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Uh-Oh in Washington

America's possibility of a lost image

By Tyler Donovan
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As fall approaches so do a couple of massive dilemmas for Washington. October 1st is the beginning of the next fiscal year and currently there is no operating budget. We are on pace to surpass our debt ceiling in mid-October. This week the Republican-controlled House passed a budget resolution that will keep our government open until at least December 15th of the current year. With that attached budget comes the defunding of the controversial Obama care, which is backed by the Democrats. Therefore, the chances that this resolution passes the Democratic senate are slim to none. If a resolution does not reach the President's desk by October 1st, the government will be forced to shut down.

A government shutdown is something that our country has experienced before, most recently in 1995, however it is not ideal for our economy or our worldwide reputation. It is estimated that a government shutdown would cost our economy several hundred million dollars each and every day. Quite simply, our recovering economy cannot currently afford that under any circumstance. In addition to crippling our economy for the duration the shutdown lasts, it also will have several other severe implications. The major visible signs of a government shutdown would be the closing of all national parks and museums, only essential government workers reporting to their jobs every day, and a massive delay in visas and passports; all of this will affect our daily lives and also bring disgrace to our international image.

In addition to the looming government shutdown, the United



States is also set to reach its debt ceiling around October 15th and default on their 16 trillion dollar debt. This would mean that our national debt has surpassed the limit that our government has set on it, therefore resulting in a default. Recently our economy, housing market and employment statistics have been on a positive curve ever since the crisis of 2008 and progress is finally being witnessed. However, with both of these approaching issues ensuing, it could halt

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Being a liberal arts major at a business school

A square peg can still be a well-rounded student at Bryant with the right mindset

By Sara Elder
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Now the first thing some of you will be saying when you read my title is "Bryant is not a business school!" Maybe Bryant isn't a business school anymore, but it certainly is still business-oriented – and I don't think anybody can disagree with that. Maybe that orientation is changing, maybe not. But for the three years I've been here, Bryant has been, for all intents and purposes, a business school.

I decided to go to Bryant when I was in a very, very scared mindset. I was terrified of being the stereotypical English major. I didn't want to end up as a high school teacher – or worse – a struggling writer. Though my opinion has changed, at the time that was the worst thing possible. I thought I was smart, and I knew I could handle a career in a different field if I absolutely had to. So I told myself to go to Bryant, because I could still take classes in writing and literature, but I would have a business background to protect me after college.

I'm not going to tell you I made a mistake in doing that. Because I've done things at Bryant and made friends here that have made my life better, and I can't – I refuse – to regret that. But I was a sorely misinformed teenager.

I have learned a lot at Bryant, not only as a student, but as a liberal arts major who never quite fit into Bryant's business culture. And I don't mean to criticize Bryant, but I will give you my experience here – the positive and the negative.

There is one writing class at Bryant University. Maybe a few more if you count the journalism and poetry classes we offer,

but for fiction? One class. And I had to fight to get into that class. And once I got in there? It was full of seniors looking for an easy grade. I still made the best of it, but everywhere I went to find outlets for my creativity...I, instead, found students looking for easy classes, and that just made it even harder to do what I loved to do.

I found myself fighting the culture at Bryant. I found myself at odds with group members who didn't find editing for grammar and clarity to be necessary. I found myself in groups of students who didn't care about creativity or well-written pieces of work – only the grade it could bring them at the end. I found myself, and a small group of other students and faculty, caring about things that the majority here just didn't care about. And it seemed like that was a fight I couldn't win.

That was my first misconception about going to Bryant. I thought I would have a plethora of courses to choose from. Instead, it only took me two years to go through all the courses I was really interested in.

For a literary and culture studies major, it's not the piece of paper at the end of four years that matters. A LCS major needs to learn and develop their writing or other skills over the years, or the degree is absolutely useless. It's not something that can be taught on the job. The literary and culture studies major (or any similar major) means nothing but what courses you've taken. I can't just tell potential employers "Hey, look! I have a degree!" They're still going to ask for my portfolio or writing sample, or they're still going to ask me to take an editing test. And if that is not up to their standards, I won't get the job. Somebody who took numerous writing and literature classes in college will.

My second misconception was about job placement. As I said, I came to Bryant out of fear. I made a decision in fear of being tens of thousands of dollars in debt with no job to show for it, because after all, that's what matters in life. That's what college is for. I was determined to make money but still love what I was doing.

The problem is that Bryant's job placement statistics include very few literary and culture studies majors. Even those double-majoring in communication (like me). The statistic means nothing if it doesn't apply to you. So by sophomore year, when finding an internship was becoming nearly impossible for me, I realized something: I had nothing to go on. There were not enough Bryant alumni in my field to use for statistics. There were no alumni in the job shadowing program who went into book publishing or copyediting.

I was in the dark – alone. The very place I was trying to avoid by going to Bryant. I guess it was just fate. I was not going to find an internship in the MAC during a job fair, and I was not going to be offered a job from a company I interned at my junior year. And I definitely was not going to find a job listing on the Bryant Career Connection (BCC). I know now that I'm going to have to work really hard to find a job.

But that's okay. Of course, I went through a phase where I thought that was unfair. And I can still be found occasionally grumbling about how hard it is, but I'm slowly coming to terms with my experience at Bryant and the expectations for my future.

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September						
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
27	28	29	1	2	3	4
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ACCIDENT LEAVING THE SCENE / UNATTENDED VEHICLE
Sep 17, 2013-Tuesday at 12:42
Location: COMMUTER PARKING LOT
Summary: A student came into DPS to report that she witnessed a motor vehicle accident in the Commuter lot. The person who hit the parked car made no attempt to report the accident, and moved to another parking space.

EMT CALL EMT CALL / MEDICAL SERVICES RENDERED
Sep 19, 2013-Thursday at 20:41
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: DPS received a report of a female student in need of a medical evaluation. EMS was activated. Patient was transported to Fatima Hospital by the Smithfield Rescue.

EMT CALL EMT CALL / MEDICAL SERVICES RENDERED
Sep 21, 2013-Saturday at 17:51
Location: RESIDENCE HALL 3
Summary: A student called complaining of pain in his arm and

passing out. EMS was activated. Patient was transported to Fatima Hospital by the Smithfield Rescue. and SFD; clear @ 1814.

FIRE ALARM FOOD BURNING
Sep 21, 2013-Saturday at 20:45
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: The Sigcom computer reports a fire alarm in a Residence Hall. Alarm was caused by an activated smoke detector due to burnt popcorn.

DRUGS: POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES
Sep 21, 2013-Saturday at 23:02
Location: RESIDENCE HALL 15 LOT
Summary: A student was arrested by the Smithfield Police for possession of drugs.

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Bias related incident – a threatened, attempted, or completed action that is motivated by bigotry and bias regarding a person's real or perceived race, religion, natural origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, or gender status. Examples of these incidents include name calling, offensive language/acts, and graffiti/behavior.

Green Buildings in RI



By May Vickers
Staff Writer

In 2006 in the United States, buildings accounted for thirty nine percent of total energy consumption and approximately seventy one percent of total electricity consumption. Worldwide buildings accounted for thirty three percent of carbon dioxide emissions. Furthermore in 2002, buildings constituted one hundred and seven million acres of the total land developed in America. Why should existing buildings and/or new buildings not be built as green buildings? Home owners are fast finding that green buildings save large amounts of money, energy, and resources. A green building can be defined as a sustainable building. They use healthier more resource efficient models for construction, renovation, and maintenance. The design takes into account overall impact on human health and the environment by focusing on various characteristics including: efficient usage of energy, water and other resources, protecting occupant health and employee productivity, and reducing waste, pollution, and environmental degradation.

Why should we use green building techniques? Green building illustrates smart growth which represents sustainable development. Building green provides three types of benefits, environmental, economic, and social. Environmental benefits include improving air and water quality, reducing waste streams and conserving natural resources. Example of economic benefits are creating a market for green resources and reducing operating costs. A two thousand square foot home with fifteen windows can cost approximately ten thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars with fifty four percent cost savings and one thousand nine hundred and forty four dollars saved. This illustrates that retrofitting existing buildings with green techniques is viable and feasible. Social benefits consist of improving the aesthetic qualities and minimizing strains on local infrastructure. The ingenious design of

green buildings strives to improve the overall quality of life for all involved.

Although green building techniques represents an exciting facet of sustainability, one has to ask the question is there a specific standard for using these kinds of building techniques? LEED which stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design provides high standards and certifications for buildings built with green materials and renovations. LEED focuses on specific areas including: human and environmental health, sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality. Building types include homes, commercial, public and institutional buildings, schools/ universities, laboratories and healthcare facilities. An individual building or neighborhood can achieve four different levels of certification which are certified, silver, gold, and platinum. Platinum represents the highest level of green building certification.

Examples of innovative green buildings in Providence, Rhode Island are buildings named the Box Office and Wolcott Eco-Office. The Box Office is constructed of 32 recycled steel shipping containers which would have otherwise ended up in a landfill. The building has twelve office units with one thousand square feet. Wolcott Eco-Office illustrates the significant potential for converting preexisting buildings into models of sustainability. The old industrial building was changed by RISD graduate, John Jacobson who made the building completely self-sustainable. For further information on these Rhode Island innovators, please visit Providence Online: <http://www.providenceonline.com/stories/Reduce%20Recycle%20Eco%20Friendly%20Companies%20Providence%20Monthly,1521/p/stories/Reduce-and-Recycle-Providence-Monthly,1527>

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Washington

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our economic progress, and derail our country once again.

On top of the economic impact, a physiological impact would also result. America is the strongest country in the world yet within one month of not being able to construct an operating budget or being able to pay our bills we will ultimately be led into a dreaded government shutdown. For the American citizen, that possibility is extremely demoralizing, especially since it is coming from our country's leaders. Our lack of ability to get an operating budget working and pay our bills also makes us look weak to the rest of the world.

Overall, our country faces two crucial deadlines. Both need to be addressed in

order to maintain our economic progress. Congress often waits until the very last minute to get their work done; right now it is still too early to panic; however panic is soon approaching. Republicans and Democrats must come together and compromise on both of these issues. It is their duty and obligation to pass a budget and also address the debt ceiling. The clock is ticking.

Pumpkin Coffee

It isn't the only great thing about fall!

By Kerry Quirk
Staff Writer

As summer comes to an end, the fall semester starts, as it always does, with busier schedules, loads of homework, internship interviews and the dreaded first exams. Along with these things comes shorter days, the crisp, cool air of autumn, and the arrival of pumpkin coffee at Dunkin Donuts. Even if you hate saying goodbye to summer sun and the beach, fall has other fun events that you can attend!

Apple picking is a great way to welcome the changing of the seasons. Check out Jaswell's Farm in Smithfield. Here you can pick your own apples, buy homemade pastries, and grab some apple cider. It takes less than ten minutes to get to from campus and is worth the drive!

Nature walks are a simple way to reduce the increasing stress of classes. Lincoln Woods State Park located off route 146 in Lincoln has trails around a pond that you can walk on. Many people come here to run, walk their dog, or sit at a picnic table and read. It is really relaxing, and it is free to enter! Additionally, the website <http://smithfieldri.com/seven-scenic-walks/> offers walking trails around Bryant that are really easy to get to. These trails offer a quick escape from the Bryant bubble and are a great way to cool down from a stressful day.

Halloween is just around the corner and Rhode Island offers many scary haunted houses or haunted walking tours. If you are interested in a haunted hayride, ghost tours in Providence or haunted corn maze, Rhode Island offers all of these! Many are located in Providence or right around campus and

run from the end of September to the beginning of November. The Factory of Terror in Fall River, MA offers three separate walk-through attractions to scare even the bravest of the brave. There are plenty other haunted houses and attractions around RI that can be found. If you enjoy getting scared, grab your suitemates and head out for a frightful night!

Roger Williams Park Zoo offers the Jack-o-Lantern Spectacular each year. If you are new to Bryant and have never attended, this is a highly recommended event! There are 5000 hand-carved Jack-o-Lanterns on display throughout the zoo. Visitors walk through the pumpkin-lit trail that has themed sections throughout. Thursday night admission is \$12 and Fridays and Saturdays are \$15. While it is a little pricy, the spectacular is amazing to see and is worth your time.

On October 6, Providence will hold the Flames of Hope Waterfire. This is a special waterfire to raise awareness for breast cancer and to provide an opportunity for survivors and those affected by the disease to gather together. The statehouse and other surrounding buildings are lit pink, and the river is lined with luminaries. This is a great event to attend because your attendance will help make a difference.

Many students feel that Rhode Island is small and boring, but as you can see, there are plenty of activities for students to participate in! So next time you are bored, think of these activities and grab your friends and go!

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Tupper’s Tidbits

Tupper’s Top Five Dog Slang Terms

Iron Clad Tupper I



I can’t look! Who’s winning? Thanks for that...you’re my dawg. *PAWBUMP*.
(Christina Senecal)

I’m hip. Really. I’m totally with it. What’s that, Mom? Okay, she tells me that people don’t say “hip” anymore. But, you know, the dogsphere is just a little behind the times. You know, like how fashion trickles down from runway to regular people? From when Gisele stomps down the Milan runway during Fashion Week to when it’s on the rack is a year or even two! Yeah, I watch America’s Next Top Model. Tyra taught me how to smize...I already knew how to booty tooch. I was blessed with a badonkadonk. Anyway, I got off track a little. I’m not writing about fashion or badonkadonks. I’m writing about lingo, acronyms, slang, if you will. You just have to shorten stuff on Twitter because you only have 140 characters to be charming, witty, and engaging. We canines have figured out our own code, so to speak. I present to you “Tupper’s Top Five Dog Slang Terms”:

- 5. **OOMF.** “One Of My Fidos.” Humans have bros, shorties, (and other terms I can’t list). We call each other by the ancient universal dog name “Fido.”
- 4. **DOGTOR.** Six characters. Much shorter than “veterinarian.” Sure, “vet” is shorter, but I try to reserve that term for the men and women who risked their lives in wartime. I’m a dog, he’s my dogtor. Easy-peasy!
- 3. **PAWBUMP.** Humans high five or fist bump. If you’ve met me in person, you know that I can high five with the best of them. Over social media, we show respect and greetings to one another by *PAWBUMP*.

2. **YOCO.** “You Only Chew Once,” which means if you want to gnaw on something, you’d better destroy it the first time you get your teeth on it because the humans will make sure there isn’t a second time. Ask me to tell you about my door jamb some time.

And the number one dog slang term is:

- 1. **BOL.** It’s “Bark Out Loud,” of course. You laugh, we bark. It means we’re amused.

So there you have it. Tupper’s Top Five Dog Slang Terms. Don’t forget – I’m on Facebook (www.facebook.com/bulldogtupper) and Twitter (<http://twitter.com/bryanttuppy>). Get at me! ’Til next time...WOOF!

Key Words

Motivation

By Corey Larsen

ACE/Writing Center Contributor

Motivation. This is a concept that has baffled me for years; not only how to motivate myself, but also how to motivate others, especially the students I have worked with. As an undergraduate student, I remember constantly reevaluating my motives for getting a college education in the first place. My initial motivation, “To get a good job, so I can make money,” quickly began to feel hollow and unfulfilling—why was I putting myself through this? “To make money” in my hypothetical future was no longer going to be enough to motivate me for the long term. I had to find other incentives if I was going to make it through college—but, I’ll say more about that later.

I recall talking about this issue with a particular friend whose attitude was that college was just “a hoop we have to jump through,” and that it didn’t matter how we got through it as long as we got that diploma in the end. From her perspective, motivation was a moot point, because nothing we did in college would have any affect on our “real lives” anyway. Her mantra was “C’s get degrees.” But I couldn’t bring myself to buy into that perspective; intentional mediocrity just doesn’t fit into my value system. This approach to college would never work for me.

As a teacher, I have tried all kinds of external rewards to motivate students. The promise of a pizza party in exchange for certain behavior works wonders in a class of sixth-graders, but even that can only go so far. My hopes that they would actually change their perspective through the experience were, for the most part, tossed out with the empty pizza box after each such attempt.

Even grades are not sufficient motivation for many students. A failing grade on a paper or at midterms can be the catalyst some students need to step things up, but others will simply see it as a good excuse to drop the class or just give up because they figure it’s already too late to catch up.

Yes, even at Bryant I have used external rewards to attempt to motivate students. In fact, I am the mastermind of ACE and the Writing Center’s First 5 initiative. Complete a specific series of five activities in the first five weeks of classes and you will be entered into a drawing to win a \$250 gift card from the Bryant Bookstore. While I still hope this will motivate many students to take advantage of the academic services available

to them here at Bryant, at the same time I acknowledge that this is only a gimmick and that long-lasting motivation must have deeper roots.

So what motivates me today? Reflecting on this question, I recall the times in college when I really was motivated and excited about learning. At those times, I was not thinking, “this experience is going to land me a great job in the future,” but rather I fully invested myself into the projects and classes to the extent that the process became just as fulfilling as the potential outcome. Rather than daydreaming about how great life would be when I finally left school and entered the “real world,” I actually accepted that chapter in my life as “real” and valuable and worth my time and effort. It wasn’t until I was able to do this that I found meaning, purpose, and fulfillment in my college classes.

My increased motivation correlated directly with a subtle shift in my thinking. I was no longer going to college merely to get good grades or even to get a good job, though those things might be nice by-products of getting a college degree. I was in school to contribute in a meaningful and significant way to a real community. Investing in my own learning caused my perspective on the world to change, and I liked what I was seeing. This awakening of my mind clarified the reasons for these long and difficult courses: through learning about the world, I was also learning how to better understand myself and my place in the world. College finally made sense, for I could finally answer that big question: “Why?”

My sophomore year I read a book called Man’s Search for Meaning by Viktor Frankl. Among other things, Frankl addresses why we humans do the things we do. His conclusion rings true for me, “that man’s main concern is not to gain pleasure or to avoid pain but rather to see a meaning in his life.” For me, finding meaning beyond the hope for future financial stability was necessary to sustain my motivation for getting the most out of college, and it remains so to this day; I do what I do now because it is fulfilling and meaningful. This is not to say that I don’t continue to ask myself why I do what I do—I don’t think I’ll ever stop asking why—only that for me continual motivation comes from making a significant contribution to my own life and the lives of others.

The Diary of a Resident Assistant

What to do when the honeymoon is over

By Kerry Quirk

Staff Writer

As freshman or upper classmen with a new roommate, it can be an exciting time during your college career! You have a new friend who you can go to Salmo with, share your latest issue of Cosmo with or talk about the NFL with. Commonly these first few weeks of living with your roommate is called the “honeymoon” stage because you are getting to know one another and enjoy spending time together. But what happens when the qualities you once found charming in your roommate now drive you up the walls? Look no further than these tips here!

It can be a difficult situation when you realize your once perfect relationship with your roommate now has some flaws. They turn on the lights at two in the morning before your eight a.m. midterm. They come back on a Wednesday night after a hard night at Rentes. They refuse to take out the trash. Whatever the problem is, it doesn’t mean your relationship is over! There are several ways you can address what bothers you and work through the problems together.

1. Roommate Contract

In the freshman residence halls, your RA will have a meeting during the first few weeks of the semester to establish a roommate contract for you and your roommate. This is purposely done after you have lived together for a few weeks. This is a great opportunity to lay out some “ground rules” for your dorm. Talk about sleeping habits and study habits. What time do you like to go to bed and wake up? Can you turn the lights on in the morning if your roommate is still sleeping? Do you study with Pandora on? Talk about guests in your room. When can your roommate have a guest? What happens if you get sexiled? Talk about cleanliness and hygiene habits. If you live in the village, establish a bathroom cleaning schedule for the suites. The roommate contract is a great tool to get you thinking about issues that may arise in your room. While the conversation may

seem awkward, this is the perfect forum to vent your frustrations to your roommate and establish how your living space will be shared. Also, if you live in the village, roommate contracts can still be made with your RA if you wish!

2. Your Roommate

As difficult or awkward as it might feel, sometimes the best way to address problems you have with your roommate is to talk with them about it! By explaining how you feel, you can fix many problems in the room. Many times your roommate may not know their habits bother you. Open communication is a simple fix to such problems.

3. Your RA

If talking with your roommate doesn’t work, use your RA as a resource! Your RA can listen and offer advice to problems you may have in your room. This is a confidential person who won’t talk to your roommate about your concerns unless you ask them to. Many times your RA can offer solutions to roommate conflicts because they have dealt with different situations in the past.

4. Your RD

Your RD is another valuable resource on campus when you have questions about your living situation. A resident director is an adult who lives on campus who has a professional degree in student affairs. They have a wide variety of experiences and can offer advice or solutions to your problems. Oftentimes these individuals are not utilized enough by their residents. Don’t be afraid to reach out to them and ask for help when you need it!

Remember, if you and your roommate experience problems, that’s normal!! Not every roommate pairing is a perfect match. However, with these tips and resources available to you, your roommate problems can be minimized and you can get back to gossiping about Miley Cyrus’ latest video. And as always, good luck!

CALO: changing the world

Bryant Helps becomes Community Activism and Leadership Organization

By Avery Hill
Contributing Writer

Have you heard any fellow students mention the club “CALO”? Do you know what this new club is all about? Well, I am here to define “CALO,” and teach you about the movement.

CALO stands for Community Activism and Leadership Organization; the new name for a past club on campus previously named Bryant Helps. A few students, along with myself, came together late in the last academic year to redesign and redefine this club. The Community Activism and Leadership Organization was reborn with one simple purpose: to “change the world.” These three words have become the goal and mission of the organization. Not a very specific goal, you may be thinking; well, that is the whole point! This broad, yet powerful mission allows the club to reach out to change the world for the better in many different ways. The students that formed this group had many different ideas to help the community and turn students’ focus toward helping others. One major commonality amongst the group was we weren’t planning on creating just another small club; we wanted to have a real impact and alter the way students think about the community and how the community thinks about students.

When the club first began, we knew we wanted to change the world. However, when there are 195 million square miles of the earth to assist, it can become a daunting task for any small group of individuals. We knew we needed help... a lot of help. We set off on a quest to build an army of activists and leaders, and that is exactly what we did.

After only a few weeks, the club now has over 100 members focusing on planning and executing events off campus, helping any person, organization or community in need of assistance. This club is not run by a dominating executive board, but rather a team of general members who all act as project managers, helping causes they are personally passionate about. Event planning isn’t exactly an easy task and many first year, second year and even fourth year students, wouldn’t consider themselves experts in the field, but it is a necessary skill to assist others outside of campus, spread awareness for ideas, or simply change the world. And most college students, including myself, can attest to not having the resources they need to start a movement, so this club helps fundraise together to help one another help others. Besides just getting off campus to help out the community, the club teaches leadership and professionalism each week. As a club that mainly represents Bryant University off campus, we are essentially ambassadors of Bryant throughout Rhode Island and anywhere else we travel to help others as we expand. Because of this, it is a necessity to make sure each member is truly professional, passionate, and a leader.

Don’t worry though; the meetings are not as up tight as one may think when the mission is the “change the world.” If you were to walk into the meeting last week, you would have seen a huge game of 7-Up. Yes, 7-Up from elementary school where you put your heads down and thumbs up and wait for the 7 chosen ones to tap your thumbs. We

play games every week to build a sense of connectivity and friendship amongst members, while smiling. The smiles do not stop at the meetings either!

Our group had a blast cleaning up a local park in Rhode Island, preparing it for the community; we helped set up the 9/11 vigil and created a poster in remembrance for those who were lost. We gathered many students to go off campus to support Smithfield’s Out of the Darkness Walk this past Saturday, supporting suicide prevention. This week we are raising money through a can and bottle drive over the weekend and preparing for a Pumpkin Carving Festival on campus, assisting with October fest in Smithfield, and gathering food for those in need during the Thanksgiving season.

If any of this sounds even slightly interesting, I definitely recommend emailing me at my email address ahill5@bryant.edu, or going to our next meeting this Saturday at 1p.m.



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JPMorgan chasing away student loans?

By Nicholas Calabro
Staff Writer

Many students will probably say, student loans are quintessential to getting through college, thanks to tuition. Like most other loans, they can be provided by a banking firm, as long as they can make money. Now, what if certain circumstances caused a bank to, at least temporarily, stop providing these? This did in fact happen to JPMorgan Chase & Co, but why did it happen?

As mentioned earlier, a bank still needs to make money, just like any other business in the United States. Naturally, this must mean the first reason that JPMorgan Chase has stopped, is because they are not making as much money as they used to from student loans. It has been reported that student loans gave JPMorgan Chase \$6.9 billion back in 2008, and it has shrunk to a meager \$200 million now.

To put this into perspective, the revenue JPMorgan received in 2008, was more than all the banks were receiving today

(by \$900 million), as has been reported. Some banks have bowed out of student loans, and after seeing this trend a lot more are likely to follow suit. Specifically, it has been reported that Bank of America, Citigroup, and US Bankcorp had left in 2009, 2010 and 2012 respectively. Of course the financial crisis very likely has something to do with all this, and there is another reason. This one has to do with Washington.

Student loans are very risky for lenders, as could be imagined with \$1.2 trillion of unsettled student loan debt, as stated by the U.S. Consumer Financial Protection Board. Other than generally increasing interest rates, this has also caused institutions from Wall Street and Washington to put pressure on banks to try something else. It also does not help that college tuition keeps increasing, meaning they would probably have had to keep giving out more, if they had decided to stick with the student loan program(s). This is because, rising tuition also begets an increase in the cost

of education. From the 1980s until now, the cost of education has risen four times faster than the inflation of the time. In addition, some are concerned about student loans turning into a “bubble,” like the housing market did in the years before its crash. If this particular problem is unresolved, then JPMorgan would be doing the right thing, in the long run.

Despite all of this, there are still firms willing to give out student loans. They are Wells Fargo, Discover, and Sallie Mae among others (they are the top three firms). Also, there are still Federal student loans, as well as Federal/State Scholarships, so just because banks are withdrawing from student loans does not mean they are completely gone.

And yet, there must still be some caution here, and do not go for what looks too good to be true. We must be sure that history does not repeat itself with these student loans, and there is an old saying: “those who do not know their history, are doomed to repeat it.”

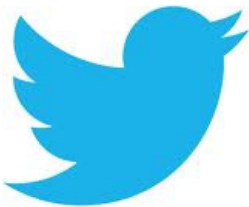
Biz Snipz

By John Zeiner
Business Editor

- The days of CrackBerry addicts have long since seen their prime. It has been several years of prophetic reports that have led to their ultimate demise. There has been news that BlackBerry will likely be sold to a group of investors led by Prem Watsa --Canada's version of Warren Buffett-- for \$4.7 billion. Furthermore they announced Friday that they would be laying off nearly 4,500 employees in sight of a \$1 billion loss. The former tech giant made one last effort for relevance earlier this year with the launch of their new cell phones. But instead of launching them back into relativity it only solidified their fall from one-time leader to niche status. At one time, the idea that BlackBerry would cease to exist was unfathomable. Blackberry devotees numbered in the millions, including President Obama. Their slow downfall began in 2007 with the release of the iPhone. Since then, the iPhone has become the dominant cell phone in the market at a time where often one's self-worth and esteem are measured by the device one uses. For now, BlackBerry still has a small market in Europe and private sectors in the United States, mainly the government.
- A year after nearly vanishing, Wonder Bread is back. Flowers Foods, the company that bought Wonder from the now nonexistent Hostess Brands, says the bread began returning to supermarket shelves Monday. After Hostess went out of business late last year, the company also nabbed five additional bread brands. Flowers, who also makes Tastykake and Nature's Own Bread, struck a deal for \$355 million including Butternut, Home Pride and Merita, which also returned to the shelves Monday. In other Hostess news, Twinkies are back, but a little bit smaller than they used to be. The new owners of Hostess have used the smaller size which was developed before the predecessor company filed for bankruptcy. They will be about 4 grams lighter and have 15 less calories.
- On Saturday, Harvard University launched their capital campaign with their sights on \$6.5 billion. If successful, it would be the largest fundraising effort in the history of higher education. In addition to spanning all of their schools, it would fund research into stem cell science, neuroscience, and low-cost energy for the developing world. More specifically, they would engage in major renovations of their undergraduate housing and increase its study of new learning and teaching strategies. Furthermore, they are focused on expanding the school's global presence. Drew Gilpin Faust, Harvard President, said the campaign will help the school meet the world's increasingly complex and pressing needs. “We will meet these challenges, and in doing so, we will reaffirm what makes Harvard-- and universities in general-- such essential and irreplaceable contributors to the pursuit of knowledge and the welfare of the world,” Faust said in a press release. The two year old campaign has plans to be completed by 2018 which would surpass a five-year, \$6.2 billion campaign by Stanford University that ended last year.
- The lack of consumer confidence and the need to cut costs by stores may stop the 2013 holiday seasonal hiring from reaching last year's 12-year high, global employment consulting firm Challenger, Gray & Christmas reported Monday. Last year there were 741,800 temporary employees hired for the October 1-December 31 holiday season. This year they are only expecting 700,000. The total in 2012 was 14% higher than the previous year and marked the fourth consecutive increase in holiday hiring. John Challenger, company CEO, said in a statement with the firm's annual forecast, “while the economy and job market are improving, it has now been four years since the recession officially ended and millions of Americans are still unemployed or underemployed. As a result, consumers remain uneasy, which is evidenced by wide monthly mood swings in confidence surveys.” For retailers, the year-end holiday hiring generally starts in October. The shopping season, which traditionally starts on Black Friday, is crucial for retailers' annual sales figures. Unfortunately, because of the way the calendar falls this year, stores have just 25 days to generate holiday sales, down from 31 last year.

Twitter IPO

By Sean Erwin
Staff Writer



At 2:00pm on September 12th, Twitter announced to the world that it had submitted a proposal to go to public to the SEC. The tweet, which read “We’ve confidentially submitted an S-1 to the SEC for a planned IPO. This Tweet does not constitute an offer of any securities for sale,” sent the business world a buzz. Since the announcement, Twitter has not made any more statements, but that hasn’t stop the analysts from dissecting every part of this move. So let’s follow suit.

Harry McCracken, a tech writer for TIME magazine, wrote a briefing in their September 16th issue saying that today’s tech giants are finding more ways to go mobile and interact more with their users. The way they are doing this? Acquisitions. They aren’t acquiring huge company’s like Microsoft’s buy up of Nokia, it’s much smaller than that. McCracken writes, “They involve low profile start-ups and purchase prices in the mere tens of millions of dollars.” McCracken goes further and writes that though the companies play it off as a small acquisition, “In fact they can tell you an awful lot about where the industry’s best known names are headed.” His report on Twitter, just from the last year, highlights four small companies that Twitter has bought up; they include Bluefin Labs, Lucky Sort, Spindle, and Trendrr. All of those companies have a focus in tracking social media; trends, discussions, conversations, hashtags, mainly dealing with TV and other media chatter. He ends his briefing with a prediction, “Twitter wants to monetize all those tweets” and their prediction is certainly backed up with data.

Twitter has been trying to cash in on mobile ads from the beginning, and last year they came up on top. Just in mobile ads, Twitter made \$309 million, more than half of their revenue, beating out Google and the previous leader, Facebook. The predictions for 2014 are estimated at \$551 million, ever widening their lead. With all of that together and tied with a neat bow, estimates of the company value are around \$10 billion to \$15 billion, valued at more than 17 times their sales. Not only is Twitter cashing in on mobile ads, it is also cashing in on just being mobile. Twitter, from its beginning was meant for a mobile platform, and has led the charge to go mobile. Contrarily, Facebook and others like Google and Yahoo had to catch up to the mobile rush. Twitter had managed to do all of this in its early period of growth, which has led to increasing interest by the market.

Yet, with all of the future outlooks looking very positive, there’s always something to counter-act that, whether it is negative reaction or just questionable tactics. Investor are fearing that Twitter could follow the plunge that Facebook took when first releasing their IPO along with fears of which exchange to trade on, NYSE or the NASDAQ. Twitter is also strictly a social media company, not necessarily a technology company and gets most of its revenue from ads on its mobile platform, which makes some investors wary to invest. Along with those worries, Twitter’s S-1 for a planned IPO is confidential. This has seen mixed reviews from investors, some saying that it’s just how Twitter does business and you should just trust the company. Others say that without knowing how the company is planning to grow and shape into an investor worthy stock, some don’t want to buy-in. Also being questioned is the impact of Twitter’s IPO intent. Does this make it harder for start-ups to grow and mature or get eaten up like McCracken had written about? Does the IPO inhibit more social media platforms to emerge?

Either way you look at it, Twitter’s IPO intent is a huge step for the social media world. In the weeks to come, we will definitely see how this mega move makes its impact.

Weekly Business Quote

“Whatever you do, do with integrity. Wherever you go, go as a leader. Have the courage to lead. Whenever you serve, serve with caring. Whenever you dream, dream with your all. And innovate, and never give up.”
- Warren Buffett

Underdogs no more; Bulldogs basketball early season preview

By Justin Beaucage
Sports Editor

Last season was certainly a Cinderella story for the Bulldogs' basketball team. Considered an after-thought after a disappointing 2011 campaign, the Bulldogs went from one of the bottom teams in the conference to one of the most talked about, exciting teams in the Northeast.

The Bulldogs earned their first Division 1 playoff berth last season, finishing 19-12 on the year (12-6 in the conference). Not only did they get the attention of the NEC, but they captivated a whole Bryant nation into cheering on these Bulldogs, as they pursued their post season dreams. Although their journey in the tournament might have ended quickly last year, this team isn't done just yet.

These Bulldogs might actually just be getting started.

As phenomenal and memorable as last season was for this team, it is time to move on, and start what could be known as one of the most memorable years of Bryant Basketball. In order to start another post season quest, there are certain needs and changes to address for this team.

The Bulldogs face one of the toughest schedules they have ever faced in recent years. Their slate includes 31 games, with 14 of them coming at home. The Bulldogs will play teams from nine different conferences. Of the 11 teams that made post season appearances last year, six

of them are from last season's NCAA tournament field. The team's toughest challenge will be the season opener against number one seeded Gonzaga. The team will also compete in the Gotham Classic beginning in December. This tournament will end with the Bulldogs taking the grandest stage of them all, playing at Madison Square Garden against Delaware. Based on this schedule, it won't be an easy road for the Bulldogs this year, and they will definitely have to overcome some obstacles along their way.

Although some players have left, one of them will not be going very far from the Bulldogs. Former senior point guard Frankie Dobbs will be on the sidelines for Bryant as a member

of the coaching staff. After an illustrious career at Bryant, one that included All-NEC Third Team honors as a senior, Dobbs will join the staff for his first season as the Director of Basketball Operations. Dobbs finished his Bryant career with over 1,000 career points, 500 assists, and started 121 of his 123 games.

To help them build upon last year, the Bulldogs didn't stop there, they are adding some help on the sideline. Bryant has also added former Boston College head coach Al Skinner to the coaching staff. He will join Bryant as the shared Assistant Head Coach with third year coach Happy Dobbs. As coach, Skinner took his team to six NCAA tournaments in seven

seasons. Adding this kind of experience to the Bulldogs will certainly help on the sidelines.

On the court, there are plenty of players to be excited about this upcoming season. Senior Alex Francis will look to close out his remarkable Bulldog career with yet another stellar season. Last year, Francis earned his first ever First-Team All-Northeast Conference selection. He ranked second on his team averaging over 17 points per game and helped Bryant average 34 rebounds per game last year. Entering his final season, Francis is just 510 points and 272 rebounds short of becoming the first player in NEC history with 2,000 points and 1,000 rebounds in a career.

One of the biggest stories



Senior forward Alex Francis will look to build upon his sensational junior campaign this season (MCT Campus)

of the 2012 season was the play of now junior guard Dyami Starks. In his first full season as a Bulldog, Starks led the team in points with 548, and in both three point and free throw percentage. Dobbs' scoring ability noticed by the whole conference, as he ranked 4th in the NEC in scoring. His play on offense helped him earn an All-Northeast Second Team selection. The Bulldogs will need him to be a big contributor and a leader for this team.

There are plenty of other players that will play a huge role in the Bulldogs' quest for an NEC crown. Senior guard Corey Maynard will look to be a factor on both sides of the ball. He posted 15 double-digit games during the 2012 season, and also ranked second on the team in steals. Sophomore guard Curtis Oakley will see more minutes this season, after having his best game against Richmond in the opening round of the CBI Tournament. He shot 45 percent while scoring 10 points in that game. The team will also welcome seven freshmen, who will look to contribute early in their Bulldog careers.

There certainly is a lot to be excited about going into this basketball season. Even with the tough schedule, there is plenty of hype surrounding this Bulldog team. It might be a tough road, but the Bulldogs will do anything they can to capture the NEC crown.

Time to hit the ice; countdown until puck drop

By Alyssa Ricci
Contributing Writer

The long wait is just about over. Hockey is new and fresh for the 2013-2014 season. The NHL has realigned its divisions into four categories. Under the Western Conference are the Pacific and Central divisions. Under the Eastern Conference are the Metropolitan and Atlantic divisions. The 2014 Stanley Cup champions will of course be from the Atlantic division because that is the division of Boston's Big Bad Bruins. Along with the division realignment, there have been other major changes among the teams, such as key player trades. Surprisingly, last year's Stanley Cup champions, the Chicago Blackhawks, have said goodbye to seven players from their winning team, including Dave Bolland, Michael Frolik, and Viktor Stalberg.

To initiate a busy off-season of trading, the Boston Bruins finalized a seven-player trade with the Dallas Stars. The Bruins picked up four players in exchange for right winger Tyler Seguin, center Rich Peverley, and defenseman Ryan Button. The most significant gain for the Bruins is obtaining left winger Loui Eriksson. He is expected to produce goals for the B's in place of Bruins' former forward Nathan Horton.

Boston fans should not be too alarmed, Number 18 was not producing miracles on his own by any means. Line mates David Krejci, and Milan Lucic were instrumental

in Horton's success. Luckily, we will be seeing 46 and 17 on the ice again this season in black and gold. It was Horton's choice to leave Boston and he is now signed with the Columbus Blue Jackets, a team that has never once taken home Lord Stanley's Cup. Good choice Horty, good choice.

With Jaromir Jagr now sporting a New Jersey Devils sweater, Shawn Thornton is the only right winger remaining from last season's roster. Two of the three other players from Dallas, Matt Fraser and Rielly Smith, are the new additions to the Bruins' right wing repertoire. They will both be starting the season in Boston. New defenseman Joe Morrow will skate for the Providence Bruins but is predicted to be a top-four defenseman for Boston upon completion of his development.

After the trade of backup goalie Anton Khudobin, the B's have been rotating goalies for the first five pre-season games. By now they have tested each of their prospects for their second-in-line goalie, behind none other than Tuukka Rask. Although they have won four out of the five pre-season games, some of their rookie goalies have proved to be unprepared and inexperienced. Luckily, the offense has been strong enough to make up for some of these "rookie mistakes". New addition, Jarome Iginla, has already shown his worth on the ice by scoring three goals for the Bruins. He may have ditched the Bruins for the Penguins toward the end of last season,

but Boston will most likely welcome him regardless if he keeps producing the way he is.

Rookie goaltender Malcolm Subban was dominated by the Red Wings, resulting in the Bruins' only loss so far with an 8-2 defeat. It is likely that he will be sent down to Providence to develop further skills. Niklas Svedberg on the other hand, has been pulled up from Providence and will most likely be battling Chad Johnson for the backup spot between the pipes.

The first game of the 2013-2014 NHL regular season will be a battle between the reigning Stanley Cup champions, the Chicago Blackhawks, and the Washington Capitals on October 1st at 8:00pm (not counting the Molsen Canadian Faceoff at 7:00pm that night between the Montreal Canadians and the Toronto Maple Leafs). The Boston Bruins will kick the season off at TD Garden against the Tampa Bay Lightning at 7:00pm.

Our very own Bryant Bulldogs also have some major changes to their roster. With the departure of thirteen seniors, the



Despite a tough loss in the Finals, the Brunis are primed to make another run at the Cup (MCT Campus)

Bulldogs welcome fifteen freshman players to the ice, including thirteen skaters and two goalies. They will take the ice for the first time this season on October 4 at NYU. The home opener at the Smithfield Arena will take place on October 12th against RPI at 7:00pm.

Started from the bottom; Red Sox win AL East after finishing last in the division last season

By Justin Beaucage
Sports Editor

As the Boston Red Sox walked off the field at Yankee Stadium for their final game of the 2012 season, one thing was for sure: it was time for change in Boston.

The Red Sox went out on a sour note last year, losing to their arch rival the Yankees, 14-2, for their eighth straight loss in a row. The beat down in New York capped off what was one of the worst seasons in franchise history. Plagued by injuries, locker room issues, and a lack of pitching and coaching, the 2012 season was doomed from the start. After a year where the Red Sox finished last in the AL East and had their worst record since 1994, it looked like it was going to be rough times in Beantown for seasons to come.

For all those who thought that, think again.

What a difference a year makes for the Boston Red Sox. Not only did they improve to a winning season, they went from worst to first and have won the AL East for the first time since 2007. The Sox have increased their win total by 26 games from a year ago, and were more than eight games ahead of Tampa Bay when they clinched the AL East crown. With their quick turnaround, Boston has earned its first postseason berth since 2009. The team's play all season long has gotten fans excited about this new-look, championship-caliber ball club.

The question that is on every baseball fan's mind: how did they do it?

It first started with getting rid of the main problem: former



The Red Sox celebrate their first AL East title since 2007 (MCT Campus)

head coach Bobby Valentine. After just one abysmal season, Valentine proved he wasn't the right man for the job. He never had control of his locker room, and was not a very likeable leader for the teammates. Firing him and hiring new skipper John Farrell was the first step of this rebuilding process. Farrell brought a lot of experience to the table and was very well liked by the players from day one. He was also hired to fix Boston's trouble from the mound, as they ranked near the bottom of every pitching statistic in the entire league.

Another ingredient in the recipe for a successful rebuild in Boston was getting rid of the unhappy players in the locker room. Last season, many highly-talented ball players were traded from the Red Sox. Players such as Adrian Gonzalez, Carl

Crawford, Josh Beckett, and even Kevin Youkilis were all shipped to different teams throughout the season. The Sox were first criticized for the moves. However, even though these players were highly talented, they were unhappy with the team and did more things off the field than on it. These players didn't deserve to be in the Boston locker room, and they were shipped in order to build some stability in the clubhouse.

The Red Sox were also more fortunate to have a lot fewer injuries to deal with this season compared to last. Last year, guys could never seem to get healthy and play on a consistent basis, including some of the leaders of the team. Players like David Ortiz, Jacoby Ellsbury, and Andrw Bailey were all injured early and often throughout the

2012 campaign. Even though the Sox have had to deal with a fair share of injuries this season, they have had the depth to help replace those injured players.

One of the biggest reasons for Boston's improvement has been their offense. Just last season, the Red Sox struggled to get runs across the plate. This year, the team is ranked first in the entire league in runs scored with 812. The team is also ranked second in batting average hitting a whopping .275 from the plate. Slugger David Ortiz continues to be the leader from the batter's box for the Sox, as he leads the team in average, home runs, and RBIs. Second baseman Dustin Pedia has also been a big reason for Boston's offense, hitting .298 on the year and he leads the team in hits with 187. Clearly, the Sox have

found out how to put runs up on the scoreboard, and it has been a major reason for their success all year long.

The biggest reason for Boston's remarkable season has definitely been the improvement from the mound. John Farrell came into Boston with prior experience as a pitching coach and had all the intentions of fixing the problems on the hill. With the help from new faces on the mound, Boston has become one of the best pitching corps in the American League. The team is 11th in the league in ERA and has the eighth-lowest batting average at .246.

There have been plenty of leaders that have emerged from Boston's pitching staff. Jon Lester has had a nice season, striking out 173 batters while posting an ERA of 3.67. However, before his injury, Clay Buckholz emerged as the team's definitive number one starter. In fifteen games, he went 11-1, striking out 92 batters with a phenomenal ERA of 1.92. Newly acquired starters Ryan Dempster and Jake Peavy, who was acquired at the trade deadline, have made solid contributions from the mound as well.

So, even after a surprise, turnaround season, the Red Sox and their fans are hungry for more. The playoffs will not begin until next week, so the Sox do not know who they will be playing in the first round. No matter who their opponent is, the Sox hope the series will be the start to their quest for a World Series Championship.

Casiello leads Bulldogs rugby in triumph over Southern Connecticut State

By Justin Beaucage
Sports Editor

This past Saturday, the Bulldogs' rugby team us showed why they like being the underdog. The team put on an offensive show on at Bulldog Stadium, defeating the heavily-favored Southern Connecticut State, 19-5. The Bulldogs picked up their first win of the season, while giving SCS its first defeat in the early weeks of the year. Bulldogs' flanker Richard Casiello shined in just his second career game, recording both his first career assist and try in the team's first victory.

For the Bulldogs, picking up their first win against such a powerhouse asSouthern Connecticut State certainly gives them a boost of confidence moving forward.

"It's great to get our first win against a tougher in-conference opponent," Casiello said following Saturday's victory. "It helps us control our own destiny for the playoffs."

From the opening kickoff, the Bulldogs had control of this contest. Within just the first few minutes of the game, Casiello made his first try of his career, giving the Bulldogs an early 5-0 lead. Kicker Ryan Pezaturto converted his first of two extra points to increase the lead to seven, and gave the Bulldogs momentum for the rest of the first half.

Throughout the first half, all of the action was taking place in SCS's territory. The Bulldogs' offense was simply too much for SCS to handle. Just minutes after their first score, forward Sean Moran jukeed his way past defenders to give the Bulldogs their second try on the day. After yet another Pezaturto extra point, the Bulldogs had a 14-point advantage.

However, the home team wasn't done scoring just yet in the first half. Casiello once again showed off his play-making abilities, assisting forward Brody Bilsko on the third try of the afternoon. Despite a missed extra point, the Bulldogs held a comfortable 19-point lead, and were definitely not looking like the underdogs anymore.

Later in the first half, SCS showed why they were one of the better offensive scoring teams in the conference. They finally found the end zone, converting on a try after nearly 30 minutes of scoreless play for them. SCS wasn't able to convert on the extra point, and the Bulldogs took a 19-5 score to halftime.

In the second half, the Bulldog's defense really stood out. Although SCS threatened to score throughout the entire half, the Bulldogs stayed strong on defense. Led by captain Michael Cairra and the rest of the Bulldog defenders, the defense made some really clutch, scoring-saving tackles to keep the SCS offense at rest. Even though neither team scored in the second half, the Bulldog's scoring in the first half was enough to win the game, as they upset SCS, 19-5, to pick up their first win of the season.

Despite new faces on the team, the Bulldogs have really gotten some chemistry with each other just in the team's first two games.

"We have a lot of new players," Casiello said, "but, with the victory, we took a big step as a team learning the game."

The Bulldogs will have no time to celebrate their win, as another big test looms for them this weekend. They will play at home against St. Michaels at 2 PM in another conference game. It looks like the Bulldogs will have to play the underdog role again. However, if they get the same result as last weekend, they won't mind playing this role once more.

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Surprise, surprise: the most shocking things about the NFL this season

By Justin Beaucauge
Sports Editor

Every season, NFL fans all around will make predictions and have an insight about who is going to the Super Bowl. Fans feel like they have the league all figured out, and can beat out these so-called experts who analyze these games.

Well, this season, a lot of people, including experts, can throw many of their prediction away.

The start to the 2013 NFL campaign has certainly been an eye-brow raiser. From teams losing early must-win games, to surprise MVP candidates, and even players getting traded after the second week, the NFL season has certainly made people second-guess their predictions.

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Just three weeks into the year, fans are already questioning who will be in New York celebrating a Super bowl victory.

So, what teams have shocked the NFL with their early runs at a Super Bowl title? On the flip side, what squads have disappointed us, and already look to be planning for next year? Here are the top two surprises and disappointments of this young NFL season:

1. Kansas City Chiefs (3-0): What a difference a year and a head coach can bring. The Chiefs were the definition of a cellar

dweller last season, finishing not only last in their division, but posting the worst record in the league. After hiring coach Andy Reid and revamping their entire roster, the Chiefs now sit atop of the AFC West, and have certainly shocked the NFL nation. One of the Chiefs’ victories came in a homecoming for Andy Reid against the Philadelphia Eagles.

The Chiefs, once the laughing stock of the NFL, are certainly no laughing matter now. The balance of a consistent offense combined with a turnover-happy defense is the main reason for the Chiefs’ turn around. Newly acquired quarterback Alex Smith has been a great game-manager thus far, throwing for over 600 yards with four touchdowns and no interceptions.

The Chiefs’ ninth-ranked defense has been opportunistic in the early going. Their +9 turnover differential is near tops in the league. If the team can continue its play going further into the season, the Chiefs could find themselves competing for more than just the AFC West title.

2. Tennessee Titans (2-1): Some fans forget that the Titans are even in the NFL. It’s a valid argument that more analysts talked about Tim Tebow in the off-season than the Tennessee Titans. However, with their play lately, everyone should be talking about this team’s surprise performance in the first couple of weeks.

The Titans are 2-1, and find themselves tied for the lead in the AFC South. Their two victories didn’t come against push-over opponents, either (Steelers, Chargers). The Titans have certainly embraced their under-dog role, and have their fans thinking playoffs early on. The improved running game and revamped offensive line is one of the key reasons for the team’s fast start.



Quarterback Alex Smith has Kansas City playing great football early this season (MCT Campus)

Running back Chris Johnson has already rushed for 256 yards on the season. Quarterback Jake Locker has also been very consistent, limiting his mistakes in the first couple of games. He has completed 58 percent of his passes while tossing three touchdowns. He has also shown off his mobility, averaging over six yards per run with a touchdown. The Titans will have to continue to establish their running game to compete in this very competitive division.

3. New York Giants (0-3): It’s funny to think that the New York Jets are actually the best football team in the Big Apple. It’s very hard to believe the Giants are just two seasons removed from a Super Bowl title. If the Giants keep playing like they have been lately, they might not even be allowed to watch the Super Bowl.

The Giants are tied for last in the NFC East, and have been one of the biggest disappointments this year. They have opened this year with three straight losses, their latest coming in the form

of a shutout against the winless Carolina Panthers. A lack of running game and turnovers on offense have led the Giants to rock-bottom. The Giants are dead-last in running the football, averaging less than 45 yards per game. Quarterback Eli Manning has been careless with the ball, throwing eight interceptions in three games. The Giants need to turn things around quickly since only three teams to start 0-3 have ever made the playoffs.

4. San Francisco 49ers (1-2): After a week one victory against the Packers, with an impressive showing from quarterback Colin Kaepernick, the 49ers looked like the favorites to make it back to the Super Bowl for the second consecutive year. Two weeks later, it might be time to panic in San Francisco.

After two blow-out losses against Seattle and Indianapolis, the 49ers have a 1-2 record, and must face the rival Rams, who always give them a tough game. If the 49ers want to be playing post-season football, they have to

get more production out of their offense. They are ranked 29th in scoring, averaging less than fifteen points per game.

Colin Kaepernick must get back to playing consistently as quarterback, as he has thrown no touchdowns and four interceptions since his week one victory against the Packers. It could be challenging for the 49ers to turn their season around with the competitive play in their division.

These are just a few of many of the most shocking and disappointing stories to headline this NFL season. For some of these teams, the sky may be the limit, as they make their Super Bowl dreams come true. For other teams on this list, their Super Bowl dreams are quickly becoming a Super Bowl nightmare.

Catching on - Brady and receivers click to improve to 3-0 by crushing Buccaneers

By Pat Curran
Staff Writer



Quarterback Tom Brady was able to get chemistry with his younger receivers (MCT Campus)

To quote the great Ranch Wilder, “all I can say is it’s about time.” That is the feeling most New England fans have about their rookie wide receiver class after Sunday’s romp of the lowly Buccaneers. After a slow start in which they fell behind 3-0 early, the Patriots’ offense finally

asserted itself and started to resemble the great offenses of years past.

It looked like it could be another sloppy game for the Patriots early on as the Tampa Bay defense forced many errant throws from Tom Brady and the Pats found themselves down 3-0 after the first quarter. However, Aaron Dobson was able to make a key catch on third down late in the first quarter that extended a drive and that catch in particular really seemed to relax the offense. The Patriots were able to finish off that drive when Kenbrell Thompson was able to haul in a pass from Brady and scamper into the end zone from sixteen yards out. Mentioning either Thompson or Dobson in a positive light did not seem fathomable a week ago, but the two were able to make key catch after key catch Sunday as Thompson caught two touchdown passes and Dobson led the Pats with seven receptions.

Another important asset to the Pats Sunday was their stout defense that was truly in ball hawking mode. Aquib Talib continued his fast start to the season picking off a Josh Freeman pass with eleven seconds left in the first half in Tampa Bay territory. This really was a huge swing in momentum as the Pats were able to convert a field goal with their great field position as Stephen Gostowski booted a fifty three yard field goal to put the Pats ahead 17-3 at halftime. The interception and field goal really put a damper on Tampa’s end of half gameplan as the Bucs had saved all their timeouts for that drive, only to be intercepted.

It remains to be seen whether the Patriots defense

is truly elite, but fans have to be encouraged with their effort this season, especially the past two games, as they only has allowed a combined sixteen points. The Pats Defense has allowed 34 points through three games, which is second best in team history. The only other time their defense allowed fewer points in its first three games was 1979! They have faced two rookie quarterbacks so far, but they are dominating and causing havoc on them, which is what fans have been looking for since 2008.

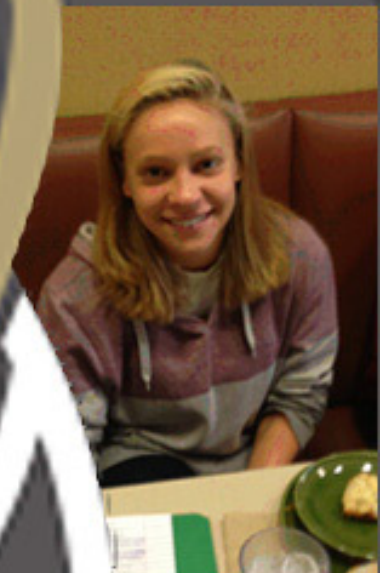
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Next up for the Patriots is a Sunday night visit to the Georgia Dome to take on the 1-2 Atlanta Falcons. The Falcons made a run to the NFC championship game last year and have surprised the league with their disappointing record so far. However, the Falcons should always be considered a threat with Matt Ryan calling the shots as Quarterback. If the Pats D can shut down the Falcons and lead them to victory, it is officially time to start giving them respect.

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CJ DRAO '15

STUDENTS SPEAK OUT

Being a liberal arts major at a business school

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I came to Bryant because I was afraid, and it seemed like the answer. And it was – in many ways. Coming to a school where everybody is so different from me was eye-opening. It wasn't easy to find friends I related to, but once I did, I knew they were friends I'd have for a long time. I found places where I fit in, where I was accepted, and where I could be creative.

I got to do things I would never be able to do in large, liberal arts-centric schools. I have been a pioneer in LGBT activism here. I've been able to act in plays, help direct a musical, and even start a student improv comedy show at Bryant. And I've been able to spend every single semester of school working to shape and improve our newspaper.

At another school, I may have been with more like-minded people, but I would have not have had so many opportunities to become a leader or make a difference.

I worked hard to make Bryant what I wanted it to be. I'm not the type of person to just sit back. When I want something to happen, I make it happen. This semester, my last semester at Bryant, I'm taking my second directed study in literary and cultural studies. For a second semester, I'm getting to work one-on-one with a talented, dedicated professor to write my novel – the idea for which I developed in the one writing class at Bryant I spoke about earlier. I am going to finish that novel by the end

of the semester. I will leave Bryant with a degree and the practical experience of spending a year writing my first novel.

So if you're a liberal arts major at Bryant and you're struggling with some of the things I struggled with, don't just take it. Make Bryant the school you chose. Make Bryant the school you want it to be. Don't let the business culture push you around. Push back. There are places here for you; you just have to find them. And if you can't find them? Make them. Make your own opportunities, because you're likely paying too much money not to.

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I may not have a job offer months before I graduate. I might not even have a job when I leave this place for good in December. I didn't find an internship until after my junior year, and I didn't find it through Bryant. I am still looking for a job, and I'm determined to find a balance between a well-paying career and what I'm passionate about.

So when I meet people, and – as we

often do here at Bryant – I tell them my major, they always ask why I'm here at Bryant. Depending on the person, I give all sorts of different answers. To some people, I talk about my scholarship. To others, I tell about how I didn't get into Brown; others hear about the mix of business and liberal arts that I enjoy, and to many, I just say I don't know why I'm here, but I've had a good time figuring it out.

I have decided that I will create my own statistics. Because I don't want to be a part of the 96% employment rate after graduation if I'm employed with a job I don't love. I can't say that I do or don't regret my decision to come to Bryant. Maybe I would have chosen differently knowing now what I didn't know then. But I can't live in the past.

It's easy to say should've, could've, or would've. That's the easy road. I took the high road. I dug a little spot out at Bryant just for me: Sara Elder, the double major in LCS and Communication, the aspiring editor, the novice author, the bisexual activist. For those parts and every other part of me I wanted to explore, I found a place here.

A freshman's first look at Bryant

By Stephanie Johnston
Contributing Writer

Something that is considered normal for someone is often referred to as "room temperature," a setting that consistent, comfortable and average to everything in your life. Like the 70 degree air that surrounds you, it's an environment that's hard to even notice. For me personally, Westborough, Massachusetts was like my room temperature. It was where I spent the first eighteen years of my life; how could it not be?

The first time I've ever really left home for an extended period of time was coming here to Bryant. I've had just under a month to test the waters here, thus far. I can say with confidence it's been incredibly all right. I hate to disappoint anyone, but no I don't truly love Bryant University yet. I only think that is because I haven't spent enough time here though. There are experiences here that are just so vastly new and unexpected, then there are certain aspects about it that are shockingly like high school.

As for things that are different, I can now say that I have moved into a tiny room with a complete stranger and tried to make it seem casual. Being thrown in with a roommate is one of those quirky, truly unique college experiences. Thankfully, it worked out great so far! Another adjustment: food. I come from a family of great Italian home cooked meals, so anything at Salmos pretty much scares me. I've become a master at making beautiful salads and a regular at the sandwich bar, but I am far too chicken to branch out and try too many of the either Classic or International food options.

Classes are both familiar and a mystery. Does no one else feel like it is high school walking from class to class all in the same building with small class sizes, repeating faces and casual conversations in the hall? I swear if I wasn't telling myself that I was in the middle of Rhode Island I would think that I was back in high school. Then once you enter the classroom, it is entirely different. Everything is based solely on the motivation of the student, a refreshing change from high school teachers hounding on your every move.

The past couple weeks have been filled with moments where I am forced to ask myself "what is this?" either out of joking exasperation, or legitimate confusion. Definitely not room temperature. If I had to describe it under the same circumstances, I would say it's a change in humidity. The transition from high school to Bryant was nothing short of dramatic terms.

Yet, I can't honestly say that I am entirely comfortable here. It's like sitting in a room but instead of it being room temperature, it is just slightly humid. The air is just a little sticky, constantly reminding me that I am in a new environment that I still have a lot to learn about.

Despite the fact that I am not absolutely thrilled by this place, I do look forward to spending more time here. I don't really have an intentions of going home just yet or calling it quits because it seems like every single upperclassmen loves it here. And a little humidity never killed anybody. So here's to next four years!

Eating disorders: it's okay to get help

By Ashley Smith
Staff Writer

Have you been called fat? Ugly? Or maybe even too skinny? Odds are you have been made fun of in this way at some point in your life or know someone that has because bullying has been on the rise for years. Someone that is bullied regularly is likely to suffer from low self-esteem, depression, and/or anxiety. However, bullying can sometimes cause problems even more serious when combined with the influence of the media and this image we all have of what is 'beautiful'.

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Whether it is anorexia, bulimia, compulsive overeating, or binge eating disorder, all of these are unhealthy and can be extremely destructive physically, mentally, and emotionally. Someone suffering from anorexia may be abnormally sensitive about being perceived as fat or have a massive fear of becoming fat. However, some simply are afraid of losing control over the amount of food they eat, accompanied by the desire to control their emotions and reactions to their emotions. It is usually a reaction to a variety of external and internal conflicts such as stress, anxiety, unhappiness, and lack of control over one's life. Those suffering from anorexia tend to avoid eating as much as possible, and are known to eat junk food like candy and drink coffee to keep their energy higher and control their appetite. Bulimia is similar except the person who suffers from it will go without eating, then eat a large quantity of food and then use self-induced vomiting, this is called the 'binge and purge' method. Both of these disorders can take a considerable toll on someone mentally, emotionally, and physically. On the other hand, compulsive overeating is a disorder in which the sufferer has an 'addiction' to food. They will eat to deal with stress, to fill a void, or to hide from their emotions. The binge eating disorder is similar to compulsive overeating; only they will use binges to deal with the same issues. These types of

eating disorders cause weight gain which leads to many different health problems, and as with anyone that has any type of eating disorder, it will affect them mentally and emotionally as well.

If you or someone you know shows signs of any of these eating disorders, you are greatly encouraged to seek help. These diseases can cause many problems with health as well as your emotions and self-esteem; they can even be fatal. Even if your friend insists that you keep his or her disorder a secret, her health may depend on you, and in the long run it will be better for you to get help for them, they will thank you, you could save their life.

At Bryant you could call health services at 401-232-6220 or the Woman's center at 401-232-6854 for advice and information. We need to take care of each other and we have personnel here at Bryant to help.

However, if you would rather get advice from a completely anonymous source, call 1-800-931-2237. This is the toll-free helpline provided by the National Eating Disorders organization. They are professionals who will give you all the information and advice that you need. It is crucial that someone who is suffering from an eating disorder gets help as soon as possible, and that time is now.



A commuter’s life

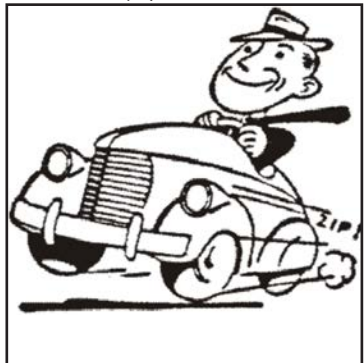
By Grace Morgan
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Freshman year of college is full of changes, difficulties, and rewards. For most, freshman year is the first time being away from family. You are on your own, with new freedoms and responsibilities. It is a time to meet as many new people as possible, and experience a different way of life. These typical aspects of freshman year are seen slightly differently through the eyes of a commuter. This is especially true while at a predominantly residential school, such as Bryant. With 87% of undergraduates living on campus, commuters here are certainly a minority.

The decision to commute freshman year is one that takes a lot of thought, and comes with both positive and negative consequences. One of the best things about commuting is being able to save money. That was my reason for deciding to commute, and the reason behind many students’ decision not to live on campus. College is expensive enough without the additional finances of room and board, dorm decoration and supplies, food, and other basic necessities. As a commuter living at home, I do not have to worry about any of these additional costs. The money saved by living at home is worth the hassle of having to drive to and from school.

Naturally there are some down sides to driving to and from school every day. I often wish that I had the luxury of being able to step out of my room and simply walk five minutes to class. My commute is between fifteen and

twenty minutes, which means that for an 8:00 am class, I have to be ready by 7:30. For anyone that takes awhile to get ready in the morning, this is not an easy task. It is also a strain on gas. While I am still spending less money than I would to live on campus, spending between twenty and forty dollars a week on gas has not been enjoyable.



What really is fortunate about being a commuter here at Bryant is the Commuter Connection. During opening weekend while most students were moving into their dorms, commuters had the opportunity to get to know each other by attending events specifically for commuters. The group also holds meetings on Wednesdays, and plans events and trips. With the Fisher Student Center open, commuters will have access to the Commuter Hub. This will serve as a lounge to hang out in, where other students would use the lounge of their residence hall.

Not having a dorm has been one of the other struggles of commuting. During a break between classes, many resident students choose to go to hang out in their dorm room. For commuters, this time needs to be more creatively spent. Fortunately, there are many

places to spend leisure time, such as the library, gym, or Rotunda. However we do lack the comfort of being able to go “home” or back to our rooms during a class break.

Unlike other students, however, we do literally go home every day. This is both a good thing and a bad thing, depending on how you may look at it. Some students do not want to be too close to their families during college. They wish to experience greater independence and spread their wings. As Bryant was my dream college, and just so happened to be under twenty minutes from my house, I decided that I did not mind living home for college if it meant saving money. I believe that this makes the transition from high school to college easier. Many college students, especially freshmen, experience homesickness. They miss their family, friends, and the comfort of being somewhere they know and understand.

Resident freshmen also often struggle with the new amount of freedom they are granted, and the idea that it is up to them to find time to study. Some college students receive low grades during their first year, because they did not adjust well to college life. As a commuter, this adjustment was more gradual. We are also exposed to new people, situations, and levels of freedom. However, commuters are able to do this while having the comfort of living at home and being able to see their family. For this reason, I believe that freshman year for commuters may be more successful in some cases than it is for residential students.

Don’t snooze, get up!

By Margaret Wong
Contributing Writer

We all love the snooze button. But we trick ourselves, thinking the extra 10, 20, 30 minutes is all we need. Unfortunately, it’s all a lie, it is all psychological. Pressing the snooze button throws off our brain chemistry and is worse than you think.

Let’s explore a little chemistry. It varies from person to person but the average adult needs seven to nine hours of sleep a night. Who am I kidding? Who actually gets enough sleep nowadays? When we are sleeping, the chemicals dumped into our bloodstream change. When we fall asleep, serotonin is pumped into our bloodstream. When we wake up (after a good night of sleep), dopamine is pumped into our bloodstream to prepare us to wake up and suppress sleepiness. When we hit the snooze button and return to sleep, our bodies get confused with the different conflicting influences from the chemicals, re-starting the dopamine drip. The snooze button ultimately creates a chemical confusion, which pulls our bodies in different directions. This leaves us feeling disoriented and tired.

When you set your alarm earlier than you need to so you can press the snooze button in the morning, you’re interrupting your sleep cycles. The two most important sleep cycles are deep sleep and rapid eye movement (REM). When you press the snooze button, you may be cutting into REM sleep, blunting your mental function during the day. You may think the extra 15 minutes will help

your body rest when you press the snooze button. Not only does snooze sleep not help you, too much snoozing will impair your reaction time, attention, memory, and comprehension.

If you’re waking up tired every morning, it’s time to face facts: You’re not getting enough sleep, and no amount of snoozing is going to fix it. Even though we know the best way to get through this is to sleep until you naturally wake up in the morning. Obviously, that is extremely difficult and probably impossible for most of us. We need to live off the alarm clock, so let’s at least try to minimize the negative effects of the snooze button.

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Instead of squeezing in five or ten minute snooze times, try to make it no shorter and no longer than 20 minutes. 20 minutes is the optimal nap length, according to sleep fragmentation experts. Less than 20 minutes, there will be little benefit. More than 20 minutes, you might fall into deep sleep. Try your best to stop yourself from pressing the snooze button, but if you can’t resist, set your snooze to 20 minutes.

Like they say... you snooze, you lose.

Why is marijuana illegal?

Legalizing marijuana would be a positive action for both people and government

By Ashley Smith
Staff Writer

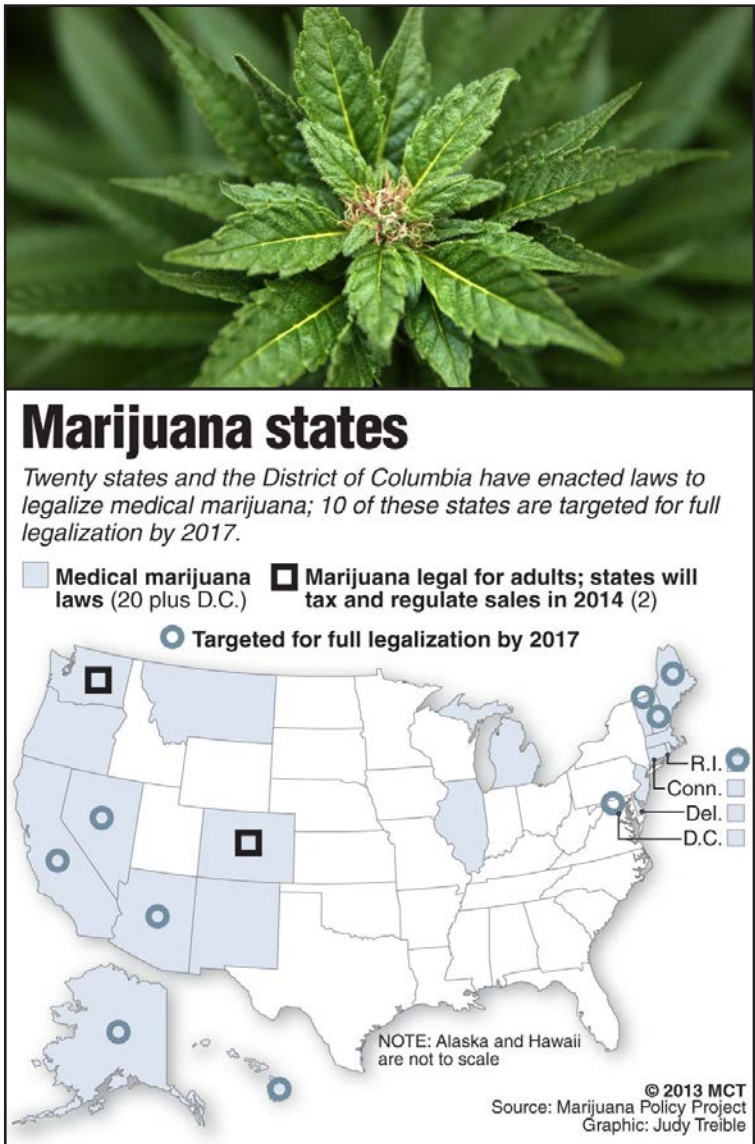
It’s not far-fetched for me to assume that you, the reader, have tried smoking marijuana or at least know someone that has. Everyone has been exposed to this drug in some way whether it was in your college years, high school, or in extreme cases even middle school. Perhaps you’re getting defensive by what you are reading, these blind accusations I am making. This isn’t because marijuana is bad or because it is not socially acceptable to do, because I believe that nowadays it is widespread in our social lives. You feel this way because the substance is illegal, but why is that the case?

No matter what the government or other people tell you, marijuana is not a primary cause of death or long-term impairment of the brain. It is not the sole cause of a person’s laziness or lack of motivation. It is not half of the things that the government or media try to portray it as, and it is your responsibility to realize this. The government has been known to label deaths caused by other things such as driving under the influence of alcohol also a result of smoking marijuana. They can do this because once someone smokes marijuana, it is in their system for approximately thirty days and will show up on the tests at the emergency room. So you’re saying someone that smoked marijuana a week before and gets in an accident while drunk that marijuana is a factor in the accident? Something is not right.

Alcohol is legal and affects your brain, liver, and can poison and kill you, and there is research to support these arguments. Each year there are approximately 100,000 deaths due to the effects of alcohol. In 2005 alone there were 43,443 alcohol-related traffic fatalities. Let’s compare this to the 18,000 deaths caused by AIDS in 2003. Then there are approximately 100 people who overdose on their own prescription drugs every day in the US, which are also legal given they’re their own prescription. So what is with the hype to keep people against marijuana?

Marijuana is the cause of death for zero people annually. Zero. This drug is also known to aid people for medical purposes, such as cancer patients who have an intense loss of appetite from chemotherapy. It also helps with pain, anxiety, stress, migraines, arthritis, and the list goes on. I cannot understand why something so helpful as well as harmless would be illegal. The war against drugs is a battle that will not be won, for they will always be among us. What happened when alcohol was made illegal during Prohibition? Private bars opened up all over and even increased gang activity, thus it was legalized once more. Well, similarly, marijuana is not going anywhere, and it is expensive to work against this. How much of our tax money goes towards keeping people clothed, fed, and healthy in our jails? How many of these people are there due to possession of marijuana? It’s counterproductive to have so much money go towards this when the country could be making money by selling and taxing marijuana, much like they do cigarettes, a product that causes more than 440,000 deaths annually, including from second hand smoke exposure.

This is only the tip of the iceberg regarding the argument of legalizing marijuana, but I feel it is an obvious choice. I simply want to encourage people not to take anything the government, media, or anyone says at face value and to do your research and make your own decisions based on that research. Use your freedom.



September Sky Bites

The month of September has gone by fast, but changes in our sky have occurred, and more are to follow during the month of October

By David A. Huestis
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More times than not my column starts out as a weather report. It makes sense. Unless we have clear skies we can't observe the heavens with the naked-eye or with our telescopes. This fact is lost on some folks who visit the local observatories during cloudy nights. (More on this scenario later.) The spring weather was often cloudy and rainy, while most of Rhode Island received more than ten inches of rain in June. We experienced more thunderstorms than we have gotten over an entire summer season. Add to that the heat, high humidity and hazy skies when it did clear, and local astronomers have not been happy campers. Mix in an abundance of mosquitoes and we can't wait for summer to end.

While the first frost is still some weeks away, now that September is here we soon expect cooler temperatures to prevail and the skies to become more transparent. The Harvest Moon (the Full Moon nearest the autumnal equinox, which itself begins on the 22nd at 4:44 p.m. EDT) occurs at 7:12 a.m. on September 19.

But before we get that far ahead, there are a couple of sky scenes I'd like you to look for at the beginning of the month. On September 1 you can still spot brilliant Venus less than ten degrees (a fist held at arm's length provides this measurement) above the horizon after sunset. To the left of it you'll see blue Spica, Virgo's brightest star. To Spica's upper left you can pick out the beautiful ringed-planet Saturn. While this magnificent planet has been lost to many of the local observatories due to its low position in the sky, if you have a portable telescope you can still find a location with a good unobstructed western view to get some final views for this year during evening hours.

Venus and Spica will move closer to the horizon each night as the month progresses. On the 8th a waxing crescent Moon will pass within one degree down and to the left of Venus. While Spica will disappear from view around mid-month, Venus will remain just barely visible by month's end. While Saturn will draw closer to Venus, it will get no closer than three and a half degrees on Sept 18. By month's end Saturn will be too low to be observed.

In contrast, the outer planets Uranus and Neptune will be easily observable during September and October. These gas giants look like little blue-green marbles through the telescopes available for public viewing in Rhode Island. Be sure to ask any of the scope volunteers to acquire them for you to observe. Not many casual stargazers can boast they've seen these distant worlds.

Around here in southern New England I never felt I was in any danger when I went out to observe. Depending upon the time of year you had to watch out for skunks. I've heard coyotes howling nearby at Seagrave

Observatory and in the woods near my home in Burrillville. A pair of red fox sauntered though my yard one evening, though not while I was observing. Fisher cat are a lot more prevalent now, and you don't want to tangle with one. And in recent years at least

left the site.

So observing in Rhode Island isn't all that bad!

Finally, if you plan on visiting one of the local observatories, please check the sky conditions before you venture out. At Seagrave Observatory and Ladd



The Harvest Moon occurred on September 19 at 7:12 p.m. (MCT Campus)

one black bear has been sighted all over the state. If you are observing with a group of people, these critters will likely avoid making their presence known. But, while you are observing alone I would suggest making your presence known on occasion. Play a radio, but not loud enough to disturb your neighbors. I prefer my Ursa Major to remain high in the sky.

We also must be careful about mosquitoes, for now they might carry EEE and the West Nile virus. Still, this area of the country is not as hazardest as others. My good friend and former Skyscrapers member Greg Shanos moved to Florida. One night he was observing with a group of amateur astronomers from the Myakka River State Park. They had set up in an open area near the parking lot. While they were observing they started to hear some noise in the darkness. They shone their flashlights in the general direction of the noise and all they could see were many eyes staring at them.

You see, this park is noted for its alligators. I've bird watched there and it is downright scary even in the daytime. The gators sit right on some of the paths. And they are huge! One of the guides told my wife and I that at night there are only two things in the water at the park – alligators and alligator food!! Greg and the group quickly but cautiously packed up their equipment and

Observatory people have visited on completely overcast nights expecting to observe the sky. When we have explained that the skies were cloudy, on two occasions the question posed to us was, "Isn't the scope powerful enough?" Optical telescopes need light from an astronomical object to produce an image. Clouds block the light, so no image. Perhaps we need to invest in a radio telescope!

There are many more wonders of the heavens that await your gaze at the local observatories. Seagrave Memorial Observatory (www.theskyscrapers.org) in North Scituate is open every clear Saturday night. Ladd Observatory (www.brown.edu/Departments/Physics/Ladd/) in Providence is open every clear Tuesday night. Frosty Drew Observatory (<http://www.frostydrew.org/>) in Charlestown's Ninigret Park is open every clear Friday night. Be sure to check all the websites for the schedules and opening times before visiting these facilities.

While the mosquitoes may still continue to bother us in September, I can promise you won't encounter any alligators in PeepToad Pond!

Keep your eyes to the skies.

Bryant Said What?!

Compiled by Bryant Students

"I just gagged a little."

"Just because it comes out fast doesn't mean it smells like rainbows and butterflies."

"Where'd you learn this stuff?"

"The bus."

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Profit and Loss



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Meet The Archway Staff: Ashley Esper



Name: Ashley Esper

Position: News Editor
Class: 2016

Hometown: Grafton, MA
Major: Accounting

Fun Facts:

- Loves plants
- Wants to go to law school
- Favorite food is oatmeal
- Loves to play guitar

The evolution of Breaking Bad’s Walter White

By Emily Manning
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It is almost misleading to title this article the evolution of Walter White because far too often evolution is associated with a positive connotation. Although Walter White did evolve, he did so by abandoning every ounce of humanity. Throughout the course of *Breaking Bad*, Walter went from a human being, with a sense of compassion and morals, to a self-destructive monster. The character of Walter has progressed so much, it seems the producers of *Breaking Bad* are just toying with avid fans’ emotions by ending the series now. No one will ever know what he will do next. However, fans need to ask themselves, is there anything left for Walter White to do? When someone has turned their back on everything they once stood for, nothing they do could cause amazement or wonder.



The cast of *Breaking Bad* celebrating at last year’s Emmy’s after the show was awarded Outstanding Drama Series (MCT Campus)

‘There are many moments when Walter is fully aware of the destruction he has caused through his immense power and decides to look past it for his own selfish interests.’

For those unfamiliar with the show, and even those who have never missed an episode, let’s take a moment to sum up who Walter once was. Walter was a talented chemist, whose job as a high school teacher caused the level of respect he received and his pay check to be incompatible with his abilities. After being diagnosed with seemingly fatal lung cancer, Walter teamed up with a former

student, Jesse Pinkman, who was already selling meth and began cooking the drug. Walter’s mission was clear, make enough money to support his family, after his inevitable death, and quit the business. Unfortunately, Walter overlooked an extremely destructive element in his plan, himself. Amongst many other defining factors, like his ability to cook meth, Walter is characterized by his precision and ability to anticipate the actions of everyone in his life. However, his hyper awareness for the world around his left him blind to his own actions. For this reason, Walter was unaware of how rapidly his transformation was taking place. Walter’s ignorance to the speed of his evolution is not meant to convey empathy from viewers. There are many moments when Walter is fully aware of

the destruction he has caused through his immense power and decides to look past it for his own selfish interests. In these moments when he should feel pity for the lives he has ruined, he instead feels pride. There is no better way to convey the character’s thought process than through a quote from Walter himself. “No, you clearly don’t know who you’re talking to, so let me clue you in. I am not in danger, Skyler [his wife]. I am the danger. A guy opens his door and gets shot and you think that of me? No. I am the one who knocks.” If only it were as simple as the illegality of Walter’s actions made him an immoral person. Those who wanted a show where cooking meth makes someone a bad person changed the channel early on for something more black and white. *Breaking Bad* is an endless sea of gray

area. Watching this show causes viewers to constantly try to justify Walter’s actions. These justifications dictate the point where Walter’s evolution is complete. As long as the viewer could relate Walter’s actions to helping his family, he was not a monster, he was a family man. When, the viewer can no longer validate Walter’s actions, his transformation is complete. The writers of *Breaking Bad* clearly spell out who Walter used be and what he used to stand for, but leave it up to the viewers to decide what he has become. To put it simply, the decisions he made over the course of the show transformed the former family man into a power - obsessed, controlling genius, who is too stupid to see he gave up everything to gain nothing.

Student John Logan’s unique perception on life

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1. Perform a magic trick for Taylor Swift
2. Produce a YouTube video that receives more than 1 million views
3. Have lunch with Paul McCartney

A bucket list, by definition, is a list of all the things that a person wants to accomplish before they die. The above are the top three items that begin the bucket list of John Logan. Logan explained how everything on his bucket list are things that people have told him that he cannot accomplish or things that people have challenged him to do. For example, the first item on Logan’s list is to perform for Taylor Swift. Now, a common misconception may be that Logan possesses some sort of obsession for Swift, but in reality it’s the opposite. “I’m not obsessed with her, I’m obsessed with accomplishing things on my bucket list,” he said. “I like to do things that people tell me are impossible, and cliché as it may sound, we have to realize that the word ‘impossible’ is what drives curiosity and innovation in society. One time someone told me I’ll never get to meet her, so that made me want to do it even more.” Logan, a sophomore here at Bryant, is quite well known around campus. A published author by the age of 19, Logan is often recognized for his friendly and amiable personality. Logan explained how he prefers to be known as an “entertainer or entrepreneur” rather than a magician. His book, *The Perfect Illusion: Life*, is sold internationally and goes in-depth with a philosophical view on perception. In addition, Logan is featured in a national Toyota television commercial, and worked

closely with Bryant University to help construct the “Why Bryant?” admissions video using sleight of hand. But first, rewind about seven years, when Logan first began to work on his magic skills. “I was bored at a family party when I was about twelve, so I just sat down and started to learn just basic tricks,” he said. “I posted what I was doing online and before I knew it a talent agency contacted me and wanted me to sign a contract with them. Now, they had no way of knowing that I was only twelve because I never showed my face in the videos, but luckily we were able to work that out.” And the rest is well, history. Trying to keep the book a secret from his parents, Logan wanted to surprise them to thank them for their support in all of his endeavors. He would go into school two hours early to work on it, and stay late after classes. More than a book about magic, *The Perfect Illusion: Life* challenges the reader to think outside of the box. The book is aimed towards helping to foster skills which readers can use to pursue their passions. For example, creativity, motivation and self-confidence are all skills that are highlighted throughout the book in order to help the reader achieve their best potential in life. While Logan himself does not know where he may go or what he will do after graduation, what he does know is that he wants to help inspire people in some way. He wants to ultimately thank his friends and family for their support throughout all of his endeavors, for each trick they watched and for all of their advice along the way. Finally, his publication is bookended with the same scenario, and it also encompasses Logan’s main theme as well as his purpose in writing: You are standing on a stage with a spotlight beaming onto your face. You turn around and see a

line of people stretching far behind you. Young and old, poor and rich, and a plethora of cultures and backgrounds stand waiting for their moment in the spotlight. This is your moment. You have one chance to say anything you want to the world, anything at all to leave your impact on the generations that will come to be long after you are gone. So, what would you say?



Two documentaries worth checking out

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AKA Eminem

A powerful documentary intends to capture some aspect of reality that we don't usually notice. There are thousands of documentaries in every field such as sports, science and music. Out of these thousands of documentaries, the two documentaries that caught my eye pertained to interests in our age group, Eminem and Steve Jobs.

Someone said that "struggle and perseverance is the key to success." That's true and the best example of this is Eminem. Marshall Bruce Mathers III better known as Eminem, is considered to be one of the best rappers of the 20th and 21st centuries along with Lil Wayne and Jay-Z. His lyrical tone and his ability to make any words rhyme, has transformed him into an iconic figure in the music industry.

His music has good rhythm and beats causing everyone to murmur the tunes of the song. But, what really captures one's attention is the meaningful lyrics and the powerful message behind the songs. Good examples are: Beautiful, Not Afraid, Mockingbird and No Love. In an interview, he stated that the inspiration for his music comes from his past struggles. Most of us know about his life from *8 Mile* (2002), where we see Eminem's struggle to become a rapper in Detroit. However, that's not the whole story. The movie doesn't capture much of his life and the struggle that he went through to be where he is now.

The *Eminem AKA* (2004) documentary presents an insight to Eminem's life, which also features interviews from family and friends along with rare footage of his early rap battles in Detroit etc. The documentary shows how his struggles have influenced his music. Even if you have seen *8 Mile*, if you're an Eminem fan, you must watch *Eminem AKA*; it's a true eye opener.

In short, this documentary



Rapper Eminem performing live (MCT Campus)

is one of those documentaries that has an ever-lasting effect on the viewers. It is said that such life changing moment happen to one in a billion people. This documentary definitely qualifies as one of the most powerful documentaries as it shows series of events that made an unknown homeless man a household name and one of the best rappers of all time.

Steve Jobs

"Apple" has represented more than a fruit since this legendary businessman has stepped in the business world. Ever since he started Apple Inc, he has changed the way we live, think and work. His products have made our lives more convenient and iPhones have essentially taken over the mobile phone industry. Though few products failed in the market in the past, his continuous involvement and devotion to the company has made him a household name.

Today his company is one of the few debt-free companies in the world with a net profit of 6.9 billion dollars.

Every year Apple stuns us with new technology that sells faster than hot cakes around the world.

The documentary provides the viewers an insight to Steve Jobs' life and his struggle within the company before his death in 2011. The documentary features

interviews with his associates and his rivals that tell us about his turbulent career.

This documentary is a must watch as it makes us realize how one man can change the world simply by an idea and his vision of technological advancement. Also, this documentary shows how he concentrates on providing the best quality to the people instead of focusing on earning profit.

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One of his most memorable quotes was: "the product will sell itself if the quality is good." He was selling an idea and not a product.

Eminem AKA and *Steve Jobs: One Last Thing* are my top powerful documentaries to see as they are two of the few documentaries that fulfill their purpose: bringing a change in perspective among the viewers and to show how struggle leads to success. So go ahead! Watch these documentaries on Netflix because they can bring a change in your perspective on these people.



The late Steve Jobs at a 2009 press event (MCT Campus)

Prisoners review

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How far would you go to find someone you lost? Keller Dover (Hugh Jackman) shows that even the most honest and spiritual men can lose their sanity and moral standing in time of ambiguity. But in his defense, how sane can you expect a father to be when he's looking for his kidnapped daughter, and when the man with an obvious connection to the crime is allowed to walk free?

After a happy Thanksgiving celebration between neighbors, Anna Dover (daughter of Maria Bello and Jackman's characters) and Joy Birch (daughter of Viola Davis and Terrence Howard's characters) disappear during an unsupervised stroll through the neighborhood.

When the Dover's teenaged son recalls seeing a suspicious RV earlier in the day, a search ensues and the vehicle is found. Inside they find a man, Alex Jones (Paul Dano). Because of the lack of evidence in the RV and the fact that Jones has the IQ of a 10-year-old, he is released 48 hours later, to the extreme frustration of Mr. Dover. Convinced Jones is the man who kidnapped his daughter, Keller abducts Jones and tortures him for information, consistently hitting a dead end.

Detective Loki (Jake Gyllenhaal) is assigned to finding Anna and Joy. Having solved every case he's been assigned to on the force, the task proves extremely difficult when he can't manage to get to the bottom of this so quickly. He follows several leads throughout the film's 2.5 hour runtime, even resorting to suspecting Dover himself.

Prisoners is a prime example of how adding minutes to the runtime doesn't make up for a somewhat weak resolution. I won't go so far as to say that the climactic confrontation between Dover and the abductor was a disappointment, but after all the buildup and events of the previous two hours, I was expecting a lot more in terms of excitement.

Kept afloat thanks to a great cast (notably Jackman and Dano) and an enigmatic script, *Prisoners* builds up a beautifully complex story, only to leave a few issues not fully or clearly resolved once its belated ending finally arrives. But this didn't take away that much from my enjoyment of the movie. For the most part, I was enthralled and captivated. Also, there's a pretty clear giveaway of who really was responsible for the kidnapping. When you see it, don't overthink it.

Rating: 4/5

THE POETRY CORNER

I Won't Break

To be framed for things you never did...
In the beginning I just turned my back and hid.

To be hated before you are even known...
My life is hell before I am even fully grown.

To be envied so much that it destroys your life...
I just hope it will get better, I avoid the knife.

To be turned away before you're even there...
Just to wonder why no one seems to care.

To be hurt every time someone says the words "I love you..."
Trusting someone is something I will never again do.

To be judged by what people say and not who you are...
Happiness has never seemed so far.

To be torn apart every time you give your forgiveness...
Sometimes I feel I'm being strangled by the stress.

To be breaking apart on the inside, but not letting anyone see...
I wont run, but I'm thinking of so many other places I'd rather be.

However there is one thing I will never be...
I will never be broken; that'll be something no one will ever see.

By Ashley Smith

This was my *first* job

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– *Helena Johnson*
Director

Grow your own way. My first job was as an associate in our tax practice. During the first few years, PwC supported me when I went back to school to get my MBA. When I decided to start my family, PwC was supportive in allowing me to have a flexible work schedule. Now I am a director in the Banking and Capital Markets practice. As my life and career goals have changed, the firm has allowed me to grow my career, my own way. [**pwc.com/campus**](http://pwc.com/campus)



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