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Riordan and Logan hope to win election

By Molly Funk
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As some of you may know, the Student Senate Executive Board elections will be taking place on Monday, March 30th and Tuesday, March 31st in the Rotunda. This year the Student Senate has made dramatic changes on campus after hearing student concerns about specific issues. The Student Senate is traditionally known for their role in budgeting clubs and organizations and hosting events such as Parents and Family Weekend and Late Night Breakfast.

Notable Changes Thus Far:

However, this year the Senate has been extraordinary active facing campus issues, most notable being the security in residence halls and the new course evaluations. For instance, the Senate hosted a dialogue with the Department of Public Safety about campus security. As a result, the 24 hour residence hall lock was pushed by the student body and was supported by the Senate. Additionally, for the past few years, students were not pleased with the current course evaluations because they were too



Student Senate President and Vice President Nominees, Brian Riordan and John Logan (Jordan Pierre)

generic, while at the same time they wanted to view the results. This year the Senate took the initiative to promote a change for new evaluations and wanted to work with administration to make the results available for Bryant students.

The Structure of the Senate:

The Student Senate Executive Board and

Legislative Body is voted by the student body at large. For those who don't know, there are five representatives from each class that sits on the Legislative Body. In addition, there is an Executive Board which consists of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and

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Global Community Hour: Greece

By Molly Funk
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In light of this week's Global Community Hour sponsored by the Office of International Affairs. I sat down with the tour guide: Andreas Armenis to understand what it is like to be a first generation student and get a little glimpse inside the Greek culture.

Where is your family from? Can you tell me a little bit about their story, and reasoning for coming to the states?

Both my mother and father are from Greece. Yup that's right; that means I am 100 percent folks! My father is from the northern coastal island of Corfu. My mother is from a town in the North called Preveza. My parents met in Athens and settled down together at a young age. My mother worked as an assistant pharmacist in the city center, and my father was a radiographer for the Greek Merchant Marines. My sister Julie was born in 1986 in Athens (Fun Fact: She also is a Bryant Alum, Class of 2008). After my father left the merchant marines in 1986 in order to be with his family, he was forced to make a tough decision. My father did not have much opportunity in Greece, and after a life at sea that was all he knew! He made the decision to come to America in 1988.

He worked, applied for his green card, and established himself, before my mother and my sister came over in 1989. I remember when my parents told me the story of their journey over to America, they always described to me the challenges it brought them. The different lifestyle, the language, the longing for their family back in Greece. All these challenges seemed to be never-ending for them. But still, despite all these challenges they were able to establish residency,

gain citizenship, open their own business, and raise and support three children. The idea that surrounds their story is what makes me so appreciative and inspired to strive for the very best; the idea that when we hit our lowest point in life, we are open to the greatest change. With two suitcases, a dream, and drive, my parents created a whole new life for them and their children. Many first generation, multicultural, or international families can relate to this.

What cultural values do you appreciate the most?

I think the number one cultural value that I appreciate most from my Greek culture is my family! You have seen it before in the blockbuster hit My Big Fat Greek Wedding; family is one of the most important things. The reason why I appreciate it the most is because it is the foundation which so many of my beliefs stem from!

How do you stay in touch with your roots!?

Growing up in a Greek household there really was no other option than to know your roots and then see your roots every summer. Yes that is right! I went to Greece every summer since 2000. While all the typical American families brought their children to Disneyland and Disneyworld, my family brought me island-hopping in the Mediterranean. The first time I met my whole family was in 2000. I look forward to summers because I get to go back to Greece and visit my family and enjoy a summer well spent there!

How has it been being first-generation growing up?

I never felt that there was much difference between my childhood and the kids down the street. I never really understood until a later age what it was to be first-generation. I think that the only big difference between my childhood is that I learned the meaning of responsibility at a very early age. Whether it was accompanying my parents to the doctor's office to fill out forms or working at the family pizza shop every weekend, I was forced to grow up at a much earlier age. I never looked at this in a negative light, I was just growing up! To be completely honest it was not always the easiest, and it is a unique feeling to describe, to put that feeling into perspective when you are explaining how to fill out W-2 forms while your other friends are filling out their Mad-Libs, it makes you wish just for that second you could escape and be a kid. All in all I don't think it was that different from any other kid growing up. I had the opportunity to hang out with my friends, had the chance to partake in after-school sports and events. I was pretty normal, just with super cool and hardworking FOB parents.

What is your cultural identity? Do you identify more with American culture or more with Greek culture?

I would have to say it has been great! I really enjoy the best of both worlds. It's actually kind of funny because when I am in Greece, my family there calls me American, and when I am here people assume I am American but say I'm Greek. I just find it comical in

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Bursting the 'Bryant Bubble'

One Direction

Zayn Malik has decided to leave the One Direction boy band, leaving fan girls around the world crying.

Google CFO

Ruth Porat leaves Morgan Stanley to join Google as the new Chief Financial Officer.

President Flees

President Abdrabbuh Mansour Hadi of Yemen fled his palace located in Aden because rebels advanced on the city.

Air Strikes Against ISIS

The United States has ordered air strikes against ISIS militants located in Tikrit.

Flight 9525 Crash

Germanwings Flight 9525 crashed March 24th killing all one hundred forty-four passengers and six crew members.

By Molly Funk
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Department of Public Safety Log

<p>STOLEN VEHICLE Mar 18, 2015 Wednesday at 03:00 Location: E C S Summary: DPS received a report from the owner of Effin's Bar that his car was stolen. He stated that he had ejected a male from the bar earlier that night and had a feeling it was this male that took his vehicle. The vehicle, a black Nissan Pathfinder was located in the senior apartment lot.</p>	<p>JACOB'S DRIVE Summary: DPS received a report of a motor vehicle accident at the end of Jacobs drive by Bryant Globe. No injuries were reported.</p>	<p>EMT CALL EMT CALL / MEDICAL SERVICES RENDERED Mar 22, 2015 Sunday at 01:02 Location: TOWNHOUSE Summary: DPS was called to assist for an individual that had fallen down the stairs. EMS was activated. A male student had a large laceration to his head. SFD Rescue contacted and responding. Patient was transported to Fatima hospital for treatment.</p>
<p>ACCIDENT (MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT) Mar 20, 2015 Friday at 21:54 Location:</p>	<p>ASSAULT AND/OR BATTERY Mar 21, 2015 Saturday at 00:41 Location: TOWNHOUSE Summary: DPS received a report of a fight in progress behind townhouse A2. EMS was also requested. SFD Rescue contacted and responding.</p>	

The Archway will be out on stands at 2pm on Thursday this year! We hope you pick one up then!

Women's Summit encourages women to 'succeed and thrive'

By Allie Miller

Staff Writer

"Women are awesome," Sallie Krawcheck excitedly said to over 1,000 women on a lucky Friday the 13th at Bryant University. As Krawcheck opened the 2015 Women's Summit Succeed and Thrive, she emphasized women's importance in the workplace. She pointed out the interesting fact that while men have been found to put finances at the top of their priority list in choosing a profession, women top their list with finding meaning and purpose.

This prompted the Succeed and Thrive theme of the 18th annual Women's Summit at Bryant University, directed by Bryant's First Lady, Kati Machtley. The event, which sold out in less than a day, was crafted to help attendees grow personally, professionally, and financially. In addition to attending two of the twenty-one offered sessions on topics ranging from finance to stress reduction, all guests listened to three powerful keynote addresses. The dynamic keynote speakers included Chair of Ellevest Network, Sallie Krawcheck, Today Show co-host, Hoda Kotb, and CNN Contributor Mel Robbins.

After the first round of workshop sessions and a Power Plenary Session led by financial expert Charlotte Stallings, the attendees filled the Bryant gymnasium for the highly anticipated luncheon keynote. Before Hoda Kotb's speech, the crowd was briefly addressed by Rhode Island Governor Gina Raimondo, just a few hours following her first state budget proposal. As the first female governor of Rhode Island, she told the crowd that she is proud of her unique position to show girls that they can be whatever they want to be. As she discussed her plans to solve the problems of the state and the nation, she said "ladies, I need your help" and referred to women as an "underused resource."

As the Luncheon Keynote Speaker, Hoda Kotb highlighted the event. Kotb openly discussed her journey to her career in journalism, her battle with breast cancer, and her life as cohost with Kathie Lee Gifford on NBC's Today Show. She was friendly and warm, even stopping to take selfies with excited fans. As she took the stage, she quickly proved that she is truly herself during her talk show; definitely not a TV personality. As she usually does during her morning show, she wanted to share some of her favorite music. She held her earbuds to the mic and attempted to play "Uptown Funk" for the crowd.

After settling in, Kotb discussed her rise to a prominent journalism career which required a lot of hard work. She drove herself around the Southern half of the United States for nearly two weeks, going to interviews just to be turned down. As she began to lose hope in her quest to become a news anchor, she finally landed a job in Mississippi. As she pointed out, "it only takes one... not



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everyone needs to love you."

Although she had a hard time finding supporters in her early career, she made a room full of fans during her speech. As she shared her personal stories, she consistently made the crowd laugh through her comedic way of story-telling, even during some of her more serious topics. She truly embodied her advice that there are "two things that get you through life. You have to be resilient and have a sense of humor."

One of the more serious topics came from Kotb's discussion of her battle with cancer. She admitted that although she initially did not want to be defined by her cancer, it gave her the courage to take chances and taught her that her life "has margin to be valued, not wasted." The experience of surviving her battle with cancer gave her the insight to realize that the way that you spend your days is the way that you spend your life. So if you want to change your life "you don't have to do anything big and profound," you just need to change up one day.

After Kotb's keynote and a second round of workshop sessions, the event was capped by an entertaining and interactive presentation by motivational speaker and CNN Contributor, Mel Robbins. She engaged the crowd by randomly selecting women to share their goals following the sessions of the day. She assured the audience that thanks to all of the technological

advances of the last five years, it has "never been easier to live the life you want." Easy access to information is empowering and can allow for amazing changes as long as you are willing to change.

According to Robbins, the world is full of resources and it is our job to be resourceful. She delved into some of the psychological background on why we do things and how we should change things. She provided many common examples of some of the things that hinder success and some useful advice on how to change. One of the examples was procrastination. According to Robbins, procrastination is never a problem of finding ideas; it is a problem with getting started. It is important to realize that "you're never going to feel like it" so you should instead take control of the situation and advance yourself.

Robbins made a wonderful and likely unintended allusion to Bryant as she described ease of information as a "world of open gates." The famous Bryant archway that we are so careful to walk around holds a lot of meaning to our community, but it was originally just a gate. Now it is a symbolic gateway, representing success and accomplishment. Just as Bryant University regularly provides a gateway to opportunities for students, Bryant served as an exciting new gateway to success for the attendees of the 2015 Women's Summit.

Bryant student loses everything in fire

By Sarahanne Kent and Allie Miller

Staff Writers

On March 11th, a devastating fire in Warwick, RI destroyed the homes of nearly 100 Rhode Island residents, including one of our very own Bryant University students, Jason Boulay and his family.

The fire broke out on the morning of Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at around 10 am at West Gate Condominiums, located off Quaker Lane in West Warwick, Rhode Island. All of the residents were able to make it out of the building safely, but only to watch the 3 story, 38 unit condo become utterly engulfed by flames and smoke, destroying everything they owned.

Chief firefighter, Edmund Armstrong, said that the fire's catastrophic effects were partly due to a broken fire hydrant that prevented firefighters from immediately controlling the fast-moving flames. There will, of course, be an investigation to uncover how the fire started, but for those who lost all of their worldly possessions in this tragic event, it will hardly be consolation.

There are currently almost a hundred residents who have been displaced. Many will find a temporary home with family and friends, but others aren't so lucky. Organizations such as the American Red Cross to the Christian Hill Community Church in West Warwick are assisting the residents with everything from supplies to places to stay for the night, and Texas Roadhouse on Quaker Lane is donating free meals to anyone affected by the fire. Even with the generous help of local groups, the victims of the fire have to completely rebuild their lives.

One of those devastated by this catastrophe is Bryant's very own Jason Boulay. Jason is double majoring in Communication and Politics and Law. He is a war veteran, having served a tour in Afghanistan in 2002 with the Army National Guard. When the fire broke out, he was home catching up on sleep during spring break. His fiancé and 6 year old son were not home at the time of the fire.

Once he heard the alarms and smelled the smoke, he quickly escaped the burning building, having only time to grab a few belongings. Of the important things he was able to salvage were the wedding bands that will become a symbol of commitment following his wedding in May.

Since the fire, he and his family have had to live in a hotel room. Jason is incredibly grateful to the Bryant community. As a first semester senior, Jason feels incredibly lucky to have understanding and forgiving professors. He also has received support from the alumni community who have spread awareness for his story and offered to donate furniture to his new apartment.

Jason has received help and support from many wonderful organizations including Operation Stand Down RI which helps veterans in times of need. Jason is in the unimaginable process of starting over and rebuilding an entirely new life with his family. He hopes that it will turn into a blessing in disguise.

To help Jason and his family in this time of incredible need, please visit their GoFundMe account "Boulay Family Fire Fund."



Pictured above: Boulay and son (Jason Boulay)

Krupp Korner

Yarn Over in the Library

By Maura Keating

Research & Instruction Librarian

What do you think about when you think about libraries? Books? Research? Sure, the library is a great place to study or to meet with a group, but we are about so much more. The Krupp Library is transforming the idea of library as place and promoting the library as a locus of community on campus. Our latest venture is Stitch2Gether, a group that meets on Wednesday afternoons in the lounge area of the 2nd floor of the library. Stitch2Gether welcomes fiber fanatics of all skill levels, knit or crochet, expert status or if you have always wanted to learn. It's a great place to learn how to cast on, to get advice with a tricky pattern, or to be inspired.

Fiber fans are probably already familiar with the online community, Ravelry.com, where you can locate new patterns, find yarns, locate help, and more. Stitch2Gether has a new page on Ravelry at: <http://www.ravelry.com/groups/stitch2gether>

Join us on Ravelry, bring your latest project to the library on a Wednesday, or your desire to learn an addictive new hobby. Email Maura at mkeating@bryant.edu for more information – we'd love to get creative with you!

What: Stitch2Gether

When: Wednesdays, 1 – 2 pm,

Where: 2nd floor Library Lounge (near the study rooms)

Spotlight: Andreas

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the difference of how I am culturally perceived in both places. I identify as Greek-American. In the end you have your own understanding of culture, and that's what you're going to count on. A lot of my morals, values and beliefs stem from this sort of harmonization of both cultures. Sometimes my parents argue that I have ideals that are "too American" but on the other hand some people would classify me as "too cultured." In the end, it's what you feel is right to you. Not what your mother told you. Not what your father told you. Not what anybody else told you, but the still, small voice. That is why I identify as Greek-American because everyone likes a label; so that's what I am slapping on this one.

How have you been able to stay intact with your culture on campus?

There is nothing that gives you more confidence than being a member of a small, weirdly specific hard to find demographic.

With that being said when I first came onto campus and heard about Greek Life, I am not going to lie, I thought, wow, this campus has a lot of Greeks here! Only two days in did I realize that my definition of Greek population and the University's definition of a Greek population were very different. Despite my missed chance with Greek Life on campus, I have been able to stay intact with my culture on campus. Through the Center for Diversity and Inclusion and campus organizations such as ISO and MSU I have been given the chance not only to learn about other cultures, but share my culture with other students too. I have also been able to stay intact with my culture through the International Business Department. They really care about and appreciate their students, celebrating the diversity that they bring to the program and to the classroom!

Phi Sigma Epsilon initiates 13 new members

By Jenna Keenan
Contributing Writer

The Zeta Rho Chapter of Pi Sigma Epsilon at Bryant University would like to announce the initiation of thirteen new members into the fraternity. Pi Sigma Epsilon is a co-ed professional business fraternity focused on sales, marketing, and sales management. The fraternity holds different networking and professional development workshops to help its members grow in areas such as making sales pitches, interviewing, and resume critics, among many other things. Members, both new and old, come from a various array of majors and all graduation years.

The initiation ceremony, held on the evening of Saturday March 21, 2015 in the Interfaith Center, followed the guidelines set by Pi Sigma Epsilon headquarters in Greenfield, Wisconsin. The ceremony incorporated the eleven principles of PSE, which include competition, belief, sincerity, ethics, character, confidence, faith, knowledge, work-skill, wisdom, and honor. Our members are expected to live by these principles both in their professional and personal lives after accepting their initiation into the national fraternity.

While the Pi Sigma Epsilon fraternity focuses on Sales, Marketing, and Sales Management, the Zeta Rho Chapter is open to many different majors and graduation classes, which can be seen in the Eta Class, initiated on March 21. The Eta class represents one member of the Class of 2016, four members of the Class of 2017, and eight members of the Class of 2018. The sole member from the Class of 2016 is Adam Lopez, an international business major with a concentration in global supply chain. The four members of the Class of 2017 initiated

into the fraternity include Chandler Palmieri, a marketing major, Chloe Taylor, an undecided business major, Victoria Turano, an accounting and analytics major, and Jose Vazquez, a politics and law major. The Class of 2018 is represented in the newly initiated Eta class by Richard Appel, an undecided business major, Macarena Freile, an undecided business major, Erin Murphy, a math major, Melissa Polanco, an international business major, Luly Porro Cabrera, an undecided business major, Suhas Sarma, a global supply chain management major, Michael Sverdlove, an international business major, and Andrea Zuniga, a marketing major.

As new members of Pi Sigma Epsilon and the Zeta Rho chapter, these thirteen new members will not only learn more about the organization, but will develop themselves professionally as well as in the sales and marketing fields, all of which will be done during general meetings or committee meetings. During the first meeting as initiated members of PSE, the members of the Eta class will have to give three minute presentations about themselves, and what makes them unique. The personal elevator pitches will then be critiqued by the rest of the members of the chapter.

All members are also broken up into different committees that help to make the organization grow, as well as meet requirements set by national headquarters. These committees, which include members from an array of different initiation classes, graduation classes, and majors, include Marketing, Finance and Sales, Professional Development, Public Relations and Philanthropy, and Human Resources and Social. Each committee has some sort of project or event each semester, and all members within the committee are expected to help organize and run the event or project.

The new members of the Eta class will also be

playing a crucial role in helping the chapter prepare for the National Convention. This year's Pi Sigma Epsilon National Convention is being held in Houston, Texas from April 14 to 19. The Zeta Rho chapter is sending nine members to compete in several different competitions, as well as attend office training, development, and roundtable discussion sessions. The competitions and awards in which the Zeta Rho chapter will be participating include Top Silver Chapter, Top Management Team, Most Improved Chapter, Top Alumni Advisor, Pro-Am Sell-A-Thon®, Team Case Study Competition, sponsored by GEICO, and the Recruitment Fair Challenge.

One of the Zeta Rho Chapter members, Michael Rota, will also receive recognition for being selected for the 2015 PSE Future Leaders Team, which is awarded to freshmen and sophomores who show the potential to become outstanding leaders within their chapter and the Pi Sigma Epsilon organization. Another Zeta Rho member will be the MC of an event during the Convention. The Zeta Rho chapter has also been asked to give a presentation to other PSE chapters, demonstrating how to be a small, yet successful chapter. In preparing for so many different events, the team of members headed to Houston in April will be looking for the critiques and support of all members of the Zeta Rho chapter.

As the Zeta Rho Chapter of Pi Sigma Epsilon progresses into the remainder of the semester, we are excited to watch the new members of the Eta class grow and become leaders within the chapter, the university, and in their future careers.

If you are interesting in joining the Zeta Rho chapter of Pi Sigma Epsilon, please contact the organization at pse@bryant.edu.

Robert Durst Extradited

By Matthew Morrill
Contributing Writer



Robert Durst, 71 years old, worth 100 million dollars, was arrested March 14 at a Marriott hotel in New Orleans. Durst is charged with one count of first degree murder, lying in wait and gun use allegations, as told by the Los Angeles County DA. These charges are in connection to the December 23, 2000 murder of writer and friend Susan Berman, and will carry the death penalty, as reported by ABC News.

This murder had been a cold case up until September 2014 when the two previous detectives, William Leaver and Paul Coulter who were working the case, retired. With a new detective from the LAPD's elite Robbery Homicide Division, new evidence in the form of a hand written letter was tied to Robert Durst. This letter, which was matched to Durst's handwriting, was anonymously handed to the police at the time of the Berman murder and led them to the victim's body. It was after attaining this piece of evidence that police were able to get the warrant needed to make the arrest on Durst.

According to the LA Times, after arresting Durst, police searched his Marriott hotel room and found a .38 revolver and five ounces of marijuana. These crimes, if pursued to the fullest extent of the law, may amount to a life sentence as the maximum penalty. As reported by New York New and Politics, along with the revolver and marijuana police also found an ID card with the name Everett Ward, a fake ID, a latex mask and \$42,000 in cash. These items hint at the fact that Durst might have felt his arrest was imminent and planned to flee the law.

Durst is now being held in the Orleans Parish Jail and is under suicide

watch, due to suspicion of acute mental illness. The next step in the legal process is to extradite Durst to California, however New Orleans must first decide if they will prosecute Durst for these most recent crimes. As reported by the LA Times, it is customary for prosecutors to hold trial for smaller crimes until the defendant has been tried for the larger crime, making it likely that Durst will soon return to California to be tried and held.

As noted by ABC News, this is not Durst's first run in with the law, currently airing on HBO is a six part television series "The Jinx" which details Durst's involvement in three different murders. The first of the three murders connected to Durst is his wife Kathleen who mysteriously disappeared in 1982 and was declared dead in 2001. The second murder linked to Durst was his 71 year old neighbor Morris Black, who was killed in 2001. Durst was tried for this murder; however he was ruled innocent when the judge ruled that he killed Black in self-defense. The third murder involving Durst is the Berman case for which he is currently being held.

Durst's crime record also includes bond jumping, evidence tampering, and he is most recently being pursued by PETA for killing a cat. If Durst is found guilty and is convicted, it will close a long time cold case and could also help find closure in the other cases Durst is linked to as well. If Durst is found guilty and the case is tried as a death penalty crime, it would be the first use of capital punishment in California since the moratorium that was put on the death penalty in 2006.

Bryant's 6th annual Public Speaking Colloquium talks the talk!

On Monday, March 23rd, six of Bryant's best speakers competed in the 6th Annual Public Speaking Colloquium, directed and organized by Professor Susan Baran. Top honors went to A.J. Beltis (Winner) for his speech entitled "Talkin' Bout My Generation", Tucker Lewis (Second Place) who spoke about mental illness in "My Mother", and Hannah Crofut (Third Place) who delivered a nostalgic family speech called "Blocks of Ice." The remaining finalists included Breanne Lubinsky, Briana Trifiro, John Phelps, and alternate speaker, Christian Contreras.

All seven students competed against 45 other Bryant speakers on Friday, March 20th in the preliminary round of the Public Speaking Colloquium, which took place in the TV Studio and was streamed live around the world. They were judged on such criteria as body language, vocal quality, speech construction, and confidence, among other things.



Host Todd Steward and Judge Christina Shaw, both Bryant Alums (Susan Baran)

Baran, a lecturer in the Communication Department said the event was the "most successful to date" with over 200 people showing up to lend support to Monday's speakers. "This is an extremely important event," she said, "it not only emphasizes the importance of speaking and writing in an academic setting, but also helps prepare students for competitive professional settings as well." The 6-year sponsor of the event, Hanover Insurance, couldn't agree more. The group has continued to support the PSC since its inception and has committed to doing so indefinitely. Hanover has been dedicated to Bryant students for many years and gives PSC participants a competitive edge in their company.

This year's event was hosted by Todd Stewart, a Bryant alum, who has not only participated in the competition himself, but helped spearhead the event seven years ago. He now teaches public speaking at Bryant. The judges included Derek Snow from Smithfield High School, Professor Mike Roberto, Nancy Persson from the Hanover Group, and Christina Shaw, another Bryant alum and the first winner of the PSC back in 2010. The preliminary round was hosted by Senior, Nicollette Riccio and judged by Dr. Chris Morse and Dr. Kristen Berkos, both from the Department of Communication, and David Beauchamp, a digital marketing manager from FGXI.com whose flagship company is Foster Grant. They endured the difficult task of choosing the best 6 speakers from a list of over 50 participants!

The winners of the event were all awarded cash prizes ranging from \$1200 to \$250, and three lucky audience members received raffle prizes including a VISA gift card, a \$50 gift card to Chipotle, and a brand new iPad donated by Hanover.



Kati Machtley pictured with the top three winners, A.J. Beltis, Tucker Lewis, and Hannah Crofut. (Susan Baran)

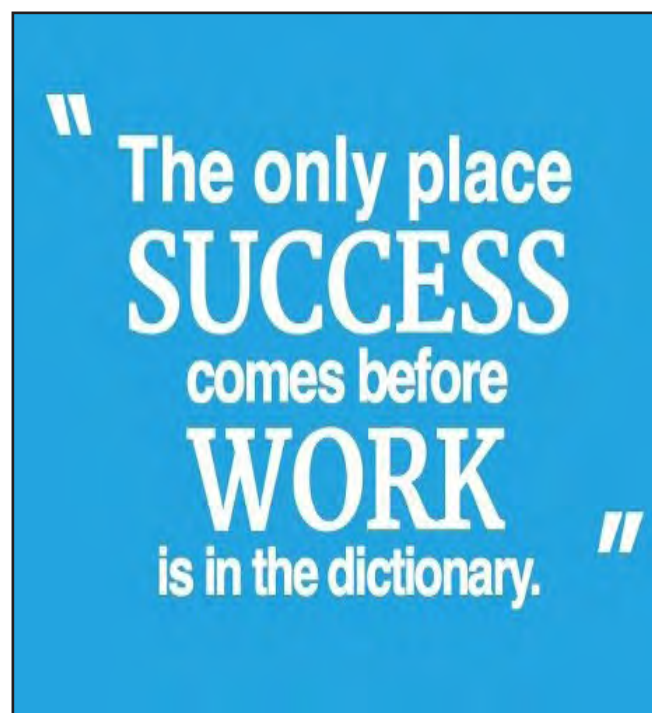


The top seven speakers. (Back Row, L-R) John Phelps, Briana Trifiro, Breanne Lubinsky. (Front row, L-R) Tucker Lewis, A.J. Beltis, Hannah Crofut, Christian Contreras (Susan Baran)

The Public Speaking Colloquium, now in its 6th year was created with support from the College of Arts and Science and the Department of Communication. Both have been instrumental in lending resources to the event and insuring campus-wide participation. Other active supporters of the event include Tom Zammarelli and the production crew, Eileen McAuliffe, Kim Keyes, Dr. Wendy Samter, Dean of the College of A&S, former Dean, David Lux, and President and Mrs. Machtley who are on hand every year to support the speakers.

According to Professor Baran it is never too early to start thinking about next year's program. She welcomes all students to inquire about entering the competition by emailing her at subaran@bryant.edu. Now is the time to get on the list! This is an excellent opportunity to impress potential employers and stand out in professional interviews. Perhaps host, Todd Stewart said it best...You can have all the knowledge in the world but if you are unable to communicate it, it is useless.

Thank you, Bryant community and Hanover Insurance, for another spectacular year of the Public Speaking Colloquium!

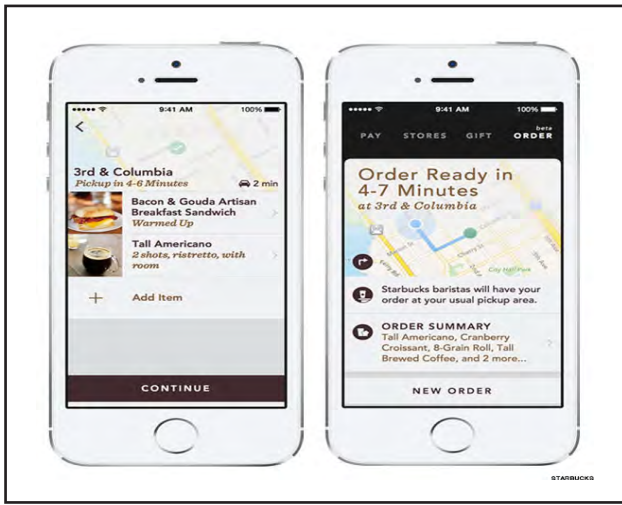


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What's going on with Starbucks?

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Starbucks: the well-known, comforting coffee shop that has come to be part of so many of our daily routines. We go for the Starbucks experience: the coffee and the atmosphere. We love the countless beverage options and specialty flavors as well as the comfortable “living room” and friendly baristas.

This past week, Starbucks has been all over the news. Starbucks is one business that has successfully been

keeping up with our constantly changing world. The three big announcements from Starbucks are:

- 1) They now offer mobile ordering and mobile payment through their app.
- 2) They are testing a delivery service in two locations: Seattle and New York City's Empire State building.
- 3) They announced a stock split.

For customers who are looking to avoid the lines at Starbucks locations, mobile ordering and mobile payment are now available via the Starbucks app in the Pacific Northwest (Oregon, Washington, Alaska, and Idaho). Starbucks plans to expand their mobile ordering and payment options nationwide later this year. Also, mobile order and pay is only available for iPhone users at this time, but they are working on making it available to Android and other smart phone users as well. So how does this work? Simply open the Starbucks app, tap the “order” tab in the upper right-hand corner, browse the menu, and pay. The app remembers customers' previous orders in case they want to order the same item each time. Also, beverage customization is available through the app. The last step is easy: drive to the specified location, skip the line, and pick up the freshly made beverage.

In a couple of months, Starbucks will be testing two very different delivery services in two very different locations: Seattle and New York City's Empire State Building. According to USA Today, Green Apron delivery

will be offered in New York City's Empire State Building, which means that food and beverages will be delivered by real, apron-wearing baristas who work in the Starbucks inside the Empire State building. Postmates delivery service, the largest on-demand app-based delivery system in the United States, will be offered in Seattle. Similar to Uber, it shows a picture of the delivery person to establish trust. Order-tracking is also available through Postmates.

USA Today states that the negative aspect of Starbucks offering delivery is that there will be a delivery flat rate, which means that a \$3 latte could quickly turn into a \$10 latte after the delivery charge and tip. Jonathan Salem Baskin who owns a brand and communications consulting firm posed a very important question: “The central concept isn't coffee, but the place that has coffee in it. So what exactly is Starbucks selling to customers? Would successful delivery change Starbucks from selling the image of the special place — to selling the commodity of coffee?”

Starbucks' stock has been doing extremely well and hitting all-time highs...it is closing in on \$100 per share. Starbucks Newsroom publicizes that “Starbucks has announced its sixth two-for-one stock split since its initial public offering in 1992.” On March 30th, 2015, common stock shareholders will receive one additional share for each share held on the record date. The new shares will be payable starting April 8th, 2015.

Fire during Spring Break

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During Spring Break this year, on March 10th 2015, a mill building in Providence on Kinsley Avenue, caught fire. According to WPRI, 12 firefighters (eventually thirteen engines' and eight ladders' worth) would trigger five alarms when they came to fight it. They also report that shortly after midnight on March 12th, the fire would cause one of the walls to collapse. Fortunately, the building was empty at the time. It was also reported that one firefighter was hurt but with non-life threatening injuries. In addition, the fire and its smoke caused the air in Providence to become very unhealthy according to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management. It has also been reported that the main building “was a total loss,” while another one would probably need to be demolished, and a third had sustained water damage.

Agents from the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives had since begun their investigation. One of the things they found was that electricity was still running, while the gas was shut off, according to WPRI 12. It was

also reported that Providence Public Safety Commissioner, Steven Pare, has said that they do not believe that the fire had suspicious origins, but they are not ready to rule that out. He also said that the agents of the ATF were helping because the fire was of too great a scale for the city's fire department to handle by itself, according to reports. Pare has said that this group investigated a mill fire in 2010, and the Station Nightclub Fire. They will look for videos and talk to people about what happened.

About the mill building itself, the investigation found that there were two tenants there. One was the Rhode Island Patient Advocacy Coalition, which was used mostly for classes, according to WPRI 12. “The medical marijuana advocacy organization's executive director Joanne Leppanen said they have not gotten into the offices to grow marijuana,” according to WPRI 12. The other tenant was a company named Grosca. This company was “designing, producing, and selling indoor growing equipment,” according to WPRI 12.

There were attempts to contact the landlord and building co-owner Robert Stolzman, but none were

successful. According to WPRI 12, he is also Grosca's resident agent, and was attempting to sell the building in the weeks before it burned down. Stolzman was also an attorney for the Economic Development Corporation, during the approval of the 38 Studios deal. He is now a defendant in the state's lawsuit against the failed video game company.

A possible cause of the fire has been identified by an investigation. The mill had been used as a place to use highly flammable substances to turn marijuana into butane hash oil, according to WPRI 12. The evidence to support this consisted of butane tanks, tubes of marijuana, and partially-burned marijuana samples. Investigators are confident that the lab where this process happened is where the fire started, but it has not been determined for certain, according to reports. However, what is known is that the lab was active when the fire started. According to WPRI 12, the fire chief, Jack Chartier, has said that the ignition point has not been identified, but that “butane can be ignited at low temperatures.”



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Player profile: Matt Albanese

By Mark Gallant
Staff Writer

Amidst a rocky start to the Bryant Bulldogs' baseball season, there have been promising glimpses from a number of players. Perhaps the most impressive this season has been sophomore center fielder Matt Albanese.



(Dave Silverman)

A product of Xavier High School in Middletown, CT, Albanese was heavily recruited by a number of D-I schools, but many wanted the versatile athlete for his pitching.

"I didn't want to be just a pitcher only," said Albanese, "and I made that clear to those recruiting me."

When making his final decision between UConn and Bryant, Albanese chose to come to Smithfield for both the tight knit Bryant community and to play baseball under Head Coach Steve Owens.

"Coach Owens is one of the best coaches around and always knows how to win."

So far, it is safe to say that Bryant has been a good fit for the 6-foot-2 outfielder. In his freshman season this past spring, Albanese racked up a number of accolades after batting .322 with 22 extra base hits in 55 starts. He was named NEC Rookie of the Year, New England Rookie of the Year, and perhaps most impressively, was named to the Louisville Slugger Freshmen All-American team.

Albanese took his talents down south to improve his game over the summer and become a more complete player. As a member of the Aldie Senators in Virginia's Valley Baseball League, an NCAA sanctioned summer league that has produced MLB talents such as former Red Sox third baseman Mike Lowell, he batted over .300 yet again. He also trained physically to become a better athlete.

"I worked a lot to take my hitting to the next level and trained hard to get bigger, faster, and stronger."

After a long winter, Albanese has picked up right where he left off last season and has already earned his first league honor just 13 games into the

season. In a 16-4 win against Towson on March 8th, he became the first Bryant player in D-I history to hit for the cycle. During that weekend series, he went 8-13 with five RBI and six runs scored. These stats were good enough for him to be named the NEC Player of the Week.

A humbled Albanese recognized that hitting for the cycle is something special, but it wasn't what was on his mind.

"The goal is to win the game and that's what my teammates and I were focused on."

On the early season, wins have been tough to come by for Bryant (2-11) despite Albanese's strong start. He leads the team with a .345 average, 11 RBI, and 15 runs scored, but that doesn't mean anything to him if the team isn't winning.

When asked what the team needs to improve on, Albanese recognized the high level of talent on the team and their potential for another strong season.

"We have an immense amount of talent, but right now we are beating ourselves by making a lot of small mistakes that add up. We have shown great energy and focus in practice

recently, and I am confident that we are going to get it together and have another special season as a program."

Albanese and the Bulldogs are set to host Hartford at Conaty Park this weekend in what would be their first home games of the season. Five games have been cancelled since the team's busy



(Bryant Athletics)

spring break and it is clear that they have been using the additional time wisely in practice.

On Saturday, Bryant and Hartford will play a doubleheader with games set for noon and 3:00, while Sunday's game is scheduled for 1:00.

Bryant baseball's spring break week

By Mark Gallant
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While many students were off relaxing during spring break, the Bulldogs' baseball team had a busy week. With stops in four different states, they played seven games in an eight day stretch, coming away with their first two victories of the season.

The first stop of the week came in Bel Air, Maryland against the Towson University Tigers. It was just two years ago that Towson's team was in jeopardy of getting cut to save money. However, the program rallied to earn money and fought off that threat for the time being.

After a sluggish start from the Bulldog bats over the first couple of weeks, Bryant's lineup came to life against the Tigers. During the three game series, Bryant drove in 34 runs and collected 35 hits, a big improvement over their two hits in the previous two games.

Sophomore Matt Albanese continued his strong start to the season by becoming the first player in the program's D-I history to hit for the cycle. This feat helped him earn NEC player of the week honors for the first time of his career. Another sophomore, Zane Smith, hit his first career home run and got on base three times. Cole Fabio, another sophomore off to a strong start, had three hits while batting eighth. On the mound, Kyle Wilcox and Jimmy Davitt both went four plus innings and allowing a combined three earned runs. The Bulldogs ended up winning the game 16-4.

On Monday, the Bulldogs played a doubleheader before heading on the road to Virginia. Game one of the twin bill was a back and forth battle that ended up in a tough loss for Bryant. Towson gave the Bulldogs chances to stay in the game by making five errors, but was saved by their big designated hitter Spencer Sutton. At 6-foot-6 and 255 pounds, Sutton's presence at the plate proved to be too much for the Bryant pitchers. He finished the day 4-4 with a walk and five RBI, including a three-run

homer that gave Towson a 9-8 lead. Star sophomores Albanese and Fabio contributed two and three hits, respectively, but the Bulldogs ultimately fell 12-11. Freshman lefthander Logan Lessard was handed the loss for Bryant.

In a shortened (seven innings) game two, freshman pitcher James Karinchak posted a shutout in his first career start. He struck out ten Tigers and allowed just three hits (two to Sutton) on the day. With a relatively young pitching staff, Bryant needs players like Karinchak to step up and fill the holes left by pitchers who graduated or were drafted last season. Junior A.J. Zarozny hit his first home run of the season, while senior Jordan Mountford hit his second of the year.

The Bulldogs headed to Norfolk Virginia for a Tuesday afternoon game against Old Dominion, continuing their stretch of non-conference games to begin the season. Bryant's offense remained hot, driving in eight runs, but Old Dominion's heart of the order beat up on Bryant pitching. Taylor Ostrich and Josh Eldridge combined for six hits, five of which went for extra bases, including two home runs. Mountford hit his second home run in as many days for Bryant, but none of the Bulldogs' pitchers could get in a groove on the mound. With five Bulldogs seeing action on the hill, none went longer than 2.1 innings and only senior reliever Alex Lagos didn't allow a run. Though Bryant didn't make any errors, they did allow seven walks, giving OD's offense an easy time.

On Wednesday, the Bulldogs traveled to Chapel Hill to face the powerhouse Duke Blue Devils. Duke, who was 12-3 entering the contest, defeated the Bulldogs 7-4. Bryant pitching only allowed four earned runs, but two errors gave Duke an early lead from which they never looked back.

The Bulldogs ended their long week in northeastern South Carolina to take on the Coastal Carolina Chanticleers in a three game series. Junior ace Kyle

Wilcox took the hill for the second time during the break and went six innings, allowing four runs, two of which were earned. He also allowed just one walk, which has been a problem area for the hard-throwing righty this season. Bryant collected just four hits on the day, one of which was junior Robby Rinn's first home run of the year. Errors continued to hurt the Bulldogs, as three errors scattered throughout the day resulted in four unearned runs for Bryant pitching.

What would have been game two on Saturday was rained out after the game's starting time was pushed back several times. On Sunday, Karinchak hoped to carry over the momentum from his shutout earlier in the week, but the freshman learned the hard way that pitching in D-I baseball isn't easy. An error by Fabio on the first batter didn't help Karinchak, but a double and a home run from CC's three and four hitters put the Bulldogs in an early 3-0 hole. Karinchak recovered nicely, allowing just one more run on a wild pitch, but the Bulldogs weren't able to keep up with the Chanticleers' hot bats. They added two more home runs off senior lefthander Trevor Lacosse, ultimately leading to a 10-7 victory. Rinn had an excellent day at the plate with four hits and two RBI, while Albanese had two hits of his own. Although the Bulldogs combined for 11 hits, they struck out 14 times. Each of their one through five hitters struck out twice.

Through 13 games, the Bulldogs sit at 2-11- a step back from their 6-7 start at this point last season. This past week, a scheduled game against Boston College was rescheduled for April 29th, while a four game weekend series against the New York Institute of Technology was cancelled. Bryant will play UMass Lowell in Northborough, Massachusetts on Tuesday before hosting Hartford this weekend for a three game series.

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Did the Patriots ruin their chance?

By Dan Cournoyer
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The Patriots are coming off their fourth Super Bowl victory since 2001 under Head Coach Bill Belichick and owner Robert Kraft, and have made the AFC Championship the last four seasons, winning two of those games. The Patriots have certainly had a decade of dominance, so why just a week after the start of the new NFL year, are smart Pats fans abandoning ship on the 2015 season. The reason, in case you didn't know from under your rock, is the Patriots dismantled arguably what was the best secondary in the NFL.

The Patriots let their hated division rival, the Jets, sign their all pro Corner Back, Darrelle Revis, who is considered by many to be the best in the game, and cut their big physical corner on the other side Brandon Browner who signed with the New Orleans Saints.

Why is this a catastrophe? Let's go back two years ago. The Patriots came off a heartbreaking AFC Championship loss to the Denver Broncos where Peyton Manning threw for over 400 yards. The Patriots knew they had to make a change during the off-season, and fix their secondary, and they did. The Patriots signed CBs Darrelle Revis, and Brandon Browner.

The rest was history, the Patriots used their corner backs that they signed in the off-season as their missing pieces to the championship puzzle, giving them their first Super Bowl Victory since 2004. The Patriots finally got over the hump, and won a Championship because they found the blue print, an unmovable secondary lead by Darrelle Revis and an always lethal offensive attack lead by Tom Brady. The Patriots took that blue print this

off-season and whipped their opponents butts with it, and threw it out the window.

Is it really that big of a problem that the Patriots do not have their starting corners from last season? Let's put this into perspective, the last time the Patriots didn't have a number one corner in their system, before Talib and Revis, was in 2011. In 2011 the starting corners, for the most part, were Kyle Arrington and Devin McCourty with a mix of Sterling Moore and Antwaun Molden. That year the Patriots ranked 31st in pass defense, and allowed Ryan Fitzpatrick former Bills quarterback, who was cut by the Bills and then benched last year and replaced by Ryan Mallet, to throw over 300 yards both times they played him. One of those games being for 384 yards passing.

Expect a similar defense next year without Revis and Browner. The Patriots signed some defensive players, which was highlighted by DE Jamaal Sheard, whose sack totals have gone down every year since being drafted by the Browns (8.0, 7.5, 5.5, 2.0). That's the highlight signing of the Patriots a DE who has declined every year. Well who did they sign to replace Revis and Browner? The answer to that is CB Bradley Fletcher, and CB Robert McClain. To put this into prospective Robert McClain played for the last ranked pass defensive team last year, the Atlanta Falcons. Where did Bradley Fletcher play last year? Oh only the second to last pass defensive team last year the Philadelphia Eagles. Not only that, but Bradley Fletcher also let up nine passing TDs on him last year, which was worst among CBs.

The Patriots replaced their shutdown corners for

two guys who were a part of the two worst pass defensive teams last year. So where do the Patriots go from here? Who do they pick up? What do they have to do? The simple answer: nothing. There is nothing that they can do. The corner back market is dry and just flat out not good. With the 32nd pick there is likely no shot of getting a shutdown corner, or a rock solid defensive player, plus rookies can't make an immediate and power impact on a team. The conclusion from a diehard Patriots fan? The Patriots will not repeat next year, and may get close, but as many Patriots who expect greatest know, close isn't good enough.



Week's Best Sports Tweets

“WLAX: @bryantwlax extends its winning streak to four straight with a 16-3 win over UMass Lowell Monday” @Bryant Athletics

“There is a dust of snow on the ground but in 26 days that will be forgotten. #McCoy #OpeningNight...” @PawSox

“Final (OT): Bryant 6, Hobart 7” @Bryant_Lax

“Hope to see everyone on Saturday vs. Lehigh at home. Game is a double header w/ @Bryant_Lax. Come support! #GoDawgs” @BryantWlax

“MSOC: @BryantMenSoccer announces spring schedule” @Bryantmensoccer

“So, who wins it all? #MarchMadness” @marchmadness

“Wade fell on his left knee in last night's game and it continued to swell overnight. The team training staff has ruled Dwyane out.” @celtics

The madness: recap of the 1st round

By Conor McGovern
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The most watched NCAA tournament kicked off on Thursday, March 19th. That, of course, is the NCAA Collegiate Men's Division I Basketball tournament, known to most as March Madness. The NCAA tournament dates back to 1939 making this the 76th tournament. The first 12 years the tournament only included eight teams until it grew to what it is today: 65 teams including the play-in games. In 2005, college basketball became the most popular sporting event for gamblers (behind the Super Bowl of course) which is one of the main reasons it is followed so heavily. Of course the name “March Madness” is not just a randomly selected name. The tournament, like any sport, is extremely unpredictable and the first round of the tournament this year was a pure example of that.



Celebration after R.J. Hunter hit the game winning shot to down Baylor

This year's first round had a total of five upsets (referring to those games where a lower seed beat a higher seed), and two of those upsets came from a three, 14 match up. There were also many close games, 12 of which were within five points including two going into overtime. None of these close

games included the one, 16 match ups, which lines up with the idea that a 16 seed has never beaten a one seed in the 76 years of the tournament.

The two major bracket busters came from the Iowa State (three seed) and University of Alabama Birmingham (14 seed). Iowa State who was ranked ninth in the country overall, suffered an end of game loss. In the final minutes of the game, Iowa State scored only four points while UAB scored nine, leading to their win of 60-59. This was a huge upset as Iowa State had a chance to make it to the final four if they played to their capabilities. Joining them on the upset list was the Baylor (three seed) vs Georgia State (14 seed). This game was close to the very last second as there was a buzzer beater for Georgia State by the coach's son R.J. Hunter to win 57-56. Both of these were huge game changers for the tournament.

Another dramatic game of the first round was played by Louisiana State University and North Carolina State University. At one point, LSU has a 16 point lead over NC State. They proved that they were a strong team though and ended up coming back and winning within the last seconds of the game by a dramatic shot by Beejay Anya.

And the last game to note is Kentucky, which is on the mission to be the first undefeated team to since Indiana in 1976. So far, they have proved themselves worthy of the title, winning their first game against Hampton 79-56. As the tournament continues, we will see if the Wildcats can hold on to their undefeated status.

As always, March Madness lives up to its name. With all the crazy, down to the wire games that happened in the first round, there are bound to be more to come. One match up to look for in the second round is University of Kansas vs. Wichita State University who are an in-state rival.



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Is there definitive proof that Bruce Jenner is transitioning into a woman

By Allie Miller
Staff Writer

For almost a year, people have been speculating about Bruce Jenner's possible sex change. Somewhat surprising to the fans of the overexposed Jenner/Kardashian clan, this rumor has been neither denied nor confirmed since reports first broke. Despite any formal Jenner or Kardashian confirmation, there is some pretty hard evidence to suggest that Bruce Jenner will in fact be living his life as a female in the near future.

Following his separation from Kris Jenner, people began to take notice of Bruce's longer hair and reportedly manicured nails. The rumors of his transition were

just nonsensical gossip until Bruce underwent a tracheal shave, a procedure which flattens the Adam's apple. With this update, people began to seriously consider and speculate that the former Olympian and reality star is transitioning into a woman.

Us Weekly claimed to have confirmed Jenner's transition by quoting daughter Kendall Jenner saying, "I will always love my dad, whether he's a man or a woman." The magazine has since retracted that story after Kendall Jenner claimed that she never spoke to Us Weekly and that the quotes were completely fabricated via a Twitter statement.

Of course, it isn't completely outrageous to think the popular celebrity magazine concocted the entire story on the highly buzzed about topic just to gain a few readers. However, there is some solid evidence to believe that the article had some truth to it. Many members of the famous family have exclusively collaborated with Us Weekly to share major stories over the years. One notable example of the positive Us Weekly Kardashian connection is the simple fact that Kourtney Kardashian gave exclusive photos and interviews to the magazine following the births of her first two children.

It wouldn't be completely outrageous for a gossip magazine to craft a story on a buzzing topic, but why would the magazine want to jeopardize their relationship with one of the most popular families in America? There is a strong chance that Kendall Jenner did not realize she was speaking on the record or that she decided to recant her statement.

To continue on the trend of magazine evidence of Bruce Jenner's transition, remember that People Magazine confirmed the story in late January. People magazine is the Wall Street Journal of the celebrity magazine world. It is virtually impossible that this magazine would ever publish a story of such magnitude without very strong evidence and a reliable source. This magazine is so legit that when you type "is Bruce really transitioning" into Google, the details of the People magazine article pop up as one of those mystical Google answers.

Perhaps the most reliable Kardashian confirmation came from Kim Kardashian during an interview with Entertainment Tonight. In true Kardashian style, she

completely avoided directly answering the reporter's questions about Bruce. Instead she said, "I think everyone goes through things in life, and I think that story and what Bruce is going through, I think he'll share whenever the time is right... I feel like that's his journey to talk about." Here Kim perfectly exemplifies how Jenner's family members have been narrowly avoiding confirming the speculation since the story first made headlines.

Reportedly, Bruce will reveal his transition to his family on camera during the season finale of Keeping Up with the Kardashians, set to air in late May. There are also reports that E will produce a docu-series chronicling Bruce's journey.

It must be unbelievably stressful to live in the public eye and constantly face scrutiny – especially during a time of personal struggles. This journey is made exceptionally difficult considering how publicly this family has lived for almost a decade.



This story will likely receive a formal confirmation in the near future. If it is true and Bruce decides to open his journey up to a docu-series, it may truly help inspire people and educate the world on a seriously underrepresented group in society.

For more information about transgender issues at Bryant, visit the Bryant University Pride Center.



Hillary Clinton called into question

By Stephanie Johnson
Contributing Writer

The past came back to haunt Hillary Clinton last week when controversy over the Benghazi incident emerged.

According to a New York Times report, Hillary Clinton was using a private email address while serving as United States Secretary of State. Official government email addresses automatically archive all emails sent. By using a private email address, Clinton bypassed the government's ability to view her work emails.

Potentially, these emails from Clinton's time in office would add details to the Benghazi attack which occurred during Clinton's service, leaving the U.S. Ambassador to Libya and three other Americans dead on September 11, 2012.

Clinton remained silent about the issue for almost two weeks before admitting before the United Nations that "it would have been better" if

she had used the professional government email along with the personal accounts. Her reasoning provided on March 16 at this press conference for only using one address was simply the convenience factor, and she states that she didn't break any federal regulations. A statement Paul Wester, chief records officer for the archives administration, from 2009 supports that fact, though Wester said that the use of private emails was frowned upon. When asked to hand over emails, Clinton was accommodating. Yet adding fuel to fire was the fact that Clinton deleted 30,000 emails that she deemed "personal"—a move greatly scrutinized for possible scheming.

The issue is far from settled. Some 55,000 emails will be examined by the government—an investigation that could last months. House Oversight Committee Chairman Jason Chaffetz has taken the case of determining whether the law was broken at all by this occurrence. Matters get complicated while

investigators begin to branch out: looking at other privacy clauses Clinton may have violated (such as signing a separation form concerning her documents when she left office) and considering what classified context could have been within the emails.

The New York Times also stressed how this greatly revamps attention on the Benghazi investigation considering the matter would likely have been discussed in the business emails. For Trey Gowdy, Republican Representative and head of the committee investigating Benghazi, the fact that the emails handed over to the government were done so by Clinton staff, (nothing was considered by a third party) does not sit well. Therefore, the House committee formally asked for the personal email server of Mrs. Clinton to be analyzed by a third party this past week. The reasoning behind this request is because a personally-run server such as this can further hinder any archiving efforts or pose a threat if it doesn't meet proper security



standards. Most recently, Clinton has been granted an extension on her required appearance in court pertaining to emails about Benghazi and Libya amid this new investigation.

Timing could not be worse for Clinton. Republicans are not only taking the opportunity to revisit the Benghazi investigation, but are using the scandal to politically bruise Clinton's presidential campaign if there is one. Many Congressmen

have voiced opinions regarding what they see as a moral lapse behind the whole event. Results of the investigations will gain continued news coverage as Clinton battles for votes. CNN polls report that Clinton's approval rating has already taken a hit as her ability and desire to play by the rules as a "trustworthy" politician is called into question.

The best ways to manage college stress

By Joseph Blanchard
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Dealing with stress is by far one of the biggest problems that college students face. So how does one deal with stress? Now I know what all of you are thinking; it is simple, curl up in a ball and cry over the four midterms you have next week that you have not studied for. But sadly that is not how one effectively deals with a heavy stress load.

Stress is not uncommon. So there are lots of ways to combat it and get through it. I know a lot of people say it and hear it, but I am an advocate for meditation. Clear your mind and just focus on one thing at time. Meditation allows you to not get overwhelmed with the task that has been placed in front of you, but yet thinks it through. Now, I'm not saying go put on an orange robe and find your mantra in the vocalization of "Om," but instead take some five quiet minutes to allow yourself to clear your head and relax. Find a quiet place, with no distractions, and sit down in a comfortable position that can be held for a while. Close your eyes and focus on your breathing, allowing your mind to go blank and pushing any thoughts that come forwards away.

Meditation is not an easy skill to accomplish, but this is a simple form of it. With this you can clear your mind for a few minutes and feel the peace of nothing and let yourself take everything one step at a time.

The next tip for stress, which is heard in every single gateway session you have ever attended, is time manage-

ment. But let's be real, one week after you have started you somehow manage to fall back into the path you created. So how do you get good time management? Make lists; use a planner, the calendar in the ever-growing smarter smart phones. Use the resources you have. Plan out how your day will look, when you have free time, and when you need to have something done by. It is a simple visualization of your schedule that allows you to see in a picture of sorts what exactly you have to complete.

We all know those days where you get so stressed over everything that is being thrown at you that you just feel like you can't eat food. Well on those days, you absolutely must eat food. It has been proven that foods high in carbohydrates actually make the brain produce more serotonin, a chemical that relaxes the body and is associated with happiness. So bring on the mac and cheese and bread! (Do not do that either).


Do not think that when you are stressed you need to go dive into the nearest buffet face first like a breaching dolphin, but instead you have to eat mindfully. Do not allow yourself to mindlessly eat food while studying for the economics exam, but instead take fifteen minutes to eat some food and get some new energy into your body.

With spring around the corner, according to the calendar, that means the weather will be nice and the air will be warm; so that's a perfect opportunity to get outside and exercise. Make an exercise regimen, start doing something that allows you to focus on you and release the stress that has built up.

When you feel yourself getting stressed out over a paper or an exam, do not continue writing it, take a break

and step away. Close the laptop and take a break. Get some food, go for a run, or just simply clear your mind. The worst thing you can do to yourself when you are feeling stressed is to continue to do the thing that is stressing you out. Just walk away a little while and focus on you; clear your mind. The only way to get through what you are dealing with is with a clear and open mind.






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Phishing for information

By Victoria LaVallee
Contributing Writer

Recently, there has been a technology dilemma making its way through Bryant student emails. These emails are commonly known as phishing, where hackers send various messages in an attempt to use the receiver's information in a negative way. The content of these "phishing" emails circulating at Bryant usually include a link to a Google drive, a message about new rules from Academic Affairs, or a notification claiming there is a perishable package waiting at the post office. In the case of these scam emails the hacker is trying to obtain a user ID and password so that your computer can be infected with a virus and your account can be used to spread other phishing emails.

This may seem like a minor issue on the Bryant campus, but phishing can potentially be very serious. In some instances hackers pose as a legitimate company trying to use an account holder's financial information. For example, Bank of America has recently been notorious for phishing scams. Official looking emails were being sent to Bank of America customers to trick them into visiting fake websites and provide their personal account information. As a result customers were losing a significant portion of money in their accounts.

In addition to emails, there was the scandal where hackers were stealing money from those who paid with their Bank of America cards at local Target stores. Customers were issued new debit cards, however, not all the money lost in this Target scam could be recovered. Hacking is becoming somewhat of a profession where individuals re-

ceive large amounts of money for stealing information from others.

With the way technology is growing today, individuals should be conscious of the information they provide and who they provide it to. There are obviously positive advances in the world of technology, but there are many negative ones as well. The internet makes personal information readily available to those who seek it, which has proven to be dangerous to those who are victims of this phishing crime.

If Bryant students receive these phishing emails, they should delete them immediately. And to be on the safe side, any unfamiliar email should be deleted as well. If students have accidentally opened one of these scam emails, there are several actions to take in order to protect their account information. First, change your password immediately, and then bring your computer to Laptop Central for a virus scan. Bryant University is obviously trying their best to work out this problem and prevent it from continuing. However, in the meantime be cautious of the emails you are receiving and keep your information safe.



Election

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Treasurer, all of whom are also voted in by the student body at large. These positions can be held by any graduating class. Those running for an Executive Board position must obtain 100 signatures from the student body at large in order to be eligible where the Legislative Body must obtain 50 signatures from their graduating class.

Brian Riordan and John Logan for President and Vice President?

This year's election is significantly important compared to past years because with Student Senate being more active and more campus issues being discussed, it's essential for the student body to have the right voices at the right level. I decided to sit down with two candidates, Brian Riordan (Class of 2017) and John Logan (Class of 2016), who are running for President and Vice President (respectively) and asked what their plans were if they were to win.

Presence on Campus:

Molly: Why do you think this year Student Senate has become more active compared in the past?

Brian: This year, the student senators are very active and involved with other clubs, organizations, and areas on campus. In the past, the student body only knew us as "the budget people" and our main goal this year was to be known as more than that. We took the initiative to get what the students wanted, considering there are so many changes happening on campus.

John: Every year, the Student Senate has a retreat in the fall outlining the goals we want to achieve. It was evident that this year we wanted to increase our transparency on campus and let people know that any changes the students want on campus, they could come to us. Throughout the year, students did come to us and we acted on what they told us. I've been on Senate for the past three years and this has been by far one of the most active Senate I've seen.

Molly: If elected as President and Vice President, do you have any plans you did this year that was successful that you plan on continuing for next year?

Brian: Absolutely. I would like to further the idea that student senators can be approached by anyone to discuss anything. We had Gateway sessions this semester for the Class of 2018 to inform them of what we do and how they can get us to help them. Senate deals with every part of the university; the system is already in place for students to work for the changes that they want to see. It will be our job to continue to inform the student body of these opportunities.

John: A few weeks ago we had a table outside the fireplace in the Fisher Student Center which I thought went extremely well. I would love to do that a few times a month because it puts our face out there. During that tabling, we talked about the different committees on Senate including Academic Affairs, Public Relations, Student Services, and Student Life that help different issues on campus. The Gateway session is a new thing we did this year as well which I thought was successful. I would love to see us put together some sort of Acoustic Coffee House event that includes free food, drinks, music, comedy, and any other performers who would like to come. Oh, and I forgot about the most important thing that would be there: free coffee.

Controversial Issues Currently on Campus:

Course Evaluations

Molly: I know a few weeks ago the Student Senate held an open forum that was for the administration and study body to talk about changing the current course evaluations and then making them public for Bryant students. What are your thoughts on the issue?

John: This has been an ongoing issues for years now, but there hasn't been any organization that took the lead to do anything about it. As a Senate this year, we decided to finally make a change and wanted input from both the students and the administration. Personally, I think it would be beneficial for the both parties, only if executed carefully. If done successfully, the professors can focus on their strengths and weaknesses and students would have access to better information about their courses.

I rarely go on "Rate My Professor" because students are either too extreme on both levels (if the professor was good or bad), and most of it are just students ranting because they received a bad grade. I can never trust a source like that, but again, if done professionally, I think this new system could benefit Bryant academics.

Brian: As the chairman of the Academic Affairs committee I have been dealing with this issue for the better part of a year now. The committee worked tirelessly on researching what options were available to us, and wrote a bill that was passed by Senate. So now the Senate is deciding on two options. The first one is to work with faculty to create a system that meets the wants of the students without making the faculty too uncomfortable.

The other option is for the students to create their own system, similar to what Brown and many other universities have, it could have whatever questions the students' want and be available on the students terms. I personally believe the Senate and students could make a system and successfully implement it. It would be quite an accomplishment and a lot of work, but achievable none the less.

Molly: It feels although this is quite the project. What do you think altering the current course evaluation and making them available to Bryant students will achieve in the long run?

Brian: We all have friends at different schools and many of those schools have systems that let students view evaluations. So Senate went around and attempted to gauge how important this topic was, and in just two nights well over a thousand students signed the petition. Essentially a third of the student body told us that they want a tool to use to improve their academic experience on campus, and again, that was only talking to students for two nights. In the long run we will be providing that utility, whether that be with the faculty or doing something student run.

Aramark and Dining Services

Molly: I know that students have had mixed opinions on Aramark taking over for

Sodexo for the food service. What are your thoughts on this?

John: It's new for everyone, and I think students need to know this. In the beginning of the year it was tough for students because the food and management was different compared to past years. I think Aramark understood that their service wasn't satisfying the student body and have continued to try and make progress. I also know the Senate has heard the voices of the student body and are trying their best to team up with Aramark to try and have better food options and quality.

I think this will take time and I think Aramark has implemented ideas already such as the 9:00 swipes at Nick's Place and having Salmo open all day. I've also heard students say they would like some of the options they have at Nick's Place be available at Salmo, specifically the grilled chicken. If enough students were on board, I would definitely be willing to try and make that happen.

If the Senate continues to work with them we can develop more ideas like that, such as asking students what they enjoy the most for meals, and homemade recipes they enjoy and how we can get that into Salmo, especially for dinner. The biggest issue now is that people are complaining about the food, but no one is really doing anything about it. That's what Brian and I hope to do next year- actually do something about the issue.

Brian: The amount of complaints that come to us about the food in Salmo to me this year seems much more prevalent than last year with Sodexo. There are social media accounts about food, people using Yik Yak and tweeting about the food. I am someone who is not satisfied with the food offered in Salmo either, I think it is a big issue and it must be addressed. However I don't think the social media use is enough to get any significant changes. We need a larger more coordinated effort, similar to the approach to security (issues) and course evaluation initiatives with a forum and a petition. Those are the things that need to happen in order for any change to occur, and we will work towards getting the students what they want next year.

Future Plans:

Molly: There seems to be a lot going on. Have you brainstormed any potential ideas right now that you would like to implement next year? I know these ideas aren't official, but is there anything you would like to see on campus that currently is not happening?

John:

Food: I think one of the biggest issues on campus right now is the food. Personally, I would love to see the food options and quality increase. Because of my schedule, I attend Salmo maybe 3 to 4 times a week and I'm disappointed the majority of the time. Again, this could be just me though and the days I go. I usually get a bagel or cereal for dinner. The grille station has been creative a few times I've gone but I would like to see more variety in the entree. I've always wanted nachos at Nick's Place too, but maybe that's just because I'm obsessed with nachos.

Course Selection: The course selection process is another issue I've heard from students. Some students don't get the classes they want, even if they wake up at five o'clock in the morning for the race to registration at seven o'clock. If we could develop a more efficient way to do this, that would be great. Many times if a student is on the waitlist for one class it messes up their entire schedule and it takes them a few weeks to finalize a schedule, which is unfair.

Internship and Job Opportunities for Non-Business Major Students: Many students that are not business majors have more trouble finding internships compared to business-major students. For example, 90% of the companies at the Career Fair are looking for business-major students while students who major in arts and sciences have to try and find connections in order to find an internship or job. I think this is unfair as well. It would be great to team up with Amica and try to accommodate something for those who are majoring in arts and sciences so they don't have to walk around aimlessly at the Career Fair.

More Printing Money: Many students, like myself, are visual learners. I've already gone into the negatives and it's only mid-terms. I know a lot of people have business or marketing plans they need to print out too and I like to make study guides and use color for different sections.

Coffee House Event or "Game" Room:

I would also like to see an Acoustic Coffee House performance. I think that would draw a lot of people in and clubs and organizations could partner up. I try to attend performance-related events on campus, and I'm always fascinated by the people who perform because I never knew they could do whatever they can do. It's also a nice way for people to come together, eat food, and enjoy music. Another idea would be to put a "game room" in the Fisher Student Center. It would include more ping pong tables, a pool table, tv, couches, etc. That would take more work though, but if the students want it, I'm up for any challenge.

Brian:

Alternative Meal Plan: We are always thinking of new ways to improve campus. One idea that was brought to me is that students are forced to buy a meal plan if you're a resident on campus, excluding townhouses, and with that, if you don't like Salmo's food, the majority of your meal plan is going to waste. I would like to see a newer option for a meal plan, one that gives far more money into dining dollars and less meal swipes. That way the food service provider can still get the meal plan money, but we as students could have more choice in what that money went to.

Student Involvement Fee: This next idea is more complicated so bear with me. The Student Involvement Fee (SIF) is part of your tuition, and it is meant to pay for your extra curricular experiences on campus. Whether that be speakers brought in through SASS or the Spring Weekend concert or any club on campus. Just from last year to this year, a few dozen clubs have started up, which is great as we always want students to be more involved and make more friends, but sadly the SIF fund does not grow with involvement. With more clubs and more students getting involved there is less money to go around. Next year I will start exploring options to get more money available to be able to fund more club activities.



Into the Woods: decade's best musical

By AJ Beltis
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Into the Woods is the best musical of the decade. I would say best of the century, but I hold 2007's Hairspray in too high of a regard to relinquish that honor. Based on the stage musical, Into the Woods creatively intertwines versions of classic fairytales Little Red Riding Hood,

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Jack and the Beanstalk, Rapunzel, and Cinderella. The primary story is focused on a baker and his wife on a quest to lift a witch's curse on their home.

What makes this musical stand out so much is its approach. Sure, it has many of the same morals as the animated Disney classics you grew up on, but Into the Woods perfectly meshes the classic and contemporary - offering stories of love, bravery, parenthood, and loyalty with the heart and laughs that no one in the 21st century can complain about.

Director Rob Marshall brings out the best possible performances from his impeccably casted troupe of actors. Ranging from the young to the old, every member of Into the Woods's cast delivers a performance that balances passion and professionalism in a manner that I have not so often seen. Daniel Huttleston (one of the only good aspects of 2012's Les Mis) and Lilla Crawford play Jack and Red Riding Hood with skill beyond their years. There's a strong level of confidence that exudes from Crawford, while Huttleston has outdone himself in yet another musical, securing his place in a legacy of motion picture sing-a-longs for years to come.

And let's not forget about the veteran performers. Meryl Streep, though underused, shines as The Witch, and while I don't see it as warranted, garners her 19th Academy Award nomination. Personally, I'd like to have seen a nod for Anna Kendrick's lovely performance as Cinderella, or Emily Blunt, who, as The Baker's Wife, does her best work since The Devil Wears Prada. Though

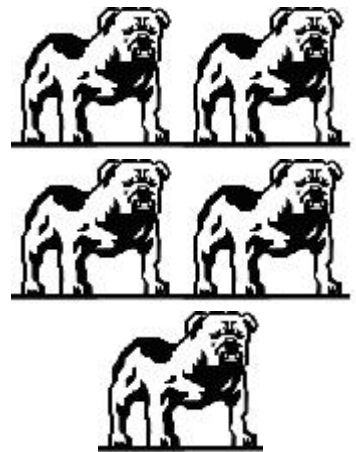


any of the cast, including Streep, or even Chris Pine as The Prince, would be fully deserving of any award or nomination received. Their comedic timing is fully on point, and so not only is this the best musical of last year, but also the best comedy. Among these features, the film is bolstered by astounding art direction and cinematography.

Into the Woods is complete magical fun from the very first minute to the very last, offering a complete immersion into its music-filled fantastical universe. Despite being a PG-rated Disney musical, Into the Woods truly is for everyone - not just little kids and girls. Put away your pride, boys. There's nothin' wrong with a couple of guys watching a great movie musical, especially when it's as hilarious and well-made as this one.

You can read more of AJ's reviews on his blog, AJBeltis.Blogspot.com, or listen to his WJMF Radio show Mondays at 1!

This movie received 5 out of 5 Bulldogs



Sundance Film Festival highlight: Whiplash

By Gary Laucks
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Whiplash, which debuted as a short film at the Sundance Film Festival in January of 2014 and later debuted as a full movie in October of 2014, has racked up numerous awards, some of those including; the Golden Globe and Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor, Academy Award for Best Film Editing and the Academy Award for Best Sound Mixing.

The movie highlights a young Drummer (Miles Teller) who has just enrolled in a prestigious music school where he is on the hunt to achieve music greatness. It is at this school where he is mentored by an instructor (J.K. Simmons) who will do anything to realize his student's potential.

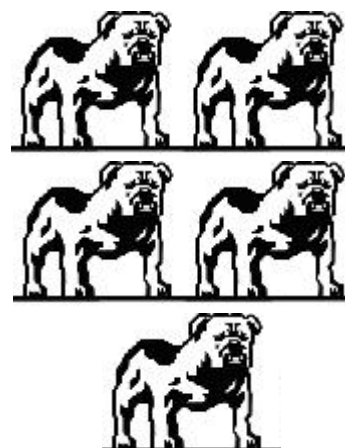
At the beginning of Whiplash it is evident that the talented drummer Andrew,



played by Miles Teller, will be facing an uphill battle of reaching his potential while under the guidance of Fletcher, the mentor, played by J.K. Simmons. Fletcher has some unorthodox ways of teaching his students, which include screaming at them and physical abuse. J.K. Simmons' performance was a shoe-in for the Best Supporting Actor in a Drama. While on the other hand, Miles Teller's performance should not go unnoticed. He performed brilliantly throughout and actually learned how to play the drums for this role, which is incredibly impressive considering the complexity of the musical pieces performed in the movie, especially the final scene. The directing was also phenomenal, the flow of the movie is perfect and the emotional rollercoaster that it takes a viewer on is unmatched. It becomes easy to put oneself into Andrew's shoes or rally behind and root for him.

I give this movie a 4.5 out of 5 stars, and it is a must see for anyone interested in music, great movies in general, or who wants to be on the edge of their seat for two hours. As of February 24, 2015 it is now available on DVD.

This movie received 4.5 out of 5 Bulldogs



Astronomical events determine the timing of Easter observance

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Last month we explored the reason for the seasons. The motion of the heavens is a precise clock and calendar that can be used to determine when to celebrate special events. One doesn't have to observe the sky for too long a time period to notice the cyclic phases of the Moon, or the changing position of the Sun relative to the horizon over the course of a year.

It should therefore not be surprising that many religions celebrate special events that are connected to the clockwork of the heavens. For instance, Christians celebrate Easter every year, but the date for the celebration changes. Since we can barely even remember birthdays and anniversaries that always occur on the same date, it's time for me to enlighten you with the facts of how the date for Easter is determined.

Think back to Easter celebrations of years past. Was it cold or snowy and you had to bundle up? Or, were spring outfits proudly worn amidst warming sunlight and returning songbirds? Why these extremes of weather? Well, if the date for the celebration of Easter occurred on the same Sunday every year, our fickle New England weather could easily account for the differences in attire.

However, in some years Easter can occur as early as March 22 or as late as April 25. Why this range? The varying date for the observance of Easter is determined by astronomical circumstances. In 2015 Easter is celebrated just short of midway between these two dates, on April 5.

The story began many moons ago when the Christian Church first developed. Since this holy day was determined in conjunction with Passover, Easter often fell on a weekday. However, in 352 A.D. the Council of Nicaea declared that it should always fall on a Sunday. They determined that Easter would fall on the first Sunday after the Full Moon on or next after the vernal equinox (spring—March 20 or 21). However, if the Full Moon occurred on a Sunday, Easter is celebrated on the following Sunday. This scenario happened in 2001.

This year the vernal equinox was on Friday, March 20, at 6:45 p.m. EDT. The Full Moon on or after that date occurs on Saturday, April 4. Therefore, Easter is celebrated on Sunday, April 5.

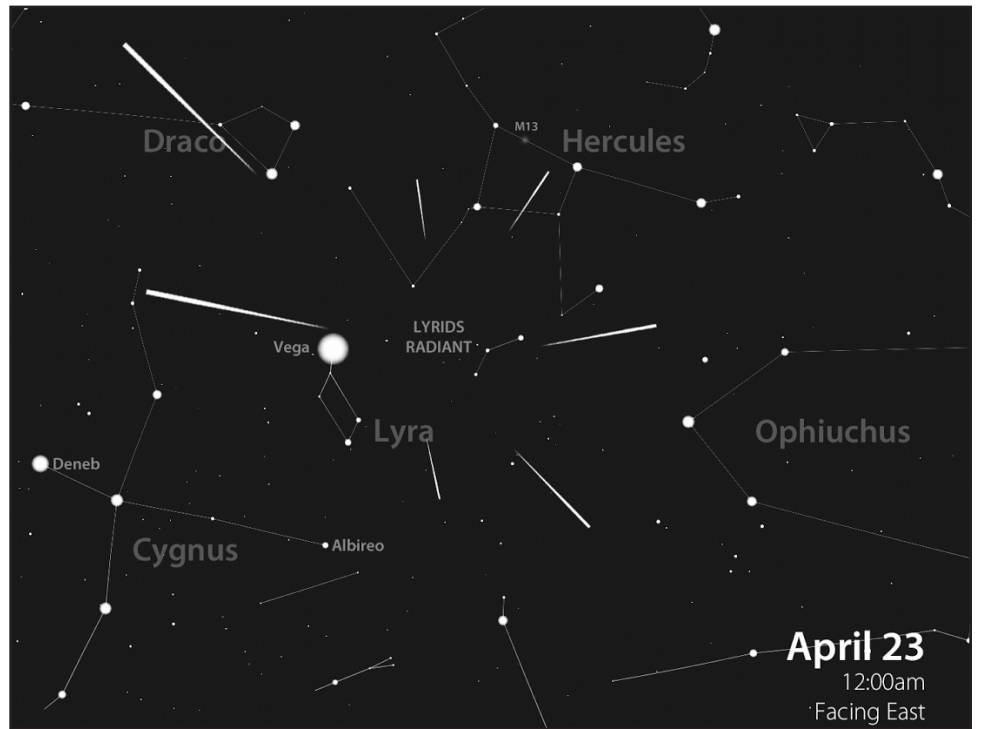
People aren't as observant of sky happenings these days as they once were long ago. Light pollution in and surrounding urban areas have blocked all but the brightest stars and planets from view. The Milky Way galaxy, our own island universe, can now be seen to best advantage only from dark rural skies.

Let's not lose our connection to the stars from which we were born. Proper lighting can promote safety if effectively installed. Keeping stray light from polluting the night sky will allow starlight to shine down from the heavens. Then maybe folks will begin to notice and appreciate the beauty of the starry heavens once again.

Have a happy Easter, and remember to keep your eyes to the skies!

Observing Opportunities

While the Full Moon of April 4 is important for fixing the date for the observance of Easter, there is even more significance to it that will catch the eyes (and telescopes) of amateur astronomers and casual stargazers alike. A total lunar eclipse occurs during the pre-dawn hours on that morning. Unfortunately here in southern New England we will see only a partial eclipse before the Moon sets below the western horizon. The partial phase begins at 6:17 a.m. EDT with the Moon barely two degrees above the horizon. It will set approximately eight minutes later. You'll need a dead horizon with



no houses or trees to obstruct your view of this eclipse locally.

To observe totality during this beautiful celestial event one would have to travel generally west of the Mississippi River. However, totality lasts only 4½ minutes, making this total lunar eclipse the shortest one of the 21st century. I for one will catch what I can from Rhode Island and wait until the night of September 27-28 later this year when we will experience a total lunar eclipse in its entirety from our own backyard.

And finally, on the night of April 22-23, you should scan the skies for members of the April Lyrids meteor shower. The Lyrids are the oldest known shooting star display, having been observed by Chinese astronomers on March 16, 687 BCE. Being an old display, the number of meteors populating the stream of particles has greatly diminished. Only 10-15 meteors per hour can be counted from dark sky locations.

These swift and bright meteors disintegrate after hitting our atmosphere at a moderate speed of 29.8 miles per second. They often produce luminous trains of dust that can be observed for several seconds. A waxing crescent Moon will set before midnight, thereby not interfering with the midnight to dawn peak of the Lyrids.

The Lyrids appear to radiate outward from an area of sky on the Lyra-Hercules border near the bright star Vega, which will be about 45 degrees (halfway between the horizon and zenith) above the eastern horizon at midnight and well placed for observing. Remember, while you can trace the dust train left by a Lyrid meteor back to the radiant point, members of this shower can appear anywhere in the sky. I continually let my eyes roam the heavens while facing this general direction.

Clear skies for all your observing adventures.

Album review: To Pimp a Butterfly

By Nick Colantonio
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This album is basically flawless. Its instrumentation is beautiful and its content is introspective, as well as displayed in a completely original and meaningful way. I would even go as far to say that this is likely the best rap album of the decade, even though it probably is not my personal favorite. In the end though, it is albums like *To Pimp a Butterfly* that set the stakes and precedent for albums to come across genres. K. Dot truly reaches to new heights on this piece of art. With all that said, I thought I would talk about what I love most about each song, because I really do not have anything to critique.

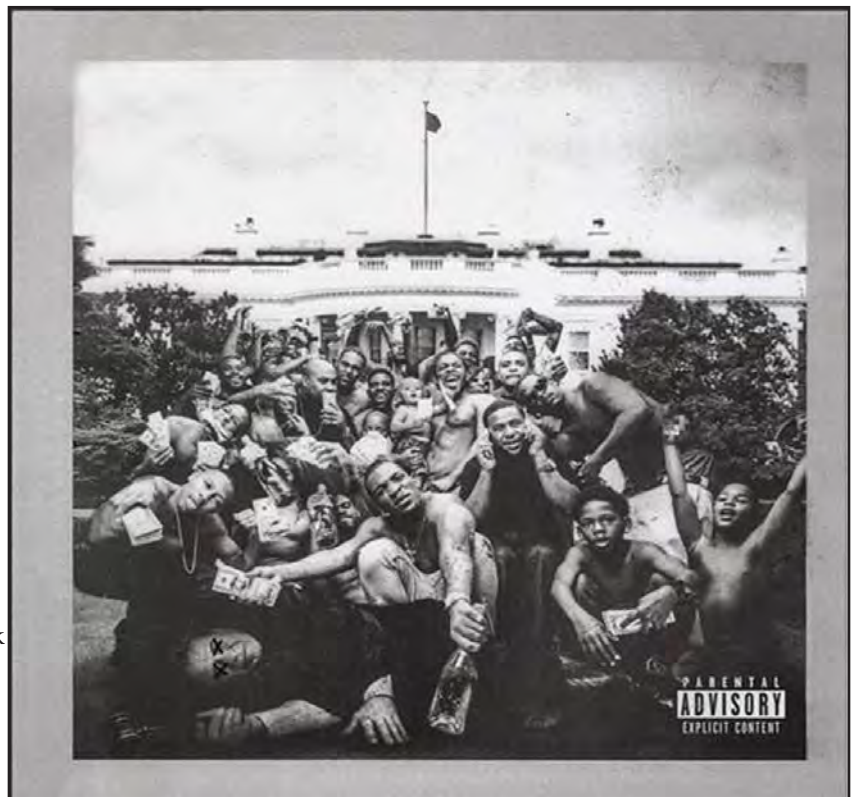
1. Wesley's Theory- The extended metaphor to Wesley Snipes as Kendrick sets the tone of his relationship to fame which is trying to "pimp" him.
2. For Free? (Interlude)- The slam poetry style of the song over the heavy jazz-influenced Terrace Martin instrumental. Also, the message behind the song is true genius.
3. King Kunta- As a man who has seen rags and riches, he contrasts the two levels of society.
4. Institutionalized- I love the smooth drum line and Kendrick's equally as smooth delivery, as well as Snoop Dog's narrative of sorts, which reflects that of Slick Rick in his song "Children's Story" which feeds into a recurring theme that reveals itself fully in track 16.
5. These Walls- Kendrick Lamar explores many different "walls" of sorts in relation to himself and society as a whole, which is all intertwined extremely well.
6. U- I feel a completely necessary and honest song to contrast, "i", his lead single off of the album. He gets into the darker side of his heart, especially in terms of self-worth, showing he is not perfect.
7. Alright- The linkup between Pharrell Williams and Sounwave on the beat which they have done in a way in the past on Kendrick's sophomore album "good kid, m.a.a.d. city".
8. For Sale? (Interlude)- This song digs into norms that other famous rappers and just people in fame practice

in terms of material things.

9. Momma- In the prelude poem, Kendrick talks about running home looking for answers and proceeds in verse 2 to talk about everything he now knows, saying many times he "knows everything".
10. Hood Politics- The song title signifies a whole new type of government and really world, that is the ghetto. Powerful imagery of Compton is all over this song, something Kendrick has not done to the same extent before.
11. How Much a Dollar Cost?- Through this song, Kendrick begins to overcome the plaguing ways of fame in the form of selfishness. He takes us on a story to make his point, adding much originality to the song.
12. Complexion (A Zulu Love)- Pete Rock being on the hook not only works great, but feeds into a bigger picture revealed at the end of the album, which really blows your mind and is something I really do not see anyone calling, which is good, it's unpredictable.
13. The Blacker the Berry- A song I originally did not like much, has a bigger picture among a deeper listening which is essential.
14. You Ain't Gotta Lie (Momma Said)- Great instrumentation provided by LoveDragon and a smooth delivery like on "Institutionalized" I can really vibe with.
15. i- The album version is much different from the single version, which features a sample of Kendrick preaching to the streets about love and respect, which I believe to be one of the most powerful moments on this album and in hip-hop as a genre in years.

16. Mortal Man- The song brings everything not in perspective into perspective and breaks down the meaning of *To Pimp a Butterfly*. Definitely one of my favorite moments on the entire album because of these components.

Other albums of the past week to check out:
"Strangers To Ourselves: The Golden Casket, Vol. 1" – Modest Mouse (1st album since 2007!!)
"Eclipse" – Twin Shadow
"Froot" – Marina and the Diamonds
"Tracker" – Mark Knopfler



Choose peace over pain

By Brennan Epps, Ryan Dunn, Grace Farrell, Nolan Hayward, Mackenzie Kirk, Alyssa Lee, and an additional WRIT 106 student

Contributing Writers

Imagine being on high alert walking the streets of Providence, RI with a gun in your pocket because someone from a rival gang wants to take revenge for the death of a fellow gang member. Now, imagine being the gang member who wants to take revenge and how sad and angry you feel after watching your comrade get killed in front of you. Lastly, imagine being a friend of someone who died, not because he was involved with gangs, but because he was caught in the crossfire. Listening as our guest speakers described these scenes, I thought, "Why are they fighting and how can we stop this from happening?"

Last month, students in Professor Dexter-Ganek's WRIT 106 class participated in a thought-provoking presentation by three representatives from The Institute for the Study and Practice of Nonviolence (ISPN). The presentation was part of an informational writing unit in which students were assigned to write a feature article about a Rhode Island nonprofit organization of their choice. The ISPN activities allowed students to practice skills they would later use in writing their own article. Before the presentation, students researched ISPN's website and read background material about the situation in Providence. After the presentation, they wrote a short article focusing on the parts of the presentation that surprised or inspired them or that challenged their beliefs. This article contains excerpts from their writing.

The Institute for the Study and Practice of Nonviolence was founded in 2001 in response to the alarming number of violent deaths among Providence youth. One of ISPN's founders, the late Sister Ann Keefe, took action after Providence experienced 56 murders during 1999 and 2000. Sister Ann stated, "The sheer number of deaths of young people by young people prompted us to do more than preach and teach." In response, the founders created a center to help troubled youth, by teaching them how to confront violence

with nonviolence in an attempt to stir their hearts into changing their lives.

Sal Monteiro, ISPN's Director of Training, spoke to the class first. When he stood up and acknowledged being charged with second-degree murder about twenty years ago, the room fell quiet. We looked around at the apprehensive faces...some sat in disbelief, some stifled nervous giggles looking on with awe, while others quietly shifted in their seats. No one in the room expected that statement to come out of a non-profit worker's mouth. From that moment on, Sal and his colleagues had our undivided attention for the duration of the 75 minute class.

Ajay Benton, Program Manager for the Institute's Streetworker program and a former gang member, discussed the culture of violence in the U.S. He explained that in comparison to many other nations, the U.S. has higher rates of violent crime and gun violence as well as more incarcerated citizens per capita. Ajay asked us, "Do gang members deserve a second chance?" At the beginning of the presentation, I probably would have said no. I felt that gang members made an unforgivable choice, most likely hurting people along the way, and should face the consequences of their actions. However, Sal, Ajay, and Lynne brought up important points that made me think.

Although there is always a choice, the social context and peer pressure that many youth face make joining a gang almost impossible to avoid. Also, in many cases, family ties are a huge factor in gang affiliation, because your loyalties and grudges are already defined by your last name. By the time they were in middle school, many gang members had been recruited by siblings and cousins to fight against rival gangs. Ajay explained that it is hard for these young men to try to leave their gangs because when they go to birthday parties and baby showers they are with the people who used to commit crimes and fight at their side. The gangs become like a family to them. One of the only ways to escape is to leave the city, but this is usually not a realistic option. After hearing this, I realized that it is not totally the fault of individuals who are indoctrinated in gang culture and who have no perspective on how life operates without violence. I now

believe that gang members who can get out do deserve a second chance.

The Institute not only helps rehabilitate gang members and criminals, but also helps victims of violent acts and abuse. Lynne Shea, Director of Victim Services, discussed



her experiences reaching out to victims. When someone gets killed in Rhode Island, the Institute responds as soon as possible. They take time to comfort these people when they have lost a son, a daughter, a parent, or other family member. Lynne makes sure that the grieving survivors can function and puts them in contact with services that they need. It is remarkable that Lynne also follows up with them months after the incident. Through Victim Services, not only is the Institute forming relationships with the victims, but also with the community. The more victims they assist, the more bonds are formed, making it easier for the Institute to reach out to new people.

Unfortunately, gang violence in Rhode Island is far too common and is often overlooked by society. The Institute for the Study and Practice of Nonviolence is changing the way gang violence is addressed by offering a more optimistic and caring outlook on the treatment of victims and perpetrators. Addressing, lowering, and eliminating this sort of criminal activity requires attention and aid from the community as well as ongoing support to ISPN. For more information, visit: www.nonviolenceinstitute.org.

Restaurant reviews

By Zach Cardaci
Contributing Writer

Twin Oaks Restaurant

The steak I had ordered ended up being something like a brontosaurus T-bone cut, which delighted me, being that I am a red meat deprived college kid. The portions at this place are massive, and everyone at our table had trouble finishing their plates. The steak itself was a little bland but cooked medium rare. It came with a questionable side of what seemed like zucchini doused in marinara sauce, an "in-house specialty" according to our server that honestly confused me. The cheesy raw kale and candy apple garnishes could have been left off the plates, something you would expect from an establishment plating food circa 1980.

As for the appetizer, we ordered fried calamari for the table which was served... "A la falling apart." It seemed as if it was taken out of the freezer and thrown directly into a deep-fryer.

It was still pretty tasty, as is most anything deep-fried.

Outside of the food, our waiter was dumbfounded when we asked him about the possibility of ordering alternative side dishes to pair with the steak. The restaurant itself has an outdoor stone patio that overlooks a nice pond, and there is a valet service for parking.

The local people of Cranston, R.I. love this place. It has survived for six generations; the scene is definitely catered to an older crowd, and is by no means hip. You wouldn't find Danny Ocean dead here, and I wouldn't recommend it to a twenty some-odd-year-old couple looking for a night out on the town.

Address: 100 Sabra St, Cranston, RI 02910

Los Andes

On most nights you would be lucky to get a seat, as this place is always booming. After walking through the meat freezer type vestibule they assemble for the colder winter months, you are greeted by an awesome fish tank. Inhale deeply as you will soon realize that you're in for a treat. I myself was not brought up eating the Peruvian/Bolivian style food that Los Andes is cooking up. It has a Japanese and European influence which makes it more akin to many American places.

Each plate that flows out of the kitchen has you wondering, "ahh what was that... ooh that looks good." Luckily the servers know the menu like the back of their hand and are happy to point you in the right direction.

For an appetizer we went with the Ceviche and the Anticuchos, and both were awesome. Anticuchos, for those who are not familiar, is a traditional Peruvian dish. It has skewered beef hearts served with Peruvian red pepper and garlic sauce, which I might say are even better than a skirt steak. They undoubtedly are a fun conversation starter with friends who are not accustomed to such a dish.

For a main course I had a rib eye steak that came grilled perfectly, with cheesy rice, fried yucca, chimichurri sauce and a beautiful ensalada rusa....(Note: I am still dreaming about it as I continue to write downwind from the Salmonson dining hall). The portions at Los Andes are very large

To be straightforward, get to Los Andes, relax, and have a good time enjoying the taste of another culture.

Address: 903 Chalkstone Ave, Providence, RI 02908

THE POETRY CORNER

Who Cares

By Florence Widmer

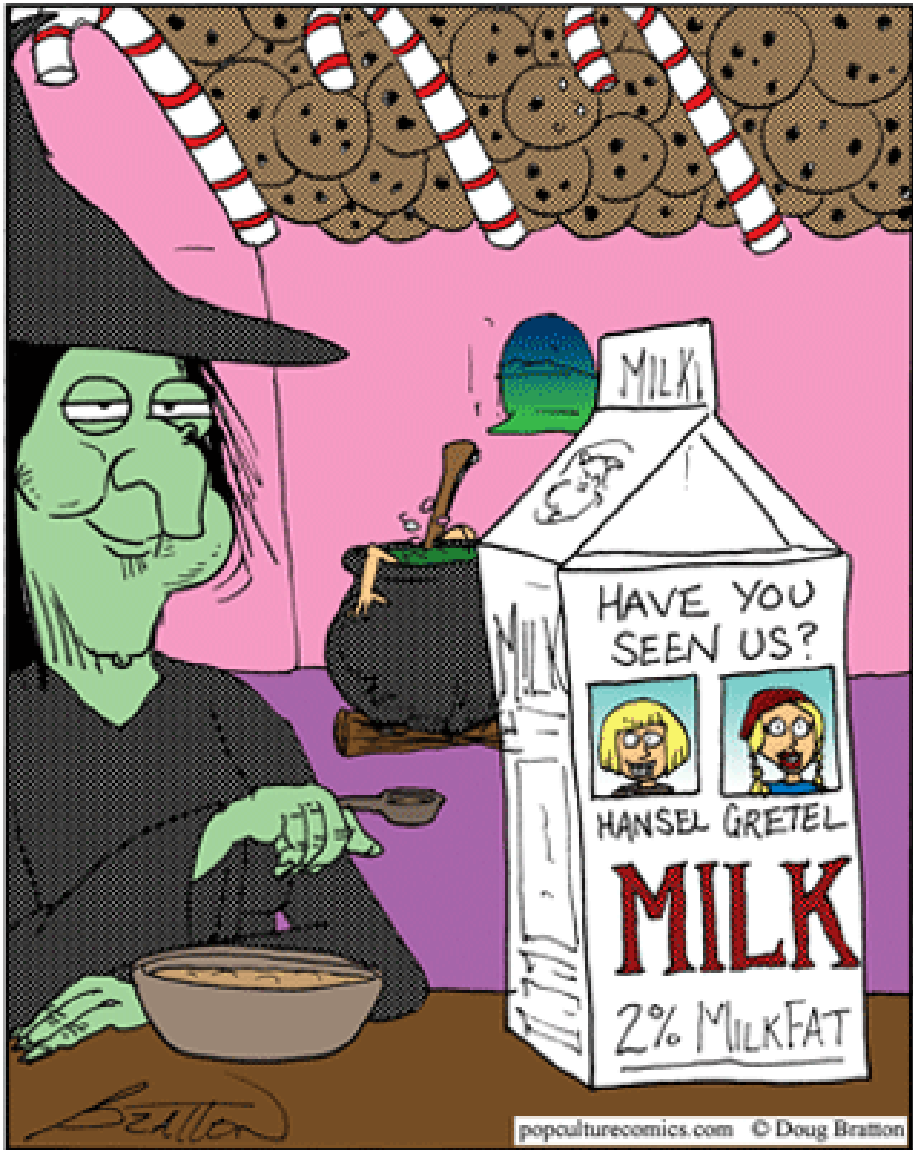
Who cares about wrinkles on my face
I rise at dawn, welcome the morn
Anticipating fun, congenial camaraderie
Awed by limitless choices
Cards, visits, traveling, sharing, earing

Open are windows of my heart
Singing with ting-a-ling-lingings of telephone
Surrounding me with warmth
Love of family, friends, old and new
Arms outstretched, hugs, gifts, greetings

Age determined by years
A frame of mind
A number—to some, unlisted
Zest for life, loving, laughing, learning
Birth new meaning

Who cares about wrinkles!

Comic of the Week



The College Scoop

SEE WHAT STUDENTS AT OTHER COLLEGES ARE READING ABOUT

The Miscellany News *Vassar College*

Arianna Huffington will speak at the 151st Commencement ceremony on May 31, 2015. Huffington is the Chair, President and Editor-in-Chief of The Huffington Post Media Group. She is also the author of 14 books.

The Heights *Boston College*

It was eerily similar to the first “Rights on the Heights” rally held last December—the scene was cold, windy, and overcast, with close to 100 students gathered in front of Gasson Hall on Friday afternoon to express their concerns about free speech on campus.

“Rights on the Heights II: The Struggle Continues” brought together speakers from several different groups on campus including the Undergraduate Government of Boston College (UGBC) and the Social Justice Coalition. Since the event was focused on efforts from the administration perceived as limiting to expression, the rally also featured speakers from non-registered student organizations Climate Justice at Boston College and Students for Sexual Health—both groups have, in the past couple years, faced disciplinary action for unsanctioned activities at BC. In the week leading up to the rally, unidentified students placed nearly 500 fliers around campus. The fliers—reading “This Poster Is Illegal – Support Free Speech @ BC”—were hung without the approval of the Office of Student Involvement in places fliers are restricted from being posted.

Cat of the Week



Breed: Russian Blue

Fun Facts:

- The breed is very intelligent and playful and devoted to their owners.
- Think just dogs like to play fetch? Well, this cat breed loves to fetch just as much as a dog!
- Their coats are short, silky soft, dense, and don't shed! Perfect for those who tend to be allergic to dander.

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