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## Are you smarter than a Professor?

*Beta Gamma Sigma hosts interactive event for potential members*

By Molly Funk  
Editor-in-Chief

Last week, Beta Gamma Sigma (BGS) hosted an information session for new eligible members. At the session, the executive board spoke about the history of BGS in a general sense, but also with specific reference to the organization's place at Bryant. They also hosted an interactive session between current Beta Gamma Sigma members and faculty titled "Are you smarter than a university professor".

Beta Gamma Sigma is a business honor society that recognizes the top 10 percent of business students in their respective class at institutions with AACSB International accreditation (The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business). Graduate students are eligible for the society as well, if they rank in the top 20 percent of their business class after one year of study.

The society was founded in 1913 and has grown to be the world's first international honor society. It has over 500 collegiate chapters on six continents, and members reside in more than 160 different countries. Their mission is to "encourage and honor academic achievement in the study of business, to cultivate and celebrate leadership and professional excellence, to advance the values of the Society, and to serve its lifelong members".

The Bryant chapter is lead by student Vice Presidents Lena Lambrou, Austin Beltis, and Isabela Velasquez. The three spoke about the benefits members of BGS receive both at Bryant and beyond. Specifically, e-board members of BGS have the opportunity to go to the BGS Global Leadership Summit;



Are you smarter than a university professor panelists. (Deanna Ristaino)

held this year in Orlando, FL. The three VPs attested to the benefits of that experience. They spoke of how the Summit increased their attachment to BGS, and how it allowed them to become closer to each other, creating a more effective executive board. They plan to serve as judges for Bryant's annual E-pitch event this year, as well as increase BSG's visibility on campus.

The faculty took home the win in the "Are you smarter than a University Professor?" contest winning eleven questions to the students' seven. Professor Keith Murray led the competition asking questions such as

"What is Tiger Woods first name?" and his favorite question, "Where is the only place in the world where a boat can sail under a train, while under a car, as a plane flies overhead?" (The answer: at Boston University Bridge in Massachusetts). Participants on the student side included BGS members AJ Beltis, Isabela Velasquez, Marilena Phillips, and Kendra Hildebrand. Professors included Ken Sousa, Jack Trifts, Lori Coakley, and Charlie Cullinan.

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## Sterner: 'I killed my 3 best friends'

*Sponsored by GAMMA, Mark Sterner describes the costs and consequences of drinking and driving*

By Autumn Harrington  
Opinion Editor

"How many people have ever driven drunk and killed their three best friends?" This was one of the opening remarks in Mark Sterner's presentation given on November 16 in Janikies, discussing his experience with drunk driving and the tragic consequences of doing so.

Sterner begins his presentation with a video of himself and his three best friends from his senior year Spring Break. The video displays scenes of the men drinking together prior to going to the bar, and then entering a car.

The next scene consists of the car hitting 100 miles per hour.

The video switches to the men in the bar, dancing and drinking the rest of the night away.

The video cuts, and pictures flash across the screen in the Janikies auditorium. A picture of a road, a picture of a crumpled up car, and a picture of smashed up car parts appear in front of Janikies. Silence hits the audience in the auditorium. Not a single sound is heard.

Five new pictures flash across the screen. The first three are

pictures of Sterner's friends, and the age at which each of them died. The fourth picture is Sterner's friend and the age that he lived to, and the last picture is a photo of Sterner himself, with the caption "age 21: killed three of his best friends."

After the video is complete, Sterner walks back out to the stage, but this time, in an orange jump suit. He dives into his story about how he and his friends wanted to go to another bar, and he was the "least drunk" that night on Spring Break. He explains how this decision ended him in a hospital with a tube down his throat and a two week coma. When he woke, "all he could think about was his best friends."

Sterner was charged with three counts of DUI manslaughter. This was going to result in 45 years of prison. Sterner's BAC level was .17 the night of the accident.

He was forced to face his friends' parents. None of these parents wanted him to spend 45 years in prison, even if he did kill their sons. Sterner spent three years in a Florida prison instead of 45.

Sterner stands in front of the

audience at Bryant, and describes just how grateful he is for being assigned those three years instead of 45. He proceeds to describe his experience in prison during those three years.

"Every day, I feared for my life. My problem was, I was a college student."

Sterner describes how over the three years of his imprisonment, he never knew if he would make it through each day. He tells the audience that he got beaten up on a daily basis.

The friend who survived the accident, doesn't talk to Sterner anymore. Sterner calls him every year, but he never answers. He has told Sterner that "being friends with [you] only brings up bad memories."

Sterner continues the presentation by asking the audience, and Bryant students, to put themselves in his shoes. He asks questions like:

"How would you be able to return back to college after killing your best friends your senior year?"

"How would your best friends' parents react?"

"What would you do without your best friends at school?"

Sterner describes how he

thinks about where his friends would be today if they were still alive.

"Not a day goes by where I don't think about what they would be doing in their lives. Two of them were going to get engaged after graduation. Would they be married today? Would they have children? Who would those children be today?"

As silence continues to run through the audience, Sterner closes his 50 minute presentation with some bold statements.

"I relive the worst night of my life over and over to complete strangers so no one else has to go through what I do every day. I have spoken to over 2 million people across the country, and I will never know if anyone listens."

When discussing the decision to drink and drive, Sterner hit home for the Bryant students, and members of the Bryant community, who attended this presentation. The closing remarks brought applause, but silence still lingered throughout the auditorium.

When it comes to drinking and driving, is it worth it?



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# Paris terror attacks dim the city of light

By **Giang Pham**  
*Contributing Writer*



Tragedy. A term that is much more than an understatement to the citizens of Paris, France after the events of Friday November 13th, 2015.

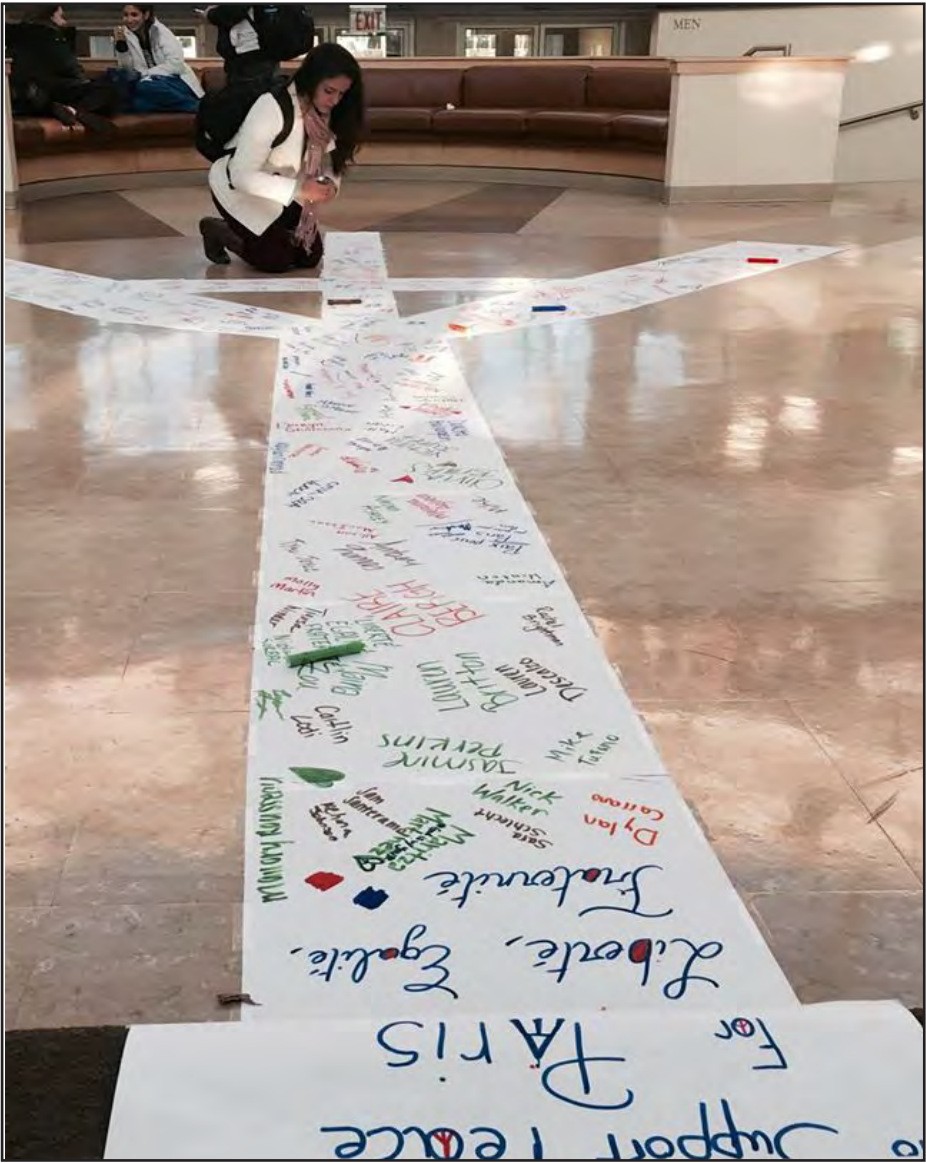
This event wasn't just a shooting or bombing, it was an attack. An unexplainable senseless act of hatred that shook Paris to its core, and has left the entire world in mourning and shock. Current reports state that the death toll has reached 120 people and around 350 were wounded. The terrorists were armed with AK-47's and explosives, and struck in six different sites in Paris – a concert venue, restaurants/bars, and outside the soccer stadium where the French national team was in action with President Francois Hollande in attendance.

After ISIS claimed responsibility for the attack, President François Hollande vehemently denounced the group stating that this was an “act of war”. It was the deadliest event the people of France had witnessed since World War II. According to NBC News, Hollande has vowed to respond “mercilessly” to ISIS, while others, such as the French Prime

Minister Manuel Valls declared, “We are at war, and this war, we will win.” President Hollande quickly announced that he would propose a three month state of emergency as police and military forces seek to root out potential terrorists. France also sent a strong message to ISIS, bombing the caliphate’s capital city of Raqqa, Syria. Meanwhile, security forces continued the hunt for the lone surviving attacker tracking the man to Belgium, but not yet making an arrest. All of Europe remains on edge wondering whether this was an isolated attack, or part of a widening spate of violence.

The utter horror of the matter has been a shock not only to Europe, but to the entire world and has not been taken lightly. People all around the world are rallying around Paris with immeasurable sorrow, love, and prayers. While the Eiffel Tower turned off its lights during this time, the rest of the world turned theirs on – supporting France by displaying the nation’s colors on buildings such as the Empire State Building, Sydney Opera House, the Christ the Redeemer Statue in Rio de Janeiro, and many more.

There is no justification for acts of terrorism. It is only right that people are asked to not remember this horrific event by the terrorists and attackers who executed this sinful act, but to remember the innocent victims who lost their lives, the hundreds of people who were wounded and are fighting for their lives, the family members and friends who are affected by the grief of their loved ones, and, of course, the brave officers and guards who fought for the safety of their civilians against the attackers.



Students gathered in the roto on Monday to show their support. (Bryant)

# College students find new power in campus protests

By **Thomas Curwen, Jason Song and Larry Gordon**  
*MCT Campus*

If the University of Missouri was the spark, then the fire didn't take long to spread.

Since the resignation of its president and chancellor Nov. 10, protesters have organized at more than 100 colleges and universities nationwide. Social media sites have lighted up with voices of dissent, and what began as a grievance has evolved into a movement.

Inspired by the marches in Ferguson, Mo., and Black Lives Matter, students are taking to social media to question the institutions they once approached for answers.

Calling for racial and social reforms on their campuses, they are borrowing tactics of the past \_ hunger strikes, sit-ins and lists of demands \_ and have found a collective voice to address their frustrations, hurt and rage.

Their actions seem to have hit the mark.

Last week, the dean of students at Claremont McKenna College left the university after students protested her comments to a Latina student with the offer to work for those who “don't fit our CMC mold.”

Tuesday night, Jonathan Veitch, the president of Occidental College, said he and other administrators were open to considering a list of 14 reforms, including the creation of a black studies major and more diversity training, that student protesters had drawn up.

Students at the University of Southern California have similarly proposed a campuswide action plan, which includes the appointment of a top administrator to promote diversity, equity and inclusion.

Nationwide, complaints of racism and microaggression are feeding Facebook pages and websites at Harvard, Brown, Columbia and Willamette universities, as well as at Oberlin, Dartmouth and Swarthmore colleges.

Protesters at Ithaca College staged a walkout to demand the president’s resignation, and Peter Salovey, president of Yale University, announced a number of steps, including the appointment of a deputy dean of diversity, to work toward “a better, more diverse, and more inclusive Yale.”

For decades, students have helped drive social change in America, if not the world. Campuses, said University of California President Janet Napolitano, have “historically been places where social issues in the United States are raised and where many voices are heard.”

Over the decades, student protests have shifted attitudes in the country on civil rights and the Vietnam War, nuclear proliferation and apartheid, and some of today’s actions are borrowing from tactics of the past.

Although some of the strategies may seem familiar, it is the speed and the urgency of today’s protests that are different.

“What is unique about these issues is how social media has changed the way protests take place on college campuses,” said Tyrone Howard, associate dean of equity, diversity and inclusion at the University of California, Los Angeles. “A protest goes viral in no time flat. With Instagram and Twitter, you’re in an immediate news cycle. This was not how it was 20 or 30 years ago.”

Howard also believes that the effectiveness of the actions at the University of Missouri has encouraged students on other campuses to raise their voices.

“A president stepping down is a huge step,” he said. “Students elsewhere have to wonder, ‘Wow, if that can happen there, why can’t we bring out our issues to the forefront as well?’”

Shaun R. Harper, executive director of the University of Pennsylvania’s Center for the Study of Race and Equity in Education, agrees. The resignation of two top Missouri administrators, Harper said, showed students and athletes around the country that they have power they may not have realized before.

The protests show “we’re all together and we have the power to make the change we deserve,” said Lindsay Opoku-Acheampong, a senior studying biology at Occidental.

“It’s affirming,” said Dalin Celamy, also a senior at the college. “It lets us know we’re not crazy; it’s happening to people who are just like you all over the country.”

Celamy, along with other students, not only watched the unfolding protests across the country, but also looked to earlier protests, including an occupation of an administrative building at Occidental in 1968.

Echoes of the 1960s in today’s actions are clear, said Robert Cohen, a history professor at New York University and author of “Freedom’s Orator,” a biography of Mario Savio, who led the Free Speech Movement at the University of California, Berkeley in the 1960s.

“The tactical dynamism of these nonviolent protests and the public criticism of them are in important ways reminiscent of the 1960s,” Cohen said. “Today’s protests, like those in the ‘60s, are memorable because they have been effective in pushing for change and sparking dialogue as well as polarization.”

Although the targets of these protests are the blatant and subtle forms of racism and inequity that affect the

students’ lives, the message of the protests resonates with the recent incidents of intolerance and racial inequity on the streets of America.

There is a reason for this, Howard said.

Campuses are microcosms of society, he said, and are often comparable in terms of representation and opportunity. “So there is a similar fight for more representation, acceptance and inclusion.”

The dynamic can create a complicated and sensitive social order for students of color to negotiate.

“Latino and African American students are often under the belief if they leave their community and go to colleges, that it will be better,” Howard said. “They believe it will be an upgrade over the challenges that they saw in underserved and understaffed schools. But if the colleges and universities are the same as those schools, then there is disappointment and frustration.”

In addition, Howard said, when these students leave their community to go to a university, they often feel conflicted.

“So when injustice comes up,” he said, “they are quick to respond because it is what they saw in their community. On some level, it is their chance to let their parents and peers know that they have not forgotten the struggle in the community.”

On campuses and off, Harper, of the University of Pennsylvania center, finds a rising sense of impatience among African Americans about social change. “As a black person, I think black people are just fed up. It’s time out for ignoring these issues,” he said.

While protests in the 1960s helped create specific safeguards for universities today, such as Title IX, guaranteeing equal access for all students to any educational program or activity receiving federal financial assistance, a gap has widened over the years between students and administrators over perceptions of bias.

Institutions often valued for their support of free speech find themselves wrestling with the prospect of limiting free speech, but to focus on what is or isn’t politically correct avoids the more important issue, Cohen said: whether campuses are diverse enough or how to reduce racism.

Occidental student Raihana Haynes-Venerable has heard criticism that modern students are too sensitive, but she argues that subtle forms of discrimination still have a profound effect.

She pointed to women making less than men and fewer minorities getting jobs as examples.

“This is the new form of racism,” she said.



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Beta Gamma Sigma Vice Presidents, Lena Lambrou, Austin Beltis, and Isabela Velasquez. (Top photo: Molly Funk; Bottom Photo: Bryant Beta Gamma Sigma)

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## Google opens doors for advertisers

By Stephanie Klopp  
Contributing Writer

Our world today is consumed by media, whether it be through using social media on iPhone applications, or browsing surf engines on a computer.. Through all this media is a world of advertising, and as of now companies like Google are limited to the screens of personal technological devices. But what if there was a way for Google to reach you while absent from your cellular device or your computer?

According to Business Insider, Google is currently changing the outdoor advertising industry through a trial of extending its DoubleClick ad technology beyond desktop computer screens and mobile phones to billboards. Google has purchased the advertisement space in some of London’s highest traffic areas such as London’s Waterloo Station, Euston Road, and Vauxhall roundabout, and depending on the time and location certain billboard advertisements will be on display relevant to that passerby.

For the first time, the company is testing a method for top billboard ads to be purchased programmatically rather than manually placing an order with an outdoor advertising company upfront. Beginning in month of October, creative agencies and multiple advertising companies have partnered up with Google for tests which will be ending in November. If the project is

successful, advertisers will have the ability to buy billboard advertisements with Google’s DoubleClick technology pulling in historical and real-time data indicators – such as weather, sporting events, travel information, etc. This will help to decide which creative messages to display, which billboards they should be displayed on, and the best time for them to run. The purpose of this is to display ads relevant to that location, time, and passerby, and if the passing viewers are not the correct audience then the technology will not exhibit an advertisement at that time.

This idea of programmatic out-of-home advertising is not a completely new concept to us. Multiple advertising companies such as Xaxis, Rubicon Project, and TubeMogul have recently launched programmatic out-of-home offerings as well. So what makes this trial so different? For one thing, according to Business Insider, it is Google’s DoubleClick making the advancement. This is the company that dominates the internet display advertising market and is used by practically every advertiser. Another reason being that Google has been testing the programmatic billboards in some of the United Kingdom’s most populated out-of-home locations, gaining wide and immediate responses from the passing audience.

Tim Collier, Mobile solutions lead for Google’s DoubleClick, states the trial is just a “proof of concept” test at the moment, however, it has allowed companies

involved to understand what it is they need to modify in order to check the out-of-home and digital worlds. “There is a common misconception that the merging of these two industries is straightforward,” says Collier, as reported by Business Insider. “This test has highlighted a number of areas that are fundamentally different and which will require further development and integration before this becomes a market reality.” Collier mentions some of the basic challenges with this concept is identifying the right engagement metrics and the collection of spectator data. Unlike online and print billboard advertisements, it is difficult to measure the precise impact – or amount of views and clicks.

Although this is only a “proof of concept”, it can make all the difference in the outdoor advertising industry. If this becomes a reality, Google will have the ability to offer advertisers a way of reaching consumers just about anywhere in the digital world.



## ‘Paid Patriotism’: National Football League accepting payment from the Department of Defense to honor American soldiers

By Casey Regan  
Contributing Writer

It seems like the NFL can’t avoid controversy these days. With the recent cases surrounding Ray Rice, Aaron Hernandez, and “Deflategate”, the NFL has constantly been in hot water; and it looks like the temperature is only getting hotter.

Anyone that’s been to a professional football game knows that the NFL prides itself on supporting the US military and its veterans. It’s not uncommon to see veterans march onto the turf during the Star Spangled Banner or videos of soldiers overseas saying hello to their families during a game. However, a recent discovery by the New Jersey Ledger has football fans questioning whether these salutes are in any way genuine. According to Business Insider, fourteen teams including the New York Jets, Green Bay Packers, Miami Dolphins, and Baltimore Ravens have happily accepted payment from the United States Department of Defense to honor military veterans and soldiers during games. This, along with the fact that these funds are coming from United States taxpayers, has fans and politicians alike questioning the integrity of the National Football League. Over the course of four years (2011-2015), the NFL has accepted over \$6 million of taxpayer money just to show that they care (or, one can argue, to show that they pretend to care) about the military.

The Department of Defense has defended their position on the subject, claiming that the NFL is a great “recruitment tool” due to the strong link between the typical gender and age demographic of football fans and the military age requirement. According to opendorse.com, 68 percent of the American football fans are male, and around 20 percent of these fans are ages 18-34 years old. While the Department of Defense and the NFL both have had a history of working together to recruit young men

and women to join the military by using advertisements and sponsorships, people are questioning whether it is ethical for 1) the military to use taxpayer money to honor veterans and 2) the NFL to even accept this payment in the first place. According to BloombergBusiness, the NFL’s commissioner, Roger Goodell (who is also no stranger to controversy) plans to “conduct audits of all contracts between its clubs and military service branches” and claims that all funds not related to “recruitment or advertising” will be fully refunded. The question is, however; did Goodell know this was happening? And if he did, why is he only addressing it now?

The largest problem here is the lack of transparency between the NFL and its customers . The NFL is a business, a large corporate entity, and its customers are the fans. Therefore, it is a customer’s right to know what goes on within the company and where their money is going. The fact that this has been going on for four years and has only just been exposed shows the intentional secrecy of the NFL, whether Roger Goodell admits it or not. A business must be open and honest with it’s customers, and the NFL certainly has not been in this case.

Not only will this impact relations between the NFL and veterans of the military, it will impact the credibility of the organization as a business in general. In a normal corporate setting, a situation like this could potentially result in bankruptcy due to the loss of customers. However, since a business like the NFL has such an influence over its customers, this situation will not result in a significant amount of monetary loss for the league.

This situation is not right nor ethical for a business such as the National Football League. Additionally, it is not fair for the veterans involved, either. It is disheartening to know this type of practice takes place, and that the NFL has no problem taking advantage of their customers, those who truly love the sport of American football.





# Snapchat to charge 99 cents each for visual effects

By Paresh Dave  
MCT Campus



Snapchat has another way to make money from its disappearing-message app: pay up, and the fun stuff won't disappear.

The Snapchat app centers on ephemerality; most photos, videos and other content shared on Snapchat become inaccessible if not viewed within a certain time frame.

So does stuff used to garnish posts including digital stickers called "geofilters" and animations that Snapchat calls "lenses." For example, a banner like "Friday the 13th" strewn across an image, or an add-on to

turn your eyes into laser guns. Many disappear after a day or a few.

But on Friday, Snapchat said users could pay 99 cents per lens to keep the lenses they create – forever.

According to Snapchat, the deal is a result of consumer demand, like another recently introduced option for users on the receiving end to purchase three extra views of self-destructing messages for 99 cents.

Snapchat does not reveal usage statistics for lenses, but social media chatter and feedback from the first people to use a lens as a marketing tool indicate that millions of people are decorating their photos with the virtual effects.

"Our community really loves the lenses and have been asking to keep them for longer than a few days," Snapchat spokeswoman Mary Ritti said in

an email. "We created the Lens Store to give them that option."

Charging for extra functions is a already a popular revenue-enhancement strategy for apps in gaming, dating and chatting. Dating app Tinder now sits among the top 20 apps by revenue in the U.S. after introducing highly requested features \_ for a fee \_this year. Pricing varies, but users pay about \$10 for a package that includes the ability to search for dates around the world rather than just nearby.

Facebook, which got about 90 percent of its revenue this year from ads, is hoping to find ways to make money from its Messenger chat app, too. Snapchat is clearly an inspiration in other ways. This week, Facebook began testing a feature with users in France that optionally self-destructs messages in Messenger after an hour

# Big Data in Formula 1 Racing: Don't overwhelm humans

By Professor Michael Roberto  
Bryant University

Fortune has a fascinating article about how Formula 1 teams are using the internet of things and data analytics to win auto races. According to the article,

"These machines, each valued at more than \$9 million (a steering wheel alone is worth \$77,000 or so) are more than just pricey contraptions capable of whizzing around the track at more than 200 miles per hour. They are also intelligent, thanks to the many dozens of sensors fastened to them. Each sensor communicates with the track, the crew in the pit, a broadcast crew on-site, and a second team of engineers back home in Europe."

The team then uses predictive algorithms to help them understand how the car will perform under certain track conditions. These data guide key decisions. However, they are careful not to put too much on the driver's plate. After all, he or she is concentrating on many factors while driving at a very high rate of speed. The team doesn't want to overwhelm the "cognitive capacity" of the driver. In other words, they have to boil all that data down to a few key items about which they want to make the driver aware.

That description sounds quite similar to how a great football coach operates. They conduct extensive analysis of the opponent, breaking down game film and evaluating data about the strengths and weaknesses of that team. The coaches then build game plan. However, they have to keep the ultimate plan simple enough so that players can make fast decisions on the field. They want them to still act instinctively and not be overwhelmed by too much information. Managers in all types of enterprises should take note. We want data analysis to guide people's decisions, but we have to keep in mind the cognitive capacity of those individuals. We have to be able to boil down all that data to a few key principles and recommendations that they can implement effectively and quickly.



# The Biz Update with Shayan

By Shayan Ushani  
Business and Marketing Director

The week coming up is a hectic one. If someone was to tell you they know what is going to happen, chances are they are lying or misguided. To start off was the Paris Attacks. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize what an awful tragedy it was, and my prayers go out to the families of the victims. At times investors can forget about the big, big picture. This involves geopolitics which can disrupt entire financial systems and, as shown before, the economy as well.

When 9/11 occurred, the stock market crashed. The Cac 40, France's major stock exchange in Paris, has a cloud over it and chances are it will turn bearish. Due to a situation like this, all western markers will be extremely volatile coming up, including the FTSE 100, DAX, and NYSE/NASDAQ/DOW. This past month, this has happened to Brazil when fears arose over their president's possible impeachment, which left many of the country's bonds getting lower ratings.

Asian markets may seem to some to be at a good buying time due to short term turbulence and weak earnings, but some are taking notice of an increasing in consumer spending. October retail sales fell short of expectations and November and December are very crucial times for many companies, from Amazon and Alibaba to BestBuy and Target. If consumer spending ultimately doesn't reach its potential, there is risk of much lower than anticipated

inflation, which could be an effect of stagnant wages. A few economists are pointing out that some economic data may be a symptom of this very problem: low wages. Employment may have gone up, but this is due to some being paid the same as they were years before or just simply being hired as part-time workers.

A bearish outlook for equities does not apply across the board for all securities. Typically when investors are pulling their money out of the markets, they hedge it into commodities, most especially gold. Many on the street and on magazines see a good rise in the coming months for gold with a bullish consensus of \$1,350. Oil has maintained a support at \$40 and resistance at \$50 for quite some time with a short term decline. Silver has been staying flat between \$13 and \$16 for the later half of 2015 and with China's continued shortcomings of demand, the metal is not going to rise anytime soon.

The forex market will be shaky as well due to concerns over the Euro and most likely with The Fed's Janet Yellen's remarks about raising rates leading the U.S. Dollar to gain on its Euro counterpart.

A short term drop is likely and is due to weakening consumer spending and poor global macroeconomic data. In the upcoming week, expect data on Existing Home Sales, GDP, Durable Good Orders, Jobless Claims, and New Home Sales.

# Have a business idea? Apply now for up to \$5000

By Tim Levene  
Web Editor

Bryant University is the second school to receive a grant from the Anne Goss Foundation after MIT. In memory of Jackson W. Goss, the foundation has started to invest in universities that have a focus in entrepreneurship and opportunities for student ventures. The success of Bryant Ventures and Bryant Collegiate Entrepreneurs' Organization programs have allowed the university to be given this grant. Just last year, Bryant CEO had received its fifth national best chapter award in a single decade, and this year they were among the top four chapters to compete at the national conference in Kansas City.

As a result of getting this grant, Bryant has created an application process for students to receive anywhere between \$500 and \$5000 to further their business idea or to learn more about entrepreneurship. The Jackson W. Goss prize in Entrepreneurship is in its second year, and Bryant is still looking for more applicants prior to the November 25th due date. When filling out the application, one must have quotes from potential vendors and be able to explain how you will effectively use the money to either further your business idea or educate yourself in entrepreneurship. Past winners have used this money for a variety of purposes such as attending conferences, purchasing software packages and hiring programmers.

In order to apply, please request an application from Eileen Deary (edeary2@bryant.edu). If you have any questions about the Goss Prize, please direct your questions to Lou Mazzucchelli (lmazzucchelli@bryant.edu).

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# Bryant falls to defending champion Duke

By Joel Moffit  
Staff Writer

The Bryant Men's Basketball team faced a daunting challenge in their season opener, traveling to the famous Cameron Indoor Stadium to take on defending national champion Duke in front of the vaunted Cameron Crazies. Despite Bryant's best efforts, the Blue Devils, led by Hall of Fame Coach Mike Krzyzewski, and the nation's top incoming freshman class, won going away by a score of 113-75.

Bryant hung in there with the favored home team for much of the first half briefly tying the game at 7 on a beautiful feed from Gus Riley to Hunter Ware. The Bulldogs continued to battle trailing only 17-12 through the 12 minute mark in the first half. However, Duke gradually pressed their advantage extending their lead to 59-32 at the half. The first half was a foul-plagued affair with the Bulldogs called for 14 fouls alone much to the delight of the home crowd. Duke took advantage of Bryant foul trouble and their own hot shooting continued to build their lead in the second half. They held the Bulldogs at arm's length throughout the final 20 minutes, increasing their lead to the final margin of 38.

Sophomore Grayson Allen keyed the Duke offensive attack scoring a game and career high of 28 points. Touted freshman Brandon Ingram added 21 points including four made three-point shots. Guard Matt Jones shook off a groin injury to add 19 points with 5 three-pointers in just 22 minutes. Duke took advantage of their massive size advantage to out rebound Bryant 43-27, and also forced 19 turnovers resulting in fast break points.

The three point shot was also a key to Duke's success as they made eight in the first half en route to 13 for the game at a 50 percent success rate. Bryant, however, matched their shooting prowess making 13 for their game at an identical percentage. Hunter Ware paced the Bulldogs with 24 points including six made three pointers, showing that he is ready to pick up the scoring void left by the graduated Dyami Starks.

Also playing for the Bulldogs was Nisre Zouzoua who, in his first collegiate game, scored 16 points off the bench, making four three pointers. Also contributing



Bryant fought hard against the defending champions, but came up short in the end (Bryant Athletics)

were preseason all-conference Dan Garvin who scored eight points and grabbed eight rebounds, and forward Gus Riley who also scored eight points and added five rebounds. Shane McLaughlin played a team high 39 minutes and played his usual solid game recording six assists.

Four players also made their Bryant debuts in this hostile environment. Zouzoua showed great promise excelling against fierce competition. Marcel Pettway faced a daunting challenge in the well known, physical Duke frontcourt and held his own, scoring eight points.

Senior transfer Dennis Levene and guard Taylor McHugh also took the court for the first time in a Bryant uniform, and Levene added two points on two attempts from the field. In their upcoming games the team will look to build off of the many positives and learn from the challenges of playing a powerhouse such as Duke.

The Bulldogs are next in action against Emerson in their first home game of the year Wednesday, November 18 at 7:00p.m. at the Chase Athletic Center.

## Addressing the controversy between daily fantasy sports: a game of skill?

By Sam Robinson  
Contributing Writer

Over the past decade, sports have been revolutionized in many unique ways. Changes in the rules of the game have improved the quality of sports, while athletes only continue to get better as they progress. That being said, games are more competitive and the demand for fans to be entertained is fulfilled more and more with each coming season. As you can imagine, a sports franchise is like a holy grail for marketability through advertisement and sponsorship.

Fantasy football became popular in the early 2000's. The platform was simple; you and a group of friends started a

league in which you have your own teams, and compete head to head every week throughout the season. The teams were devised by holding a mock draft in which people in the league drafted players that would eventually fill their roster. Players were selected based upon their potential to earn points off of statistics that may be achieved in a real football game.

As you can see, this is a very time-consuming process. Fantasy sports seasons also last for weeks on end within the real sports season. The innovation of daily fantasy sports created an ease for the consumer, as well as a much higher potential to gain profit. In these cases, you pay money to pick up players rather than hold a draft. Players that typically

do better cost more money to purchase and with that, your chances of winning against others that week would obviously increase. The seemingly effortless aspects with quick upside profit potential became popular almost overnight. Sites such as Fan Duel and Draft Kings both respectively struck advertisement deals with major sports leagues, and popularity quickly rose faster and faster. Why wouldn't you want to play the fantasy game you love in a fraction of the time while making tons of money?

When you put money into something and expect to see a quick and substantial profit based upon an outside force you have little to no control over, it sounds a lot like gambling. Yet, because a game of this nature requires knowledgeable and strategic planning, it is not considered as such; at least in the eyes of those who run these daily fantasy franchises.

Thus bringing us to our controversy: are daily fantasy sports considered methods of illegal gambling? In the public eye; it's a game you play for fun and it requires methods and studying the statistics to win big. In select states eye's, it is unregulated cash flow and should be considered one in the same as other games (such as online poker), and thus outlawed. Steps have already been taken to begin removing these sites from public use in six states. The newest to join that crowd; New York, holds over 500,000

daily fantasy users. New York currently holds more players in their state than any other, and the upholding and removal of such a number of customers could be detrimental to these businesses. Though there is uncertainty over the final say in New York, the bottom line is that daily fantasy sports sites show no signs or intentions of slowing down. This poses an intriguing predicament for someone who may be a young investor or a consumer. As a consumer, this controversy may steer you away because of potential sanctions that may fall against you depending on the state you live in.

As an investor, you may be pushed away from a potential opportunity due to the negative tag, as well as the fact of how these companies got so rich so quickly. On the other hand, you may be persuaded to invest based upon the popularity of the game. After all, who wouldn't want to make an extraordinary profit in an unprecedented amount of time? Whether it be classified as gambling, or a game of skill, is this not the image being created?

One thing is certain; daily fantasy sports are the hot new trend. The outcome of this ongoing controversy will either solidify them in the business world, or knock them down and out as other trendy companies before them.





# Intramural Update

By Kevin Pawlack  
Staff Writer

### Indoor Soccer

Intramural soccer began this past week with many teams eager to start their season. One game from this week that drew attention was Habibiz and On the Spot Dicespin. Habibiz demonstrated great play as a team, with five different players scoring. Diana Burgos was the leader of the night with three goals, while Arsh Majithia and Javier Macedo contributed two goals of their own. Stefano Gallizio and Rodrigo Nogueroles also scored one goal apiece. Goalie Vraajesh Kurup was solid, making ten saves.



Gosselin’s Freshman 15 also turned in an impressive performance against What’s the Mata. Ian Corey led the squad in scoring with four goals. Kevin Cole and Alex Ebner each scored twice to contribute to the team’s 9-1 victory. Catherine Magut, Justin Marsh, and Jacob Zuchowski also played very well contributing five assists among the three of them. The most intense game of the week came from Bryant SC and Taladro FC. Dane Sullivan scored for Bryant SC, while Gian Caputi tied the game at one. The hero of the night was Ryan Goldberg scoring the game winning goal to give Bryant SC a 2-1 victory. Edward Henriquez played at the top of his game, making eleven saves, and doing everything he could to help his team win the game.

## This week’s scores

**Football** – Game Nov 14th  
Bryant (5-5) 19  
Sacred Heart (5-5) 28

**Men’s Basketball** – Game Nov 14th  
Bryant (0-1) 75  
Duke (2-0) 113

**Women’s Basketball** – Game Nov 15th  
Bryant (0-2) 62  
Cornell (1-1) 70

**Women’s Swimming** – Meet Nov 15th  
Loss to Vermont, 172-120. Winners included Nicole Salzano (200 back), and Kelci Abernethy (3 meter).

**Cross Country** – NCAA Northeast Regional Championships Nov 14th  
Women finished 33rd out of 38 teams, Men finished 33rd out of 37 teams. Elizabeth Willmonton finished first for Bryant and 153rd overall. Milan Duka finished first for Bryant and 110th overall.

**Volleyball** – Game Nov 15th  
Bryant (19-13) 0  
Saint Francis U. (6-23) 3

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## Week’s Best Sports Tweets

“Congrats bulldogs on 75 pts at Duke last night. Just as I arrived for game in Cameron lost phone battery. No pics only memories & ideas”  
@BryantUprez

“VB: @bryant\_vball secures three seed in NEC Tournament despite 3-0 loss in regular-season finale”  
@BryantAthletics

“Interested in being Tupper the Mascot? Email [nschleicher@bryant.edu](mailto:nschleicher@bryant.edu)”  
@Bryant\_Rec

“Larocque earns Second Team All-NEC honors <http://bit.ly/1Ms0THe> @Bryantmensoccer”  
@BryantAthletics

“Indoor Turf field gathers steam Hope to have all beams up by Thanksgiving. Reindeer on the roof by Christmas”  
@BryantUprez



# Why is the military paying the NFL?

By Kristen Smith  
Contributing Writer

According to CBS Sports, The United States Defense Department paid 14 New England Football teams over \$5.4 million to honor and support soldiers. Football is America’s most popular sport from college football to professional football, and its championship game, the Super Bowl, ranks among the most watched club sporting events in the world. The Super Bowl itself has an annual revenue of around \$10 billion, with military money being a large portion of that.

Teams were paid from \$4,960 to \$400,000 in 2014 to spread a heartwarming message to show the NFL’s appreciation of the troops. The military uses this as a way of thanking the troops along with an advertisement for future recruitments. Now, in 2015, the highest paid team is the Falcons, receiving a total of \$1,049,500 in five payments. “Promoting and increasing the public’s understanding and appreciation of military service in the New Jersey Army National Guard increases the propensity



Sports fans have had bittersweet opinions about this payment by the NFL. (yahoo sports)

for service in our ranks and garners public support for our Hometown Team,” Guard spokesman Patrick Daugherty said according to CBS Sports.

One show of support is when the selected football team features a soldier or two on the big screen, announces

their name(s) and asks the crowd to thank them for their service. Another is simply welcoming a soldier back from a deployment, or flying an American Flag over the field and creating a moment of silence for the soldiers. The NFL has also created the “Salute to

Service” award which, according to their website, was “created to acknowledge the exceptional efforts by members of the NFL community to honor and support U.S. service members, veterans and their families.”

Sports fans all have bittersweet opinions about this phenomenon that has been going on. “Those of us go to sporting events and see them honoring the heroes,” Sen. Jeff Flake tells NJ.com. “You get a good feeling in your heart. Then to find out they’re doing it because they’re compensated for it; it leaves you underwhelmed. It seems a little unseemly”, according to Newser. The majority of fans have just found out that the words they are viewing on the Scoreboard and the special halftime hero dedication are all paid events.

# The Times’ college football rankings:

By Chris Dufresne  
MCT Campus

The ranking has a new look this week after Baylor, Stanford, Louisiana State and Utah got clipped last week. There are impostors living as national title contenders, but the playoff selection committee at this point has no choice but to elevate some teams that would be tied for fourth if they were members of the Pac-12 South.

1; Alabama 9-1; Rankman had dream last night where Bear peered down from white tower and smiled. (3)

2; Clemson 10-0; In advance of Wake Forest, coach says he can’t believe his players never heard of Arnold Palmer. (1)

3; Ohio State 10-0; This season’s Florida State: undefeated, unspectacular defending champs with quarterback issues. (2)

4; Notre Dame 9-1; Hoping Irish can wrap one around Pesky Pole this week at Fenway Park. (4)

5; Oklahoma State 10-0; Not sure how you got here, but congratulations and please take a mint. (7)

6; Iowa 10-0; Inspiring story except on campus where 9,000 student tickets remained unsold Monday. (10)

7; Oklahoma 9-1; California invites Sooners to Berkeley for off-season seminar on how to beat Texas. (16)

8; Michigan State 9-1; Status of Cook’s throwing shoulder is “great,” “feels good,” and “I’m not going to answer that.” (11)

9; Florida 9-1; Eight games played in state of Florida this season ties record previously held by Florida. (12)

10; North Carolina 9-1; Blue-hot Atlantic Coast Conference team otherwise known as “Clemson’s worst nightmare.” (18)

11; Stanford 8-2; Center snap perfected by most kids in league founded by former coach Pop Warner. (5)

12; Baylor 8-1; Reminds Rankman of famous quote: “You can fool some of the people some of the time ... “ (6)

13; Texas Christian 9-1; If Boykin can’t play, this week’s game will be over Sooner rather than later. (13)

14; Utah 8-2; After double-overtime win, Arizona fan screamed, “Our canyon is better than yours too!” (9)

15; Navy 8-1; Off to best start since black-and-white days of Camelot and Staubach. (20)

16; Michigan 8-2; Unusual scheduling has team closing with Penn State ... Ohio State ... Quaker State? (14)

17; Houston 10-0; Ready to secede from Texas and form own undefeated, independent football state. (17)

18; Florida State 8-2; Last year at this time we knew all the stats and names of key players. (19)

19; Northwestern 8-2; Needs one win to eclipse basketball team’s victory total from 2007-08. (21)

20; Oregon 7-3; Might have flown home without plane after Stanford, but it’s duck season. (23)

21; Louisiana State 7-2; McNeese State (9-0) called to see if it could reschedule game wiped out by weather. (8)

22; USC 7-3; Campaign #Helton2016 tells staffers it’s funded up to 12:30 p.m. kickoff on Saturday.( 24)

23; Wisconsin 8-2; Many people consider loss to Alabama the Badgers’ best win this season. (25)

24; Washington State 7-3; Hoping for rematch against Portland State in first round of 1-AA playoffs. (NR)

25; UCLA 7-3; Coached erred pregame when he told team, “We need to play a complete 59 minutes 57 seconds !” (22)

Dropped out: Temple (15).

Moved in: Washington State.

# End of season playoff preview

By Matt Murschel  
MCT Campus

After four of the five teams ranked in the top 10 lost, the smoke is clearing and the College Football Playoff picture is becoming a bit clearer.

Take a closer look at the conferences vying to send teams to the semifinals and lucrative New Years Six bowl games.

**ACC**

The Buzz: Top-ranked Clemson (10-0) is the league’s best hope for landing a team in the playoff semifinals. The Tigers wrap up conference play against Wake Forest before taking on rival South Carolina; both games in which they’ll be heavy favorites. Clemson is the most likely of the top four teams to win out, according to ESPN’s Football Power Index. A showdown with a red-hot North Carolina (9-1) team climbing the rankings would be an attractive option for the ACC Championship Game, but a possible Clemson loss in the title game would make the league’s path to the national championship nearly impossible.

**BIG TEN**

The Buzz: If Ohio State (10-0) is going to get back to the semifinals, it will have to earn it. The Buckeyes have the toughest remaining schedule of the current four teams, with showdowns against ranked Michigan State (9-1) and Michigan (8-2). Win out and Urban Meyer’s team could face an Iowa (10-0) team ranked in the top five in the Big Ten Championship Game. A slip-up could open the door for another Big Ten team.

**BIG 12**

The Buzz: Remember when all the preseason talk centered on whether Baylor or TCU would get into the playoff? It’s funny how things work out. Now it appears the Big 12’s best chances rest on a team from the state of Oklahoma. The Sooners (9-1) became serious contenders after knocking off Baylor (8-1) Saturday night, while Oklahoma State (10-0) survived an upset bid by Iowa State. Both have crucial showdowns this week (Oklahoma vs. TCU, Oklahoma State vs. Baylor) and if both survive, they’ll meet in the regular-season finale to determine the Big 12 champion and a possible playoff spot.

**SEC**

The Buzz: From the very start, the thought of an SEC team not making the playoff seemed far-fetched. Outside of Clemson, Alabama (9-1) appears to have the easiest path to win out the rest of the season with games against Charleston Southern and Auburn left. Survive and the Tide will face Florida (9-1) in the SEC Championship Game. The Gators remain the only other SEC team left in the mix and face a tougher remaining schedule than Alabama, with games against FAU and a ranked FSU team. Win the next three games and Jim McElwain’s team should be in. Simple enough, right?

**PAC-12**

The Buzz: Sorry, Pac-12. With Stanford (8-2) and Utah (8-2) both stumbling this weekend, the door to the playoff has effectively closed. But the good news is I think the selection committee validates parking.

**NOTRE DAME**

The Buzz: A week ago, Notre Dame (9-1) appeared to have the clearest path to the playoff; win and you’re in. But that was before Temple and Stanford both stumbled Saturday night. Now, a regular-season finale with the Cardinal may not be strong enough in the selection committee’s eyes. Could the Irish clinch a semifinal spot with one quality loss to Clemson?

**AMERICAN**

The Buzz: Houston (10-0) and Navy (8-1) are long-shots to make college football’s final four, but one of these two will find their way into a New Year’s Six bowl game as the highest-ranked team from the Group of Five conferences.



# What is your definition of Thanksgiving?

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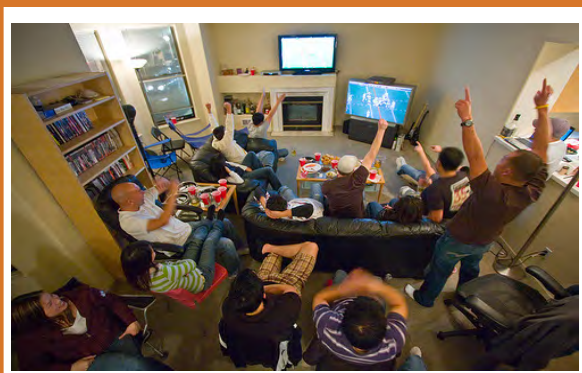
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## Are educational institutions focusing too much on exams?

By John Logan  
Business Editor

Think back to last spring's final exam period. For instance, your class schedule, the classes you took, and the professors you had. Now I want you to pick one specific class. Imagine you are sitting down at your desk with your pencil ready and the professor hands you the Final Exam again.

Do you think you would be able to score a lower grade, the same grade, or a higher grade compared to the first time you took the exam? Most people would say a lower grade. Not just a lower grade, but a much lower grade.

Why are educational systems putting so much emphasis on our exam performance to tell us how "smart" or "successful" we are? Exams are conducted to see if we learned the content in class, right? But here is the ironic part: Do we read the textbook to *understand* the material or simply to *memorize* the material, in order to pass the exam and receive a high GPA?

I personally believe exams are testing those who have the best short-term memory. In other words, educational institutions should focus more on hands-on experiences rather than test-taking to educate their students. For example, we already pay over \$50,000 on tuition and now we are required to buy textbooks ranging anywhere from \$500-900. We then read these chapters, think of creative acronyms to memorize the content, drink coffee until 2 am, and color code our notes in order to engrave information into our minds.

Here's the thing: this information only stays in our minds for a short period. More specifically, just enough time to pass the test. I know that we are supposed to know the information to help us in the real world, but let's be honest: where does that information go after two weeks?

Many students are not actually learning and processing the information, but rather filling

their minds with stress over this burden to "know" the material, not to understand it. More specifically, according to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 7 percent of full-time undergraduate college students aged between 18 and 22 use Adderall, a drug that enhances focus and attention. This is a type of prescription drug designed to treat Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. Even though it has legitimate medical use, it also has a "high potential for abuse."

Exams can also cause sleep deprivation and poor eating habits, which in reality have no positive impact on taking exams. A student does this in order to receive a high grade on the exam, but is it worth it in the end? I know I'm talking about all the negative aspects of exams, but what should colleges do instead?

My argument (and proposal) is that a college curriculum should focus more on real world and hands on experiences, NOT test taking to encourage learning. In 2001, The No Child Left Behind Act was introduced which was supposed to improve educational quality for students.

According to the New America Foundation, "The No Child Left Behind Act requires states to test students in reading and mathematics annually. States must test students in science once in grades 3-5, 6-8, and 10-12 while publicly reporting their test results." This Act required states and school districts to ensure all students are proficient in grade-level math and reading by 2014.

However, many critics believe this idea has actually "brain-washed" students in order for them to be proficient in test taking at a young age so they can be "successful" when they reach higher educational institution environments (then the cycle begins again). If educational institutions are suppose to prepare us for the real world, then they should ACTUALLY prepare us for the real world, not provide us with written exams which we don't actually do in the real-world.

The school system should be based on projects and case studies that have to do with companies and businesses. Why? Because that's what the real world is. Now of course there are a few exception courses offered at Bryant, one of them being public speaking. In this course, we are critiqued each week by presenting a speech. We are actually doing what we would be doing in the "real world". Another class is Management and Business 400. We have to communicate on a professional level with another organization to design practical and innovative programs they could actually implement.

Additionally, educational systems need to start taking into consideration the Generation Y learning style. For those who don't know what I am talking about, the Florida Institute of Technology lists the "GenY" traits as having a short attention span, being team oriented, and learning visually. In addition, Everest College also states that hands-on experiences can enhance greater retention and critical thinking skills. It also provides us skills to learn how to gain access to materials and resources in real world situations.

So please tell me this: With the traits listed above, how can 30 students from this generation sit in chairs behind tables, listen to a professor talk anywhere from 45 minutes to three hours (re-iterating content on a PowerPoint slide) and learn how to be successful in the real world? This method may have worked in the past with the Generation X and Baby Boomers, but it obviously isn't effective anymore.

Professors must be able to understand this concept and adapt their teaching styles to our culture.

Oh, and just to remind you, our generation cannot pay attention for more than twenty seconds, so kudos to you if you are actually still reading this article. Actually, to be honest, email me and I am willing to buy you a coffee if you



are still reading this article. I'm not joking. Seriously.

Anyway, I believe some professors at Bryant are starting to recognize this trend and others are not. For instance, the IDEA Program may have been the best thing Bryant has done with their academic curriculum. This program should NOT just be three-day program, rather EVERY department should adapt to this learning style. In this program, students are dealing with real-world problems and thinking of practical and creative ways to fix these problems with a hands-on experience. Bryant is also building the new Academic Innovation Center, which I cannot wait to see.

The main goal for attending college is to learn and receive a job you enjoy, right? But let's back it up first – correct me if I'm wrong, but according to society, how "successful" you are in school is determined by your GPA. You try to receive a high GPA to impress companies and prove to them that you are a hard working individual, right? But the majority of the time, the determining factor for your GPA is from test-taking since most schools heavily weight Midterms and Final Exams. But if exams are simply testing who has the best short term memory (since most students read to *memorize* not to *understand*), then aren't you just trying to receive a high GPA to show companies you have a good short-term memory? And I'm pretty sure having a great short term memory (and no other skills) is not a good thing to have in the business world...

Fortunately, companies are understanding this theory and they have become more interested in your portfolio, involve-ments, and experiences rather than your GPA. For example, if you were a CEO of a company, would you hire a student with 4.0 GPA and no real-life experiences on their resume, or a student with 3.4 GPA who has experience in the field and can apply these hands-on experiences to real-life situations?

Laszlo Bock, Senior Vice President of Human Operations for Google, hires the Google employ-

ees. He states "GPAs are worthless as a criteria for hiring and test scores are worthless. We found that they do not predict anything. The number one ability we look for is general cognitive ability and learning ability. It is the ability to process on the fly and the second is leadership." In other words, one of the most successful companies in the world claims you need to know how to "learn on the fly." So how can studying from a textbook help you "learn on the fly" and teach you "leadership skills" without doing any hands-on experience? The word "business" does not mean sitting behind a desk all day anymore; the new definition of "business" is how to think as a team and create innovative ideas, which companies are now focusing on.

Before I end this, I want to clarify that I am not trying to tell you to protest studying for exams or not to focus on your GPA (especially if you are on scholarship or your industry is GPA-driven, since then you need to maintain those good grades). Yes, the content we learn is important, but it is the WAY we learn the content that needs to be altered. For instance, many students nowadays believe exams and quizzes are FORCING them to "learn."

School systems need to realize that this mindset and concept is intimidating, which then causes stress for students, therefore allowing students to not understand the content, but rather memorize content to pass an exam. It is an on-going cycle that needs to be changed.

I know at this point I'm just talking in circles, but again please understand I am not saying that you shouldn't be concerned with your GPA. It is a very important factor, and it will help you be successful. All I'm saying is that the school system needs to put more emphasis on the Generation Y learning style and less emphasis on using exams to test how smart we are.

Oh, will you look at that. My phone just went off reminding me I have an exam tomorrow consisting of 50 multiple choice questions on PowerPoint slides.



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# The impact we have on others

*The Special Olympics Fall Games win Bryant's heart*

By Gianna Pizzano  
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At 7:30 am on a Saturday morning, while most college students are still sound asleep, an array of Bryant University students are donating their time for a special cause. The Special Olympics Fall Games is a day that Bryant University participants will remember forever. This is the day they so generously gave up their time to help hundreds of young adults with intellectual disabilities that came out to showcase their athletic ability through a series of games, including tennis, flag football, and bocce.

One main concern about the Special Olympic Games is that the athletes remain safe and are protected no matter what the situation. Chris Hopkins, Director of Programming for Special Olympics Rhode Island, feels, "safety is first and foremost. That's something everyone in our office takes seriously." Minor adjustments have been changed throughout the years for safety purposes.

These athletes take the events seriously, particularly flag football. Injuries occur in every sport, and it is difficult to control all prevention, however, this year, the Director of Programming made sure these risks were taken care of as much as possible.

"This year, we had a variety of EMTs scattered over the fields to monitor and stabilize the games and made sure everyone was wearing mouth pieces," Hopkins says. The implementation of more EMTs and added volunteers made



it easier to follow the time schedule as well.

The time and effort put into this event made it run smoothly. The Bryant volunteers started working with Chris Hopkins as soon as they got back to campus from summer break. Two months of preparation, organization, and promotion were put into running the separate events throughout the day. Although finding volunteers to set up and collapse the fields, advertising the event through social media and local newspapers regularly, and making sure everything is set-up correctly to run efficiently can be tough, the Bryant University volunteers were more than willing to accept the challenge without hesitation.

Hopkins has developed a strong relationship with Bryant University athletics over the years. He pointed out "The (Bryant University) softball team came to us three or four years

back and was interested in managing and running the Fall Games since the Spring Games they are usually in season. At this point we were looking to start three new sports; the timing and the opportunity was perfect."

The relationship formed not only between Bryant and Chris Hopkins, but also between Bryant and the young athletes participating in the events. Chris Hopkins states that, "those volunteers are the future of Special Olympics. I have the best job in the world, and it is my own personal goal to make everyone who has a connection with Special Olympics have a positive experience." This has become a special event for everyone volunteering from Bryant University because of the memories made, and the smiles dressed on the athletes' faces.

# It's just a red cup

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It's that time of the year again – the holiday season. The leaves are turning colors, the stores are out of turkeys, Black Friday commercials are harassing us, and Starbucks has finally released its long awaited holiday themed cup. But this year, something's different.

Instead of its usual red cup with Christmas decorations (ornaments, sleighs, Christmas trees, snowflakes), Starbucks released a cup it describes as a "two-toned ombré design, with a bright poppy color on top that shades into a darker cranberry below." So basically it is a plain red cup. Having seen people consistently doodle on their cups, Starbucks claims that they wanted a "blank canvas for customers to create their own stories."

This plain cup has caused a controversy between the company and many Christian/Catholic patrons of the coffee house. Many of these customers argue that this is another attack in the "war on Christmas." In reaction, CNN reports claim people have been saying their name is Merry Christmas so barista's are forced to write the holiday onto the cup.

I see this reaction from Starbucks customers as unwarranted and apathetic. First of all, it is a cup that people can choose to buy. The company has a right to freedom of speech in the form of its design. Starbuck does not owe anyone a Christmas themed cup, and if the company wants to leave the design as a "blank canvas for its customers", there is no reason they shouldn't. Besides, the company has such a loyal fan base to its expensive coffee that there is no way their profits would be

affected by a cup design – no matter how controversial. Secondly, the war on Christmas does not exist. If anything, companies are the ones shoving Christmas down our throats. Stores put up Christmas decorations by the middle of October, television stations start playing Christmas movies in November, and Christmas gift shopping is constantly reminded to us year



round. Companies have turned Christmas from a time celebrating family, friends, food, and religion for some, into a giant commercial for their stores and products. The fact that Starbucks even sells a "seasonal cup" is meant to use the holiday to sell more products. This increased exposure over the controversial cup is probably the best thing that could have happened to Starbucks, seeing as it may drive more people to their stores.

However, that doesn't discount the message the plain cup sends – holiday neutrality. Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukah, Kwanza, or don't celebrate anything at all, you can sport the seasonal cup because it is just a red cup with the Starbucks logo. No one has to feel self-conscious about advertising something they do not believe in. And that is what we should be worried about, allowing everyone to enjoy the season in the way they want.

# The downside of a Pat's perfect season

By Joel Moffitt  
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They beat the Giants: Any Patriots fan can certainly attest to the Giants having been the Patriot's number one nemesis during the Belichick era. Prior to Sunday's contest, Tom Coughlin sported a 5-1 lifetime record against Bill Belichick, the best among any coach in football. The Giant's memorably battled the 2007 undefeated Patriots team in the penultimate game of the season, losing 38-35. The Giants, of course, later went on to inflict unspeakable pain on the Pat's loyalists later that year in Super Bowl's XLII and improbably again 4 years later in Super Bowl XLVI. Once again, the Giants gave New England all it could handle, leading throughout the game and again in the final minutes, when a Josh Brown field goal gave them a 26-24 lead. However, Tom Brady led the Pats on a last second drive and Stephen Gostkowski drove home a 54 yard field goal to win the game.

They have the best QB in football by a long shot: Aside from an inconsistent performance versus the Giants, Tom Brady is playing some of the best football of his life. The four time Super Bowl champ has thrown 24 touchdown passes with only 3 interceptions. Brady can pick apart any defense underneath, making him impervious to even the most effective

pass rushes. He also is the ultimate winner, sporting a lifetime record of 190-55 good for a .776 win percentage.

They have the best coach in football by an even longer shot: Bill Belichick is the preeminent coach in football today. He is a master of pre-game and in-game strategy as seen in the final seconds of last year's Super Bowl. Belichick prepares for every possible scenario and ensures that every player is well prepared for each game. The gap between him and the rest of the NFL's coaches continues to widen. This year alone the Patriots will face two interim coaches, and four others with losing career records. Belichick, with his career of 184-65 runs circles around his fellow coaches and this will continue throughout the season.

New England's remaining schedule is something of a cakewalk: The Patriots have games remaining against the lowly 2-7 Titans and 3-6 Texans, neither of which stands to come within 10 points of the Patriots even when playing their best. The Patriots also face Chip Kelly's dysfunctional Eagles, who continue to look out of sync nine games into the season. Lastly, the Pats face division rivals Buffalo, New York, and Miami, each of whom it has defeated handily already this year.

Peyton Really: The Patriot's most challenging opponent remaining on their schedule ap-

pears to be the 7-2 Denver Broncos at Mile High Stadium in Week 12. However, Peyton Manning's current play leaves the Broncos with zero chance of winning. After a 5-20, 35 yard, four interception game against the Kansas City Chiefs this week, Peyton has hit a new low. He has nine touchdown passes on the year to go along with 17 interceptions. His noodle arm prevents him from throwing the ball down the field as he is 22<sup>nd</sup> among quarterbacks in average yards per pass. Peyton Manning is more likely to retire before the game, than to beat the Patriots at this point.

They know what it takes: Having a dominant regular season is nothing new for the Patriots. They view the AFC East crown as being theirs to lose every year. This being said, they are used to taking teams' best shots each and every game. The Colts, Jets, Bills, especially under Rex Ryan, and Ravens always give their all attempting to dethrone the Pats. Every year, however, the Patriots are up to the task.

The Pats have the NFL's best offense: Even with the difficult losses of both Julian Edelman and Dion Lewis, the Patriots still own the league's top offensive unit. Led by the impeccable Brady, the offense leads the NFL in most categories. Prior to last week's action, the Patriots led the NFL averaging 34.5 points per game, 48.5 percent conversion rate on third

downs, and with three and outs on only 11.3 percent of drives. Danny Amendola can do a decent Edelman impression and the Patriots still have the unstoppable forces that are Rob Gronkowski and LeGarrette Blount.

Improving defense: In spite of an even performance against the Giants, the Patriots defense has been solid all season. Despite losing all world talent Darrelle Revis, the secondary has remained competent thanks to the development of Malcolm Butler who dominated Odell Beckham for much of Sunday's game. The Patriots rank fifth in the NFL, giving up 17.9 points per game. The strength of the team is the defensive line and linebacking group led by Chandler Jones, Jamie Collins, and Dont'a Hightower. Constant pressure on opposing QB's has been a key to the team's success as they rank second in the NFL with 27 sacks.

Special Teams: The Patriots are also blessed with the best kicker in the NFL, Stephen Gostkowski, who is perfect on the year 21-21 on field goal attempts and 34-34 on extra points. He is automatic from any distance and didn't blink when tasked with hitting a 54-yarder to beat the Giants. Punter Ryan Allen is among the best in the game and Patriot's punt return and coverage teams are also elite.

The Revenge Factor: Because of the egregiously mishandled

Deflategate investigation, the Patriots are out to do something special this year. They have a bone to pick with the league and it's commissioner Roger Goodell. This provides extra motivation to succeed in spite of perceived league-wide bias against the franchise.

Why an undefeated regular season might not be a good thing:

In going all out to win every game, the Patriots risk injury and wearing down over the course of the year. Already, the team has lost Edelman, Lewis, and multiple starters on the offensive line. This attrition will be evident come playoff time. Secondly, the Patriots risk showing too much of their playbook in an effort to win meaningless regular season games. Last year, the Patriots needed several gadget plays to slip past the Ravens in the divisional round. Using these plays during the regular season will deprive the team of the element of surprise in the playoffs. Lastly, every team will gear up to give their best shot towards denying the Patriot's a chance at history. This can build confidence in teams if they are able to hang with the Pats, as it did with the 2007 Giants. A chance at history is within the Patriots' grasp, but the team risks much with every regular season win.



## A guide to holiday fashion

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Whether you can believe it or not, the holiday season is quickly approaching. I don't know about you, but this is my absolute favorite time of the year. Not only do you get to spend time with your family and enjoy fantastic food, but you get to sample different fashion trends for a multitude of different holidays. We start with Thanksgiving, move on to holiday parties at your job in early December, continue with Christmas, and end with the most extravagant fashion day of the winter, New Year's Eve. I understand that every person is different with some going over-the-top with fashion on holidays with others keeping it casual, so I have come up with some different ideas on how to dress to impress this holiday season.

**Thanksgiving:**  
Ah Thanksgiving. Crisp weather,

piles of turkey and stuffing, and a great start to the holiday season. Thanksgiving perfectly defines the season of fall and my go-to outfits enhance all of the trendy fall colors. Burgundy, mustard, black, and tan are must-haves to incorporate into your thanksgiving dinner outfit. Since we all like to be comfortable and accommodate our excessive eating habits on this November day, I'm suggesting that you go with an oversized sweater with leggings and riding boots, or a loose blouse tucked in to an elastic-band skirt with tights and boots. Where can you get this look you ask? Oversized sweaters all over the place from Marshall's to Macy's and have you heard about the JCrew Factory website? They have those ever popular skirts for 30 to 50 percent off on a regular basis.

**Christmas:**  
After Thanksgiving come and goes, I instantly get into Christmas mode. Santa Claus movies, decorations, and most importantly, fashion. Although you may not be invited to any holiday parties now, shortly we will be out in the real world going to our work Christmas party the first week of December for the rest of our lives. What do you wear? Although I think the aspect of red and green together can be overdone at times, I think it's important to incorporate red into anything you wear. For a work Christmas party I suggest going for a red dress with a holiday statement necklace and black heels. Once Christmas day comes, you can keep it a little more casual while still encompassing the holiday spirit. I'm going to stick with my trend of blouses and skirts because you really can't go wrong. Think of your thanksgiving outfit with a twist. Last Christmas I paired a red blouse from The Limited with a black circle skirt, topped off with a statement necklace and sparkly black flats to tie the outfit together.



**New Year's Eve:**  
New Year's Eve is a perfect way to turn our after-Christmas frown upside down. We're getting to that age where New Year's Eve parties are the new trend for the young twenty-somethings just out of college. Trust me, this is definitely a day where you want to dress to impress. Think classy black dress, sparkly tops, and silver everything! Take the picture you have in your head of everything New Year's—happy, sparkly, confetti—and incorporate it into your outfit. While flipping through the latest Vineyard Vines catalog last week, I saw some great options they gave to work off of. Now I'm not saying to go out and buy an expensive Vineyard Vines dress, but use this as a template to build your own unique outfit.  
Enjoy the holidays, eat lots of food, and don't forget about fashion!

## AJ's movie review: Spectre

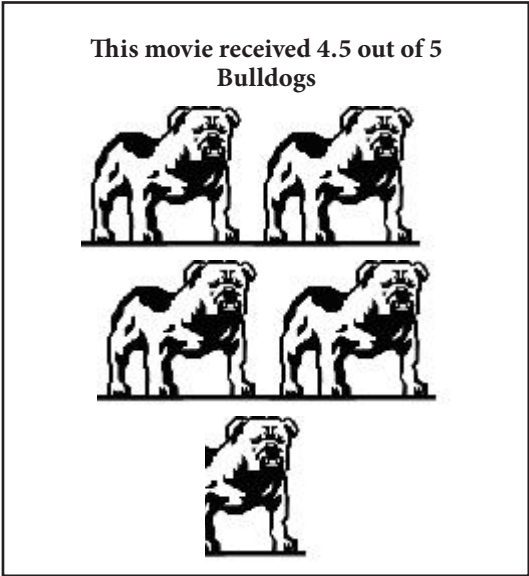
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Why change what works? For the past three movies in the 007 franchise – all of which star Daniel Craig – tone has shifted and the stereotypical approach to the James Bond film has been ignored. Instead, directors like Martin Campbell of *Casino Royale* and Sam Mendes of *Skyfall* have helmed the mission to recreate Bond as a more human character and take a more modern and realistic approach to the agent's adventures. Now comes *Spectre*, a movie that capitalizes on the efforts of character building demonstrated in its immediate predecessors but also returns the franchise to its glory of the formulaic James Bond film.  
Kicking off with the most insane and intense Bond opener since *Casino Royale*, *Spectre* wastes no time assuring moviegoers they're spending their time and money wisely. The opening scene starts with a long shot through the streets and buildings of Mexico City's Day of the Dead parade before cutting to a chain of events involving an assassination, an exploding building, and a man-vs-man fight scene on a low-flying helicopter. Cue the Sam Smith song and seductive opening credits montage.

Bond's reasoning for this altercation is explained through a video from the recently deceased M (Judi Dench). The video shows M's dying wish being for James to hunt down and kill the man from Mexico, which Bond does without question – only to discover the man played a role in a much larger scheme. Upon discovering the villainous organization Spectre, Bond unwittingly opens a door to his traumatic past when he finds out the ghosts of his past are still alive to haunt him. He's forced to confront Ernst Blofeld (Christoph Waltz, in a limited but chilling role), his former brother in practice who has been orchestrating all the catastrophic events of his past. But of course, we need a Bond girl before we go any further. In *Spectre*, it's Léa Seydoux. Following a brief but cold-hearted appearance in 2011's *Mission Impossible: Rogue Nation*, Seydoux is paving her way to becoming a mainstream femme fatale that most male actors will surely be intimidated to go toe-to-toe with on the big screen.  
The movie doesn't make any efforts to redefine the franchise, something that understandably disappointed some critics and audiences. However, just because it didn't take any noteworthy risks doesn't make the film a failure. *Spectre* is an extremely fun, sleek, and entertaining crack at the Bond filmography. It takes the quality of filmmaking we've seen starting with Daniel Craig's entrance into the series and perfectly capitalizes on the formulaic Bond structure audiences love. It's got a kickass opening, crazy car chases, gripping hand-to-hand combat scenes, Bond bedding women, and a joyful abundance of bullets. With a hefty runtime of over two hours, the brisk editing and marvelous pacing kept things captivating until the last minute – by the end of the movie, I was wishing for more.  
Some would argue that the film is riddled with Bond clichés. I disagree. I see *Spectre* as following an established structure that has brought the pre-Craig era Bond films continued success. *Spectre* follows this structure and heightens all of its elements to never before seen places. It may not be the best movie featuring James Bond in terms of pure filmmaking, but it's arguably the best "James Bond film" in recent memory because it

delivers comparative perfection within the structure. In that regard, *Spectre* is better than *Skyfall*, and I'd name it best movie of the year so far if it weren't for a criminally underused Christoph Waltz and a bit-too-ridiculous plane crash that leaves Bond unbelievably unscathed.  
It also should be noted that just a few hours after leaving the theater the excitement I felt while watching the movie didn't carry into my day the way I was expecting it would. But in the words of Roger Ebert, "there's something to be said for a movie you like well enough at the time." Well, I think there's even more to be said for a movie you loved at the time – and I loved *Spectre*.





# War only slightly changes in ‘Fallout 4’

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“Fallout 3” was a revolutionary experience. “Fallout 4” is not. I feel compelled to address that up front because, if “Fallout 4” has one shortcoming, it’s that the extremely long hiatus has resulted in a less ambitious sequel than I had hoped. Simply put, the handful of improvements and one significant new system make this feel more like an iterative sequel than the long-anticipated return of one of Bethesda’s most celebrated series. There’s nothing necessarily wrong with another “Fallout” game in the vein of its predecessors, but as much as I enjoyed another visit to the Wasteland I couldn’t help but feel slightly underwhelmed.

**MIRECRAFT**  
The one major addition here is a crafting system, which is so robust and well-integrated into the framework that it feels like it should have always been a part of it. In previous “Fallout” games, players had to develop a sense for which items were worth keeping and which could be safely passed by. That meant the vast majority of items were set dressing or bits of contextual storytelling that had little to contribute to the gameplay. This changes all that, with just about everything you find in the world being useful for crafting, or at least usable once you scrap it for parts.

In turn, the system distributes itself through several new sub-systems: weapon and armor crafting and modding, Power Armor modifications, even the ability to create a bustling township complete with working lights, automated defense systems and settlers willing to take on different roles. The town building also plays into

the addition of the Minutemen faction, a group of do-gooders who recruit and ultimately follow you with the ultimate goal of building safe havens for the citizens of the Commonwealth. All of this really changed the way I engaged with the world for the better, by making scavenging feel more substantial. I found I felt accomplished after putting some time into the crafting, since I always had something to show for it, be it a markedly improved weapon or a village full of grateful wastelanders.

**FAMILY LEGENDS**  
With the ability to craft your own weapons, the all-important loot drops from enemies might have felt useless if not for the addition of Legendary enemies. These randomized, extra tough versions of standard creatures and raiders tend to drop “Legendary” loot with special attributes, like a boost to the VATS system or an automatic slowdown effect when you’re low on health. Being decked out with lots of Legendary gear definitely feels empowering, since all the extra effects work together to make you a terror on the battlefield.

The story is also much more engaging, based mostly on its central premise. Rather than a bland cipher, the game puts you in the role of a parent. After being shuffled into a vault and cryogenically frozen, you’re awoken temporarily to see your infant son kidnapped. The quest to find him and those responsible for taking him is the driving force behind everything that follows, and the female voice performance (I played as the mother) tinged the appropriate grief and anger into every conversation that turned to her missing child.

In the course of that personal story, your wastelander becomes embroiled in a war between multiple factions, each

with their own points of view on how to properly maintain order in the wasteland and the responsible use of technology. Discovering these factions and the intriguingly gray morality behind them is one of the joys of the game, so I’ll steer clear of spoilers. Suffice to say I sided with the one I identified with the most and still felt uncomfortable with some of our ends-justify-the-means actions. “Fallout” certainly still has a way with ethical quandaries.

All of this centers around the new setting of Boston and the surrounding area, called the “Commonwealth” in “Fallout” lore. The setting is always the shining centerpiece to any “Fallout” game, letting us step into a familiar area ravaged by nuclear war, beasts and scavengers. Bethesda capitalizes on the new area well, introducing a litany of Massachusetts locales with their own wasteland twists. The area of Boston itself is especially well-realized, as the city proper is dense with buildings and points of interest that contrast sharply with the more sparse townships surrounding it.

**BOSTON COMMON**  
The new additions are much appreciated, but they’re built on a foundation that feels a little too familiar. The engine is easily recognizable as a slightly modified version of the one we’ve seen, complete with jerky animations, stilted face-to-face conversations and occasional pathing or AI bugs. My favored AI companion hit a dialogue cue as if I’d taken him to a location, when in actuality we’d both been taken there by another party. At one point I got stuck in geometry and could do nothing about it but reload. Another time the game crashed entirely. In the climax, I experienced severe framerate drops.

Plus, some legacy oddities remain,

like the inability to fast-travel from inside most buildings. I was forced to frequently exit a building, wait for a loading screen, then hit my fast-travel target and wait for another loading screen. How is that still in this game after seven years? All of this gives the sensation that the game is struggling to keep up with its own systems, like a clock wound too tightly and threatening to snap a spring at any moment.

As the first “Fallout” game of the new generation, it does look markedly better than the old games, but don’t take that to mean it can go toe-to-toe with this era’s best and brightest. “Fallout” was never particularly beautiful, making up for its visual shortcomings with an unmatched sense of scale. That remains the case here, with a remarkably massive area to explore that looks merely so-so on the whole. Both from a technical and visual standpoint, being a “Fallout” fan has historically meant living with those compromises, and this entry doesn’t change that.

Those technical considerations were minor nuisances, however. I felt underwhelmed because in contrast to “Fallout 3” and “New Vegas,” I never felt enraptured in this living, breathing world. Those games stand out to me because all of their systems worked together to make a magical unpredictability that helped the world feel alive. In the seven years since, we’ve seen those systems imitated and innovated, and we all more-or-less understand how the machine works. “Fallout 4” adds one new system, but it’s transparent by nature, and the revisions to the old systems are slight. As a result, nothing here makes the world feel alive again by today’s standards the way “Fallout 3” did in its day.

# Shooting ‘The 33’ made Antonio Banderas feel ill, but he welcomed the hardship

By Susan King  
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Late-night host Stephen Colbert joked with his guest Antonio Banderas recently that the Spanish actor’s latest movie, “The 33,” was “Magic Mike” set in a mine. “Well, we were half-naked the whole movie,” Banderas said with a hearty laugh at a North Hollywood production facility. “But it was no fun. It was cold, and we had to fake it was hot.” Based on Hector Tobar’s book “Deep Down Dark” and directed by Patricia Riggen, “The 33” chronicles real-life events five years ago when 33 miners were trapped inside the San Jose Mine in Chile for more than two months as the world hoped and prayed the men would be rescued. Sixty-nine days later, some 1 billion people watched as the men emerged one by one from the mine into the arms of their families, who had camped outside the facility. Still, the mining company was found not guilty of negligence and the miners were never compensated. Banderas, youthful and fit at 55, plays Mario Sepulveda, a.k.a. “Super Mario,” who was the public face of the miners and sent video reports to let their families and the world know how they were doing. Banderas and Sepulveda became friends during the production. “Mario is bigger than life,” noted Banderas, a real charmer with an infectious joie de vivre purr to his voice that will be familiar to fans of his animated film “Puss in Boots.” “If I was portraying Mario as he actually is, I would be killed by the critics. He is an enormous character. He speaks very loud. He’s a charismatic personalty. He learned to survive very early in his life. His mother died giving birth to him. He had had 22 brothers. He always had to struggle and fight.” Without him, Banderas believes, not all of the miners would have made it out alive. Just as Sepulveda became the leader of the miners, so did Banderas with his fellow actors. “He is very much like the real Mario Sepulveda,” said Riggen. “He’s a natural leader. He’s full of energy. He brought a unity to the group.” And Riggen laughingly admits everyone was thrilled: “We could have him with his shirt off the whole movie.” Banderas must be used to this by now; he’s been a cinematic sex symbol since he came to fame in Pedro Almodovar’s films such as 1986’s “Matador” and 1990’s “Tie Me Up! Tie Me Down!” He made his American film debut in 1992’s “The Mambo Kings” and made a deep impression as lover to Tom Hanks’ character in 1993’s “Philadelphia.” Over the years, Banderas appeared in Robert Rodriguez’s 1995 hit “Desperado” and as the father in

the “Spy Kids” franchise and played Che in the 1996 film version of “Evita.” In 2003, he went to Broadway in the revival of the musical “Nine,” for which he earned a Tony nomination. Though he reunited with Almodovar for 2011’s “The Skin I Live In,” a lot of the films he’s made this decade, including 2014’s “The Expendables 3,” have been less successful or ambitious. The reviews for his performance in “The 33” have been strong. “The 33” was shot in two actual mines in Colombia, with exterior scenes filmed in Chile, near the location of the real mine. “We worked under very difficult conditions,” said Riggen. “They (cast members) had to be, every single day, covered in oil, dirt and sprayed down with water.” A nutritionist was brought in to create a low-calorie diet the actors could lose weight safely. But that wasn’t the only reason why they lost weight. Practically all the members of the crew, said Banderas, as well as the actors became ill because they were breathing methane gas in the mines. “You had the feeling you had the flu continuously,” said Banderas. “It was bad for us, but we shouldn’t complain, really. We actually embraced the difficulties because in the back of our heads we knew that it was adding realism in a way. We have to make a homage to the guys.” Some of the 33 now work in outside mines. “Many of them went in to treatment,” Banderas said. “Mario has put together a foundation. He works with motivating all the miners. He cannot go back (to the mine).” Banderas relished having a female director on the project. “Let me add my voice with all of these women who are complaining these days about the lack of confidence some studios have in women directors,” he said firmly. “That’s something I never understood.” To be a good director, he noted, “You need the eye, the pulse and the narrative power of an interesting human being \_ that’s it.” Banderas will be in the Terrence Malick film “Knight of Cups,” scheduled for release next year. “Altamira,” a film he made with director Hugh Hudson (“Chariots of Fire”), doesn’t have a U.S. release date. The actor, whom Riggen described as a “renaissance man,” has recently gone back to school. Over the next four or five years, he will be taking intensive fashion design courses at Central Saint Martins in London between film roles. “It is something that was always in my mind,” said Banderas, who has already signed with a company for a menswear line. “I have been working with a perfume company, I’ve had my own brand for almost 20 years. We sell in 93 countries. That is a universe that is very close to fashion.”



# Funniest Tweets of the Week

“I wonder if Superman ever put glasses on Lois Lane’s dog & she was like, ‘I’ve never seen this dog before. Is this a new dog?’”  
@robfee

“‘That sucks,’ I consoled my friend helpfully”  
@InternetHippo

“remember when one of your 6th grade class president candidates promised soda fountains and no more homework, that’s Donald Trump”  
@ch000ch

“911: what is your emergency?  
Me: my ex seems happy”  
@mdob11

“hey sory i just saw this mesage u sent last month even tho all my notifications make sounds and my phone is in my hand even when im sleeping”  
@jonnysun

# The College Scoop

SEE WHAT STUDENTS AT OTHER COLLEGES ARE READING ABOUT

## The Stanford Daily

Stanford University

Around 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, students participating in the fossil fuel divestment sit-in outside President John Hennessy’s office were issued a written warning by the University. The letter mentions legal ramifications but does not constitute a legal dispersal order.

## The Harvard Crimson

Harvard University

Weeks after a consortium of more than 80 colleges and universities said it would release an application platform to rival the Common Application, admissions experts and Harvard officials are skeptical that the new portal will actually make higher education more accessible to under-resourced students, as the group claims.

## The Massachusetts Daily Collegian

UMASS Amherst

When a poll reads in his favor, Donald Trump takes notice. The leading Republican presidential candidate tweeted to UMass this evening to highlight the university’s poll results, which state that 31 percent of likely Republican primary voters listed Trump as their first choice, followed by Carson at 22 percent.

## The Heights

Boston College

Seven Boston College alumnae were named in the Boston Globe article, “2015 Top 100 Women-led Businesses in Massachusetts.” According to the article, originally published on Oct. 23, The Globe Magazine and the Commonwealth Institute, a non-profit organization devoted to advancing businesswomen in leadership positions, partnered to “honor those organizations with the most impressive records of innovation and workplace diversity, as well as revenue and employee numbers.”

# Weekly News Quiz

(MCT Campus)

- Following the terror attacks in Paris that killed at least 129 people, more than half the nation’s governors have announced they oppose letting Syrian refugees into their states. How many of these governors are Republicans?  
A. About one third  
B. About half  
C. All but one  
D. 100 percent
- The head of Russia’s FSB security service said a Russian passenger plane that crashed over Egypt last month, killing 224 people, was caused by what?  
A. Engine malfunction  
B. A homemade explosive device  
C. Severe storms  
D. Pilot error
- A new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report says the U.S. obesity rate is doing what?  
A. Affecting more men than women  
B. Affecting more younger adults than older adults  
C. Decreasing overall  
D. Increasing overall
- All related services were recently shut down for what formerly popular media player?  
A. iPod Shuffle  
B. Zune  
C. Kindle  
D. Walkman
- What fast food restaurant recently pledged to use cage-free eggs by the end of 2016?  
A. Taco Bell  
B. McDonald’s  
C. Burger King  
D. Starbucks

Answers on last page

# THE POETRY CORNER

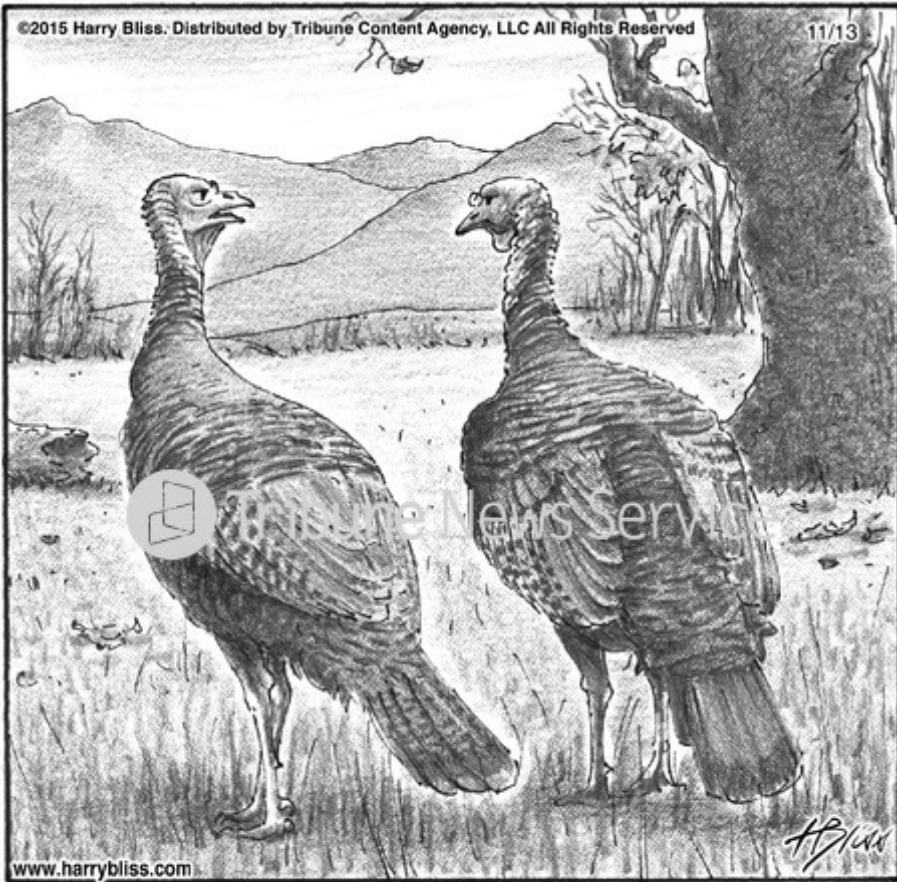
## I Once Was a Child

By Victoria Chang

I once was a child am a child am someone’s child  
not my mother’s not my father’s the boss  
gave us special treatment treatment for something  
special a lollipop or a sticker glitter from the  
toy box the better we did the better the plastic prize  
made  
in China one year everyone got a spinning top  
one year everyone got a tap on their shoulders  
one year everyone was fired everyone  
fired but me one year we all lost our words one year  
my father lost his words to a stroke  
a stroke of bad luck stuck his words  
used to be so worldly his words fired  
him let him go without notice can they do that  
can she do that yes she can in this land she can  
once we sang songs around a piano this land is your  
land  
this land is my land in this land someone  
always  
owns the land in this land someone who owns  
the land owns the buildings on the land owns  
the people in the buildings unless an earthquake  
sucks the land in like a long noodle



# Comic of the Week



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