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Meet Bryant’s Provost: Glenn Sulmasy



By Molly Funk
Editor-in-Chief

Glenn Sulmasy of the United States Coast Guard Academy has been named Bryant University’s first Provost and chief academic officer, a position that became effective in March 2015. As he is our first Provost, I thought it necessary to sit down to get to know Provost Sulmasy, and learn what his role really means to our campus and our community.

Sulmasy is an expert in international law and national security, with career experience in academics, law, and government service. According to his LinkedIn profile, Sulmasy taught at the University of Connecticut School of Law in the fall of 2014. He also taught for almost fourteen years at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. His own academic resume is just as extensive; he attended the US Coast Guard Academy for his undergraduate degree where he studied pre-law, played varsity football, and was active in the Political Affairs Association. He then attended the University of Baltimore School of Law, where he was a student fellow at the Center for International Law and the President of the International Law Society. He earned a National Security Law degree from the University of California School of Law, Berkeley in 2007, and a degree in National Security and Human Rights in 2008 from the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government.

Funk: What exactly is the role of the Provost?

Sulmasy: The role of Provost can vary at different universities as to how they function but for here, I would suggest that the role of the first Provost is somewhat to send the signal that academics is that important at a

university that is moving forward in every direction positively.

Funk: That being said, what do your day to day responsibilities consist of?

Sulmasy: It would be from representing the faculty, overseeing their budgets, overseeing their ideas, making sure their instruction is going well, making sure our accreditation is going well, and making sure the delivery of the material is satisfactory to the students. At the end of the day, really, the Provost is making sure that the students, which are the client, if you will, are getting what they need to succeed out in the world and that they are getting an incredible experience. College is a time to have an enlightening experience but also one that is fun and intellectually challenging. What I want to do is foster a climate of intellectual curiosity. This way you’re not just going to class because you had to go, you were going because you wanted to go. You wanted to learn how to expand your knowledge. We want to cultivate a culture of lifelong learning so that once you graduate, you go off and are successful in your career, but you still want to learn.

Please join The Archway in welcoming Provost Glenn Sulmasy to our Bryant community!

Bryant required to provide textbook information



(Photo Courtesy of Getty Images)

periods.

With textbook prices constantly on the rise, this law was created in an attempt to decrease the overall cost of course materials. Timely access to textbook information is intended to allow students to make informed purchasing decisions.

Most Bryant courses provide mandated textbook information through Banner, though most students are completely unaware of the feature. In fact, four out of five Bryant students interviewed by The Archway did not know that Banner offered any textbook information.

Lack of information regarding textbooks is a major issue at other area colleges. A study conducted by The Brown Daily Herald found that 51% of the courses listed on the University’s Banner website provided no book information as of September 10, a day after the semester began.

Andrea Swallow, a junior at

Providence College was surprised to learn about the policy set forth by the HEOA which has been effective since July 2010. Swallow told The Archway that her school “doesn’t provide textbooks and prices until about a month before classes start.” To her knowledge, the college only provides book listings through Barnes and Noble.

A Bryant senior who wishes to remain anonymous is a student in an upper level management course. Because the bookstore’s website provided no information regarding course material, this student was under the assumption that no books were required. It wasn’t until September 14 that this student and her peers in the upper level management course were told by the professor that they needed a book that retails for as high as \$80.

A common issue among Bryant students is difficulty deciphering what “recommended” really means

in the world of bookstore information. The Archway interviewed students caught on both sides of this confusing categorization. Some students bought the book and thankfully did not need it, while others ignored the recommendation and were caught at the start of the semester without a necessary book.

Failure to provide textbook information not only violates a federal law, it severely inconveniences students and, frankly, starts the semester off on a bad note. Announcing required textbooks during syllabus week often forces students to make uninformed purchasing decisions, which typically results in overpaying. While some students still choose to order online through discounted vendors, they often fall behind while waiting for their textbook to arrive at the post office.

The Higher Education Opportunity Act aims to help students anticipate textbook



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Bursting the ‘Bryant Bubble’

So far this year, selfies have caused more deaths than shark attacks. There have been 12 deaths due to selfie related accidents this year (shark attacks account for 8 deaths so far for 2015).

2014 Women’s Summit speaker and Rhode Island native, Viola Davis became the first black woman to earn an Emmy for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama Series at Sunday’s award show

A federal judge ruled that the music company that had been collecting about \$2 million per year on royalties from the song “Happy Birthday To You” does not actually have valid copyright to the famous tune.

Volkswagen is under scrutiny for apparent diesel deception. The company admitted that 11 million of its diesel cars are equipped with software to cheat on emission tests.

A report examining food served at 25 chain restaurants found that only Panera and Chipotle could confirm that the majority of their meat and poultry offered is produced without the use of antibiotics. Chains with no policy on antibiotic use include Starbucks, Subway, and Applebees among 17 others.

By Allie Miller
Campus News Editor

Department of Public Safety Log

ACCIDENT LEAVING THE SCENE / UNATTENDED VEHICLE Sep 13, 2015-Sunday at 12:26 Location: ALL LOTS AND ROADWAYS Summary: Report of a damaged Mazda 6 while parked in the RH 16 lot.	Location: RESIDENCE HALL Summary: A report of a student with a peanut allergy having an allergic reaction. EMS was activated. Student was transported via Smithfield Rescue to Fatima Hospital for treatment.	Summary: An RA reports a student throwing bricks on the 15 walkway. Officers report the wall at the bottom of the walkway has been broken apart.
VANDALISM (AUTO) Sep 15, 2015-Tuesday at 13:07 Location: TOWNHOUSE Summary: Report of a vandalized vehicle in the Oak Circle Parking lot.	ACCIDENT (MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT) Sep 18, 2015-Friday at 15:56 Location: Upper Class Student Parking Summary: FDPS received a report of a minor car accident with no injuries.	VANDALISM (AUTO) Sep 20, 2015-Sunday at 01:55 Location: UNISTRUTURE Summary: A report that the DPS Golf Carts have been vandalized.
EMT CALL EMT CALL / MEDICAL SERVICES RENDERED Sep 15, 2015-Tuesday at 17:21 Location: UNISTRUTURE Summary: A report of a student falling down the stairs in Salmonson Dinning Hall. EMS was activated. The student was treated on the scene and returned to her Residence Hall.	EMT CALL EMT CALL / MEDICAL SERVICES RENDERED Sep 18, 2015-Friday at 22:01 Location: RESIDENCE HALL Summary: SDPS received a report of an unconscious person. EMS was activated. Smithfield Rescue transported one male to Fatima Hospital for treatment.	DRUG (POSSESSION/SALE/DELIVERY) Sep 20, 2015-Sunday at 02:06 Location: RESIDENCE HALL Summary: An RA reported students breaking bottles in a Residence hall Suite. While on the call DPS discovered a large freezer bag of Marijuana and a scale. One student arrested for possession of marijuana and pills.
EMT CALL EMT CALL / MEDICAL SERVICES RENDERED Sep 15, 2015-Tuesday at 23:16	VANDALISM Sep 20, 2015-Sunday at 00:47 Location: RESIDENCE HALL	

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

Student Support Network hopes to increase interest

By Catherine Benetti
Contributing Writer

Over the past week, Bryant has been advertising the Student Support Network, (SSN), sponsored by the campus’ Counseling Services Department. The Student Support Network is a training program for students to get a foundational understanding of how to help their peers who may seem distraught or stressed in any way. The purpose of the training is to help students develop basic interpersonal skills, emotional intelligence, and an overall understanding of mental health. Students, on a daily basis, may struggle immensely with issues such as depression, anxiety, and conflict. The important thing is recognizing when these issues become serious. That is one of the main reasons why SSN has been developed, and brought to college campuses, including Bryant.

The consideration behind this training program is that peers often reach out to their friends before confiding in an adult or counselor regarding their personal struggles. Students feel most comfortable talking through their own life challenges with those their own age who may be going through a similar situation. This idea was first brought to public attention by Worcester Polytechnic Institute’s Assistant Dean for Student Development and Director of Counseling, Charlie Morse, who explains how the program all started. Morse was quoted in an article found on the Education Development Center’s website back in August of 2012: “WPI staff created the Student Support Network (SSN) program to train student leaders to recognize signs of depression and suicidal thought, to know how to talk to peers who are in distress, and to recognize when to alert campus officials so they may intervene.” Since the program has been developed, WPI has gotten over 400 students on campus to partake in this training.

Because the training proved to be such a success, Jamie Salacup, who now works in Counseling Services here at Bryant, decided to promote the program on campus. Before coming to Bryant University, Jamie did her clinical work at WPI, and heard about the Student Support Network. She introduced the training series here in the fall of 2013, with help and support from the faculty and staff on campus. In the past, students had to be recognized by their professors as a person with leadership-like qualities among

their peers; however, now SSN is accepting open applications from any student who wants to become a resource for their peers. Besides contributing to making the Bryant community feel safe and supported, Student Support Network will help students in developing social skills, as well as strengthening relationships among peers and ideally anyone in their personal and future professional lives.

When interviewed, Jamie expressed “we do not expect students to be counselors... they aren’t trained for it...what we want to do though is give them the skills and confidence to have these conversations because we know they have them anyways.” Simply put, Bryant has many services on campus in which students can reach out for help if they do so chose to. However, it may not always be that easy for one to reach out on their own. The hope is that SSN informs students about all the available resources on campus, so that they can then relay that information to their peers. So far, Bryant has already trained using the program, and hopes to reach out to more members across campus. The feedback has been quite positive and has further resulted in students feeling empowered to seek help through campus resources, such as counseling services. Staff and faculty members at Bryant have expressed their own support and encouragement of the program development over the years. One such person is Professor Heather Pond Lacey, who teaches in the Applied Psychology department. When asked her general reaction of the training program, she responded saying “I think it’s a fantastic direction because students need a lot of support, and although they might not reach out for clinical help, they have someone to turn to.”

One important thing to make note of, as stated by counselor Salacup, is that there is no further commitment needed after taking part in the training series. The key goal is to help students learn how to help one another. The program consists of a four-week training session, once a week for 90 minutes, typically kept as a small group between 10-18 students. The sessions run throughout the fall and spring semesters, with the fall session application period ending this Monday, September 21st. Students who are passionate about joining SSN, but missed the deadline can apply for the spring semester. The application can be found online through the Bryant Counseling Services website, or directly at <http://intranet.bryant.edu/portal/counseling-services/student-support-network.htm>. Students can also contact Jamie through her email, jsalacup@bryant.edu for any additional questions.

The Student Arts and Speaker Series Presents: Dr. Robert Ballard -- ‘The Last Great Frontier’

By Dan Desimone
Contributing Writer

The Titanic, a ship too grand for its own good, was an incredible feat of engineering that charmed many of its passengers and a grand tragedy for everyone who knows the story. Yet have you ever wondered who discovered the wreck? Or does your mind only wander to Rose and Jack?

Well, the man who discovered the Titanic will be here on Bryant’s campus October 5th, only two weeks away! While best known for his 1985 discovery of the Titanic, Dr. Ballard has succeeded in tracking down numerous other significant shipwrecks, including the German battleship Bismarck, the lost fleet of Guadalcanal, the U.S. aircraft carrier Yorktown (sunk in the World War II Battle of Midway), and John F. Kennedy’s boat, PT-109.

In this visually gripping presentation, explorer Dr. Robert Ballard will share his passion for the last great uncharted territory. Working closely with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Ballard uses cutting-edge science and technology to explore the ocean’s depths in order to better understand and preserve our waters for the generations that follow. He will also talk about the Titanic and historical ships such as the Bismark, PT-109, and others.

In addition to being a National Geographic Society Explorer-In-Residence and a commissioner on the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy, Dr. Ballard holds 21 honorary degrees, six military awards, and was also a Commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve, serving in the Navy from 1967 to 1997. In 2001, he returned to the Graduate School of Oceanography at the University of Rhode Island where he is presently a tenured Professor of



Photo courtesy of Titanic Universe

Oceanography and Director of the Center for Ocean Exploration. In 2014, he was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Ballard has published numerous books, scientific papers, and a dozen articles in National Geographic magazine. He has also been featured in several National Geographic television programs, including the record-breaking “Secrets of the Titanic.”

So make sure you don’t miss your opportunity to hear about the “Last Great Frontier” and pick up a ticket before they sell out. Free tickets are available now for

all Bryant students and will be available for Bryant faculty and staff starting Saturday, September 26th. Tickets will be available every day at the Information Center in the Fisher Student Center and at the Student Arts and Speakers table in the Rotunda leading up to the event. Doors open at 7:30 PM and Dr. Ballard will start promptly at 8:00 PM. The audience will also have the opportunity to end the evening with a Q&A segment.

Follow the Student Arts and Speakers Series (SASS_Events) on Twitter, Instagram, and Snapchat to keep up to

date with the programs and get a look behind the scenes. You may even get the opportunity to experience events like a VIP and meet some of the incredible guests SASS plans to bring in! For newcomers to campus, last year’s lineup included: Barbara Corcoran (Shark Tank), Marcus Luttrell (the Lone Survivor), Judy Smith (the inspiration for Scandal), and Jeff Corwin (Animal Planet).

Questions? E-mail ddesimone@bryant.edu, or call the Office of Campus Engagement at x6160.

Tupper's Tidbits

Tupper's Top Five Favorite Summer 2015 Events

Ironclad Tupper II



Can you turn the AC up, please? It's "gettin' hot in here"...BOL!

(Photo courtesy of Tina Senecal)

I'm not going to lie – summer is, like, the WORST time of year for me. I know, I know... you humans LOVE summer. Hot weather, beer, pools, vacations are all staples of well-enjoyed human summer.

But put yourselves in my paws for a few minutes. Hot weather can kill me in 5-10 minutes because of my smushed-in face. We dogs cool off by panting, but if we have no snouts, we have less ability to cool off. We sweat through the pads of our feet... which are on pavement... which can boast temperatures upwards of 125°F in the summer. Beer? Ma won't share. Something about it being toxic for dogs. That's what she says, anyway!

Pools? Fuhgeddaboutit! Bulldogs sink like stones. Most of us can't swim. Too much – ahem – MUSCLE densely packed. I don't like water at all, I won't even go in the kiddie pool Ma got for me. Vacation? Try again. Ma says she can either afford bulldogs or she can afford vacations, but she can't afford both. So we stay home. That's even worse for me!

Anyway, even though summer isn't my favorite season, I enjoyed a few things this year. I present to you "Tupper's Top Five Favorite Summer 2015 Events"

5. DAD HAD SURGERY. Now I know what you're thinking: Tup, that's terrible! But hear me out...he needed those new knees. Plus, I got to spend a few weeks with the Momma because she was lonely. She even took me to work every day! So much fun.

4. BOXES. A lot of stuff got delivered to Academic Records over the summer and that meant I got to shred the

boxes that came in... I have conquered cardboard!

3. CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION. Sure, we had to take a lot of detours to get to the office, but with all of the construction workers on campus there were so many people to pet me because I'm so awesome.

2. HOME MAINTENANCE. Ma had a few things done around the house. Of course, all of the contractors fell in love with me. Everyone that came to the house looked forward to petting me. Ma's favorite was when the pellet stove cleaner came and ran his industrial vacuum for two straight hours...and I angrily barked at it for the full two hours. Fun!

And my number one favorite thing about this summer was:

1. PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM STUDENTS. Folks, the master's degree program is challenging. The PA students needed me all summer for pet therapy. Which I gladly provided. I've never felt so loved over the summer! I'm so glad Bryant started this PA program!

So there you have it. Tupper's Top Five Favorite Summer 2015 Events. Don't forget – I'm on Facebook (/bulldogtupper), Twitter (<http://twitter.com/bryanttuppy>), Instagram (http://instagram.com/mascot_tupper), and Vine (<http://vine.co/bryanttuppy>). Get at me! I'll see you soon. Until next time... WOOF!

Bryant Career Fair 2.0

By Nick Anastasi
Contributing Writer

With another fall semester at Bryant underway, the Bryant Career Fair will soon be upon us. This year, however, things will be different from Career Fairs in the past. One difference is that this year's fair will be the biggest in Bryant history. Over 130 employers will be in attendance, thirty more than the Career Fair last spring. Big employers are returning to Bryant's campus, like Cigna, Earnest & Young, Fidelity Investments, John Hancock, Liberty Mutual, PwC, Target, Textron, The Hartford, The TJX Companies, Travelers Companies, and many more. There will also be a number of new companies this year, like Aerotek, Comcast, FedEx Services, Foxwoods Resort & Casino, Grant Thornton, L.L. Bean, National Grid, and Coca Cola.

The companies listed above do not even make up one sixth of the employers attending the event on Tuesday, September 29, 2015. With the massive amount of employers coming to campus this year, the Career Fair will be held in both gyms instead of just the MAC. This means booths will be more spread out and should be able to accommodate larger crowds. Having students spread out between the two areas will also help to reduce traffic and create more walking space so students are not constantly running into each other like some years past.

With the new set up for the career fair in both gyms and the additional firms and companies in attendance, there are potential challenges and confusion for students. The event is only two and a half hours long, starting at 5pm. Students will not be able to visit every booth or company they want. Time management and prioritizing what booths to visit and for how long will be crucial to having a good Career Fair experience. To assist students with this, there is a new app called "Bryant University Career Fair Plus". It is available for Apple and Android phones and is free to download. It has a list of all the employers that will be attending and an information page about that company. It will tell you where their assigned booth is located in the fair, an overview of the company, a link to their website, their industry of business, positions they are looking to fill, office location, and a section for your own notes.

You can favorite companies you are interested in and filter companies by major or industry. Also a map of both gyms will be available with numbers indicating where the booths will be set up so you can map your path for the most efficient route. The "Events" tab shows users all of the events leading up to and including the career fair and gives you the option to add the event to your calendar. Announcements shows a live twitter feed of updates about the career fair using #BryantCF2015 and Career Fair 101 which will help you get ready with tips and reminders in order have a successful Career Fair.

Apply to BSAC

President Machtley is currently recruiting Bryant seniors for the Bryant Senior Advisory Council (BSAC). The BSAC is comprised of approximately thirty to forty seniors who have played significant leadership roles in the Bryant Community. The BSAC meets with President Machtley and members of the administration monthly to discuss issues related to the senior class and Bryant in general. Acting as an advisory group, the BSAC discusses plans, new initiatives, trends and issues in higher education. The meetings are interactive and may include special outside speakers.

In addition to helping Bryant remain a leader in higher education, the meetings are also intended to assist participants in developing communication skills which are so important to career advancement. Each participant who successfully completes the program will receive a personal letter of recommendation from President Machtley upon request. The Recent Alumni Trustee who serves a three year term on the prestigious Bryant University Board of Trustees is selected from the BSAC.

Seniors may apply directly to the Bryant Senior Advisory Council using the nomination form. Faculty, staff, and other students are also encouraged to make nominations for deserving seniors. All applications and nominations are due by October 1, 2015 to Vicky Atkins (vatkins@bryant.edu) in the President's Office.

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Reputation: Revolutionizing Currency

By Emiko Barker
Contributing Writer

Can you imagine handing your banker or employer a crisp, valuable piece of paper entitled, “My Reputation” instead of your entire financial history or resume? Think for a moment about the significance of the document, particularly as it relates to its ability to transform human value and trustworthiness into its monetary counterpart. In fact, an even more important way to view this idea is to reflect on the reputation score’s ability to derive financial value from human value.

The aforementioned reputation report—which in the age of technology and collaborative consumption is an updated version of a credit report, infused with human value and personal characteristics tailored to the nuances and intricacies of life—will be the key to transforming modern markets and revolutionizing our conceptions of both financial and human value. This particular list is compiled with all of the most notable reviews, ratings, and comments you have ever earned while on a peer-to-peer marketplace network such as Taskrabbit, Uber, or Airbnb.

Socrates once said, “The way to gain a good reputation is to endeavor to be what you desire to appear.” Socrates ideas’ are surprisingly and increasingly more relevant to this era, where older or more conventional ideas of human value and reputation are being applied to the market itself. This quote resonates with the new developing culture and economy called collaborative consumption.

This exciting global community—with the idea of a market applicable reputation at its core—allows users across the world to connect virtually over various networks to actively share skills, products, homes, and even pets.

These peer-to-peer marketplaces have been increasingly popular as more websites are being created to rent, lend, gift, share, swap, and even barter. The power of technology is allowing

people to express their hidden talents or unconventional skills and be graded on their abilities. This emerging group of micro-entrepreneurs are eager to build and redesign their reputation, particularly in the context of the marketplace. Perhaps what is most revolutionary about collaborative consumption is its ability to blend monetary and human value while providing a boost to the existing economy. The beauty of collaborative consumption is that it is dualistic, functioning either as a “stand-alone” market or within the framework of traditional markets.

When on a peer-to-peer marketplace website, your reputation can literally make or break your sale. Rachel Botsman, an expert in the field of collaborative consumption, believes the motivation to perform a task or job to the best of your ability can truly benefit you in the future. Botsman also points out in her TED Talk “The Currency of the New Economy is Trust,” that since “reputation is largely contextual,” it will be difficult to figure out “what data makes sense to pull, because the future is going to be driven by a smart aggregation, not a single algorithm.”

Upon consideration, this idea makes perfect sense: human or market value, and certainly the combination of the two, are much too complicated to be explained by a single algorithm. This, Bostman would argue, is why the reputation report is a much more effective, accurate, and efficient measure of financial value. Reputation data is consistently gaining real world value as it measures one’s behaviors and specifies their trustworthiness.

By collecting our own personal reputation data, we are in control of how we manipulate the value of it. Reputation capital has the potential to be equal, if not more valuable, than financial records such as your credit score when applying for loans, mortgages, and other things. Reputation is the currency of the future and it is important we all reflect on our own personal history and thoughtfully analyze it because the day where it retains

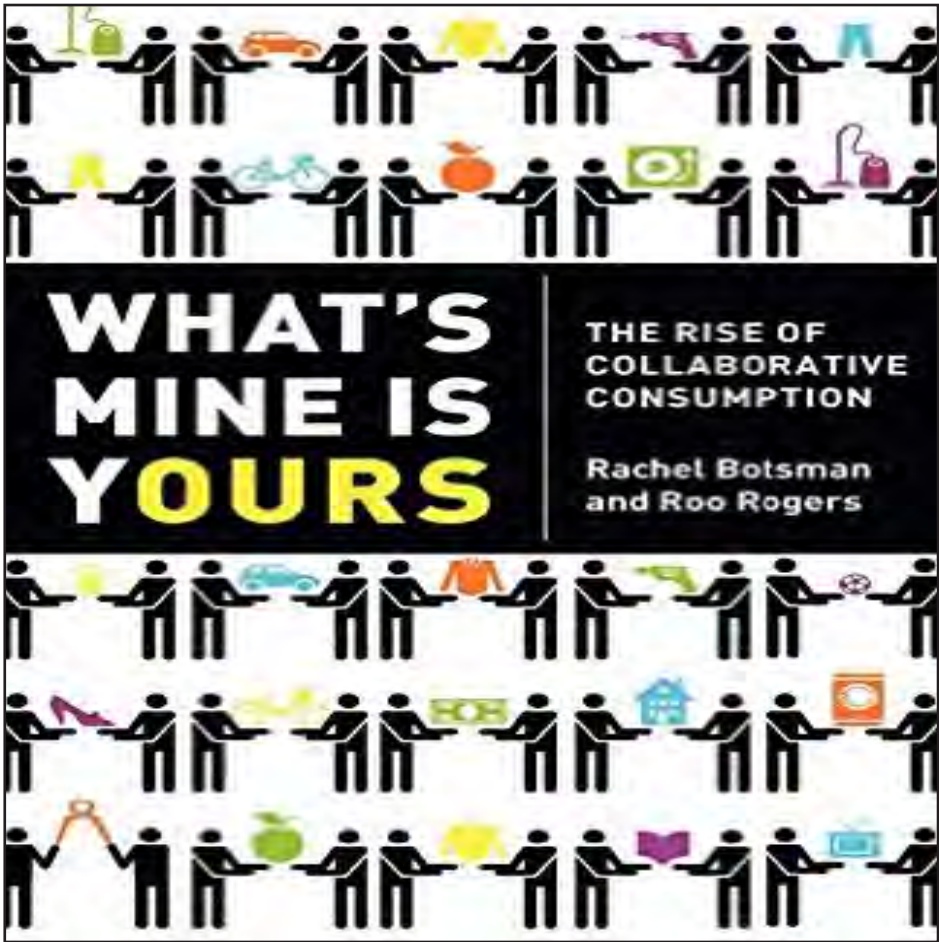


Figure cover of Rachel Botsman and Roon Rogers new book on peer to peer marketplaces

financial value is rapidly approaching. This new economic model establishes various networks that allow peers to create meaningful connections that are based off of personal relationships. It is a new and innovative way to match wants(demands) with haves(supplies) and transform the way we trust and do business with strangers. As collaborative consumption spreads, the gap between human interaction and business transaction will shrink.

Reputation dashboard websites are being created to help compile all of the feedback one has accumulated over the years on various

peer-to-peer marketplaces. This so called “Collaborative Revolution” has the ability to be as influential and transformative as the Industrial Revolution. Reputation capital and the new trust networks currently emerging will reinvent traditional views on the economy and how we establish ourselves within this newfound market structure.

Well readers, prepare yourselves, because there is a new economic model in town that is booming with users, endless opportunities, and is just beginning to impact our lives, financial standing, and economic structure.

The Biz Update with Shayan

By Shayan Ushani
Business and Marketing
Director

News about the markets has not been good all summer long due to global economic issues. Greece faced the verge of bankruptcy as European diplomats voted on the issue of a bailout. China seemed to have burst its markets’ bubble and the Shanghai Composite tumbled over 30 percent in the last three months. China also had issued policies that ban major shareholders to sell for six months.

China’s economy forecast shows a much slower rate of growth that is rocking the emerging markets as well as the commodities markets. Slower growth in China signals slower than forecasted demand and for countries like South Africa and Australia, this spells trouble with economies rooted in raw materials.

Oil’s volatility has not lost its steam since last year and rose midweek to over 5 percent and wiping those gains out on Friday. The EIA Petroleum Status Report will give investors

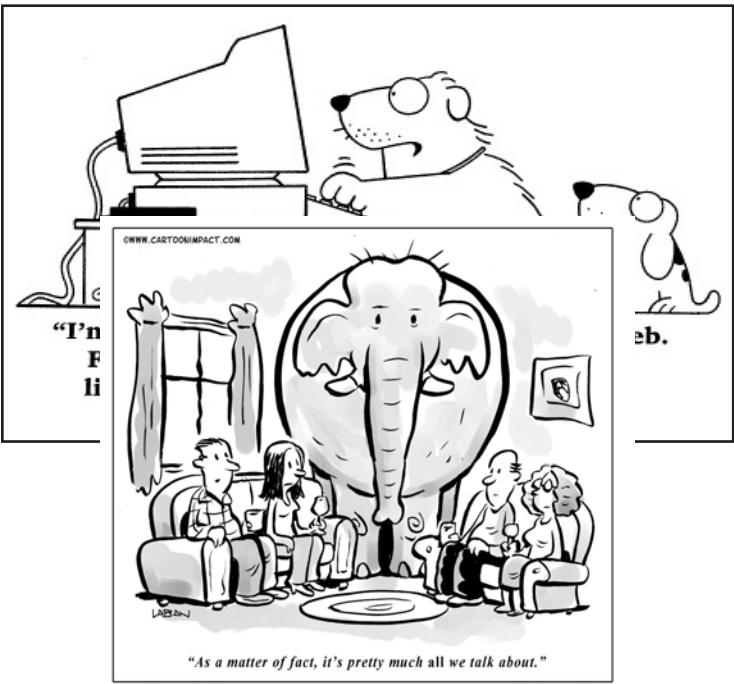
a better perspective on the supply and demand of the energy commodity. Gold rose nearly 3 percent this week with bearish investors piling into gold as a hedge against their other investments on the equities markets. There could be a huge swing, or possibly not which caused David Einhorn of Greenlight Capital to lose 6.1 percent in July.

Asian Markets were not too hot and the Nikkei225 stayed flat alongside the Hang Seng. Investors are cautious about investing in China and a possible sell off or further lowered forecasts of GDP growth. Hong Kong and Japan’s markets are a bit safer than the Shanghai or the Shenzhen markets.

Europe’s markets had a devastating performance last Friday. The DAX, FTSE 100, and CAC 40 all performed negatively in the week, with utilities seeming to further drag down the market. The Greece bailout before and after the votes did not help those markets. Now, equities in the continent are all falling and have not hit their technical support and show engulfing

candlestick patterns. The S&P500 didn’t budge for the week and the big fear on Wall Street was due to the important Fed meeting. Lacker was the only one to vote ‘yes’ to a rise in interest rates. The Fed said they would do it this year and have held off six years, so December seems to be the most likely next meeting that will pass a rise in interest rates by 25 points.

For the upcoming week, the big reports will be Existing Home Sales on Monday, PMI Manufacturing Index Flash, Durable Goods Orders, Jobless Claims, New Home Sales, and finally GDP on Friday. Expect backlash against Volkswagen CEO whose company has been charged for manipulating EPA emission reports and for a hectic Bank of America board meeting vote to keep the CEO as its chairman.



Can food really test humanity?

By May Bo
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What if when the bill comes to your table, the waiter asks you: “How much would you like to pay?” Would you take that opportunity to pay as little as possible or do the opposite? Zod Arifai, head chef and owner of award-winning restaurants Blu and Next Door located in Montclair, NJ, is giving back to his customers by declaring his restaurants P.W.Y.W., repaying back for the past ten years of success. Since the leases on the two restaurants are now ending and his new restaurant will be relocating to Manhattan, Chef Arifai has decided to experiment with the P.W.Y.W. model. A P.W.Y.W. restaurant, also known as “Pay What You Want”, essentially allows customers to pay the amount they desire, enabling people to either save money or express their gratitude for the satisfying meal. Expressing his thoughts on the subject of his newly established restaurant arrangement in the New Jersey monthly, Arifai says, “Now that we’re closing, I want to try it and see what happens. People think it’s crazy, it will attract the wrong people. But I have hope in humanity. I don’t think people will just come in and abuse it.”

Next Door’s burgers are well known for their top ratings in NJM’s 2011 Great Burger Showdown, which is a blind tasting done by a group of food critics. Similarly to Next Door’s accomplishments, Arifai’s second restaurant Blu has made NJM’s list of Top 25 restaurants in the state every year since the creation of the list in 2007, it is also renowned as one of the best restaurants in New Jersey by Star-Ledger.

The public found it shocking that such highly-rated restaurants are allowing an open-bill to the general

public. Is it Arifai’s generosity that is behind this P.W.Y.W model? Arifai confirms, “It’s a way to thank the community. Blu from the beginning was a casual, inexpensive place for the community before the media took it to another level. Then the same thing happened with Next Door, especially after our burger won.” Both of the restaurants offered an identical menu of 13 items called the menu of “clean-plate club”, meaning that there will be no wrapping leftovers and no takeout.

However, behavioral scientists have discovered that there are many unforeseen factors that go into the amount that customers are paying. After evaluating the differences between Blu and Next Door, they found slight inequalities in the revenue. But why is that? In the past, marketing researchers have found that the way restaurants showcase the design of their outlet significantly correlates to the overall customer experience and the way they perceive a restaurant. Although most people don’t realize it, the display of restaurants are aimed to create a specific branding experience. For example, there is a clear distinction between a dim-lit, fine-dining restaurant and a fast-food place with bright fluorescent lighting. Customer’s expectations heighten when entering a fine-dining restaurant; they would anticipate a location with fancy wall décor, elegantly arranged furniture, and a pleasantly dressed waiter that will treat them politely. Yes, the food must be appetizing, but it ultimately comes down to the appearance and the service of the restaurant. Relevantly, Blu is earning more money than Next Door despite their identical menus, and the reasoning behind it comes down to the experience. Blu has stemware, softer music and lighting, and an overall more “elegant” appearance whereas Next Door has basic décor and bright lighting, similar to a fast-food



chain. Taking all of this into account, it is not surprising that it was recorded that people were paying more when eating at Blu.

Ayelet Gneezy, a professor of Behavioral Sciences and Marketing at University of San Diego, studied the psychological reasoning behind this business and found that customers are conflicted with wanting to seem fair and generous as well as being able to pay as little as possible. Most consumers don’t want to seem cheap or feel as if they can’t afford any better, which leads to a reasonably selected price range. They determine how much they want to pay by their entire experience rather than the meal itself. “There has been times when ‘young and smug’ looking tables of at least five would order 25 dishes and paid 15 dollars with a tip of 5 dollars. One family left leaving dollar bills for an order of 8 dishes” says Arifai. There has been good times and bad but overall Arifai considers this P.W.Y.W a success. Arifai says that “although there has been bad times, 20 percent of customers are paying less than a dollar a dish, 80 percent are not. Humanity isn’t as bad as we think.”

So what would you pay at a P.W.Y.W restaurant?

Can experts predict the next great startup success story?

By Michael Roberto
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Scholars Erin Scott, Pian Shu, and Roman Lubynsky have written a fascinating new paper about startups. They examined a dataset of 652 ventures from MIT’s Venture Mentoring Service (VMS). The service attempts to match startups with mentors. The mentors receive data about a variety of startup ideas. They must decide what they think about the ideas without having an opportunity to review information about the founders or to meet the team in person. The researchers then examined how many of these startups went on to have their products commercialized successfully.

Overall, the more highly rated ideas did have a better chance of being commercialized. However, that was not the case for all types of startups. They grouped the ventures in terms of high R&D intensity industries (i.e. life sciences, energy) and low R&D intensity industries (i.e. software, consumer products). Highly evaluated

ideas tended to be more likely to be commercialized successfully in the high R&D intensity group, but no such relationship was found in the low R&D intensity group. HBR’s Walter Frick explains this finding:

Think of it this way: if the venture “idea” includes patent-protected technology in an industry with high entry costs, it’s going to be easier to determine that the venture has commercial potential. For web and mobile ventures, which are less likely to have intellectual property, and where entry costs are lower, it’s harder to know up front whether a venture will have a real, sustainable competitive advantage.

Finally, the researchers examined whether experts were better at predicting success. Frick writes, “The researchers checked to see if “expert” mentors were any better at picking ideas than the group overall. They looked at mentors with experience in the venture’s industry, as well as mentors with a PhD. Neither group was any better at predicting which ideas would succeed.”



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Bulldog’s get sweet revenge over Brown

By Ken Blasser
Contributing Writer

“I’m a fighter. I believe in the eye-for-an-eye business. I’m no cheek turner. I got no respect for a man who won’t hit back. You kill my dog, you better hide your cat.” -Muhammed Ali. Revenge comes in all shapes and sizes but for the Bryant Bulldogs revenge comes in one form this week; football. October 12th, 2013, Brown University traveled to Smithfield, Rhode Island to play the Bulldogs in Bryant’s sixth scheduled game, and third home game. Coming off a twenty-one to thirteen loss against Stony Brook, the Bulldogs needed to change gear and forget about the last game and focus on what Head Coach Marty Fine says is the most important game “The next one”. Browns record going into the contest was two wins and one loss scoring forty-one points against Georgetown and thirty-one points against the University of Rhode Island. The Bulldogs knew they had a tough week ahead of them in preparation for their program’s very first game against the Ivy League competitors.

By the time three o’clock rolled around on that cool Saturday afternoon of October the Bryant Bulldogs and Brown Bears were getting ready for a Rhode Island showdown. With it being Homecoming, Reunion, and Hall of Fame weekend the stage couldn’t be set better for the Bulldogs to show the alums of Bryant who rules the Ocean State. Both teams gave their full effort and ability in the three hour long fight. However, despite the hard work and effort the Bulldogs put in prior to the game and during, they fell short of their goal of beating the Bears with a final score of forty-one to fourteen in what would have been Bryant’s first win against an Ivy League school. The final score of the game left not only the Bryant football team with a bitter taste in their mouth but also the Bulldogs fan base and the university as a whole. The Bulldogs wanted revenge and they wanted it bad.

Coming off an eight and three season in 2014, Bryant’s 2015 football team is expected to achieve high

set goals and attain greatness. After the loss to Brown two years ago, the Bulldogs could not have been excited to play the Bears again in the second week of their season and show them why they never should have rescheduled Bryant. Media, newspapers and journalists have been talking about this game for months. “The rematch of the Bears and Bulldogs” “How will it all play out?” After interviewing sophomore fullback and special team’s player for the Bulldogs, Joe Fine, it became clear what the football team’s mentality was going into the game. “When I found out we were playing Brown again this year, all of the past emotions of hatred and disappointment resurfaced, and I think I speak for most of the team when I say, we are looking for revenge”.

This time around, the Bulldogs were scheduled to play at Brown’s stadium. With a temperature of seventy-seven degrees and a light breeze, it was perfect day for football. The stadium filled up quickly and thousands of both Bryant and Brown fans were ready to see the rematch of the year. Twelve-thirty came quickly for the two teams and before they knew it, it was game time. Brown started off with the ball marching down the field and scoring the first points of the game, giving them a lead of seven to nothing. Soon after that touchdown, Brown drove down the field again and kicked a field goal raising the score to ten to nothing, however, Bryant was quick to answer with their own touchdown and field goal combination tying the score ten to ten at the end of the first half. As the game progressed in the second half, the Bulldogs continued to



The Bryant Bulldogs take the field at Brown University (Michael Madoian)

grow stronger and battled even harder to try and bring down the team that humiliated them two years ago. The game came down to an interception in the end zone by Bryant cornerback Brandon Dagnesses which sealed Bryant’s lead of twenty to sixteen, giving the Bulldogs their first victory against an Ivy League school. The two teams fought a vigorous battle that ended in the Bulldogs getting the revenge they wanted and worked so very hard for. Proud Head Coach of Bryant, Marty Fine, said after the game “Everyone here can say we improved and closed the gap; we may not have won all the battles, but we certainly won the war.”

Group exercise: Not as scary as they seem

By Kaitlyn Graham
Staff Writer

When I was in high school, my mom would always try to get me to go to group exercise classes with her at the gym. Every Saturday morning, the same question came, and I always declined her offer quickly, picturing group exercise in my mind as a bunch of old women doing yoga with sweatbands. Now, only a few years later, I have found myself falling in love with group exercise. I have taken up the habit of late morning spin classes, making sure to weave it into my schedule even if I have a busy day.

Group exercise is nothing like I imagined it to be. Instead of the grunting women and the crazy instructor I had imagined for so long, group exercise turned out to be a great way to get good exercise while being taught new skills and meeting other people on campus who appreciate athletics. With an instructor whose main goal is to motivate and make the participants feel comfortable, the classes turned out to not be stressful at all, but more a chance to try a new activity and still feel like you’re getting a workout. You’re never made to feel like you can’t keep up with the other participants, and most of the classes allow for you to choose the level of difficulty and how hard you push yourself, ultimately making the class your own.

Both this year and last, my class of choice has been the spin classes, which I’ve found time to do in between my classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For someone who can barely balance on a bike, spin seemed completely far-fetched in the beginning. From the moment I walked in on my first day, the instructor was willing to help me feel safe and ready on the bike, and my fellow spinners were also always there to lend a hint or share spin stories. The class itself always seems to fly by, and in the end I know I’ve gotten a good workout.

Bryant offers many different kinds of group exercise classes each week, ranging from spin to Zumba, abs and yoga, providing classes to meet everyone’s interest. Classes range from 45 minutes to an hour, and are open to anyone on campus, students and teachers alike.

If you’re looking for a way to stay fit, but don’t want to go off campus, the Chace athletic center is a good place to start. If you’re looking to be motivated, get a great workout, and meet others who also have an athletic mindset, definitely check out the available times for different group exercises, and don’t be afraid to step out of your comfort zone!

FALL 2015		GROUP EXERCISE SCHEDULE					FALL 2015
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
	6:30am-7:45am Total Fitness-T2S Chuck	6:30am-7:45am Total Fitness-T2S Chuck	6:30am-7:45am Total Fitness-T2S Chuck				
	9:00am-9:45am SPINNING Madysen M.				11:00-1:00pm Bryant Dance		
11:00am-12:00pm JILLIAN MICHAELS Beth	11:00am-11:45am SPINNING Lisa M	11:00am-12:00pm JILLIAN MICHAELS Beth	11:00am-11:45am SPINNING Madysen M.	11:00am-12:00pm JILLIAN MICHAELS Beth	1:00pm-2:30pm Karate Club Stephen L.		
12:00pm-1:00pm YOGA Liz	12:00pm-1:00pm RushFitT2S Chuck	12:00pm-1:00pm YOGA Liz	12:00pm-1:00pm RushFitT2S Chuck	12:00pm-1:00pm Insanity Chuck			
12:15pm-12:45pm KBELLS Paula	1:00pm-2:00pm Resistance Bands BC/BS	12:15pm-12:45pm KBELLS Paula	1:00pm-2:00pm Zumba BC/BS				
2:15pm-3:00pm SPINNING Anaka M.		2:00pm-4:00pm Bryant Dance	2:00pm-2:45pm SPINNING Anaka M.	2:30pm-3:45pm Stretch for Athletes Mark L.			
	3:15pm-4:00pm SPINNING Cecille A.		4:00pm-5:00pm Bryant Dance				
5:00pm-6:45pm SPINNING Becca	5:00pm-6:00pm KICKBOXING Leeta	6:00pm-6:45pm SPINNING Paula	5:00pm-6:00pm KICKBOXING Leeta	6:00pm-6:45pm SPINNING Paula		3:00pm-6:00pm Velocity Dance Kinjal & Maria	
6:00pm-7:30pm Karate Club Stephen L.	6:00pm-7:15pm Karate Club Stephen L.	6:45pm-7:15pm ABS Paula	6:30pm-7:30pm Karate Club Stephen L.	6:45pm-7:15pm ABS Paula			
7:30pm-9:30pm Velocity Dance Kinjal & Maria	7:15pm-9:00pm Bryant Dance	7:30pm-9:00pm Bryant Dance	7:30pm-9:00pm Velocity Dance Kinjal & Maria			5:30pm-9:00pm Bryant Dance	
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Group exercise class schedule bryant.edu

Patriots bully Bills: Win 40 to 32

By Pat Curran
Staff Writer

All during the off-season Patriots fans had been hearing how the Bills were prepared to overtake the AFC East throne, that the Patriot’s reign of terror was over. The Bills were the self-proclaimed bullies! Then, the Patriots walked into their stadium and won 40 to 32. ESPN had been doing a great job rooting on the Bills all week. They were showing clips of Bills fans all week tailgating. They mentioned the fact that the Bills were trying to set the Guinness World Record for loudest stadium on record, a feat which they did not achieve. They showed interviews of fans proclaiming it was the Bills year. Well, ESPN and the NFL will have to wait another week for the demise of the Patriots.

For a whole two drives it looked like the Bills were going to win this game. The Bills marched eighty yards in five minutes to take a 7-0 lead. Tyrod Taylor looked like a legitimate quarterback. The city of Buffalo was starting to plan their Super Bowl parade. The Bills then forced the Patriots three and out and Old Orchard Park erupted. However, on the next drive, the true Patriots stood up.

Rob Ninkovich was able to sack Taylor on a third and nine and that completely changed the complexion of the game. After that sack the Patriots offense scored three straight touchdowns. The almighty Bills defensive line was hopeless and feeble.

The second Patriots drive consisted of four passes that went for a total of sixty two yards. The drive was capped off with a Julian Edelman eight yard touchdown reception in which he shook off a double team and caught a pass from Tom Brady in the end zone. The highlight of the drive was a thirty-six yard laser from Brady to Rob Gronkowski. Earlier in the week Bill’s Coach Rex Ryan quipped that in order to cover Gronkowski “you need to put King Kong on him”. Kong didn’t make an appearance on Sunday as Gronk had seven receptions for 113 yards and a touchdowns.

The Patriots once again did not offer much of a



Brady threw for 466 yards during Sunday’s game versus the Bills *New York Times*

running game, however you don’t really need one when you have a Quarterback who throws for 466 yards and three touchdowns like Brady did on Sunday. Dion Lewis was a dynamic receiving threat out of the backfield, hauling in six passes for ninety-eight yards. Lewis did have a fumble, his second in as many weeks, but did not receive the Stevan Ridley bench treatment. Aaron Dobson also had a solid game, catching seven passes for eighty seven yards.

The Patriots defense did allow thirty-two points, which obviously is not very good, however they did force turnovers and get sacks when they had to. The Patriots were up 37 to 13 and took their foot off the gas, so a lot of Buffalo’s points came in garbage time. However, it was alarming to see Bradley Fletcher get burned repeatedly. My prediction is he will not be with the team by week five. The Patriots defensive leaders Chandler Jones, Jamie Collins, and Malcolm Butler all had solid

games, with Jones and Collins each having multiple sacks and Butler compiling an interception. It was also encouraging to see the former Rutgers duo Duron Harmon and Logan Ryan collect interceptions of their own. It was Harmon’s second in as many weeks.

The Bills do look to be a team on the rise with Rex Ryan and an exciting defense, however they are still in the same division as Tom Brady and Bill Belichick so it might not be as magical a season as they had hoped for. They will be in the playoff hunt, but the Patriots made it clear that they still have a long way to go if they want to win the division.

Next week the Patriots will be hosting the 1-1 Jacksonville Jaguars. The Jaguars upset a dark horse Miami Dolphins team. Expect a large spread but a close game. We’re on to Jacksonville.

Week’s Best Sports Tweets

“Field Hockey: Bryant 2, Dartmouth 3 (Final)”
@BryantAthletics

“I gotta congratulate @BryantAthletics and this man @_ochonocinco_ on the win over Brown yesterday. That man was putting on a clinic #Jeesh”
@CoachLynchFsu

“Former @BryantAthletics DYAMI STARKS will start pros in Kazakhstan playing for BK Astana”
@gonzalobedia

“Bulldog Nation this was historic day and a great day to be a bulldog! We claim ownership of Gov’s Cup if B beats URI”
@BryantUprez



Intramural & club sports update

By Kevin Pawlack
Staff Writer



Fall intramural sports are here once again and we want all of you Bulldogs to join us this year. Sign up for three v. three basketball, badminton, flag football, team handball, or kickball by September 23rd to register on time. There will also be a powderpuff flag football tournament on October 6th for anyone interested in making a team. The deadline for signups for the powderpuff game is October 5th. Be sure to sign up soon and consult IMLeagues.com for instructions and more information.

Men’s Rugby

Coming off of a twelve to five loss against Bentley last week, Bryant was looking to turn it around against Providence College on Saturday. Captain Sean Moran had a monster game, scoring a try and converting multiple kicks. Bryant dominated twenty-five to seven at the half, but PC fought back, and scored fourteen unanswered points in the second half to make the score twenty-five to twenty-one. Tom Salmon and Chad LeGault each added a try of their own, while Khari Armstrong contributed some monster hits on the Friar players. Moran sealed the deal late in the second half with a kick that put them up by eight, for a final score of thirty-three to twenty-five. Bryant will look to continue their success next week against Southern Connecticut.

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Oval office after Obama



By Shayan Ushani

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The 2016 U.S. Presidential Elections have many interesting candidates stepping forth in hopes to become POTUS. The election will be taking place November 8, 2016, making it the 58th presidential election. The GOP had their second debate September 16th and the Democrats will have their first one October 13, 2015. The first primary will be in New Hampshire February 9th. As these deadlines approach, the candidates are scrambling from the start for support and focusing on key demographics.

The Democratic Party consists of five key figures: Chafee, Clinton, O'Malley, Sanders, and Webb. Lincoln Chafee served as Governor of Rhode Island. His father was a Republican and he has been an official Democrat since 2013, having been both a Republican and Independent. He has been described as a liberal Republican due to past votes such as support to increase minimum wage and the only Republican to vote against the use of force in Iraq.

Hillary Clinton is the most well-known of all the candidates and her previous position as Secretary of State under President Obama, succeeded by John Kerry. Her recent email scandal has lost her some support but she still has the majority. Martin O'Malley is not as popular as Clinton, but he has some support having served as the Governor of Maryland. He has liberal votes on the illegal immigration issue, having signed laws in his state that make illegal immigrants' children eligible for in-state college tuition.

He also signed a law for the legalization of same-sex marriage. Bernie Sanders is the junior United States Senator from Vermont serving as an Independent but running under the Democratic Party. He is extremely popular among the young voters, college students, and liberals, voicing issues like healthcare, climate change, LGBT rights, and criticizing the Iraq War. He is thought of as this election race's 'Ron Paul'

for being one of the more progressive candidates.

Lastly is Jim Webb, who has served as Secretary of the Navy and as a Senator of Virginia. He is educated and was a Fellow at the Harvard Institute of Politics and has published books. A fun fact about Webb is he wrote the story and was the executive producer for the movie 'Rules of Engagement.' RCP Polls show Clinton has nearly half the votes at 44.7 points having fallen from over 60 with Sanders in second and Biden, who has not declared running, in third. O'Malley, Webb, and Chafee follow far behind in the bottom three.

There are plenty of Republicans running: Jeb Bush, Carson, Christie, Cruz, Fiorina, Gilmore, Graham, Huckabee, Jindal, Kasich, Pataki, Paul, Rubio, Santorum, and Trump. The most popular four after the second GOP debate are Bush, Carson, Rubio, and Trump. Surveys were done by CNN, but may be skewed due to the certain candidates and changing tides. Besides these four, two candidates that seemed more favorable after the TV appearance were Rand Paul and Carly Fiorina.

Rand Paul is liked by Libertarians and has a distinct background of being both a politician and a physician. He served as senator of Kentucky, and is the son of Ron Paul who had much more liberal views. He is looking to gain voters in swing states, and recently won the Michigan straw poll. Carly Fiorina was the former and controversial CEO of Hewlett-Packard and is an active philanthropist. She has two failed runs for office in 2010 as Senator in California and President in 2010.

In the last debate she seemed strong on her issues and defeated Trump in a one-on-one. Her numbers have been skyrocketing since. Jeb Bush is also running and steadily gaining voters; he has distanced himself from the political career of his brother. He was the Governor of Florida, as well as having entrepreneurial and busi-

ness efforts before his political endeavors. Ben Carson is known to be "soft spoken" and having non aggressive techniques. For a Republican, he is more on the liberal side. He was well liked in the last debate and has been gaining support since those looking for a new kind of conservative.

Marco Rubio is of Cuban heritage and is the Junior Senator of Florida. He is especially praised by the Hispanic community but also conservatives. Lastly is Donald Trump who is number one in the polls across the board but his popularity may be over. After Fiorina talked about Trump's disrespect of woman he was rejected by the audience. He holds radical ideas like building a physical wall barrier between the U.S. and Mexico as well as deporting ten million immigrants. He is liked for some for being a different kind of politician and by others for his business successes.

This election, like others, has rumored candidates that may run. Michael Bloomberg created some attention when he was called out by different journalists for being a strong opponent against Trump. As an independent, his choice to run is not too likely. Another person that has strong public support is former Vice President Al Gore, but he is also unlikely to run due to a shift in career focus and a failed race already. A last hopeful is Joe Biden who is polling extremely well and may soon launch a campaign.

Of the running candidates, one from each party will be elected during the primaries and the two candidates along with Independents will face off in the election. If Clinton's support keeps falling it could make another unlikely Democrat win and the Republican polls are volatile enough where no one has a clue as to who might win. It will be interesting who will take the Oval Office after Obama, who was an unlikely candidate in the beginning himself.

CHANGE your expectations

By Liam Rice

Contributing Writer

Many students here on campus, as well as students around the United States, echo the same claim throughout their tenure in college: "Yeah, I would love to get involved in something and help the community." The reality is students tend not to follow through on these claims, whether it be due to lack of connections to community service organizations or simply a lack of desire.

This article is not on the shortcomings of students, or clubs, or universities; it is not a proverbial wag of the finger, attempting to shame those who have not actively engaged in their communities. This is an article about that student who rarely engaged in active community service attempting to do just that.

In an attempt to move onto campus early this fall semester, I signed up for CHANGE: Linked Through Leadership, a service-learning opportunity produced by Bryant University's Office of Campus engagement. What I believed was to be a few days of discussing community service while relaxing on campus in the Fisher Student Center was actually a week of travel, camping, and hands-on service.

I spent the next four days living in a hall on a small campground with more than 15 other students I barely knew. Sleeping in bunk beds and spending every waking hour together, we got close quickly. These were students on our small campus at Bryant I had never seen but now cannot imagine going the day without talking to them. If CHANGE had to list side-effects of attending the experience apart from helping the community, new friends is definitely one.

Throughout the experience we travelled to different locations around Rhode Island, including food pantries and local farms, helping out at each stop. One location in particular was truly moving. Our team arrived to assist the Emmanuel House in Providence, an all-male homeless shelter. While we expected the physical labor of harvesting from their garden and painting their walls, we did not expect the personal contact we got with the employees and homeless. Our school community talks about service and helping those in need, yet it is a far different experience when you actually meet those who need help. The whole concept of service became so real to me; I understood why I was doing this, why I was committing my time.

CHANGE gave me the personal experiences with those we all want to try to help, which I believe is one of the most important things the experience can give. We all talk about giving back to the community. Many of us do give back by raising money for causes, which is a large component of community service. However, CHANGE provides the opportunity for interpersonal contact with those we aim to help, those in need of it. I deeply enjoyed my time participating in CHANGE, even if it was not what I originally expected. I recommend getting involved in all the Linked Through Leadership opportunities on campus, especially CHANGE.

Without a prayer

By Tony Houston

Faculty Writer

A funny thing happened on the way to Convocation. A friend was leaving in protest. She was visibly agitated and she knew she had found a sympathetic ear once she spotted me. It seems that an opening prayer had been inserted without warning. Too late to register my objection by walking out in solidarity, I simply chose not to attend.

Public prayer is coercive and exclusionary. There is a captive audience compelled to sit in polite silence as a sign of complicity. There is no such thing as a nonsectarian prayer. We do not all worship the same god. Not all of us believe in any gods. Not all who believe worship the god of Abraham. Expecting people to go through the motions reflects poorly on Bryant's commitment to character development.

Religion is on the decline at home and abroad. The most prosperous and progressive nations worldwide have been far less religious than the U.S. for some time now. Whether or not you worry about alienating an increasingly secular student body, you might ask yourself whether it makes good business sense to trade Bryant's international appeal for a more parochial image.

Jesus—legend has it—called public prayer hypocrisy. If character is what you do when no one is watching, public prayer serves no one. At a university that claims to value diversity, compulsory public prayer should not be on the syllabus. Taking pride in each other's accomplishments is a universal human impulse. Surely there's a more inclusive way to infuse our ceremonies with the solemnity that the occasion demands.

What’s up with that?

Class in session: feeling stressed?

By Ashley Smith
Contributing Writer

Classes just started up again and some of us find the transition to be a bit more difficult than others, particularly freshman who are faced with making tremendous changes in their lives for the first time ever. Let me start off by sharing some shocking statistics with you:

1 out of every 4 college students suffer from some form of mental illness, including depression.

44 percent of American college students report having symptoms of depression.

75 percent of college students do not seek help for mental health problems.

Suicide is the third leading cause of death among college students.

Young people diagnosed with depression are five times more likely to attempt suicide than adults.

19 percent of young people in the United States either contemplate or attempt suicide every year.

4 out of every 5 college students who either contemplate or attempt suicide show clear warning signs.

The purpose of this article is not to frighten you, but instead to raise awareness and even help those who need it. Every one of you reading this is a friend or

even a role model to someone or many people. You could help someone more than you could even imagine simply by being there for them and recognizing that they are having trouble and then by directing them to the help they need.

These are the signs that the Mayo Clinic states may indicate that you or someone close to you may be dealing with depression

- Feelings of sadness or unhappiness
- Irritability or frustration, even over small matters
- Loss of interest or pleasure in normal activities
- Insomnia or excessive sleeping
- Changes in appetite or weight
- Agitation or restlessness
- Angry outburst
- Slowed thinking, speaking, or body movements
- Indecisiveness, distractibility, and decreased concentration
- Fatigue, tiredness, and loss of energy
- Feelings of worthlessness or guilt, fixation on past failures, or self-blame when things aren't going right.
- Trouble thinking, concentrating, making decisions, and remembering things
- Frequent thoughts of death, dying, or suicide
- Crying spells for no apparent reason
- Unexplained physical problems, such as back pain or headaches

If you or someone you know is experiencing these indicators,

not necessarily all of them, there are counseling services right here on campus; you can make an appointment by calling 401-232-6045 or by visiting the Office of Counseling Services on the second floor of the Unistructure, diagonally across from faculty suite H! Even if you are not experiencing symptoms of depression and are simply feeling overwhelmed with coursework, trying to make friends, or your roommate is driving you up a wall, or you miss your pet frog back home, you can go there to talk about anything that is bringing you down.

Don't feel like talking about your problems and don't have symptoms of depression, but still want to get rid of some stress? There is still a way to do that here on campus thanks to Professor Harris! Every Thursday this semester from 1:05 to 1:30 there is Meditation in the Interfaith Center's Degasperis Community Room, just leave your shoes at the door and walk in silently! There is also yoga on Tuesdays this semester from 4:00 to 5:00pm, and you can go to one or all of the sessions; space is limited so e-mail her at nharris@bryant.edu! Both meditation and yoga have been known to put peoples' minds at ease, and if your schedule looks anything like mine this semester, I think we all could use some yoga and meditation, don't you?

Park it, or not

By Dan Cellucci
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Without question, the parking situation on our beautiful 435 acre campus has students, faculty, and parents frustrated. The problem is widespread and a hot issue among students in particular. The core of the issue is twofold. First, with rising enrollment at Bryant, there are simply more students coming to college with cars. Secondly, with the loss of parking due to new facilities and construction zones, there is just not enough parking to accommodate the number of vehicles. Bryant University prides itself on our “Bryant Builds” campaign that has led to an ever-improving reputation and ranking as one of the best business universities in the country. This in turn has led to increased enrollment. With that kind of growth, however, comes the need to make policy changes in parking.

It is clear that the administration and facilities department have worked tirelessly to develop a plan to alleviate the parking situation, yet it appears to be a short term solution rather than a more permanent plan. Students, faculty and visitors will have to strictly adhere to the new rules of where it is appropriate to park, yet it is still a struggle for all to find a parking space. It is a temporary fix. But at Bryant, by being solution focused and thinking creatively, we can set attainable short and long term goals for the future.

The “talk” around campus focuses on the ongoing hot button issue of freshman students being allowed to bring cars to campus. An admission counselor shared that it is a “perk” in recruiting and Bryant University is one of few who allow it. Yes, that it is a perk, and I was a freshman who brought his car to campus. But times have changed, and we have to make the necessary adjustments to grow with the changes of increased enrollment and less space to park. It is a simple policy change that costs nothing, except for an incoming class that would be disappointed that the change happened just as they were entering college. Their time will come. Change happens and we must be flexible in our thinking to adapt to the situation at hand. The students at Bryant have voiced this solution and should be heard. We are being educated to collectively solve real world problems...and this solution is easy and free!

As a long term solution, I see the need for more parking spaces. With 435 acres, there must be a space on the outskirts of campus that could be cleared for a parking garage. This is not an easy solution, as the cost would be monumental, but the “Bryant Build” campaign has made great strides and perhaps it could be a vision for the next round of campus improvements. Students could be asked to pay for parking permits each year to contribute. Many colleges have done that for years. Funding could come in the way of donors, alumni phone-athons, student fundraising, etc. It is not a short term solution, but one to contemplate in the coming years.

With policies and procedures set for this year, we will make the best of the parking situation. As this year unfolds, the students, faculty and administration should find the time to discuss the future of parking in a way in which students voices are heard and both short and long term solutions are brought to the table. Bryant University is a forward thinking, solution focused school. Together we can make the changes necessary to improve the parking situation for all, in a safe and financially responsible way.

Add a chapter to your story: Recruitment 2016

By Allie Miller
Campus News Editor

Sorority recruitment is quickly approaching and the Panhellenic Council is beyond pumped. Here is a list of our top five reasons to get excited about it at Bryant!

1. Sisterhood: Having a sense of belonging is one of the best rewards of joining a sorority. The unity associated with a sorority is hard to find otherwise at college. Sisters are unconditional friends with whom you share a ritual, important values, and goals. Sisters encourage you to take on leadership positions, will go with you to campus events, and bum around and do homework with you. Your sorority is more than four years; it's a lifetime. Your sorority sisters become your best friends for life.

2. Social conscience: Each sorority has their own philanthropy and many chapters have their own chapter-specific philanthropy. Sorority women donate a significant amount of time to philanthropic and charitable work. The Panhellenic community offers plenty of opportunities to get involved in fundraising and volunteering. Sorority philanthropic work helps women foster a care for others that often results in lifelong commitment to charity.

3. Leadership qualities: Sororities provide plentiful leaderships opportunities for sisters. Each sorority has a Leadership Council comprised of about a dozen positions which include roles such as Chapter

President, Vice President of Administration, Vice President of Chapter Development, and many more. Sorority women at Bryant also have the opportunity to serve on the executive board of the Panhellenic Council, which includes various positions mirroring the leadership councils of the individual sororities. The skills women learn through sorority leadership positions are invaluable and transferrable to internship and job opportunities.

4. Academic achievement: The Panhellenic community places a high value on academic success and provides support to make sure sorority women reach their full potential. Each sorority has a Vice President of Academic Development and the Panhellenic Council has a similar position. These women keep track of their sisters' grades to ensure their sisters' success and provide them help if they need it. There are Greek tutors who volunteer their time to tutoring other members of the Greek Community. Many women in the Panhellenic community at Bryant make the Dean's List and several have even earned spots on the President's List.

5. Become your best self: Many sorority women cite their sisterhood as the driving force behind their collegiate success. Sororities give women the confidence to run for leadership positions in the chapter and in other campus organizations. The

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opportunities provided by the Panhellenic community at Bryant are endless. The sisters you meet will give you support, strength, and inspiration to become the best version of yourself.

Great women go Greek! To learn more about sorority life at Bryant, go to the ice cream social on September 30th.

‘Shine off’ harvest moon: the total lunar eclipse of Septemeber 27-28, 2015

By David A. Heustis
Faculty Writer

While casual stargazers with small to moderate telescopes still observe the Moon and planets, more advanced amateur astronomers today concentrate their efforts on imaging “faint fuzzies” like galaxies, clusters, and nebulae. They require a dark sky to obtain their best images, so they typically avoid times when the Moon phase is large, bright and in the sky for many hours, from waxing gibbous to Full Moon and onto waning gibbous. However, I’m sure many of my associates here and across the United States will be utilizing their astrophotography skills to image a special sky event during the last week in September.

On the night of September 27, throughout all of New England and beyond, we will be treated to a total eclipse of the Harvest Moon in its entirety. The Harvest Moon is the full moon closest to the autumnal equinox, which is on September 23 at 4:21 a.m. (All times are EDT.) And the best part of it all will be that you can watch the eclipse through totality and still get to bed before midnight. So even if you are just a novice amateur astronomer, there are no excuses to miss this beautiful event.

For those of you who may be new to the world of astronomy, let me quickly review what happens during a total lunar eclipse. It occurs when the Sun, Earth, and Moon are in alignment. With the Earth positioned in the middle of this celestial ballet, its shadow is projected onto the lunar surface. The duration of such an eclipse, particularly of totality, is determined by how precisely the three bodies are aligned.

The accompanying graphic shows the path of the Moon through the Earth’s shadows and the times of specific highlights/events. Note that the Moon does not pass centrally through the Earth’s dark umbral shadow during this eclipse. Still, the event does last five hours and ten seconds from start to finish, with totality lasting one hour and twelve minutes. If the Moon were to pass through the central part of the shadow, we would experience a longer eclipse and a longer duration of totality.

The eclipse technically begins at 8:12 p.m. when the Moon slides into the Earth’s light penumbral shadow. Though this initial phase is undetectable, as the Moon slides deeper into the penumbral shadow, a keen-eyed observer will see a subtle shading of the lunar surface. The Moon will be moving eastward as it encounters the shadow, so the left portion of the lunar surface will slowly begin to darken. It is just prior to the Moon entering the Earth’s umbral shadow that one will notice the moonlight looks somewhat subdued.

When the Moon first encounters the umbral shadow at 9:07 p.m., the partial phase of the eclipse begins. For one hour and four minutes the Moon will move deeper and deeper into the shadow, generally from left to right. Then at 10:11 p.m. the Moon will be completely immersed in the Earth’s umbral shadow and totality begins. Totality will last until 11:23 p.m. for a total duration of one hour and twelve minutes. Will the Moon completely disappear from the sky during totality? We will know by mid-totality at around 10:47 p.m.

The answer to that question all depends upon how much dust is in the Earth’s atmosphere at eclipse time. Usually the lunar landscape looks ashen during totality with subtle copper, orange, or red tones scattered about. Sometimes the Moon will be bathed in red light. That is because of sunlight passing through the Earth’s atmosphere and shining on the lunar surface. Think about this event from the Moon’s perspective.



The Earth is eclipsing (passing in front of) the Sun, and sunlight is refracting through our atmosphere and shining onto the lunar surface.

Enhance your view with binoculars or a small telescope. The colors often change as totality progresses, so watch carefully. It is truly a beautiful sight to observe.

Totality ends at 11:23 p.m. when the Moon begins to leave the dark shadow and sunlight returns to its surface. For one hour and four minutes the partial phase will continue until the entire Moon is completely illuminated once again at 12:27 a.m. For a while the Moon’s light will still look somewhat subdued as the Moon will remain within the light penumbral shadow until 1:22 a.m., when the eclipse ends. In a dark sky you may be able to detect this shadow soon after the partial phase completes. Thereafter the remaining phase will hardly be noticeable at all as the Moon begins to return to full brightness.

Please note the sky in the vicinity of the Full Moon before the eclipse begins. The Moon will be in the constellation of Pisces, the fishes. This area of sky is not a very bright star-rich region. Very few stars will be seen near the Moon. And throughout the sky only the brightest stars of the constellations will be apparent. Only as the eclipse progresses and the sky darkens will fainter stars emerge into visibility. It will be like someone using a celestial dimmer switch, gradually increasing the brightness of the stars (or if you prefer, controlling the brightness of the Moon).

I hope the weather will cooperate on the evening of September 27-28 for stargazers of every interest level to take advantage of the magnificent circumstances which produce the beauty of a total lunar eclipse. If you miss this one for any reason, we won’t experience another total lunar eclipse here in southern New England until January 21, 2019. That’s a long wait, so make every effort to catch a few glimpses of this one to satisfy your love for the beauty nature provides.

Good luck and keep your eyes to the skies.

AJ’s movie review: The Scorch Trials

By AJ Beltis
Staff Writer



Let’s take a second and talk about what a good sequel does. First off, a worthy sequel should only follow a good, original story that made the audience want more. Second, the sequel should continue to build on that originality as opposed to retreading or borrowing too heavily from other sources. This sequel meets the first criteria - 2013’s The Maze Runner was a good movie, and its original and suspenseful mystery approach to the YA universe made me excited for a sequel. But looking at the second identifier, it’s clear that The Scorch Trials doesn’t qualify as a good sequel - at all.

Following his escape from The Glade, Thomas finds himself transported to a safe haven with allies Newt, Minho, Teresa, and the rest of his friends. It’s assumed to be a sanctuary protecting them from those who orchestrated the maze trials, WCKD. Thomas is greeted by the man running the facility, Jensen (“Game of Thrones” Aidan Gillen), who assures them their troubles are over and a new life is ahead of them. But when familiar faces start disappearing, Thomas is warned by maze survivor Aris (Mud’s Jacob Lofland) that Jensen can’t be trusted. They discover that they’re actually in a WCKD run containment center exploiting those immune to the virus that wiped out humanity. Confused yet? Yeah, me too.

After an exciting and impressively-filmed escape, the group treks across a barren cityscape (the “Scorch”) looking for survivors to help them fight WCKD. They team

up with rebels Brenda and Jorge (Giancarlo Esposito, who milks his “Breaking Bad” fame by saying hermano in almost all his conversations), two survivors who are also looking to take down WCKD. They spend the rest of the movie looking for weapons and recruits and trying to avoid contact with those infected with the Flare virus, which turns its victims into mindless zombie-like attackers.

As I mentioned earlier, a good sequel elevates the originality of its predecessor instead of falling back on recycled storylines and clichés of sequels past. At times, I felt like I was watching I Am Legend (running zombies), 28 Weeks Later (running zombies in dark underground areas), each of The Hunger Games movies (waking up after escaping a government-controlled arena, hiding from a hovercraft, kids fighting against the government), both Divergent (zip lining over dystopia) and Insurgent (poorly-dressed rebels hosting escapees from those in power), Face/Off (that prison break), Cloverfield (climbing up a tilted city building) and more. And these weren’t subtle nods to cinematic classics, these were blatant rip-offs from better movies of a similar or the same genre. Couple that with the overload of unnecessary characters and a muddled screenplay with too much violence and language and not enough character development, and The Scorch Trials makes it too easy to get lost along the way.

It was a struggle to watch Dylan O’Brien as Thomas, because you could see he was giving the movie his all while virtually every other cast and crew member seemed to assume their Hollywood faces would carry them to box office success. It’s even more painful to see a talented actor like Aidan Gillen waste a good chunk of his screen time sitting on a helicopter in terribly lit scenes.

So on behalf of the filmmakers, sorry fans of The Maze Runner. If you’re looking for the excitement, fun, and compelling mystery the first Maze Runner movie brought, you won’t find it here. Instead, you’ll find boredom, confusion, an overlong production, and another cliffhanger that will lead us into what will likely be another letdown. The Scorch Trials is a disappointment that I can only imagine diehard fans of the original could appreciate. And even then, still probably not.

This movie received
2 out of 5 Bulldogs



Beautification of Bryant: back-to-school sustainability check list

By June Candland
Staff Writer



Bryant’s picturesque scenery welcomes us back to our home away from home. We feel at ease when we spot the globe in the distance, turn onto the University’s tree lined path, and pass under the “Welcome Back” banner. As the campus draws us further in, those who look carefully will see the grounds crew hard at work maintaining a clean environment and adding a nice touch of seasonal landscaping.

What many of us do not notice is the time, energy, and commitment that goes into keeping our campus a beautiful place to live, learn, and share memories with friends. Everyone takes pride in the appearance of our campus and this is a direct result of Bryant’s leadership and Facilities team. In addition to their day-to-day operations, they spend numerous hours planning, preparing, and cleaning up both organized and impromptu events on campus. These teams should not be alone in the beautification of our campus though! So here are some friendly reminders of little things we, as students, can do in order to ensure our campus is a place people continually want to visit.

1. Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle:
 - a. Reduce your consumption of energy by switching off lights and other appliances when leaving a room.
 - b. Reuse a water bottle by filling up at the water stations around campus.
 - c. Recycle! The whole campus is Single Stream Recycling, which means that you can place bottles, cans, paper, and cardboard (or anything that is recyclable) into the same recycle bin!
2. Go Digital: Take notes on your computer! There’s ton of apps and programs that are great for note taking! Example: OneNote! OneNote can be synced to your laptop, tablet, or phone, as well as, online!
3. Carpool: Bringing along a friend or going with a group of friends is more enjoyable!
4. Take Action: Join an organization! Enactus, CALO, and Students Sustainability Ambassadors are all great ways to bring your ideas to campus!

For the incoming class of 2019, here are the steps to recycling on campus!

1. Recycle bins inside your room should have a clear plastic bag in them. Ask your respective R.A. for the appropriate bags!
 2. When the recycling is full, place the bag in the designated area for each individual hall. Halls 14, 15, and 16 areas are located within the hall. For suites and townhouses, there are blue/black bins marked recycling outside each hall or townhouse.
 3. Make sure to throw any loose bottles or cans you may have outside with you during the day or at night into one of the marked recycling bins!
- As Bulldogs, let’s strive to continue keeping Bryant the best looking campus in the nation.

If you would like more information on how to get involved contact Sustainability@bryant.edu or June Candland at Jcandland@bryant.edu!

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Nothing Gold Can Stay

By Robert Frost

Nature’s first green is gold,
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But only so an hour.

Then leaf subsides to leaf.

So Eden sank to grief,
So dawn goes down to day.

Nothing gold can stay.

The College Scoop

SEE WHAT STUDENTS AT OTHER
COLLEGES ARE READING ABOUT

The Stanford Daily
Stanford University

Dennis Wall, associate professor of pediatrics at the Stanford University School of Medicine, is leading the “largest-ever collaborative, open-access repository of bioinformatic data on autism.” According to Wall, his goal is to figure out what causes autism and to find ways to develop therapy techniques for the condition.

The Harvard Crimson
Harvard University

Thirty-one percent of senior undergraduate females at Harvard College who responded to a sexual conduct climate survey last spring said they had experienced some form of sexual assault—what the survey termed “nonconsensual sexual contact”—during their time at the College. Sixteen percent, or 90 women, reported that they had experienced sexual penetration or attempted penetration without their consent during that time..

The Brown Daily Herald
Brown University

Five turnovers — including four in the red zone — doomed the football team in a 20-16 season-opening loss to Bryant Saturday at Brown Stadium. On paper, the Bears (0-1) dominated the game. Bruno racked up 128 more total yards and eight more first downs than the Bulldogs (2-0), held Bryant to just 12 yards rushing and committed half as many penalties. But one poorly timed turnover after another stifled Bruno’s drives and momentum.

The Heights
Boston College

Earlier this summer, the Vatican published the papal encyclical Laudato Si’, promoting sustainable development and environmentalism, and Pope Francis subsequently declared his intention to deliver an address to the United Nations General Assembly on the issue. Boston College faculty used this as a chance to engage students on the topic, organizing the event Our Common Home: An Ethical Summons to Tackle Climate Change, which will run from Sept. 28 to Oct. 1.

The Weekly Sudoku

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My big sister is the News Editor

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