not be able to keep up with. The Crimson Tide only averages around 220 passing yards per game. If the Ducks were to take an early lead, it could be difficult for Alabama to mount a comeback. It also helps that Oregon is ranked second in the nation in points allowed; only surrendering nine points per game so far. However, the

Ducks have yet to play a ranked opponent this season.

3. (4) Ohio State Buckeyes: Alabama's defense seems to struggle the most against versatile, running quarterbacks. In college football, there is no one more dynamic and exciting to watch than the Buckeye's Braxton Miller. He is a threat to take it to the end zone on any play, and he could be the x-factor in ending Alabama's championship run.

Ohio State is near the top of every offensive category in the nation, averaging around 45 points per game. Injuries have been an issue for the Buckeyes, as Miller has not been able to stay healthy early in the season. With cornerback Bradley Roby returning to the lineup, this takes the Buckeyes' defense to a whole new level, and could be the key to shutting down some of Alabama's outside threats. If these two teams were to meet, it would certainly be fun to watch

Alabama try to chase down Miller and this exciting offense.

4. (7) Louisville Cardinals: Someone who could give Alabama a run for their money is an NFL-ready quarterback. Top-prospect Teddy Bridgewater certainly has the Cardinals flying high early on, winning their first three games by an average of 31 points. Bridgewater has shown scouts and the nation he can play at the professional level, already throwing for over 1,000 yards and ten touchdowns in just three games. With the 9th ranked passing attack in the country, Louisville could be a team that Alabama should watch out for. However, with an extremely easy schedule, it will be very difficult for Louisville to earn a national title bid.

5. (10) Texas A&M Aggies: The Aggies were just a touchdown away from pulling off their second victory over Alabama in two seasons last Saturday. In two career games against Alabama, quarterback Johnny Manziel has torched the defense for nearly 900 yards of offense, 562 of them coming last week. Texas A&M just didn't make enough plays to defeat Alabama the other night. However, the two games against each other has shown Manziel that the Aggies offense has what it takes to beat the Crimson Tide. After the loss, it will be tough for the Aggies to earn a spot in the national title game. If they are given this chance, the result of game three might be a little different than the last one.

As unbeatable as Alabama may seem, there are ways to beat them. These five teams look to build on their early successes this year and show people that Alabama can be stopped.

Tebow time in Jacksonville? Fans hold rally for Jaguars to sign the hometown quarterback

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Even in an off season where he is not on an NFL roster, quarterback Tim Tebow still finds his way into the headlines.

After two games, Jacksonville Jaguars fans have given up on their season. With a 0-2 start, fans are already looking forward to next year, and ready to call it quits on this year. However, some fans still have hope and believe that one man can salvage their season: Tim Tebow.

Following the Jaguars' loss on Sunday, fans began to organize a rally online for the Jaguars to sign Tim Tebow. The rally was planned to take place on Monday at 3:16 PM and was supposed to last around three hours and sixteen minutes (no, neither of those are a coincidence). Despite all the hype this rally was receiving, the event planned was a flop, as only around five people even showed up. Despite the lack of support, there is still buzz going around that the Jaguars might sign Tebow.

Even though this article will probably be longer than Tebow has ever thrown a pass, Jaguar fans threw a rally this past week to try to get the team to sign the Jacksonville-native quarterback. The team may have every reason to turn to Tebow for help. The Jaguars' quarterbacks have been abysmal to start this year. Chad

Henne has completed 64 percent of his passes and has only thrown for one touchdown. Meanwhile, it may be safe to call former first-round pick Blaine Gabbert a bust, as he completed less than 45 percent of his passes and threw two interceptions in the opener against the Chiefs. The Jaguars have only scored a mere 11 points in two games to open up the season.

So, maybe the Jaguars should look for a quarterback. But the answer can't be Tim Tebow, can it? The controversial quarterback is most known for his play as a Denver Bronco in 2011, where he brought the Broncos back from a 2-6 record to give the team a miraculous playoff berth, with even six 4th quarter comebacks and seven game winning drives.

Based on the accolades, why wouldn't Tebow be the answer for the Jaguars? Well, hidden by all the heroics, Tebow may have one of the worst quarterback statistics of all time for a starting quarterback. He has completed 47 percent of his passes in his career, and has been criticized for not being able to throw the ball over ten yards. After his last failed stint with the Jets, Tebow didn't make it out of the preseason with the New England Patriots after a horrendous training camp. Although he wasn't signed to play a significant role in New England, his performance was definitely disappointing. In four preseason games with New England, Tebow completed a

horrible 37 percent of his passes with two interceptions, as the ball found the turf more than his receivers. His poor play eventually led to his release by the Patriots before the season started, as he continues to sit in the unemployment line. People even say that if a player can't make a Bill Belichick team, that player's career is pretty much over.

After hearing all this, what would make a team even think about signing Tebow? Even with his below-average play, he is a likeable player, and a great teammate. Also, in addition to some success in the NFL, one could argue he is one of the best collegiate athletes of all-time. With two national championships and a Heisman trophy, teams look to bring his winning experiences and his success into their clubhouse. It's this that makes teams want to bring a player of this caliber into their locker room.

So, will the Jacksonville Jaguars be the next team to try the whole Tim Tebow experiment? If someone looked at the Jaguar's situation, what do they have to lose (besides more games)? A signing may give a hopeless franchise hope, and it will definitely get people to talk about the Jaguars again. So, get your watches, Jaguars fan, because it may be Tebow time.

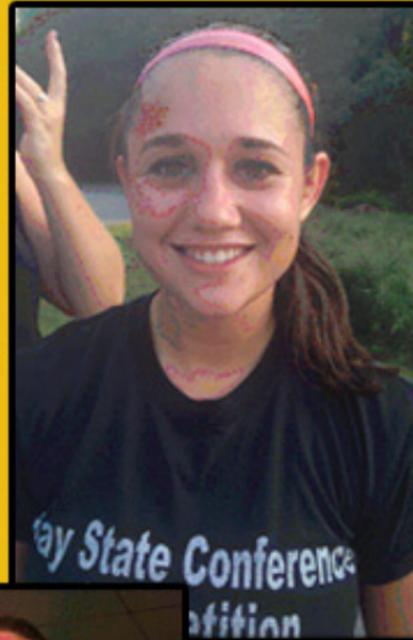
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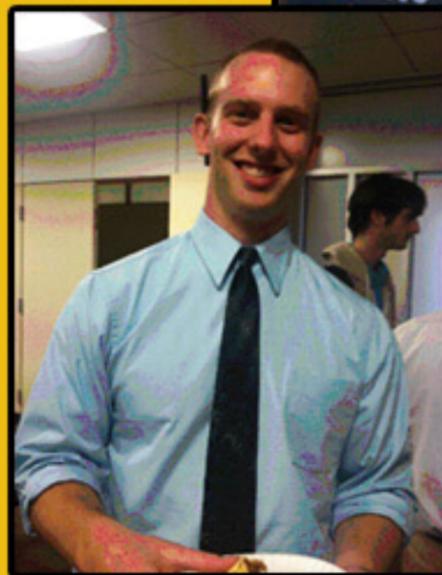


Like: "Being around all of the other seniors"
Dislike: "not seeing the rest of campus"
Tyler Holden



Like: "having my own kitchen and space from everyone"
Dislike: "long walk to class"
Michelle Canniff

Like: "The independence - much more like real life"
Dislike: "long walk to classes"
-Kelly McFarlin



Like: "cooking - because that's the way to a girls heart"
Dislike: "my roommate is a slob"
Rick Garceau



Like: "all of the space"
Dislike: "the smoke detectors - they always go off"
-Justin Beaucage



STUDENTS SPEAK OUT

Molly's rising popularity among teens

By Ashley Smith
Contributing Writer

With the name 'Molly' you likely wouldn't anticipate the danger in experimenting with the drug that has been taking over the social scene. Famous stars that our generation admire, listen to, and are influenced by mention Molly, also known as MDMA, a supposed pure form of ecstasy, in their music, including Kanye West, Miley Cyrus, and even Madonna. While it has just recently spiked in popularity among our generation, it has been used since the 1980s by clubgoers and the like.

With the rise in attention comes more widespread use, making it not uncommon for people that aren't involved in the electric music scene to experiment with the drug. However, Molly recently hit headlines as the cause of three deaths at the Electric Zoo music festival held in New York.

The dangers of experimenting with this drug are not from the drug itself, but from users being unaware of whether or not what they are getting is actually MDMA or something completely different. The risk is one many are willing to take for the intense feeling of euphoria and happiness that comes with taking Molly. It has gained a reputation as being, "speed with a psychedelic and empathetic twist."

It is common for people to state that Molly must be safer to use because it is a "purer" form of ecstasy. However, how can you be sure what you are buying is truly MDMA? Many users buy Molly from strangers at the clubs and concerts that they attend, making it nearly impossible to determine

if what they're buying is the real deal. People that haven't tried the drug before will read this and question why anyone would ever take such an obvious risk. However, people that have tried it in the past understand the desire to obtain it and do it again because the feelings of "happiness" are extremely desirable, especially in a social setting.

It has been known to help people loosen up in these settings, all self-consciousness is set aside and they are able to fully experience euphoria through the music and the psychedelic properties of Molly. As if that isn't enough, users frequently experiment with other drugs at the same time because it is claimed that Molly intensifies the effects.

While anything that causes death can easily be labeled as horrible and that action should be taken to prevent the use of it, perhaps this is not the

most effective way to go about preventing such tragedies in the future. The "War On Drugs" was not as successful as many had hoped, and I have come to the conclusion that it is immensely unlikely for people to ever stop utilizing these drugs. I feel attempting to stop usage with legal force would have an even greater negative effect than having it out in the open.

It will always be sold and people are better off being informed of the risks and attempting to avoid it themselves. I think we need to focus on how to make it safer and inform those that use it rather than trying to stop them. Making it a less dangerous environment will be more effective than pushing people to hide the fact that they use it and get harmed behind closed doors.



The new drug, going by the name of 'Molly' has a number of dangers that users are unaware of. (MCT Campus)

Internships: helpful or hurtful?

By Autumn Harrington
Opinion Editor

They all say an internship is the path to follow. Whether it's paid or not, an internship is a "resume builder," and an "experience." These key words are what future employers look for in prospective employees. They want people with a strong resume and people with "experience." But, is an internship really all it's talked up to be?

During the summer months, you can find Bryant students heading off into the cities of Boston and Providence with an office internship in different fields of the business world. Some do it for the money (if they're lucky) and some do it as a "resume builder." It is rare, but sometimes found, that students take an internship because they love what they're doing. I agree that it is important to have experience before graduating from college, but at the same time I look at internships as the first step in the career path. Unfortunately, in most cases, the idea of an internship for most companies has changed. It's no longer a 'learning process' for a prospective employee, or even just a student, but rather a 'chore.'

Students with internships have been left to do the dirty work. Buying coffee for the employees without being reimbursed, filing the paperwork that someone else just doesn't want to do, and even putting up filing cabinets and changing light bulbs. Obviously, not all interns are found doing this, and I recognize that. Some internships actually allow students to experience firsthand what it is to work in the area of business they're trying to go into, say

marketing or finance. But, as I stated, others just take advantage of the extra hands.

I have never questioned the idea of taking an internship until I realized that some companies just use the interns. Yes, the intern is less experienced than the 50 year old employee, but hey, why can't the company teach the intern the ropes? Students see internships as a stepping stone, when, in reality sometimes, they aren't learning anything very useful besides how to hold 15 coffees with two hands. Some interns also just do it for the pay, if the company is willing to pay. Good pay and a resume builder, right?

It's time that students stop letting companies do this to interns. It is time that students speak up and learn something while at a company. Yes, it is important to have an experience that builds your resume, and yes if the company pays that is a plus, but if, as an intern, you are not getting anything out of the experience, then do not take it. I find it crucial for students to listen to this.

Don't do something you don't love doing. If you wake up every morning dreading going to the office, just don't go. Take an internship that excites you, that teaches you something, that makes you want to go into that field when you're choosing a career. More Americans, than ever before, wake up every day hating their career choice. Don't be another employee who wants to quit their job every day and hates their boss. Stop taking internships that pay well and look good on paper. You do only live once, and if you aren't waking up happy every day, then something needs to change.

Study here, study there, study anywhere

By Alex Pantani
Staff Writer

Study. This word is frivolously thrown around all the time. The meaning behind the word can be a plethora of options depending on the person you ask. The real definition, according to the dictionary, is to learn about a subject by reading or researching. My idea of studying in comparison to your friend's definition will always be different. Nobody's habits of studying are the same. Some people have different ways to go about studying. This said, is there any place that helps people study better?

The library. It's quiet and serene. Just you, your work, and the way in which you prefer to study. Some people can't seem to accomplish any work unless they do it in the library. While others may never see the inside of a library more than ten times in their college career.

While studying in the library can be great, at the same time it's arguably the most distracting place to accomplish any kind of studying. With your friends and

strangers walking in and out at any given time you find your attention being drawn away from your work. You're worried about what others think of you while doing your work. You're wondering what homework they're doing or if they're doing any work at all. All the while, you're trying to study.

Ever think of studying in a classroom? Spending more time than needed in a classroom may sound ridiculous. We already find ourselves spending anywhere from 50 minutes to 75 minutes or the dreaded two hours and 40 minutes of night class. The mere thought of spending your free time in a classroom is dreadful. What everyone doesn't realize though is you get an entire room to yourself. You can share it with friends or lock the door to make it private to you. No need to reserve the room because there are so many available. There's even a projector in the room you can hook your laptop up to. Multiple desks and chairs to pick from to study in.

Enjoy listening to music while studying? There are speakers in the room you can plug your iPod into. The

downside to the classroom is you are all alone. Nobody distracts you. To some, this would be ideal; others need the distraction in order to help study more effectively.

The final option would be your room. Everyone on campus is provided a desk. Whether you choose to use that desk to study is entirely up to you. The upside of studying in your room is the feeling of being secure. Everything you could possibly need is usually in your room. If you want to take a break, go ahead and lay down. Want to watch a movie? Why not, throw it in the game system or DVD player and go for it. The downside is you find yourself getting distracted very easily. With all these outlets for breaks sometimes you tend to spend more time on a break instead of studying.

While some people do find other locations to accomplish studying, these happen to be the three most popular locations to do so. So next time you go to "study" what location do you think you'll complete the most work in: the library, a classroom, or your room?

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Battle of the Sexes

Who should be the first to text?

By Brian Wajda
Staff Writer

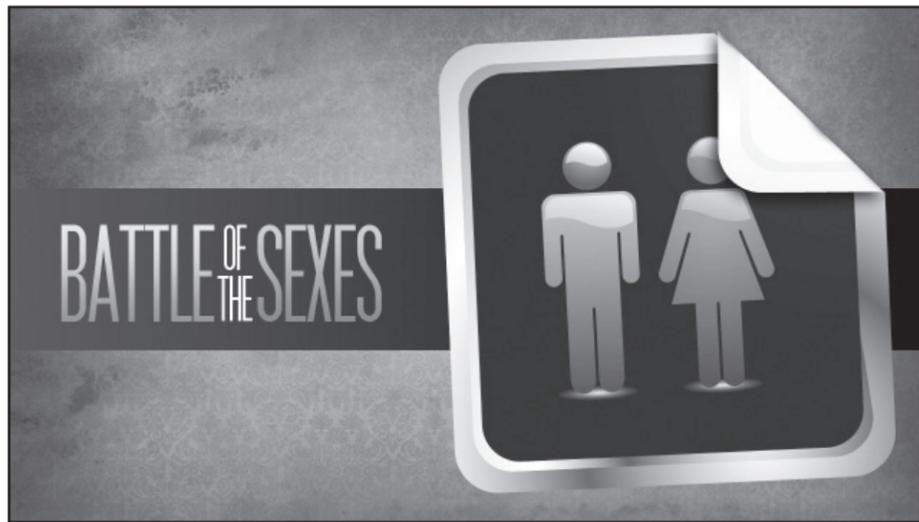
When my parents were dating they didn't have cell phones or Facebook or even email to communicate, and so if they wanted to talk to each other or hang out they would just walk over to the other's house. I think about that and it seems so ridiculous. How could a relationship survive without any of those modes of communication? They didn't text each other constantly or have relationship statuses on Facebook so that everyone would know they were dating or any of the things that we evidently believe to be necessary in a relationship in the modern age, and yet, in one month they will be celebrating their twentieth year of marriage.

Relationships have changed since then in a dramatic fashion and texting is a huge part of that evolution where now when you are interested in someone it is almost a mandatory step to text them before you ever hang out with them. Some people think that texting has removed barriers in communication, because, after all, now you can talk with anyone at any time, but the truth of the matter is that texting has created more barriers than they have helped remove.

When I asked my sister why she wouldn't text this guy she liked back she replied with, "because he needs to be the one to text me first". Why does it matter if he texts you first or you text him first? You have a conversation with him either way. Out of curiosity I Googled that very question and one of the first links on the page was titled "The guy always has to text first rule". It stated that girls need to play hard to get and that unless a guy took the initiative to text first then he wasn't interested.

Why does this have to be the case? You can edit and tweak everything you say before you say it. You can read messages and chose how and when to respond. Yet girls find themselves waiting around for the man to decide the path of the relationship because they need to play hard to get. Why do guys always have to gauge how infrequently to text her to let her know that they are not too eager/clingy, yet frequently enough so she knows we are interested?

Is it because some girls don't want to make it too obvious that she's into the guy, in fear of rejection from him, thus leaving it up to the guy to text first, to confirm her doubts. People say that relationships need to be two way streets



but how can a relationship be a two way street if it never even starts that way. If you want to talk with someone initiate a conversation, regardless if you are a guy or a girl because all a relationship needs is the courage to start one.

By Courtney Ekstrom
Staff Writer

Has chivalry really died? No. It has just changed, meaning it comes in new forms as new generations evolve. In today's world, texting is vital for relationships whether we like it or not; and with that said, it leaves the question... "Who texts who first?"

In the old days, men were perceived to be a bit more romantic than they are now, to say the least. There were no stereotypes against what men should do, or how they should treat a woman, or what makes them "desirable". They just acted how they wanted without worrying because socially accepted norms weren't as harsh

themselves. The true reason for this has not yet been proven because it tends to vary from woman to woman. The most common reason however seems to be the trait women possess of over thinking.

'There are way more reasons to text her first than to not. ...What do you have to lose if you text her first? NOTHING, that's the point.'

Women are more vulnerable and sensitive, even if they choose not to admit it; so men need to not be so afraid to take the lead when it comes to starting a new relationship, because let's face it, they probably won't have much time for dominance from then on out. So take what you can get boys!

Think about it, there are way more reasons to text her first than not to. Haven't you ever heard the expression "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take?" Well this applies here gentlemen. What do you have to lose if you text her first? NOTHING, that's the point.

I promise, you will not regret it if you do. I mean, if she isn't interested, she isn't interested; it happens. Rejection is a part of life, unfortunately, but if she IS interested, you will never find out if you don't text her. Unless of course the rare occasion takes place where she texts first, but don't count on it.

If you want to get the job done, take advantage of the situation. Also, ignore the rules! The stupid three day rule, or whatever it is now a days; if you're thinking of her, send her a text and let her know. The socially accepted rules were created based off the insecurities people are perceived to have, but if you move past the nerves and the over thinking, something really great can happen just from sending a single text. So text her first! Honestly, what have you got to lose?

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as they are now; but boys, there is still hope!

All it takes is some typing and a little bit of courage to reclaim your name as a true gentleman in this day in age. To start, there have been numerous studies on why it is that women prefer men to make the first move, reasons varying from nerves of initiation to just flat out fear of awkwardness. From face to face communication, to social media, women still do not stray from their reservation towards making the first move.

It is actually statistically proven that women are more likely to wait for the man to text first, rather than do it

Single or double: the face off of the boards

By Alex Pantani
Staff Writer

There is a famous argument; which is harder, skiing or snowboarding? Some people will tell you neither. If they tell you this then they've never tried or attempted both. Comparing skiing and snowboarding is like comparing apples to oranges. The skill level required for each is without a doubt tremendously high. After attempting both in a winter, my respect for each has grown enormously.

Snowboarding requires so much skill that if you're not taught the right way you may never know how to fully snowboard. Your hips need to be in alignment with your legs. It seems that your feet have to be going in different directions at different times. That's not even mentioning trying to pay attention to where you're going while having to keep your head permanently turned. Then your turns need to be perfect so you don't catch a lip or next thing you know you're on your butt wondering what you did wrong. After feeling the repetitive feeling of falling on your butt, you realize you want to get better. Other people give it up altogether wondering why they even bothered.

Skiing is unreal once you get the hang of it. The control of both legs is difficult. Ever try the ski video game at an arcade? Well it's not the same but the difficulty is right there. If you don't keep your legs under control one leg



could drift away from the other. Stopping, whether it be side stopping or the famous V stop, require great skill. The first takes practice trying to whip around both legs simultaneously. Add into the mix trying to go off boxes and jumps, and you open up an entirely different subject matter.

After all this being said, the best feeling about both comes from the point where you're able to enjoy the fact you're skiing or snowboarding. It can be as strenuous as



you want it to be. Some make a living out of it; others just opt to sticking with going up and down the mountain a few times a year for enjoyment. It's a great event to do with a group of friends or family if you find people who are at the same skill level as you. Try snowboarding. Try skiing. If you don't attempt either you will never be able to truthfully say which one is harder. Take a risk, who knows you may find your next passion.

The Archway has a newly-designed website!
Read me at BryantArchway.com

What Grinds My Gears

You've been here for three weeks, calm down

By Krystal Reid
Contributing Writer

It seems to me that regardless of being in high school or college, if you're a freshman, everyone has the same mindset. New place, new you. But, in reality, it's just an excuse to either pretend to be something you're not, or become the ultimate try-hard for a semester.

I can't tell you the amount of times I've watched freshmen girls try to wear heels and end up in the bushes or guys trying to put the moves on a girl this semester. Come on, have some class. And no, that does not mean wearing stilettos to your 9 a.m.

Word to the wise; this is Bryant. This is the university where a lot of the students are athletes. This means they usually come to class in sweatpants or a hoodie due to practice. Class is class, not the prom. Trust me, when you're not waking up an hour earlier than needed just to look like Miss America, you'll be happier.

But, don't get me wrong. When I was a freshman and I was opened to this new world called college I wanted to go to every party and join every club. That's not what college is about though. It took experience, but I wish someone had told me this when I was a freshman. Yes, go to clubs to find out what you're interested in. This is how you'll find your friends and passion. And yes go out, but learn to be smart about it.

It is unnecessary to brag about going out on a Wednesday night when you have an 8 a.m. class the following morning. Trust me, it doesn't make you look cool. We, as upperclassmen, do judge you. But that means we judge you for both the bad and the good. We want freshmen to get involved. But, with that said, if you're making an utter fool of yourself, we may change our minds.

You learn from your mistakes as a freshman so

when you come back as a sophomore or even as a second semester freshman you know the wrong from the right. Like calling Salmanson – Salmo, the rotunda – the Roto and to stop wearing your I.Ds around your neck at all times of the day.

I am here to help you better equip yourself so that when you're walking around campus you don't look like a total newbie. It's quite easy to spot you a mile away at the townhouses and even in Salmo. In Salmo, try to avoid carrying a tray. Without a tray, you have a better chance of avoiding spillage, as well as not eating an enormous amount of food.

So hopefully, if you stumble across this article when you're eating breakfast, lunch or dinner in Salmo, or just want a good read, freshmen, please take into consideration all of the things I have said. In reality, everyone wishes that they were given these tips and tricks before moving on to the next year.



Bryant Said What?!

Compiled by Bryant Students

"If she were a fish she'd be a shellfish."

"Can I wear leg warmers with shorts?"

"Is it just me or does this tea look like weed?"

"Time to hop on the Rentes train!"

"If I'm going to be your best friend then I better become friends with your other friends."

Send funny quotes to archway@bryant.edu, and we'll put them here!

Profit and Loss



Shawn Johnson made a fabulous impression at Bryant on Tuesday.



The blood drive was a success. Thank you for all of your help!



Start pulling out your jackets and boots; the warmer weather is soon to disappear.



Get your books while you can. The bookstore will be closing on the 23rd. for a week to move into the FSC.

NSA helped create Internet that's vulnerable to hackers

MCT Campus

The National Security Agency's ability to intercept online communications affects all Americans. This is no longer just about catching bad guys. The infrastructure of 21st century life is vulnerable, and many elected officials lack the tech knowledge necessary to fix things.

Encryption makes today's digital world possible. Savvy Internet users know to look for a lock in the address bar of their browser or an "https" that indicates a secure connection to a website.

Data will be scrambled, gibberish to anyone who intercepts it. That enables shoppers to submit credit card numbers and banks to move currency. It protects email, medical records, social network accounts, and music and photos stored in the cloud.

It's almost impossible not to have some information encrypted online. Even a committed Luddite has medical, financial or utility records on a networked computer somewhere that are only as safe as their encryption.

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And it turns out none of it is as secure as most people thought.

The NSA developed mathematical tricks and technologies to break the codes we all use. It convinced or coerced companies to install back doors in encryption algorithms that allow agents to decipher data. It even hacked

computers and networks to obtain passwords and computer code, activities that would get normal people arrested.

What the NSA can do, others can duplicate. Spies from foreign nations can exploit the same weaknesses. Worse, criminals

who crack encryption would have access to a treasure trove of personal financial data. When there's a known weakness, especially one like a back door inserted deliberately, it is almost impossible to limit it to just the "good guys."

In some small way, Americans should thank the NSA or at least

Edward Snowden, the fugitive leaker who revealed what the NSA has been doing. Now mathematicians, programmers and engineers can develop new technology and better encryption algorithms. The encryption arms race will continue. For example, Google has started to ramp up its encryption efforts.

A government culture that believes it may monitor all Americans' personal lives without probable cause or consent will be more difficult to fix.

NSA's desire to circumvent encryption is not new. In the 1990s, when the Internet had not yet fully blossomed, the agency wanted mandatory backdoors installed in all devices. As a nation, we held a frank discussion about the pros and cons and said no. Now it turns out that the NSA ignored the will of the people and acted unilaterally. That is unacceptable

and something for which decision-makers must be held accountable.

Some lawmakers have introduced legislation to curb this sort of abuse. For example, Kansas Rep. Kevin Yoder has a bill that would require greater privacy protection for digital communications and data stored in the cloud. Those are a start, but real change must come from voters.

One reason government agencies can get away with this sort of chicanery is that candidates very rarely must discuss their views about technology and privacy, let alone discuss them intelligently. Voters must demand serious answers to tough questions. This current NSA scandal is the cost of electing people who think the Internet is a series of tubes.

Folksy technology ignorance used to be embarrassingly funny; now it's just scary.

Meet The Archway Staff: Justin Beaucage



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- Diehard Eagles fan
- 1st-degree black belt
- Owns a chocolate lab named Nikki

- When he graduates, he wants to work for ESPN

Bryant's fashion doesn't match its curriculum

By Lauren Kordalski
Variety Editor

Let me start off by saying, by no means do I believe all students, both boys and girls, should be wearing dress pants, a belt, button up, and closed-toed shoes every day to class. I do think, however, that collectively as a society, we can step it up a little bit when it comes to our clothing choices, especially in public settings.

'It seems odd that we would present ourselves in any way other than professional while learning how to do so.'

I can't count how many times my dad has told me that when he was in school, the men wore khakis with their button-up long-sleeved shirts tucked into their pants, and a solid belt and dress shoes to top it off. The women's outfits sounded unfortunately similar, with modest pants and long skirts completing their getups for school each day. Now mind you, the man telling me this is the same one who finds it

hard to believe boys and girls are now allowed to take gym together, but nonetheless, his point is valid--we're slobs.

Merely a few decades ago, the afore-mentioned getup was simply the only attire appropriate for school. While fabric from head to toe may be over the top, I personally find the notion of dressing up for school charming; after all, the unistructure is where we spend a large chunk of our days. It seems as though every generation that passes gets more and more casual with their clothing choices. What was inappropriate fifteen years ago, has suddenly become acceptable today after the long desensitization process our country has gone through in regards to the appropriateness of our attire.

Walking through the halls on any given day, pajama pants, sweatshirts, booty shorts, and even a wildly inappropriate crop top here and there can be spotted adorning the bodies of Bryant



Hint: this outfit will not get you a job. (MCT Campus)

students. Now I'm all about being comfortable, but pajama pants? Really? When did this become acceptable and how did we allow this to happen?

At Bryant University, we're taught how to be professional young adults in order to

succeed in the future. Throughout our learning process, we're taught through countless group presentations, interactions with professionals in the field, and daily lessons in class, how to present ourselves in a way that will earn us a job. Given our seemingly endless preparation for the "real world," it seems odd that we would present ourselves in any way other than professional while learning how to do so.

I always liked the phrase "Dress for the job that you think you deserve," and I think it applies to this situation. While we shouldn't be wearing business formal every day, dressing up for the occasional presentation is just not enough. I'm suggesting that as Bryant students, we're better than

sweatpants.

Bryant students are a different breed, yet our clothing choices would never reflect that. Like it or not, every part of our outward appearance contributes to how people see us; most of this we

can't control, but our clothing choices, we can, and should for that matter. Clothing is a way of expressing yourself, meaning you have the opportunity to present yourself in the best possible light; yet many of us opt out of doing so.

While many of us may still consider ourselves "kids," we're on the transition to adulthood, and adults do not wear sweatpants to work. At this point, Bryant is our corporation and our professors are our employers. It would be unheard of for an employee at Price Waterhouse Cooper to show up in shorts and a sweatshirt, yet we show up for school dressed just like that every day. Dressing appropriately demonstrates your respect for the teacher and implies your seriousness about education.

It's easy to find a happy medium between the formal outfits of college kids in the past, and the shockingly casual ones of today's. Looking nice simply mirrors our inner desire for success, something we're all striving for, and many will achieve. Given our phenomenal education, I believe most of us deserve success, so why not dress for it?

Blue Jasmine stresses the importance of family

By AJ Beltis
Staff Writer

Woody Allen's *Blue Jasmine* has a lot to say about a lot of things: honesty, materialism, faithfulness, dedication, family, kindness - just to scratch the surface. NYC socialite Jasmine (Cate Blanchett) moves to San Francisco for a fresh start on life. Flashbacks illustrate how the relationship with her wealthy and adulterous husband (Alec Baldwin) crumbled. After her husband was imprisoned for financial embezzlement, Jasmine was left alone and without the abundant supply of funds she had become accustomed to.

In California, Jasmine moves in with her adopted sister Ginger (Sally Hawkins). Ginger is the ex-wife of a low-life contractor, a mother of two, and bags groceries for a living. She's currently seeing a mechanic (Bobby Cannavale) who is equally sleazy but better-hearted than her ex-husband. Jasmine can't be bothered to conform to her sister's unspectacular and challenged lifestyle, often openly criticizing her occupation, choice of men, and lack of ambition to better her life. She tells anyone who will listen how her stay at Ginger's is only temporary until she can get back on her feet.

Jasmine is too busy pointing out the imperfections in the lives of those she looks down on, and just cannot come to the realization that she's not trying to change the things in her life that really need fixing. She tells Ginger how sad it is for her to be seeing a man who so closely resembles her ex. But when Jasmine finds love in California, it's with a man who can offer her everything her own ex-husband was able to. She loves no one - just a lifestyle. Anything that interferes with that lifestyle is simply an inconvenience that must be ignored, which prevents her from facing her problems head-on.

The movie definitely has that "Woody

Allen" touch. Taking into account that I've only seen *Annie Hall*, that just shows how much of a signature Allen leaves on his films. The movie will make you laugh, but still leave you questioning your own outlook on life.

There are a lot of "year's bests" here. I'd argue that *Blue Jasmine* has the best screenplay, ensemble performance and lead female performance of the year so far. It's a little slowly paced, but Cate Blanchett's performance keeps the movie afloat from start to finish, and the flashbacks are included in a way that keeps things interesting.

Blue Jasmine arrived at a good time. Just when I was about to say 2013 hasn't seen its share of high quality films, *Blue Jasmine* gives me hope for the rest of the year. And hey, in a few months, Oscar season will be in full effect. Hopefully *Blue Jasmine* is just the start of a potentially fantastic ending to 2013.



Alec Baldwin co-stars in *Blue Jasmine*. (MCT Campus)

Autumn in New England offers much

By Ashley Smith
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The temperatures are dropping and our stress levels are rising. We're all becoming more and more busy between classes, sports, group projects, and any of the clubs and organizations we may be involved in. We all need some time to unwind, and what better way than to enjoy the best parts of the season in New England? Now, we all have come to terms with the reality of a tight college student budget, so read on to see some inexpensive ways to get off campus and enjoy the crisp fresh air that this season brings.

A huge tradition here in New England during this beautiful season is apple picking. Little do many Bryant students know, the biggest apple orchard in Rhode Island is right down the road! At Steere Orchard (www.steereoorchard.com) in Greenville, visitors can pick their own apples and enjoy free hayrides on the weekend. What better way is there to fully enjoy autumn in Rhode Island? Steere Orchards is open 9am-5pm every day, and visitors can also enjoy picking their own pumpkins in October to get into the spirit of Halloween! Once you go, don't forget to stop by their small shop and pick up some locally produced honey, fresh apple cider, apple butter, one of their various jams and jellies, or perhaps some fresh produce!

Another experience that should never be passed up when spending autumn in Rhode Island is seeing all of the foliage after it has transformed into breathtaking shades of red, yellow, and orange. One of the best and closest places to do so is Lincoln Woods, a mere fifteen minute drive. Enjoy a hike into the woods or have picnic at one of the many tables throughout the park. Sit by the lake and take in the view. Or better yet, if you love horses, why not stop by Sunset Stables (www.sunsetstablesri.com) and ride through the park on horseback as you absorb the beauty of the nature around you? Any of these scenarios is likely to reduce the stress of the hectic life of a full-time student, and doing something new off campus is a great way to bond with new friends.

If you have a little more cash in your pocket and are willing to drive a little further, I encourage you to try out King Richard's Faire (kingrichardsfaire.net) in Carver, Mass., I guarantee it will be worth it! It is open every weekend until October 20th, and this includes Columbus day from 10:30am to 6pm. It is a medieval themed fair and there is never a dull moment! Shows include hilarious comedy acts and gut-wrenching stunts with fire, sharp objects, and whips. Every entertainer is humorous in addition to their act, making every part of the fair enjoyable. There are also a realistic joust, games, a large variety of food and many unique shops. When you go, don't forget to check out the Tale of the Tiger show where you come into close quarters with some of the world's largest cats.

Whatever you decide to do this fall, make sure you do something that'll make the season special and don't pass up the opportunity to see New England at its finest.

Words' ancient history

By David L. Ulin
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When researchers from England's University of Reading recently announced they had discovered 23 "ultraconserved" words - words, that is, which appear to have come down from an ancestral language 15,000 years old. I couldn't help thinking of John D'Agata and his 2010 book "About a Mountain."

There, D'Agata writes of the difficulty in establishing an adequate warning system for Nevada's Yucca Mountain, where nuclear waste will be stored (theoretically, anyway) for 10,000 years. Who knows, he wonders, what language then will sound like? Will there be any common markers, any way to talk to each other over such a span of time?

Language, after all, is in a constant state of evolution: Words and usage change, dialects go extinct. In a landscape this conditional, D'Agata argues, the only thing we know is that we know nothing; past and future are a void across which communication is fleeting when it is possible at all.

The Reading findings point to another conclusion, which is that certain core words, core concepts, have always been with us, that they are the building blocks of not just language but also society. In that sense, the 23 words are instructive, both for how simple they are and also how resonant: blunt, unadorned words, concrete, descriptive but able to encompass more abstract relationships as well.

'Even 15,000 years ago, we were already using language for negotiation, as a way to bridge the differences between us, to think about (and build?) community.'

Here is the list: thou, I, not, that, we, to give, who, this, what, man/male, ye, old, mother, to hear, hand, fire, to pull, black, to flow, bark, ashes, to spit, worm. What's interesting is that so many of these words have to do with direct engagement: I, thou, we, ye - the language of a back-and-forth. This suggests that, even 15,000 years ago, we were already using language for negotiation, as a way to bridge the differences between us, to think about (and build?) community.

Some words seem obvious and elemental: fire, hand, give, mother, man. Others are more surprising on the surface. "Spit" is one of those great words that can express an action or an emotion; we spit to get rid of a bitter taste. And "worm," which is in actuality the most universal - it is the common fate of every one of us to be eaten by the creatures it represents.

I don't know whether that's what our linguistic ancestors had in mind, but looking at this list, I feel a kind of kinship, at the level of our shared humanity. 15,000 years is a long time - far longer than both the 10,000-year communication gap at Yucca Mountain and also what was previously thought to be the lifespan of a language (9,000 years or so) - but not long enough, apparently, to sever us from the core connection, the words that give shape to who we are.

The College Scoop

SEE WHAT STUDENTS AT OTHER COLLEGES ARE READING ABOUT

The Daily Free Press Boston University

A new report by the Council of Graduate Schools found that international-student enrollment in American graduate school programs has increased in the last year, but officials said international student enrollment at Boston University has actually decreased.

The Daily Targum Rutgers University

From deep within a tunnel below the student section of High Point Solutions Stadium, Eric LeGrand made his way onto the field Saturday in front of a rabid crowd. With Rutgers head football coach Kyle Flood's left arm wrapped around his motorized wheelchair, LeGrand became the first player in the Scarlet Knights' 144-year history to have his jersey retired.

The University Star Texas State University

Studying at Texas State will now be an option for some Chinese students after administrators and government delegates from the city of Xishuangbanna exacted plans for a student and faculty exchange program Friday.

The Ithacan Ithaca College

Cornell University has introduced a gender-inclusive housing option that gives undergraduates the opportunity to live with a person of the opposite gender. The policy, which was implemented in Spring 2013, allows rising sophomores, juniors and seniors to opt for gender-inclusive housing if they are applying to live in a program house, language house, the university co-op or on West Campus.

BRYANT SENIOR ADVISORY COUNCIL NOMINATIONS APPLICATIONS DUE BY SEPTEMBER 27

The BSAC is comprised of approximately thirty (30) to forty (40) seniors who have played significant leadership roles in the Bryant community. Seniors may apply directly, but we also encourage nominations by other students, faculty, and staff. The nomination/application form is attached. Please return all nominations/ applications to the President's Office by September 27, 2013.

The Bryant Senior Advisory Council meets with the President and members of the administration monthly (usually over dinner) to discuss issues related to the senior class and/or Bryant in general. Acting as an advisory group, the BSAC discusses plans, new initiatives, and trends and issues in higher education. The meetings are intended to be interactive and may include special outside speakers. In addition to helping Bryant remain a leader in higher education, the meetings are also intended to assist participants in developing the communication skills which are so important to career advancement. Each participant who successfully completes the entire program upon request can receive a personal letter of recommendation from President Machtley. The Recent Alumni Trustee is also selected from among this group. The individual selected for this prestigious position serves a three year term on the Bryant University Board of Trustees.

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