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Bryant welcomes Stephen Alexander

Exclusive Insight On His Personal Life and What He Dreams For the Future

By Sarahanne Kent

Contributing Writer

On Wednesday, September 24 Bryant University had the privilege of hosting Rhode Island's own, first openly-transgendered coach, to speak to the future athletes of today. He was introduced by Sam Grabelle, co-chair of the LGBTQ and Allies Faculty and Staff Caucus at Bryant University, as well as his childhood friend, Beth Wandyes, who is the associate athletic director at Bryant University.

Stephen Alexander started off his speech by saying that we are on the "cutting edge of having some really radical discussions." Before one delves into these radical discussions, however, it is important to appreciate the struggles and hard-fought battles of the past.

During his speech, Alexander was asked to tell us a little bit more about his "own journey." He began walking us through his heroic journey to self-realization by saying "I had always known that I had more of a male aura." Throughout Alexander's childhood, a time during which he was known by the name of "Jen," he was your stereotypical "tom-boy." Jen would rather be outside playing games such as football, wiffle ball, and frisbee, than inside playing with dolls.

In this life, Alexander was content. However when middle school started he admitted that "things started to change" for him. Going through puberty he said, "I knew I was becoming more and more unhappy." When he turned his tale to his time in high school things became emotional as he reflected on the difficult journey of being



a man trapped in a female body, which included the mentally and physically painful process known as "binding." (Does this need more explanation?)

Throughout high school and college, through all the hardship, sports were Alexander's only "saving grace," but even this brought its

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White House intrusion shakes up D.C.

By Stephanie Johnston

Staff Writer

Last Friday night the White House experienced its biggest security breach in recent history. It wasn't until after jumping over the fence, running successfully across the length of the North Lawn, and entering through the front door of the White House that Omar Jose Gonzalez was apprehended.

Gonzalez, American veteran age 42, is currently being held and is awaiting an October court date. Officials say that the intruder was armed with a knife as he made it 70 yards through the yard and walked into the White House through the unlocked door, where he was taken down by a Secret Service agent after overpowering one agent and penetrating as far as the East Room. Upon searching his car later, eight-hundred rounds of ammunition, two hatchets, and a machete were found.

Prior to this incident, Gonzalez has been trouble for law enforcement. From July 19th of this year Gonzalez faces reckless driving charges. Making matters worse, when his car was searched at that time weapons, including a rifle, were found along with a map of Washington, DC with the White House circled. August 25th, the Secret Service stopped but did not arrest Gonzalez as he walked by the White House with a hatchet in his waistband. This instance now makes more sense and sheds more light on the current situation.

Gonzalez made the feat look easy as security precaution after precaution failed to stop



Secret Service on White House front law (Mct campus)

him. Stated by Congressman Darrell Issa, "Common sense tells us that there were a series of security failures, not an instance of praiseworthy restraint. Inexplicably, Omar Gonzalez breached at least five rings of security on September 19th." The first level of protection for the White House starts on the sidewalk—secret service men are dressed as civilians in order to spot jumpers and send advanced warning. Next, an officer in a guard booth failed to stop him. An attack dog is also usually released at this time, another aspect to the security protocol that did not happen. A SWAT team did react, but not nearly fast enough and they did not get to him before the door. The first security unit to function properly was the agent that stopped Gonzalez inside the White

House. Never before has a fence jumper made it to the building.

Not surprisingly, this event has sparked a large investigation into the Secret Service agency. The Secret Service was created in 1865, originally as a branch of the US Treasury Department. After President McKinley's assassination in 1901, the agency took on protecting the president. Today, Secret Service agents protect the president and his family, former presidents, and other important government heads. With varying duties and locations, there are about 1,200 uniformed and 2,800 plain-dressed agents serving. The White House is crawling with agents starting with undercover agents on the sidewalk, teams located all over the grounds and gardens, and snipers on the roof of the building. Fence jumpers

are not uncommon, though usually they are apprehended almost immediately and the dogs are used, according a report by Washington Post.

In this situation the president had left the premise just four minutes earlier from the South Lawn by helicopter according to author Scott Thuman on abc7.com. Most of the security had been focused there. Gonzalez claims that his motive was only to talk to Obama and caution him that "the atmosphere was collapsing." For now, the biggest consequence of this security breach will be a serious slap on the wrist for the Secret Service—but had Gonzalez been armed, had his motives been different, or had the Obama family been home, this story would have been very different.



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September	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
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	10am - Free Condom Friday in Rototunda 8pm - Bryant @ nite dodgeball in Chace	1pm - Survival of the Fittest in Chace	SUNDAY FUNDAY	10am - Kick Off Event for National Coming Out week in Rotunda 5:30pm - Archway Meetings in FSC 2c	5pm - Tie-Dye Event in hall 15	9am - DPS found property sale in Rotunda	10am - Heal Myplate Event in Rotunda

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

U.S. versus ISIS

By **Nicholas Calabro**
Staff Writer

There seems to be no end in sight for the United States’ “War on Terror.” One relatively new group to form is ISIS (Islamic State in Iraq and Syria), which arose during the Civil War/ rebellion against Bashar Assad in Syria. As their power grew in Iraq and Syria, spreading from the border with Turkey to the outskirts of Baghdad, the United States worked to form a coalition that will attempt to at least contain ISIS. So far, the U.S. and allies (Britain, Denmark, Belgium, France, and five Arab nations) have used airstrikes on certain ISIS-controlled areas with the emphasis on their oil fields.

The U.S.-led coalition is striking the oil fields because those appear to be a chief source of revenue for ISIS (\$2 million in black market sales). More specifically, it was the U.S. and the five Arab allies launching these strikes located on the border with Iraq, striking there on both September 25th and 26th. The European nations in the coalition will be aiding in future strikes in Iraq (although France is considering getting involved in Syria). These nations will do this by sending fighter jets, pilots, and support staff. Other airstrikes against ISIS in both Iraq and Syria have hit their vehicles, bunkers, checkpoints, and other positions.

Part of the latest round of air raids also struck ISIS headquarters in Mayadeen in addition to their oil fields. Another part of the offensive, according to “Britain’s Syrian Observatory of Human Rights,” has hit the Islamic State group’s position near Hassakeh, in northeastern Syria. Like most of the other strikes, stated by the Observatory, “these had hit their oil fields, and the vehicles that ISIS had brought in from Iraq.” While it sounds like the United States and allies are starting to get the job done, there is something unfortunate about these strikes, something that is tragically unavoidable in all conflicts.

The aforementioned “Observatory of Human Rights,” has reported the

death of at least thirteen civilians as a result of these strikes. Such things have caused people, who are also opposed to the Syrian government (keep in mind, ISIS rose during the rebellion against Bashar Assad) to protest the air strikes. They also show support for ISIS and the Al-Qaeda affiliate, Nusra Front, another group that the United States has been bombing (which gets support thanks to its fighters being on the front line against Assad).

In areas controlled by more moderate Syrian rebels, it is not obvious whether or not they support the U.S. led coalition. The strikes against ISIS are not getting different reactions from them (they condone those), but they continue to question why Bashar Assad’s forces are mostly untouched. At the same time, there are activists in Syria who claim that the strikes have started to really affect ISIS, as evidenced by having fewer gunmen for their checkpoints. To protect themselves, civilians have been fleeing areas that have ISIS in them, including 140,000 Syrian Kurds fleeing to Turkey.

The strikes themselves can be seen as an extension of the ongoing Civil War between Syria’s government and the Syrian rebels, where ISIS represents the extreme faction of the rebellion. This conflict has taken the lives of 190,000 people, and it is still going on, even with these strikes taking most of the attention. Currently, ISIS wants to take the city of Ayn Arab/ Kobani from the Syrian Kurds, which will bring ISIS closer to controlling Northern Syria, unopposed.

What is the United States to do about ISIS? Reportedly, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Martin Dempsey, has said there will be “a Western-backed force of 12,000-15,000 moderate rebels to retake areas of Eastern Syria under the control of ISIS, which will be trained and backed by the West.” If it can be understood that there needs to be more than high terrorist casualties, then it may be possible for this to be over. Otherwise, people are going to be fighting and dying for a long time.

Alexander

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own set of baggage. Alexander was accepted to Stonehill College on a basketball scholarship as the locker room situation became more and more tense. It was not until around this time that Alexander truly discovered who he was.

After discovering what a transgender person was in an abnormal psychology textbook, he could not help but wondering “what’s wrong with me?” and thought “I don’t know where my place is in society.” In the beginning, he tried to run away from what he was, even going as far as Tasmania, Australia to do it. Even flying to the other side of the world, however, could not separate him from himself and he sank into a deep depression, admittedly considering suicide.

Being away from his family hurt, but being close to his family also hurt because he knew that they would never accept him as he was. His sister said that him being a lesbian would “be tough enough” for his parents to swallow. When he finally did explain the situation that had been torturing him for years to his parents, they were in shock. All his mother could recommend was that he continue attending therapy; however, when Alexander expressed his wish to have reconstructive chest surgery, his mother became hysterical, crying and claiming she was going to kill herself. The journey to getting his parents to accept him as Stephen and not Jen was not an easy one, but in the end, when Alexander had his first surgery, he went to the hospital with his parents by his side.

Now, Alexander is a coach at Ponaganset High School. He has so many goals for the future, but he cannot accomplish them alone. He uses a sports metaphor to demonstrate this, saying, “everybody sees the ball... from a different angle.” He claims that if we share in each other’s views and help each other understand how we are all different, then we can achieve “a diverse population” and again says that our generation “is on the cutting edge of this conversation.”

Stephen Alexander has a dream where locker rooms are safer for school-age kids who might not be heterosexual and where the world is no longer split in half by gender. “It really comes down to respecting the human being,” says Alexander. “Transgendered people are not stereotypes, we are not drug-addicted prostitutes.... We are living, breathing human beings.”

Finally, to wrap everything up, Alexander was asked what helps him overcome all that he has been through and all the animosity that is still directed towards transgendered people. He responded by saying that it is “moments like these” that help him through. He says that “I consider it my duty, my pleasure that I get paid to be who I am.” We should step out of our comfort zone to lend a hand to people who need it. We need to “stop creating fear and start working with people.”

With that, Stephen Alexander was met with great applause by the Bryant Athletic Community for his inspirational speech.

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Preview of John Pizzarelli Quartet



By **Molly Funk**
Campus News Editor

Bryant University welcomes the John Pizzarelli Quartet on Tuesday, October 7th at 7:00 PM. Pizzarelli and company will join the Bryant community through the President’s Cultural Series. During the show John will be playing bass along with brother Martin Pizzarelli, Kevin Kanner on drums, and Konrad Paszkudki on piano.

John began playing the guitar when he was six years old, encouraged by his father who also played. Throughout high school he played with friends and found himself part of several garage bands. At the same time, he was able to explore jazz with his father and perform with many jazz musicians. Pizzarelli recorded My Blue

Heaven in 1990 for Chesky Records, which kicked off his exclusive touring in clubs, concert halls, and opening for Dave Brubeck, Ramsey Lewis, and Rosemary Clooney. Soon after, in 1993, John opened for Frank Sinatra’s international tour and performed at his 80th birthday concert at Carnegie Hall, performing I Don’t Know Why I Love You Like I Do with his father.

Many in the Northeast recognize John Pizzarelli from his popular TV commercial for Foxwoods Casino in which he performed The Wonder Of It All. Pizzarelli shares, “people are calling the casino to ask ‘who’s that guy singing?’” Further, he states that if he is to be connected with the commercial so strongly, he is glad it is for a song he enjoys.

Pizzarelli gets his inspiration from Nat “King” Cole, and regards the comparison to his idol the highest of

compliments. He asserts that his group is not trying to copy Nat “King” Cole as “his sound was singular and inspired.” However, Pizzarelli does consider himself an extension of his idol into the 21st century. Albums Dear Mr. Cole and P.S. Mr. Cole include music made famous by the famous Nat “King” Cole.

Other albums include After Hours, comprised of torch ballads, Our Love is Here to Stay, a collection of classic swing and originals, and Let’s Share Christmas, a holiday collection. He also released John Pizzarelli Meets the Beatles, an album which combines Beatles songs with the world of swing and smoky ballads.

In 1999, John Pizzarelli signed with Telarc International, a GRAMMY Award winning label. From there he recorded several successful CDs including Kisses in the Rain, a collection of covers and original songs with a live performance attitude. In his 2002 album, The Rare Delight of You, Pizzarelli teamed up with pianist George Shearing. Together they recorded classics and a few originals all with the classic quintet and vocalist styles.

His most recent album released in 2012, Double Exposure, is a collection of songs by modern pop songwriters framed into traditional jazz arrangements. Pizzarelli received the Ella Fitzgerald Award in 2009 from the Montreal International Jazz Festival, entering a select group of recipients including Aretha Franklin and Tony Bennett.

Bryant students can attend the event free of charge. General admission is \$20. Smithfield residents may receive two complimentary tickets. Tickets for non-Bryant students and teachers are \$10 with a school I.D. Tickets for Bryant alumni are also \$10. Reserve tickets by calling (401) 531-6661.

Tupper’s Tidbits

Tupper’s Take on Five Top News Items

Iron Clad Tupper I



But first... let me take a self. (Christina Senecal)

When you’re a social media maven, such as myself, you see a lot of trending items. I have friends all over the world. Not kidding. And I see different trending items. I’m no different than most – I have opinions. So let’s put these things into a dog’s perspective. I present to you, “Tupper’s Take on Five Top News Items”:

5. ISIS. I don’t even understand what went so horribly wrong here. Isis used to be the Egyptian Goddess of Magic and Life. In the mid-1970s, she was on TV Saturday mornings – Archeologist by day, evil-fighting Egyptian goddess when needed. What’s that? Oh...mom says different Isis...well, how am I supposed to know that? She won’t let me watch the news because it’s too violent.

4. iPHONE 6 BENDS. Wait...this is a problem? Oh, it’s not SUPPOSED to bend! That’s too bad, because now they’re too big to carry. Meh...it’s Apple. No one’s going to stop buying them...ever. They could be poop-shaped, and people would think it’s amazing. I guess my mom thinks my poop is amazing. She collects it...but I digress.

3. CLOONEY GOT HITCHED. Take note, ladies...if Clooney did it, ANYONE can do it. Even me. I’m pretty much a confirmed bachelor at this point, though.

I’ve got a girlfriend, but mom won’t let me talk about her. Okay, okay...her name is “Pillow.” That’s all I can tell you...

2. WHITE HOUSE JUMPER. Uh, yeah, so somebody should probably do something about White House security. Maybe they should replace their guard dogs with bulldogs. I mean, if someone tries to run past me, I’m tackling them. Seriously. Don’t try it.

And the number one news item this week I want to talk about is:

1. JETER RETIRES. Wow. Respect, indeed. In my five years of living, I’ve never seen such a production as #2’s farewell season. Whatever the controversy – some people say he wasn’t a great player, some say he was – one thing is certain: He was the consummate professional. I hope someone was taking notes on all the hullabaloo...my retirement is around the corner. But I want to see a LOT more bacon than I did for Jeter’s farewell season...A LOT MORE!

So there you have it. Tupper’s Take on Five Top News Items. Don’t forget – I’m on Facebook (/bulldogtupper), Instagram (/mascot_tupper), and Twitter (/bryanttuppy). Get at me! ’Til next time... WOOF!

Going Green

What is Sustainability?

By June Candland
Contributing Writer

Sustainability is a word that is used a great deal in today’s society, and in fact may be applied in a foolish or misleading fashion to products which clearly do not fit the guidelines of sustainable practice. There are sustainable shoes, soda, and toothpaste that are being marketed to the public with little proof that their content, manufacture, and distribution pathways meet sustainability standards. Marketers are able to use these tactics because consumers do not generally ask questions about whether or not the products are actually sustainable. Even though most buyers would say that they like to buy from a socially and environmentally responsible company, they may have little clarity about what it means to do so.

The definition of sustainability is to use resources in such a way that we leave a habitable world for tomorrow’s citizens. To do so, our present wasteful habits must be reframed, a process which involves the concepts of survivability, adaptability, and resiliency. Each of us interprets this challenge in a personalized and different way, but the key is to take responsibility for yourself, your community, and your planet; in short to care about those who come after you, because your words and actions can indeed change the future.

Many ask why sustainability is such an important concept to understand. As humans, we are all in search of prosperity, growth, and success within our lives. As we race to meet these objectives, we are destroying the very system that we as humans depend on for survival. In a sense, we have become a threat to our own way of life. In order to live sustainably, we need to consider the four basic principles that scientists in Sweden developed over twenty years ago (The Natural Way). These are to reduce dependence on fossil fuels, to reduce dependence on synthetic chemicals, to reduce destruction of nature, and to make sure that our actions do not stop people globally from meeting basic needs. By pursuing these four principles, a population wastes and pollutes less. This in turn contributes to renewal and enrichment of society’s values, while improving our planet’s chances of providing us what we need to survive. Thus, we create a healthier planet and a better quality of life.

The Earth is an interconnected system. Society, the environment, and the economy all work with each other

to balance the system. Frequently, discussions about sustainability are disconnected from the economy and social factors, as if they are separate entities. A great example of how all three are linked is to consider natural capital as an integral part of a capitalistic system, i.e., recognizing and accounting for natural, financial, human, and infrastructural capital. None of these fundamental resources can be wasted or discounted.

In other terms, if we consider forests as a type of natural resource (i.e., principal), and the environmental services provided by a living forest as being equivalent to adding “interest” to the investment, then cutting down that forest destroys not only the principal, but also the ongoing increase in value that would have accumulated had the forest been left standing. In turn, society would then have to find other ways to filter pollution or protect soil and water.

Not knowing about environmentally-friendly and sustainable products is not always the consumer’s fault. There are five barriers to sustainability that vary by product, industry, and region. In a study in 2007 by Stanford Social Innovation Review that sampled 7,751 consumers around the world, researchers identified that there are at least five barriers that complicate green buying at every stage of the purchase cycle.

There is general lack of awareness about the product and factual information about the topic of sustainability. Many consumers have negative perceptions that green products will perform worse than conventional items. There is a distrust in the market because of products claiming to be environmentally-friendly are later found to have been based on misleading or false information. Purchasing sustainable products often comes with a higher price tag. Lastly, there is frequently low availability or poor placement of the items within a store. Consumers in this study did believe that there were ways to reduce these barriers. The answer is to alleviate the barriers by educating consumers, building better products, being honest, offering more choices, and improving access to the products for consumers.

In the end, practicing sustainability means that you will not only help yourself, but will continue to help future generations to be able to live on the planet that we currently occupy and enjoy.

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From college student to marketing executive

Why you can't just settle out of college

By Dana Siska
Contributing Writer

My alarm rang on September 29th, 2014, a Monday morning at 5am. I have the same routine where I fumble to find the light switch, get ready for my day, and head over to Brewed Awakenings Coffee House in Johnston, Rhode Island. Their breakfast menu is comparable to the Holy Grail, and their coffee definitely aids my long commute to work. As I sat and waited for my to-go meal, a man sitting next to me asked, "How are you so happy all the time? I see you every morning with a smile on your face? How do you do it? It's 6:30am!" Effortlessly, I replied back, "Because I love what I'm doing." He then began to ask where I worked and I told him proudly that I worked at Ray's New York Bagels.

"You commute to Sharon, MA every day from Johnston?" I quickly nodded back to him, and he was in shock that a 40-60 minute commute without traffic was a normal thing for me. I thought about it after I left, and never realized how happy I was in the morning. Usually, I could barely stay awake in my 8am classes, let alone wake before the sun was up. I never took notice of my attitude until then; my happiness has become second nature.

The act of job searching will make anyone curl up in the fetal position—especially when a college student has the pressures of parents and friends reminding you, you're still unemployed. I've heard way too many stories from fellow Bryant Students that the real world was "just okay...bills suck....as long as it pays well".

That wasn't enough for me. Although I've been told by many that I won't have my dream job out of college and it takes time to work your way up, I refused to believe it. I wanted something different out of college. I didn't want to end up like the students that graduated with their safe, corporate job with great benefits, but no time to develop their personal growth outside the incandescent lighting and fabric cubicles. I didn't want to work for

money; I wanted money to work for me.

My passion in life has always been to work in the food industry after a semester long course --- a Literary Seminar at Bryant with a "Food" theme. I can never thank Professor Okoomian enough for exposing me to something I was (no pun intended) hungry for.

Every project I had in school, every paper topic that was free rein, was dedicated to the food industry. I wanted to find everything I could. Why do people like green products with green packaging? Why are people obsessing over bacon and pumpkin spices? What is this new revelation of growing non-genetically modified foods? What's so important about farm to table or bean to bar? After many successful start-up projects and research papers, I knew the internship and job I wanted was to be focused on food.

Applying for internships and jobs is stressful, and in no way, shape, or form did I want my job to be stressful too. What's the fun in that? Why should I only have 2 weekend days to do what I absolutely love?

After internships in both small business and corporate environments I knew exactly what I wanted. I wanted a job that was in a start-up atmosphere, continually growing, and continually changing. That's what I found at Ray's New York Bagels. I've been rejected from many corporate companies on final rounds because I "didn't have enough experience" or "didn't have a master's degree..." for low level positions that in hopefully 10 years, I'd be noticed in the industry.

It wasn't until Ray's New York Bagels did I realize I could have the job I always dreamed of; I just had to keep telling myself my dream is out there; I just had to dig deep to find it. Since August of 2014, I have been hired as the Marketing Executive of Ray's New York Bagel Company. Words cannot describe the feeling I had the night before my first day on the job.

Granted...my first day on the job consisted of driving to

Boston's Logan Airport with my boss who I hardly knew and catch a flight to San Francisco to meet with brokers and distributors. After a long flight and talk with my boss, I knew I was where I belonged.

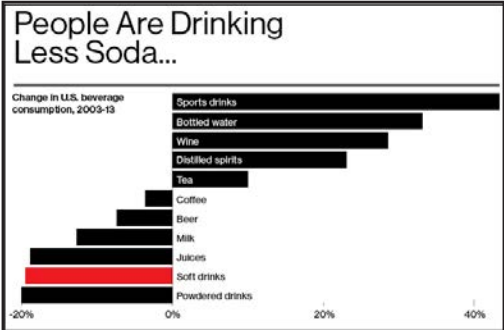
I am now blessed and lucky to have the opportunity to fly anywhere in the US and plan future trips for expansion of our company – Dubai, China, Europe—travelling isn't for everyone but it definitely is the highlight of my job!

When I'm not travelling, I work in the headquarters office located in Sharon, MA. I am my own boss, self-starting projects where I believe the company could improve. The most recent project has been spearheaded by a current Bryant Junior, Meghan Shevlin, who is aiding in our European expansion as she studies abroad in France and leads her international marketing team at the University.

In my office environment, I do not work FOR my boss, I work WITH him. My opinions are considered just as important as anyone's, and I don't need to go to an HR department to have my voice heard. My job also allows me to explore different areas of marketing and entrepreneurship that involve continuing education. Currently, I am taking Adobe Illustrator and In-design courses to improve Ray's brand and content that is posted via social media platforms, blogs, and our own website.

Waking up in my apartment at 5:00am on the weekdays can be a little daunting, but when I put my feet on the ground and get ready for my day, I'm always excited. I am healthy, I am happy, and I have a great Bryant network that supports me. I know that I'm in the right place, being treated with respect by great entrepreneurs like myself, and knowing that my company invests in me because they believe I can make them successful. And I will.

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Cutting Calories: soft drink giants promise change

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The marketing strategies of many juggernaut companies tend to falsely influence consumers on their wants and needs. Three giant companies, Coca-Cola Co., PepsiCo Inc. and Dr. Pepper Snapple Group, are known for their assertive campaigns and for their soft-drink products. As child obesity continues to rise in the United States, these three companies have voluntarily agreed to cut twenty percent of calories Americans consume per year through different methods of marketing by the year 2025. The Clinton Global Initiative, held in New York City on the 23rd of September, pressured these three big soft drink companies to challenge obesity. Instead of creating low calorie soft-drinks, they would rather promote other options in hopes of increasing brand loyalty.

A typical 12-ounce can of soda contains 150 calories; Coca-Cola Co., PepsiCo Inc. and the Dr. Pepper Snapple Group are known for these typical soft-drinks but are now looking to recreate their images to reflect the new health-conscious society. The companies plan to aggressively market their sugary drinks by pushing customers to purchase smaller bottles and cans, as well as zero- or low-calorie products. Additionally, the companies will begin a campaign that will display calorie counts on more than three million vending machines and promotions on the ends of grocery aisles to educate consumers across the country. The companies will also drive consumers to purchase their alternative beverages, such as flavored waters and sports drinks.

This strategy could be beneficial for both producers and consumers because it can create higher profits for the companies, and it can help control the consumers' portions. The soft drink industry as a whole has declined by nearly twenty percent in the last ten years due to a growing health-conscious society. Recently, PepsiCo was debating whether or not to split up their snacks division from their beverage division due to continuous years of decreasing profits on the beverage side and increasing profits on the snacks side. CEO Indra Nooyi believes that both sides should remain together because they cooperatively drive growth; Nooyi poses the question, "If you eat a bag of Fritos, do you reach for a beverage?" This question does not apply to elementary school students who do not have a choice when it comes to what they have to drink in their school cafeterias.

Ten years ago vending machines in public schools were stocked with soda, but now they are supplied with alternatives made by soft-drink companies. Public school districts have recently been banning soda from cafeterias and consequently replacing it with flavored waters. With this change, schools have initiated an effort for healthy alternatives, but other public areas must reciprocate this effort in order to make a healthy difference.

Although soft drink sales have been plummeting as the health-conscious society continues to grow, these three companies are not in danger. Coca-Cola Co. has other popular brands such as DASANI, POWERADE, Glacéau Vitaminwater, and Minute Maid. PepsiCo has Gatorade, Tropicana, Aquafina, and numerous popular snack brands. Dr. Pepper Snapple Group has Mott's, Snapple, and Nantucket Nectars. Although their soft drink sales continue to decrease, their alternatives make up for their losses. Even with the decrease in soda sales, steady competition will remain among these three companies for whoever can market their alternative options better.

Are these companies actually taking into consideration recent studies to help the health of their consumers or putting on a show to slyly boost sales? Coca-Cola Co., Pepsi Co., and Dr. Pepper Snapple Group are committed to bettering their companies, whether or not this "voluntary" promise was made to increase greater consumer awareness of their individual health. Increased marketing will only help these juggernaut companies create improved brand loyalty.



Apple’s new iPhone launch: Success or Disaster?

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Apple lovers rejoice! The wait is over and the new iPhone 6 and 6 Plus models have finally arrived, as well as a brand new iOS to go along with them. The market has now had over a week to play with, test, review, and critique the new launch from Apple. So far the results have been incredible, the numbers do not lie, and the new iPhones have made a killing in sales.

But as of recently there seems to be setback after setback for Apple, sparking negative publicity and creating a worldwide debate about whether Apple rushed the release and cut corners just to get the product out. From the phone bending to the multiple iOS issues and all the glitches in between, there’s a surplus of issues. A growing population is even saying that Apple isn’t actually all that innovative and

has done practically nothing besides giving their consumers a bigger screen size, a feature that a lot of competitors have been implementing for years. Although the new launch may have increased Apples bank account, it may have decreased their number of future and continuing consumers crippling their very high reputation as a company who puts out “top notch” products.

iPhones are some of the most tested products on the market today. Every iPhone release day is like a national holiday. Bloggers, Youtubers, Consumer Reports, and even “tech gurus” test the iPhone in the most practical and sometimes impractical ways possible. It seems everyone and their mother wants to test the new iPhone in some sort of ridiculous fashion.

From freezing it in a block of ice, boiling it, dropping it from second story buildings, even running it over with a car, people test iPhones more than even test driving their own cars when looking to buy one. The point is, with all of this absurd testing came along the greatest weakness of the new iPhone, it’s very susceptible to bending. But not just a little warp in the frame

here and there; this phone bends so easily that even if moved in someone’s pocket the wrong way it will visibly and permanently bend.

This propelled a backlash towards Apple and started a trend on social media called “#BendGate.” This hashtag has created all sorts of negative buzz in regards to the new iPhone models. Some people going so far as to even create parody ads for new gadgets like the “iRoll” to roll your bent iPhone back. Or the “iFold-Plane” which is a joke ad showing a fake feature where a user can literally fold their iPhone into a paper airplane.

But one of the biggest disadvantages to all of this negativity and jokes regarding the iPhone is that it’s allowing Apple’s competitors to make ads and statements that mock the new iPhone and make their product look superior. Samsung actually went so far as to make an ad campaign with a headline “Bend to those who are worthy” showing the iPhone 6 bending over in front of the Galaxy Note 3. I personally own an iPhone 6, and I have been asked by almost everyone if my phone has bent yet, and some individuals will even ask if they can try to bend

it themselves to see how easy it is. It seems that the iPhone 6 and 6 Plus will be known for their ability to bend more than their ability to perform as a smart phone in the modern world. This is definitely a humiliating blooper in the iPhone launch that will be hard for Apple to erase from the slate and put in the past.

Besides the physical alterations of the new iPhone, the iOS 8 installed on the new iPhones caused quite a few issues as well. First off, the initial iOS 8 was buggy and had some pretty annoying and serious issues, inconveniencing customers. Apple then released a statement claiming they will fix the issues in the original iOS by creating iOS 8.0.1, this iOS actually made everything worse for Apple. It also made every iPhone 6 and 6 Plus user specifically experience extra issues versus previous iPhone models.

First off, the 8.0.1 update caused connectivity issues that caused dropped calls on a lot of users’ cellular networks, affecting primarily iPhone 6 and iPhone 6 Plus users. The update also disabled the Touch ID function as well. Apple then had to go and pull the update, thus reverting back to iOS 8.0.0, which is

something Apple does not like to do. Apple shortly threw up iOS 8.0.2 and so far it has seemed to have fixed all the reported issues surrounding the initial two iOS 8 launches. But despite the iOS being fixed these setbacks are major and give Apple a bad reputation, and at a time like this when they are trying to push their newest products they need a good reputation.

Did Apples new iPhone product launch go accordingly to plan? Of course not. Was it what the world expected? No. Altogether the launch did have some major issues following it and it definitely set Apple back and might have given their competitors a leg up this year when attracting consumers.

But overall Apple still sold 10 million phones within the first weekend and people are and will still continue to buy the iPhone 6 as well as 6 Plus. It will be interesting to see how Apple addresses these issues down the road especially the bending problem. The future of Apple lies within their phone line because of how much revenue they drive in. All in all, the iPhone 6 and 6 Plus were successful launches hindered by unfortunate mistakes and setbacks.

What’s going on with Alibaba?

By Shayan Ushani
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Visa’s initial public offering was \$17.9 billion dollars in 2008. General Motor’s IPO was 15.8 billion in 2010. Facebook’s IPO was 16 billion dollars in 2012. Now there is Alibaba with an initial offering of 25 billion, making it the biggest in history.

The biggest IPO to come to America, the economic capital of the world, is from a Chinese company. Originally priced at \$68, the shares jumped to \$93.89 on its very first day. Shares were in high demand, with investors entering in orders weeks before in hopes to grab shares at a low price before its first day pop. Something you may have not have known is that foreign investors cannot own part of a Chinese company.

Due to this reason, Alibaba is incorporated in the Cayman Islands, with a shell company which is what investors are actually buying. This shaky structure may seem as to be a deterrent to some investors, but it has not stopped the mass majority. While most stocks jump 15% on their first day, Alibaba rose over 70% and has a market cap of \$231 billion. With the growing middle class of China, this company that started out of a small apartment in Hangzhou, has redefined the shape of today’s markets.

The year was 1999 when Jack Ma started Alibaba.com. His vision was simple, a way to help manufacturers in China sell their products. Unlike what a lot of people think, Alibaba does not function the way a company like Amazon does, that owns warehouses of products listed and ships them out. Alibaba is a middleman which functions to help connect businesses. Alibaba makes its money through ad placement, and the commission it charges from large retailers. Ma states that he came up with the name after being in a San Francisco coffee shop and asking people if they recognized the name in the shop and on the street

outside.

Alibaba’s parent and original site is to connect business manufacturers to other businesses that need their product. To expand their company, in 2003 Alibaba founded Taobao to connect individuals to regular consumers, similar to eBay. Alibaba is not stopping there. The company introduced their own messaging service (Laiwang), and continues to invest in media companies in hopes to pave a way for future opportunities in the entertainment industry. The pace at which this company is developing has caught the eyes of millions around the world.

In a world where economic lines are blurred, China’s influence has reached a global scale. It was big news to the Hang Seng, Nikkei, NASDAQ, and more. Is Alibaba’s influence a good one? Like with most opinionated matters of opinion, it all matters depends on the perspective. Alibaba poses a threat to many tech and web based companies, the first being eBay. Alibaba, similar to eBay’s PayPal, formed its own online payment platform (Alipay). Along with eBay, there is Amazon whose stock price has fell fallen over \$20 in the past three weeks.

There is a race to see which company, Alibaba or Amazon, will win the global e commerce race. But it is not all bad for American tech companies. Right now Yahoo! Inc. is on the side lines, watching as the money pours in. In 2005, Yahoo invested a billion dollars in Alibaba. In return Alibaba gave up 40% ownership, and got rights to Yahoo China. Since then, Alibaba has bought back some of its shares, and Yahoo currently owns 24% of Alibaba. Yahoo is returning to its former glory in the early 2000s, and will have to decide what to do with their increase in wealth. In the recent past, with Marissa Mayer (Yahoo’s CEO), Yahoo has tried expanding through buying Tumblr for \$1.1 billion. Only time will tell, the true future of Alibaba. Is it all hype, or is it the next big thing to stay?



Amica ranks highest in customer satisfaction

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Amica Insurance received the highest score among homeowner insurers in the J.D. Power 2014 U.S. Household Insurance StudySM, which was released on Thursday, Sept. 18. This marks the 13th year in a row that Amica has ranked highest in customer satisfaction.

Amica’s score of 839 (out of 1,000) was 49 points higher than the industry average of 790.

“I’m as proud of this award as I was when we received our first one,” said Robert A. DiMuccio, chairman, president and CEO of Amica Insurance. “It’s important to our people, day-in and day-out, to provide service and products that make a difference in our customers’ lives. It’s an honor to again be recognized by J.D. Power for their efforts.”

This year’s study was based on responses from nearly 23,000 customers who have one or more of the following insurance product lines: homeowners, renters and individual life insurance. Satisfaction in the homeowners and renters insurance segments is measured in five areas: interaction, policy offerings, price, billing and payment and claims.

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You only have to do a very few things right in your life so long as you don’t do too many things wrong.
– Warren Buffett

Behind the scenes of Bryant's freshmen student-athletes

By Kaitlyn Graham

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Ask any college freshman who's just a few weeks into the first year experience how their feeling about college life so far and the answer is pretty universal: stressed. Classes upon classes combined with hundreds of club options and the constant preference to be with friends has many of us collapsing as soon as we have a free second.

Now, picture your already busy schedule with the addition of hours of workouts and lifting, team meetings and dinners, practices and games. These are all parts of being a freshman athlete, a lifestyle even the most efficient planners would have a hard time managing.

The days start early and end late for most athletes, filled with a hectic combination of workouts and schoolwork. "Monday's we lift at 7, so I get up at 6. Then I have to rush to classes, cause I have an 8am, a 9am, and a 10am," says woman's freshman basketball player Ivory Bailey. "I think I'm just a lot more tired."

Managing the work load is important, enough to be regulated when it comes to all Division I athletes. Popular for most schools with Division I athletes is an idea called "Study Hall", a monitored number of homework hours per week.

The hours are clocked using student ID cards, resetting every Sunday to start again for the next week. "Going to study hall helps, because it forces me to get my work done," Bailey says, acknowledging the benefits of the



Bryant Women's Basketball Bulldogs Ivory Bailey (Left) and Naomi Ashley (Right)

required hours, even if it means less time with friends.

For these athletes, the hardest parts are worth the stress, the goal of being a college-athlete being one that has been present in their lives since a young age.

"I've been playing since I was five years old," recalls fellow freshman basketball player Naomi Ashley. "It just occurred to me what I really wanted to do: I would love to play basketball and go to school at the same time."

Transitioning into college as an athlete also involves transitioning onto a higher level team, one filled with players who may have already been together for two or three years. Here at Bryant though, athletes are welcomed in with encouragement, upperclassmen ready to help the

freshmen with building and creating stronger teams.

"When I came for my official visit, I felt comfortable. It felt like a community," says Ashley, who chose to come to Bryant despite the distance from her home in Ontario Canada.

The community feel is a commonly stated fact about Bryant, the small campus and close-knit feel not surprisingly extending to the athletic community.

College athletics also provide for some the promise of obtaining an education, the aid playing an important financial role in Ashley's choice.

"It was a great opportunity to get schooling for free," she said, and she is definitely not alone.

There are 22 different men's and women's sports teams at Bryant, each participating athlete receiving a full tuition scholarship to participate. These athletes love their sports, so having the opportunity to get a degree while competing for their school is something they all are thankful for.

When asked if there were any predictions for the quickly approaching season, Bailey just smiled. "As long as we stay together, we'll go far." This mindset has led many Bulldog teams to victory in the past, with six conference winning teams in just last year's spring season.

This year's freshmen are eager to add to the success, taking on more than most of us could handle in order to reach that desired rush from playing the sport they love.

Smith, Krug Rejoin Bruins

By Daniel Chan

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The Boston Bruins have announced the re-signing of forward Reilly Smith and defenseman Torey Krug to one-year contracts with cap hits worth \$1.4 million each.

During this off-season, there have been a large number of young players holding out on their contracts with their respective teams.

Jaden Schwartz, Ryan Ellis, Nino Niederreiter, and Darcy Kuemper are a few worth noting.

Columbus Blue Jackets leading scorer Ryan Johansen is still in heated negotiations with his team, looking for a large multi-year contract while GM Jarmo Kekalainen is staying put on a short-term bridge deal.

With the re-signing of Smith and Krug, the Boston Bruins now have to focus on getting below the salary cap before the season begins. According to capgeek.com, the team is now \$3.6million over the \$69 million salary cap. That means the Bruins are required to make moves in the coming weeks.

One move that might help alleviate some of the cap pressure is sending defenseman Dougie Hamilton to the minors. Hamilton is currently on a contract worth a \$900,000 cap hit, but on a blueline that has (with the Krug signing) seven already signed defenseman. He can be sent to the minors without passing through regular season waivers but considering how well he played last season, it is more likely the team will trade a veteran player.

Likely candidates include Chris Kelly (\$3 million), Gregory Campbell (\$1.6 million), Johnny Boychuk (\$3.37 million), and Matt Bartkowski (\$1.25 million).

Considering their depth on their forward lines, Chris Kelly would be an ideal player to trade, but he is currently signed on a limited no-trade clause, which would make moving him tough.

As such, with a total of eight defensemen on the roster, Johnny Boychuk is a probable trade candidate. He is currently on the last year of his contract and would almost immediately put the team under the required salary cap. The



Torey Krug escapes from Blachawks forward Marcus Kruger (MCT Campus)

defenseman was third in even-strength ice time for the Bruins and led the team in blocked shots.

The very fact that the Bruins only need to shed \$3.6 million in cap space is considered a huge success by General Manager Peter Chiarelli. Forward Reilly Smith scored 20 goals and 31 assists in 82 regular season games last season. In comparison, St. Louis Blues forwards Jaden Schwartz scored 56 points in 80 games but signed to a two-year contract at a \$2.35 million cap hit. It was expected that Smith and Krug would sign similar contracts.

Smith will likely line up on the team's second line with Patrice Bergeron and Brad Marchand. Krug will help quarterback the team's powerplay, as he lead the Bruins last season in powerplay ice time by a defenseman.

With the youngsters now signed for this season, the Bruins will also have to keep next off-season in mind. The team will have 12 expiring pro-roster contracts and may need to move players like Loui Eriksson to make cap space.

Smith and Krug will once again need to be re-signed but will be looking for significant raises. Youngsters Dougie Hamilton and Ryan Spooner will also be looking for a big raise or may agree to similar bridge-deal contracts.

Draft prospects' character counts

By Matt Murschel

MCT Campus

The NFL is in crisis mode right now.

A league that is a part of the fabric of America now finds itself unraveling a bit after several of its star players have been linked to domestic and child abuse allegations. The National Football League has never previously faced the kind of public scrutiny that it's undergoing right now.

So it's understandable that as teams scout college players who could become the faces of billion-dollar franchises that everyone from the owner, to the general manager, to the coaches and scouts — all the way down to the guy who washes the towels — will be taking a closer look at what kind of person they are drafting.

NFL agent Leigh Steinberg knows just how important character can be.

"In this environment, it's critical," he said.

Steinberg, whose clients have included Troy Aikman, Steve Young and Warren Moon, told the Sentinel that there is always uncertainty when it comes to drafting a player, but the recent trials and tribulations in the news lately have made evaluating a prospect on and off the field crucial.

"It's always been a risk to select a player in the top round or at a critical position because of a misvaluation of the player's talent level — but to add in the behavioral factor, it petrifies teams," he said.

Steinberg spent decades developing the tools necessary to evaluate the young men who are preparing for make the jump from the college ranks to the pros. It's a process used by many of those associated with the NFL.

"We were trying to look for players that would be role models," Steinberg said. "A player that wouldn't have those problems — that system produced Troy

Aikman, Steve Young and Warren Moon."

Although not every player goes on to become a Hall of Famer.

"I missed on Ryan Leaf," Steinberg said of the former quarterback who was a first-round pick from Washington State in 1998. "Yet, we used the same system to talk with players who knew him and coaches who knew him. We missed."

"Then again I didn't have analytics and testing — I didn't have [that in] 1998. So, it's a function of looking at a family and the type of values and how interested they are on being a second role model."

Steinberg thinks more schools and teams will look deeper into a player and his past.

"I don't think teams want or colleges want to live through the type of experience which has riveted national news for the last three weeks," he said.

Steinberg said college programs covet scholarship spots and NFL teams don't want to lose money in the form of a guaranteed signing bonus.

He cites players like Johnny Manziel and Jameis Winston: talented football individuals who are surrounded constantly in the spotlight and make poor decisions.

"Winston has every chance to fix this," Steinberg said of the controversial Florida State quarterback, who recently served a one-game suspension for inflammatory comments made in public. "He will have every opportunity to fix this. Because, among other things, he's so young."

"If he can explain some of this is just youthful growing and mistakes, then teams will be in love with his talent."

Ultimately, he said players will have a chance to make their case during a grueling job interview process, which includes pro days and the NFL Combine.

They get the last word with NFL leaders, but the players should know they have less for error than ever before.

De-mystifying the diverse Dance Teams

By Alexandra Dickie
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I could feel music pumping in my ears as I walked through the Organization Fair. As a freshman, I knew I wanted to get involved in many organizations. Throughout high school, I had tried almost everything - except a sport! Over the summer, I had a lot of free time to play the video game Just Dance and to watch Dancing with the Stars, so I decided to scan the tables for a dance team.

I found the Velocity Dance table first. After signing up for their email list, I spun away from the table and found myself facing the Bryant Dance table. I continued down the path, where I found aDvANCED evolution, and then the Dragon Dance Team! “How many dance teams were there?” I wondered, “And how are they different? At what events can I see them perform?”

Since that day, I have made answering these questions my mission. In my mass communication class, I learned that newspapers have a responsibility to find the truth. Whether you are a student who is looking to join a dance team, who knows someone on one of the dance teams, or is part of the Bryant community and wants to be informed of when they can catch a performance, this article is meant to help clear up some of the confusion. There is also a chart that I created that contains the practice information of each team.

I began my search by messaging the Bryant Dance team, which was founded in 2010 by two girls who “wanted a more serious dance team on campus.” This is the point in my investigation where I found out the most surprising fact of my entire search – the Bryant Dance team is actually segmented into three of its own sub-teams: the Competitive Team, the Game Team, and the Hip-Hop Team. Bryant Dance explained how the team prides themselves in “offering something different for everyone. We offer the competitive team for more serious and committed dancers, the game team for girls that love to dance, but more just for fun, and the hip-hop team for girls that prefer just that style.”

The competitive team and the game team perform together, mainly to pop songs, however they each have different requirements. I was told, “The competitive team requires a triple turn, turns in second, a calypso, and center leap. The game team must have at least a single turn and regular leap.” Bryant Dance offers jazz and pom styles for the competitive team. This team also performs a slower, lyrical song when competing at Nationals.

Their lyrical dance last year must have been amazing; Bryant Dance placed 10th in the nation - the first time in Bryant History! On their way to Nationals, the competitive team competes in 3-4



Bryant’s Dragon Dance Team performs at Waterfire (John A Simonetti AIA)

regional competitions. However, to catch a performance of these dancing stars look no further than the Bryant football and basketball teams to see both the competitive and game teams perform. They all appear at the Pep Rally and the Special Olympics events.

If you are looking into joining the Bryant Dance Team, tryouts occur every summer. Once on the team there are evaluations each weekend to decide who will perform. Bryant Dance would like students to know that “We are considered a club sport, not just an organization on campus. We support our Division I athletic sports teams and feel that we add spirit to the student body.”

The next team I spoke to was the Dragon Dance Team, founded in 2009. What makes them unique may be obvious from the title – they get to dance with a 54-foot long dragon! If that’s not considered spectacular, I don’t know what is. “We are all trying to make this dragon come to life so we have to be very in sync with each other,” said Bryant Junior Sarah Falco, Team President. That may seem intimidating, but not to fret – no experience is necessary and everyone is welcome. It takes a minimum of 9 people to maneuver this mystical creature to the beat of the drums, Chinese music and some film music.

“For the past few years it has been that Celine Dion song from Titanic, My Heart Will Go On.” These dancers get to travel the world showcasing their dances, competing every two years in China. They also perform closer to home at cultural events, schools,

Waterfire, and “we once did a wedding,” Sarah told me. She would like readers to know that “We are very team oriented and do a lot of fun activities (not just dragon dancing). In the past, we have gone to rock climbing, various restaurants, and Chinatown.”

If you are looking for a dance team that does not compete, then the Velocity Dance Team may be an option. I spoke with co-captains Cassidy Maksy and Michaela Botticelli after one of their open practices, which occur at the beginning of each semester. I had joined them as they taught the choreography to a Beyonce song. However, they learn all different styles of music. Cassidy listed, “lyrical, pop, hip-hop...” to name a few.

What makes this team stand out is that it is not competitive and there are no tryouts to be on the team. “For specific performances, we have tryouts,” explained

Michaela. Velocity performs in events such as the Breast Cancer Walk, i2i, the Celtics Game, and occasionally at other schools. Everyone gets to show off all of the dancing skills learned throughout the year to their family, friends, and the rest of the Bryant community at the annual Expo in the spring!

Then there is aDvANCED evolution, a group started six years ago as Bryant’s first hip-hop team. I learned from President Lexie Bayer that the team, “specializes in hip-hop but also dances to reggae, international genres, musical theater, jazz... we have a wide variety. No experience necessary.” As of now, the team does not compete. Although, they do perform at many events - including i2i, Extravaganza, Latino Heritage Month, Special Olympics, Mr. Bryant, and their own Expo! There are open practices at the beginning of each semester, but students are welcome to join anytime. Lexie would like readers to know that “We are a very diverse group who share a common love of dance. Our team’s personality gives our performances energy, style and life.”

Life is full of dance for all of the members of the Competitive, Game and Hip-Hop sections of the Bryant Dance team, the Dragon Dance team, Velocity and aDvANCED evolution! I hope that this article was able to de-mystify some of the confusion between what makes these amazing teams so unique! By completing my search, I have grown an appreciation for the one thing that all of these teams have in common: whichever group you choose to join or to watch a performance of, immense amounts of time and talent have been invested to create a memorable performance!



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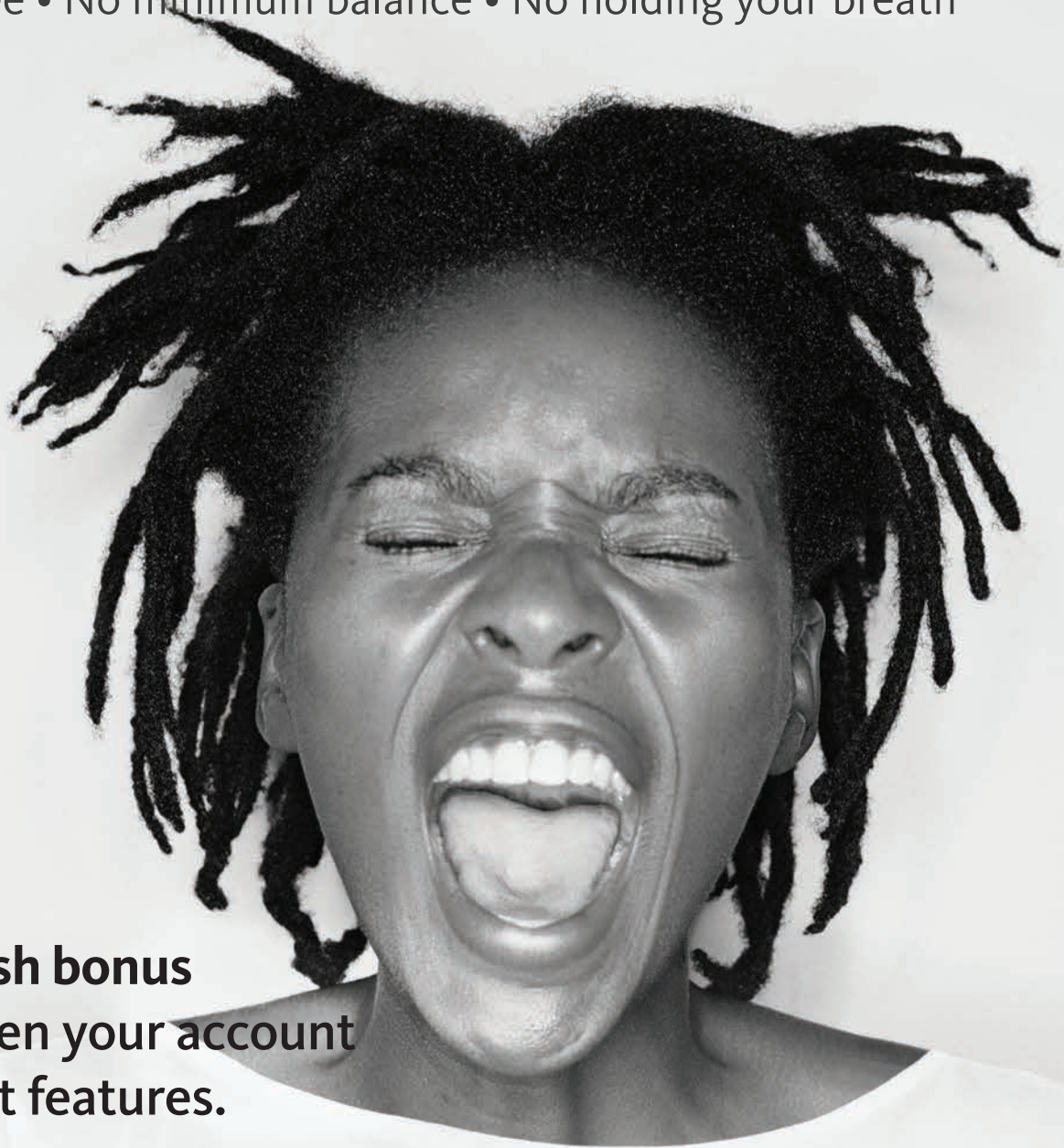
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Emma Watson redefines feminism

By Allie Miller
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Feminism has become a strong word. If you identify yourself as a feminist, you run the risk of being labeled as a man-hater, a killjoy, or an aggressor. Feminism has become a confused social issue, but in reality the goal is simple. The goal of feminists is to achieve economic, political, and social equality of the sexes. Feminism is not a women's issue. It is a human rights issue.

Model, actress, Brown graduate, and UN Ambassado, Emma Watson recently launched the campaign 'HeforShe.' HeforShe acknowledges that equal rights are not achieved by devaluating men or holding them responsible for gender inequality. The fact is that feminism affects men too. True gender equality cannot be reached if only one half of the population is participating in the

solution.

Just as women desire the right to defy gender norms as strong, independent, and intelligent, men deserve the right to challenge their social constraints. As Watson worded it, "both men and women should feel free to be sensitive. Both men and women should feel free to be strong." A father's role as caretaker should be just as important as the role of a mother. A boy's struggle with depression should be taken as seriously as his female counterpart.

Like Watson, many of us at Bryant are privileged. Regardless of your economic status or home life, you are attending a nationally recognized university and you will likely soon move into a career. In some parts of the world, women are unable to attend high school, and instead are married before they reach puberty. In some parts of the world, women are not allowed to make deci-

sions about their own bodies. In this amazing, advanced, leading country, women often make less money than their male counterparts for performing the exact same job.

Women make up half of the population, but few represent us in the political sphere. Shouldn't decisions that impact women be made by women? By the same token, conventions for women's rights are often almost completely attended by women. Watson reminds us that true equality cannot be achieved unless both genders are equally represented and involved in the change.

Above all else, feminism is a fight for equality of the sexes. Women and men should feel welcomed to participate in the fight for equality. Feminism needs to stop being viewed as man-hating.

As I write this article, I have multiple internet tabs open for research and it reminds me of

how difficult and confusing feminism has become. By simply searching the key words 'Emma Watson HeforShe,' it is frustrating to observe how non-unified feminists are. One article published by The Huffington Post is titled "Sorry Privileged White Ladies, but Emma Watson Isn't a 'Game Changer' for Feminism." Another article published by Time magazine headlines "Sorry, Emma Watson, but HeforShe is Rotten for Men." Sickeningly, a large portion of this search has led me to articles about hackers threatening to release nude photos of Watson. I cannot comprehend how this important, motivational, social movement is becoming outweighed in the media by the potential invasion of Watson's privacy.

Like so many women who have spoken out as supporters of feminism, Watson's well-intended speech to invite men to participate in the fight for equality is being criticized instead of celebrated. Some of those criticizing Watson's movement are people who identify as feminists themselves, like journalist Amy McCarthy, the author of the aforementioned Huffington Post article.

McCarthy claims "positioning men as the saviors of oppressed women isn't productive, and devalues the work that feminists have been doing for decades." The reality is that Watson did not beg men to save feminists; she invited them to join the conversation. She acknowledged that women ignoring the input of men is just as ineffective as men dominating movements for social change.

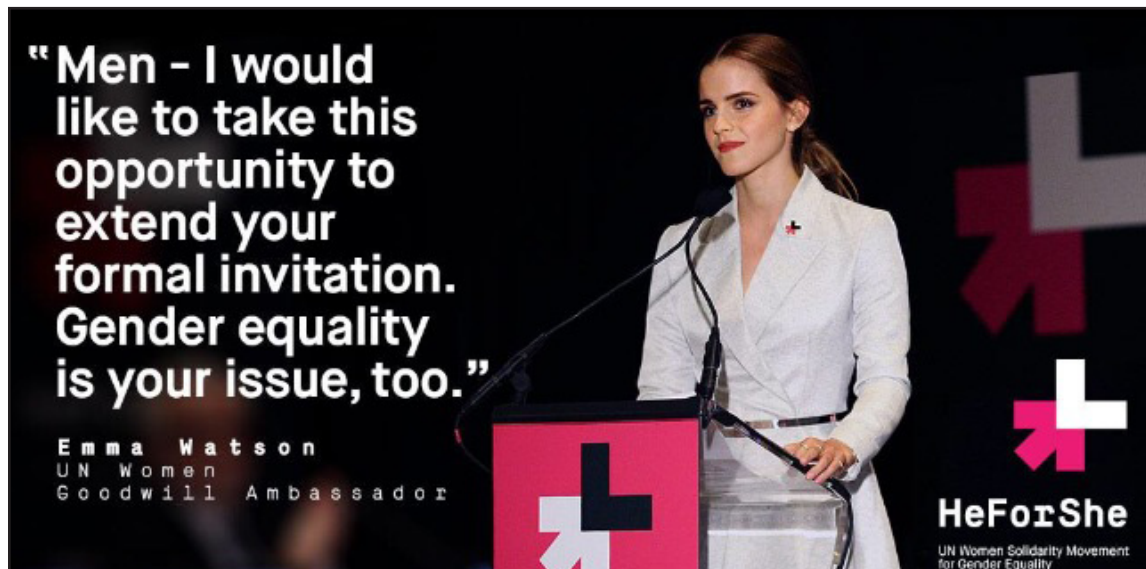
While the concept of femi-

nism – to achieve economic, political, and social equality of the sexes – is simple, the social movement is quite complicated and unorganized. How can change occur if there is no agreement on how to make change?

I happen to agree with Emma Watson's view of feminism. I believe that men and women should be involved in the fight for gender equality. Because if we can rid our society of the social constraints that limit men, the social constraints of women will be removed as a consequence. Watson stressed in her speech that "if men don't have to be aggressive in order to be accepted, women won't feel compelled to be submissive. If men don't have to control, women won't have to be controlled."

Equality works both ways. Equality cannot be reached if only half of the population is invited to participate. Equality cannot be achieved if issues of equality are treated separately and remain unorganized. Feminists cannot achieve equality of the sexes if men are rejected from the conversation – that would make feminists as ignorant as the male historical figures that put women in this current position.

On behalf of Watson's work, I would like to invite the entire Bryant University community to join the HeforShe campaign. Feminism is an issue of human rights and it affects everyone. Bryant students are future innovators, business leaders, and social reformists. The men and women of our generation are responsible to become informed facilitators of social change.



HeforShe acknowledges that equal rights are not achieved by devaluating men or holding them responsible for gender inequality. (HeforShe)

The need for therapy dogs at Bryant

Therapy dogs can help improve the health of university students here at Bryant for more reasons than just finals

By Sarah Costello
Contributing Writer

With mental health risks among college students rising many universities are looking for new ways to comfort their residents. What a better way than adding a new friendly furry addition to the staff. Which is just what Monty is for Yale Law students. Monty, a terrier, is a certified therapy dog that lives with a staff member but stays in the Yale Law library. Students can then rent Monty for 20 minute intervals.

Other Universities, such as UConn and Fordham, have similar programs. Some colleges will keep service dogs on hand with their school counseling services. Most campuses just employ one or two service dogs but some schools, such as Dalhousie University, in Canada went as far as to create a puppy room that is open certain times during the week and holds a handful of fuzzy friends to play with.

A reported one in four college students deal with mental illness but 75% of those students feel uncomfortable or choose not to seek help for their problems. This

is a serious issue when suicide is the third leading cause of death for college students. Having a trained dog or dogs on campus allow those students, who find it difficult to talk about their problems, to gain a sense of comfort and security. Even students who are not necessarily dealing with emotional problems can benefit from this program. Dogs are proven to help lower the blood pressure of the people they come into contact with. They are also a friendly distractions from the struggles of colleges. Stressed out students can benefit greatly with these cheerful distractions.

Loneliness is another problem among students. A study done at a nursing home offering a therapy pet program showed that residents with a therapy dog reported being less lonely then residents without. Freshmen year can be a difficult year for anyone.

Leaving your family for the first time is scary especially those who have to leave their furry best friend behind. Most freshman will at some point and some level go through homesickness. Although a therapy dog can never replace their own personal pet, it can still provide them with some of the comfort that they lost going to college.

Bryant does have a dog fundraiser program during finals through Make a Wish Foundation. As a current student it is hard to deny the positive impact those dogs have when they are here. But besides finals



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there are papers, homework, and tests and eighty percent of students have reported being frequently stressed sometimes even having daily stress. Which is why it is beneficial to have a puppy program

throughout the year instead of just during finals. However even if Bryant does down the road choose to bring full time service dogs to campus this fundraiser could still continue.

There are many options that Bryant could choose from to integrate the use of dogs on campus. One of the more common ways is for Bryant to buy one or two trained service dogs that would live with a Bryant staff member. The dog would then be available for visits during normal business hours.

However if Bryant doesn't want to go through the hassle of finding, buying, and trying to house a service dog they can team up with organizations that will bring dogs on request throughout the year. This can be done through various programs that offer pet therapy. The third option does not require trained dogs but the university can team up with a local animal shelter. Groups of students can carpool to the shelter where they are able to play with, feed, and walk the animals in need. Any of these options would be a great improvement to the university and the health of the students.

The truth about junior year on Bryant’s campus

By **Angela Franzese**
Contributing Writer

A month into year three and I am as frazzled as I’m sure every other junior year student is. Between a heavy academic schedule, extracurricular clubs and activities, work, a social life, and healthy sleeping and eating patterns – and not to mention the internship applications – sometimes it seems like there just isn’t enough time. However, it’s getting better. It took a few weeks, but I’d love to give four simple tips on how to handle the stresses of junior



year – or any year for that matter.

#1 Stay organized. I cannot stress this enough! Get a planner! Most Bryant students are enrolled in five courses a semester; that means remembering five sets of assignments for every class period, five different sets of instructions, studying for that many tests and quizzes, and writing that many papers. It’s not easy to keep that all on your mind at one time. Planners solve that – jot down the assignment at the end of class and you’re guaranteed to always be prepared for next time. Deadlines, group meetings, work shifts, club meeting times, and intramural games – you need to remember those too! Why not have it organized and easily accessible all in one place?

#2 Sometimes multitasking isn’t the best route to take. We’re all guilty of it – writing a paper, talking to your roommate, watching Netflix, eating a snack – all at the same time. That’s no way to enjoy life or to properly get things done. If you’re so wrapped up in ten different things at the same time, your effort is split ten different ways; you are never giving 100%. Your inputs are equal to your outputs. Your level of success is up to your level of commitment. Don’t you think you could get those couple of extra points on that paper if you give it more thought? Wouldn’t your roommate prefer your undivided attention? There is a time and place for everything, there should be little to no overlap.

#3 Set aside time. Everyone needs a break sometimes. It’s as simple as that. Go on an ice cream date with your friends or watch a movie, spend some time with your boyfriend or girlfriend. Stressing out is normal, but so is allowing yourself some time to enjoy the simple pleasures in life.

#4 Use school resources. Bryant is an amazing school – they do their best to provide us with all the tools we need for success. I’ve been spending a lot of time in both the Amica Center and ACE this year. Junior year means internship deadlines are quickly approaching – the Bryant Career Center is a remarkable asset that we should be taking as much advantage of as possible. The Academic Center for Excellence runs general workshops but also provides very beneficial homework help. Instead of giving up on that accounting problem, go to the lab!

There is no reason to spend hours googling easy ways to learn something when you have people that are able and willing to help at the tip of your fingers... One of the most prized and most neglected resources at this school is our faculty. GO TO OFFICE HOURS. Every professor is required to have them, and most are more than willing to set up a special appointment with you anyway. This university provides us with everything we need to thrive – it only took me three years, but I encourage you to value these as much as I do.

We are about to dive head first into the real world. That’s a scary thought. These four tips have greatly helped me get used to the whirlwind I call junior year; hopefully you find them helpful as well.

Featuring feminism: *Kassandra McGlone*

By **Aubrey Waz**
Staff Writer

Kassandra McGlone is an International Business major with a concentration in entrepreneurship and French here at Bryant University. Kass is a very involved and empowered woman on campus. She is a Resident Assistant, a player on the Women’s Club Rugby Team, and this past year was the grand finale performer in the Vagina Monologues. Being a feminist is just naturally a part of who she is and therefore working to empower women and carry herself in a way that represents women well, comes naturally to her. She believes that her biggest accomplishments have been (1) obtaining and participating in an internship in France and acquiring an entirely new language while abroad and (2) being a first generation college student. After graduation Kass hopes to become a Social Entrepreneur and own her own business.

Kass notes that she did not identify with the word feminist until this past year. A lack of a true definition of the term and the very prevalent rumors surrounding the term left her with a bad taste in her mouth. The more she participated in campus activities, however, the more she realized that feminism was equality between the genders and the belief that anything a man can do, a woman can do, and vice versa. These were things that Kass had always believed in, now she has an umbrella term to stand under, and despite the occasional negative reactions, she is proud to identify as a feminist.

Kass believes that her resolve

to empower women and to benan empowered woman herself comes from a lifetime of looking up to her mother. “My mother was a single mother, and growing u, there was nothing a man could do that my mother could not. My mother is the strongest woman I know.” Growing up watching how her mother single-handedly took on the world showed Kass that she, as a woman, has the power to make change without defaulting to anyone else. She learned that gender has nothing to do with the ability to conquer a challenge or achieve a goal.

Now away from home, Kass says that there are no shortage of empowered women working together to change the world, which is one of the best parts about being a feminist on campus. She feels that no matter where she is – in the classroom, in the hallway, or on the rugby pitch, she is always surrounded by role models and mentors who are willing to offer friendship, assistance, and compassion at every turn.

It is the hope of the Hochberg Women’s Center and the Bryant Archway to make the Featuring Feminism column a permanent spot in the weekly newspaper. The intent of this column will be to highlight empowered women and men who strive to make a difference on Bryant’s campus, particularly in the realm of equality and acceptance of all students. Each week a student, staff, or faculty member can be nominated by Tuesday by sending an email to Aubrey Waz (awaz@bryant.edu) with an individual’s name and a brief description of why you believe this individual should be the following week’s featured feminist.

Student safety is not negotiable

By **Nicole Edmunds**
Contributing Writer

Not long after first arriving on this campus one becomes very aware of the phenomenon known as the ‘Bryant Bubble.’ This feeling of shelter and seclusion permeates throughout the student body, allowing us to feel safe as a community. Together we operate as our own society, independent of even the small towns of Smithfield and Lincoln.

From a student’s perspective, this bubble can only be broken when we choose to leave campus; we can get out, but outside forces cannot come in. However, this is not actually the case. It is important to be aware that no one is invulnerable; no campus is ever completely danger-free.

In the past 5 years, Bryant University has reached a crime rating worse than the national average in regards to violent crimes, according to Stephen Beale of GoLocalProv. While the majority of campus arrests deal with drug violations, there have been numerous reports of forcible sexual assault offenses. In fact, over this time period, almost 80 percent of non-drug related crimes on Bryant’s campus have been of this nature. While the numerical count of such crimes may not seem

comparable to other colleges, the size of the school must be acknowledged. It is the ratio of students to crimes that warrants the concern of our community.

The high ratio could be partially attributed to the stricter policies that Bryant employs. Due to the fact that on campus patrol officers are not authorized to make arrests, they must report infractions to the Smithfield police. This results in higher reported crimes than those colleges who do not have similar rules in place.

‘It is important that we make the necessary changes before something happens to burst the Bryant Bubble for good’

Some claim that such statistics indicate a proactive and effective Department of Public Safety (DPS), but even with this positive spin, campus safety policies and procedures could still stand to be improved.

DPS officers patrol campus 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They utilize multiple forms of transportation in order to maximize their efficiency including, bicycles and various motor vehicles. There is only one established entry to Bryant’s campus, which is marked by the Entry Control Station. The station serves to monitor those who wish to enter campus and provide DPS with the opportunity to deny access to anyone who does not meet the necessary criteria for admission. In theory, this one entrance system sounds like a perfectly safe procedure, however, once witnessed in action, there are some apparent flaws.

One problem with the control station lies within the spotlight. As long as the light is green, anyone may proceed through without any inspection. No one is

stopped for questioning if they do not have a Bryant University parking permit, and no car is checked for passengers that may not have any relation to the school. The lack of monitoring throughout the day quite literally gives the green light for criminal activity to occur on campus. In the evenings, and for some special occasions, the red light is turned on signifying that everyone must stop and present a Bryant identification before being allowed to enter. However, this is not always what goes on, and the red light is most often as ineffective as the green light.

The Entry Control Station is just one of many mechanisms put in place in order to assure student safety that could stand to be improved. The blue light phones are a college campus staple, explained Bryant public safety website, but it is not enough to just be able to say that they are located on campus; they must be utilized in an effective way. Bryant University maintains less than five blue light stations throughout the entire campus, a number far less than the average college in the United States.

Many colleges boast that from any given blue light on their campus, one can see no fewer than three others. Bryant can make no such claim, as the blue lights are sporadically placed and concentrated away from the dorms. No matter the likelihood that these stations will be used on this campus, precautions for students must be put into place. It is better to be proactive about safety but never need the policies in action than to wish we had stronger ones in place, or as the old saying suggests, better safe than sorry.

Student safety is not a negotiable issue, and despite its quiet, rural surroundings, Bryant needs to recognize the necessity of more efficient policies and procedures. A reactionary attitude will not prove effective in regards to campus security. It is important that we make the necessary changes before something happens to burst the Bryant Bubble for good.



Digital savant: taking the ‘social’ out of ‘social networks’

By Omar L. Gallaga
MCT Campus

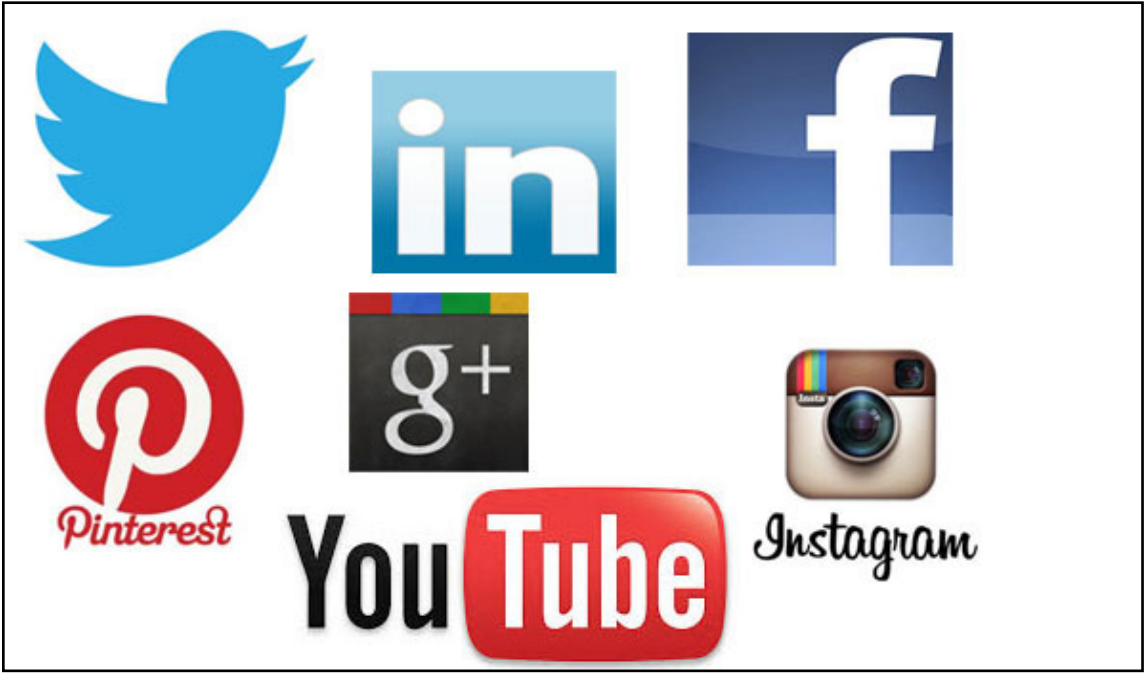
I have an idea for a scary story. It could be a movie. It's about a large group of people who are captives in a jail where they are monitored constantly and their communications to the outside world are filtered in accordance with the wishes of the captors. But here's the big twist: They don't know they're in a jail. Or that they built the jail themselves. And then, at the moment they realize it, you cut to a wide overhead shot of them all screaming, "Nooooo! Whyyyyy!?" Credits

It's possible I'm being a little bit harsh. I'm talking about Facebook. I've been on that social network, the one so relevant to our times that a movie about it won three Academy Awards, since 2007. Some experiences in life are like roller coasters, with all the ups and downs, while others are more complex and problematic, like dating a person who seems to love you when they're not trying to control and destroy you.

I find it both indispensable and scary, basically a public utility that plays by its own rules and is a lot larger than most countries.

But what's been bothering me about Facebook lately has less to do with how it's run than how many of its 1.32 billion active users have learned to live on and use Facebook. Two years ago, during the national election season, I wrote about the ways that our political divisions were causing us to use social networks to silo ourselves against opposing opinions and people with different viewpoints, to our detriment.

At the time, I'd hoped it was a symptom of election-year craziness, something that would pass as we all came back together online. But last month, it sure seemed like it was worse than ever. As chaos unfolded in Ferguson, Mo., journalists I'm friends with dutifully posted news reports and links to video live streams on Facebook. African-American friends who aren't in news posted think pieces and their personal thoughts on



the crisis. But by and large, all the other people I'm connected to online, people all over the country and in all kinds of professions from a very diverse set of backgrounds, ignored it.

It was tough to miss every time I got onto the other major social network I frequent, Twitter, where my timeline was dominated by minute-to-minute reports from Ferguson. It wasn't all good. There was inaccurate reporting, inflammatory out-of-context information, lots of guessing. But people were engaged and it seemed like it was much harder to ignore.

As many pointed out in those tense few weeks, Twitter was the place you went to get an idea of what was happening in Ferguson. Facebook was where you went to see lots of videos of people taking the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge.

Building Facetopia

I think some of that schism has to do with race, class and politics. But I think a larger part of it has to do with the way those of us who spend a lot of time on Facebook have self-curated the service. At a certain point in a Facebook user's homesteading there, after being aggravated by unwanted video game invites and hateful posts from distant acquaintances, they realize, "Hey, I don't have to look at this stuff." The Facebooker begins unfriending undesirables, blocking invites to services or websites they don't like and building fences around what they see every day.

I call it "Facetopia," the virtual place we build around our ideals of what we want to see online. In Facetopia, you don't have to deal with people who disagree with your religious beliefs or debate anyone about who you're voting for.

In Facetopia, when you post a status update and someone you barely know comes in to disagree with a comment, they get shouted down by all your real friends, the ones who think the way you do.

And Facetopia is reinforced by Facebook's default setting of "most popular" on its users' newsfeeds. Instead of displaying the most recent updates Facebook friends are posting, "most popular" shows the Facetopia version of what's going: the posts that are much-commented-on and well-liked.

The disturbing part of that is that the default setting is where Facebook users cede a lot of control to the social network. If Facebook decides that, along with ads, we should all be reading more about world politics, it wouldn't be difficult to tweak the newsfeed algorithm to display more about that, less about other stuff.

Facebook should be a place where users can go to relax, while away time with baby photos and have a good time. But the more time we spend there, and the less time we're exposed to the push and pull of conflicting ideas from the outside world, the more I worry.

Where does that lead? Earlier this year, Facebook bought Oculus VR, a company that makes virtual-reality goggles, for about \$2 billion. You can bet that, if Facebook gets it right, we'll feel the allure of spending even more time in our little Facetopias.

Twittertopia?

Which brings us to a bit of news from last week. It appears that Twitter, which operates in a more real-time way, is looking to take a cue from Facebook by making the feeds of its users similar to the "most popular" approach. By Twitter's reasoning, users would see less noise in the form of irrelevant Tweets and get higher-quality, curated content by switching from the raw, chronological timeline.

But guess who's doing the curating?

Twitter users won't have to build their own Twittertopias. They will be built for them.





And whether that sounds like a scary, oppressive jail or an easier-to-manage paradise really depends on what you want out of social networks. It matters whether you go online to escape or to engage with the world.

Bryant Said What?!

Compiled by Bryant Students

- “Booty got a donk!”
- “I’m dressing up as Olaf for Thanksgiving.”
- “New game: Edward taco hands.”
- “Can eating seafood tonight count as going back to the nautical party?”
- “I really need coffee, but I just opened a beer...”
- “Just tried to pay for gas with my Bryant ID; today’s a struggle.”

Profit and Loss

-  Open House last Saturday was a great success for clubs and orgs!
-  Congrats to Milan Duka, a cross country freshman, for being named Rookie of the Week!
-  Get your reading on, exams are on their way.
-  From 80 degrees to rain, RI never seems to be consistent.

Meet The Archway Staff: Molly Funk



Name: Molly Funk

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Class: 2016
Hometown: Coventry, CT
Major: Finance
Fun Facts:

- Has an unhealthy obsession with Netflix and candy
- Will openly admit to being a nerd
 - Favorite animal is elephants

Office Space produces fits of laughter

Review by Shayan Ushani
Staff Writer

Office Space is a wonderfully produced comedy movie leaving me in fits of laughter that gave my abs quite the workout. The movie has a running time of 89 minutes, and first came to theaters in 1999. It is rated R for language and brief sexuality. Primarily shot in Texas, the setting takes place in the same state. The film was both written and



A scene from The Office (MCT Campus)

Peter back to his current reality. The new Peter is relaxed, and a whole new man. The film follows Peter as he goes through ups and downs, and a whirlwind of surprises. Along the way Peter develops a romantic interest in Joanna, played by Jennifer Aniston, most well known for her role in Friends.

To me the movie follows in the footsteps of other works such as Dilbert, exploring the common ground of the mindlessness of cubicle culture. As you look into the fine details of the movie, it becomes clear that there is something more serious underneath. Poking fun at white collar workers, while focusing on the evils of working for an incompetent boss and being subject to office politics is how Judge creates your not so typical classless comedy.

Judge notes that inspiration for the movie came from his own experience in the workplace. Working for “awful” companies, and doing tedious tasks as a temp helped lay out the guidelines for his satirical script. With a good screenplay to work with, filled with funny dialogue, the actors go above and beyond to make the movie great. I could feel the frustration that the workers of Initech were experiencing when dealing with their foolish boss. The stress after hearing there would be downsizing was something that could be felt through the screen.

Humor is found through the everyday monotones of work and life. The movie was an inspiration to other people in the industry. Jim Carrey and Chris Rock both adored the movie, and contacted Judge after the movie’s release. Its influence is obvious when people are still referencing the movie; a meme of Lumbergh exists, and a Family Guy skit that mocks one of the funniest scenes in history. I enjoyed watching this movie, and I recommend it to you as well.



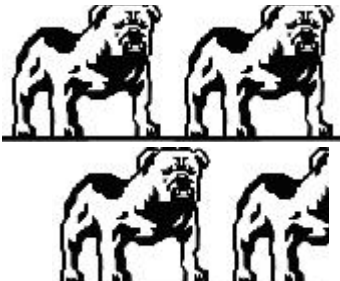
A scene from Office Space (MCT Campus)

film. From the poster to the trailers, Judge was left unhappy.

The film’s main character is Peter Gibbons, played by Ron Livingston. Peter is a typical white collar worker, who is fed up with the rat race and the dynamics of office life. He works at Initech, alongside his coworkers Samir Nagheenanajar and Michael Bolton. Both his coworkers, ironically, are frustrated about their names. Samir is annoyed that not a single person can pronounce his last name, and Michael hates to be confused with the famous singer who he loathes. The office seems to be bullied by the VP of the company, Bill Lumbergh who is played by Gary Cole.

Bill Lumbergh is subject to one of the internet’s most popular memes, “That’d be great.” The main plot does not come into play until Peter visits a hypnotherapist. During the session, his therapist dies unsuspectingly of a heart attack, before snapping

This movie received 3.5 out of 5 Bulldogs



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How to: strawberry shortcake kabobs

By Kelsie Hollenback
Staff Writer

Since strawberry prices may still be low in the grocery stores, I suggest making this amazing, yummy, and practical dessert. This may be one of the easiest, but most delicious desserts I have ever made. If you know a person that is just too lazy to even assemble a strawberry shortcake dessert for themselves, this kabob will make their day. With their portability, undeniable cuteness, and mouthwatering beauty, you can bring these kabobs anywhere, and they will immediately be eaten up. People may even compliment you on all of your hard work, so you can just keep it a secret that making these kabobs may have taken you less time than it did to eat one. The appearance of this strawberry shortcake may look different, but the flavor will remind you why these three ingredients make such a good combination. Change can be good!

Ingredients:

- For the pound cake:
1/2 pound (2 sticks) butter, plus more for pan
1/2 cup vegetable shortening
3 cups sugar
5 eggs
3 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for pan
1/2 teaspoon fine salt
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1 cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- For the fillings:
20 strawberries
1 8 ounce container of cool whip
20 Skewers

Directions:

For the pound cake:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
2. Mix together the butter and shortening. Then add the sugar, a little at a time. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating after each. Stir in the dry ingredients and add the milk to the mixer. Mix in vanilla. Then pour into a greased and floured tube pan and bake



- for 1 to 1 1/2 hours, until a toothpick inserted in the center of the cake comes out clean.
3. After it is cool, cut the cake into cubes between 1 and 2 inches.
4. First, cut up each strawberry into 3 pieces.
5. Next take a skewer and slide on a strawberry, then place cool whip on the bottom of a cube of pound cake and place that on top of the strawberry on the skewer. Next, place cool whip on the bottom of a second strawberry piece and place that on top of the pound cake on the skewer. Do the same for the next piece of pound cake and the last piece of strawberry.

Ocean state theatre kicks off with...

POST SHOW PIANO BAR SERIES KICKS OFF WITH “I COULD HAVE SUNG ALL NIGHT!”

By Karen Kessler
Ocean State Theater Company

WARWICK, RI – Ocean State Theatre Company (OSTC), which recently opened its third season in its new state-of-the-art theatre in Warwick, is proud to announce the kick off of this season’s Piano Bar Series. “I Could Have Sung All Night!” will be held following select Friday and Saturday evening performances of the company’s current production, My Fair Lady.

“The Piano Bar Series has become very popular with both audiences and performers,” said Amiee Turner, Producing Artistic Director of Ocean State Theatre Company. “Not only does it extend the evening for those who aren’t quite ready to go home, but it also provides an opportunity for the actors to ‘try-out’ new songs and showcase a different side of themselves, which may not have been revealed during the main stage performance.”

Following select Friday and Saturday evening performances, the theatre’s lobby will be transformed into an intimate performance space, at which patrons will be entertained by cast members, OSTC alumni, and staff members, while enjoying beverages and late night appetizers, which will be available for purchase from the theatre’s lobby bar.

“I Could Have Sung All Night!” will be hosted by Mike Daniels, who audiences will remember from his portrayal of Snetsky in OSTC’s Inaugural Season production of Fools, as well as his appearances in Children’s Festival productions of How I Became a Pirate, The Fabulous Fable Factory, and Schoolhouse Rock Live! Musical accompaniment will be provided by the musical director for My Fair Lady, Esther Zabinski.

“I Could Have Sung All Night!” will be presented following Friday and Saturday evening performances of My Fair Lady on October 3, 4, 10 and 11. Attendance at the performance preceding the piano bar is not required. The lobby doors will open for the piano bar at 10:15 pm. The theatre is located at 1245 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, RI. Admission is free, but seating is limited, so reservations are strongly recommended and can be made by calling (401) 921-6800.

Tickets for all productions being presented as part of Ocean State Theatre Company’s 2014-15 Season are on sale at the box office Monday through Friday from 12 noon – 6:00 pm, Saturdays from 12 noon – 4:00 pm, and up until curtain on performance days. Tickets are also available online 24 hours a day at www.OceanStateTheatre.org and via telephone during normal box office hours by calling (401) 921-6800.

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THE POETRY CORNER

September 1913
By William Butler Yeats

What need you, being come to sense,
But fumble in a greasy till
And add the halfpence to the pence
And prayer to shivering prayer, until
You have dried the marrow from the bone?
For men were born to pray and save:
Romantic Ireland’s dead and gone,
It’s with O’Leary in the grave.

Yet they were of a different kind,
The names that stilled your childish play,
They have gone about the world like wind,
But little time had they to pray
For whom the hangman’s rope was spun,
And what, God help us, could they save?
Romantic Ireland’s dead and gone,
It’s with O’Leary in the grave.

Was it for this the wild geese spread
The grey wing upon every tide;
For this that all that blood was shed,
For this Edward Fitzgerald died,
And Robert Emmet and Wolfe Tone,
All that delirium of the brave?
Romantic Ireland’s dead and gone,
It’s with O’Leary in the grave.

Yet could we turn the years again,
And call those exiles as they were
In all their loneliness and pain,
You’d cry, ‘Some woman’s yellow hair
Has maddened every mother’s son’:
They weighed so lightly what they gave.
But let them be, they’re dead and gone,
They’re with O’Leary in the grave.

The College Scoop

SEE WHAT STUDENTS AT OTHER COLLEGES ARE READING ABOUT

The Stanford Daily *Stanford College*

For the members of Stanford Jump Rope, jumping rope is not about skipping their feet to the beat of a schoolyard rhyme. Jumping rope is their art, their sport. Stanford Jump Rope is one of the newer student groups on campus, offering an unconventional take on student performance groups. The group choreographs and performs shows centered entirely around jumping rope. Their first performance as a group was last year at Dance Marathon and since then, the group has had steady requests for performances, showcasing their group at last year’s Admit Week, a freshman dorm and a talent show.

The Miscellany News *Vassar College*

On Sunday, Sept. 21, over 80 Vassar students, alumnae/i and professors joined the crowd of 400,000 who participated in the People’s Climate March in New York City. The protesters marched two miles through Manhattan, from the Upper West Side to the United Nations building, where representatives will hold the Climate Summit this week. The conference will mark the first time the U.N. has discussed climate change in the last five years.

The University Star *Texas State University*

The lack of limit on the number of years department chairs can serve at Texas State has some questioning the value of the system. Each department in the university has a chair who is a faculty member assigned by the dean to manage classes and faculty. The length of time these members have held their positions varies greatly, with some keeping their jobs as long as 25 years, said Dr. Cynthia Opheim, associate provost of Academic Affairs. “We have no term limits on chairs, so we can have chairs in place for as little as three years, or sometimes it’s 25 years or longer,” Opheim said.

New ABC drama tackles stalkers

By Rick Bentley
MCT Campus

Executive producer and writer Kevin Williamson had what he calls “an overzealous fan” in 1998 break into his house and leave some letters. The scary situation was handled by the Los Angeles police, which is how Williamson found out about the department’s Threat Management Unit that handles harassment and stalking cases.

The more Williamson looked into the specialized police unit, the more he knew it was a good topic for a television series. He got busy with other TV programs, such as “Dawson’s Creek,” “The Following” and “The Vampire Diaries.” When he heard CBS was looking for another procedural drama to go along with “CSI” and “Criminal Minds,” the idea resurfaced in the form of “Stalker.”

Maggie Q and Dylan McDermott play two Los Angeles detectives who deal with harassment and stalking cases in the series launching Wednesday. And, the cases aren’t just of the celebrity kind.

“That’s what’s sort of interesting about it,” Williamson says. “We do some big flashy stories, but we also bring it down and tell hopefully some real human stories, because only 10 percent of all the stalking cases are celebrity driven.”

It wouldn’t be a Williamson project if the main characters didn’t have their own problems. Maggie Q’s Lieutenant Beth Davis will deal with her own stalking incidents, while McDermott’s Det. Jack Larsen is doing a little stalking of his own.

The nature of the series, coupled with the personal problems of the central characters, creates a dark tone. Williamson knows that could wear down viewers, so he’s directed the writers to find a way to inject some levity into the show. Some of that could come through the banter between the two detectives.

“I don’t know about you, but when I go out in the darkest moments sometimes someone utters the funniest line and it can just sort of change the moment completely. There may be a bit of gallows humor, or there may be some dark humor in the show, but we’re just trying to keep the voices of our characters real,” Williamson says. “These are people who go to work and handle a really tricky, dark subject matter and they still have to live their lives, and they still have to find some joy about what it is they do.”

It will be up to Q and McDermott to get those lighter moments across. Both come to the series having worked on serious projects. McDermott starred in the short-run CBS drama “Hostages,” while Q starred in the series “Nikita.”

Doing another television show wasn’t on McDermott’s mind when this project was presented to him. He was intrigued by the scary nature of the show, the relevance it has in today’s society, the moral ambiguity of his character and the chance to work with Q. He’s certain the relationship between the two detectives is the strength of the series.

Between the time Williamson became aware of the Threat Management Unit and the launch of his new series, the world of social media exploded. His research shows him that today every stalking case includes some element of the cyber world. Being able to access a person’s life with a few taps on a keyboard has made stalking easier to do.

“It’s like we have too much access to each other, and we put ourselves out there in a way. We post where we are. We post where we’re going. Our whole lives are out there. You’re basically encouraging the mind, an obsessive mind to consume that and consume you possibly. That’s one of the things we explore in the show,” Williamson says. “There’s a lot of psychology to this. We go into the mind of the obsession and whether it’s rejection or revenge or sadistic or predatory.”

SHOW INFO
“Stalker,” 10 p.m. Wednesday, CBS

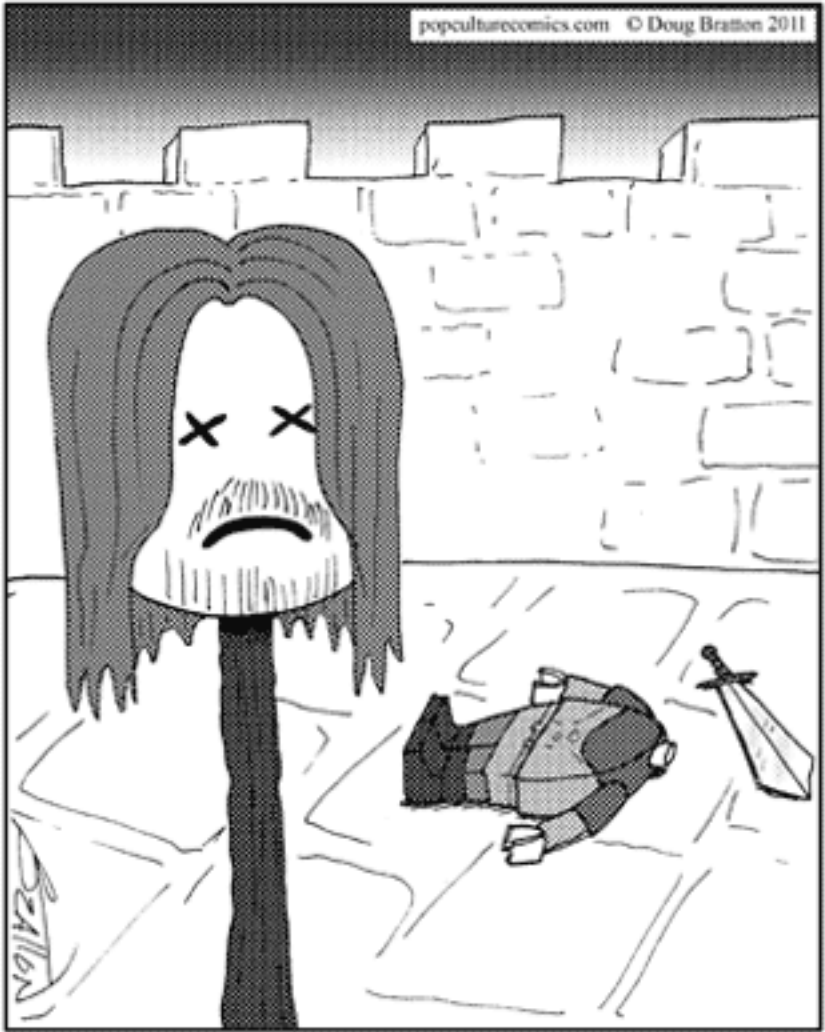
Upcoming TV:

Returning shows Wednesday
“Criminal Minds,” 9 p.m. CBS
New shows Thursday
“Gracepoint,” 9 p.m. FOX
“Bad Judge,” 9 p.m. NBC
“A To Z,” 9:30 p.m. NBC
Returning shows Thursday
“The Vampire Diaries,” 8 p.m. CW
“Reign,” 9 p.m. CW



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Crossword of the week: science

By Shayan Ushani
Staff Writer

Across

- 5. Marine animal that can regenerate a new arm, or form a completely new on of itself with a lost ligament (Hint: Patrick)
- 9. The chemical name for water
- 10. The hardest naturally occurring substance
- 12. Dutch scientist who invented the microscope
- 13. Number of pairs of chromosomes a healthy human has
- 14. The only organ to lack nerves
- 17. French chemist who discovered radioactivity, leading to her death
- 18. Deadliest insect to humans (Hint: Due to its capability to spread disease)
- 20. This kind of science is the study of plant life

Down

- 1. Largest dinosaur
- 2. Serbian scientist and investor who hated the sight of jewelry, especially pearls
- 3. Persian polymath who is most famous for The Canon of Medicine
- 4. Green pigment in plants to help produce glucose
- 6. Magma cools and hardens to form this kind of rock
- 7. Largest organ of the human body
- 8. The air we breathe mostly consists of this element
- 11. English physicist and mathematician who helped establish three laws of motion, as well as contribute to the invention of calculus
- 15. There are two elements that are liquids at room temperature. One is bromine, the other is...
- 16. Hottest planet in our solar system
- 19. Sounds with frequencies above 20,000 hertz are referred to as

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