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The Academic Innovation Center is drawing a lot of attention as the building comes together.

By John Logan
Business Editor

The Archway has teamed up with Dr. John Saddle mire, Vice President of Student Affairs, to clear up some of the rumours around campus. The following questions were submitted by students and answered by Dr. Saddle mire himself. If you have any questions that you would like answered, please email John Logan, jlogan3@bryant.edu, for the next edition!

Logan: What type of classes will be offered in the new

Academic Innovation Center?

Saddle mire: Classes from both the College of Business and the College of Arts & Sciences have the opportunity to be in the new Academic Innovation Center. We are trying to focus on innovation overall, not just a specific area of study. Since there is not enough room for every single class offered at Bryant to be taught in the new building, professors are currently creating proposals on their curriculum, which is reviewed and selected by a committee. As a result, all classes have an equal opportunity.

Logan: I heard rumors that DPS has started giving out free pizza coupons. Do you know anything about this, and if so, how can I receive some?!

Saddle mire: Apparently they have around 25 more coupons to hand out. Usually it is when the officers see students doing something good on campus. An example: a student was running and was wearing appropriate reflective gear at night.

Logan: What does Bryant plan on doing about the housing situation, since the freshman classes are getting bigger and bigger each year? Is Bryant

planning on building another residence hall in the near future, or are we just going to continue doing forced triples for the freshmen?

Saddle mire: Currently, student affairs is working to maximize present spaces on campus and additional new spaces are being added to present facilities. We are researching building for Fall 2017. Current information shows there should be enough spaces for seniors in townhouses for Fall 2016.

Logan: Has Bryant ever thought about building a parking garage for the students and faculty to park in?

Saddle mire: We are not looking into building a parking garage due to the high cost and the fact that no one really wants to donate to this type of project. There are strategies to reduce the number of first year students who park on campus for Fall 2016.

Logan: Is Bryant planning on building a new parking lot behind Salmanson Dining Hall?

Saddle mire: There are no plans to expand parking at this time. There are strategies in place to reduce demand.

A remarkable Women's Summit

By Allie Miller
Campus News Editor

As Bryant's First Lady and Women's Summit Director, Kati Machtley opened the Women's Summit to a crowd of over 1,100 people March 18th, she asked "how will you make your mark? How will you be remembered?"

Soon after, founder of Triad Consulting Group, Sheila Heen took the stage as the first of four dynamic keynote speakers to address the crowd. Heen, the bestselling author of "How to Discuss What Matters Most" and "Thanks for the Feedback: The Science and Art of Receiving Feedback Well (Even When It's Off-Base, Unfair, Poorly Delivered, and Frankly, You're Not in the Mood)" used her speech to discuss the importance of feedback and helped audience members develop their skills to receive feedback.

Noting that we often "don't listen to ourselves the same way we listen to everyone else," Heen advocated for the importance of receiving feedback and knowing how to ask for feedback. Instead of vaguely asking "do you have any feedback for me," she encourages directly asking for one suggestion, such as "what's one thing I am failing to do that if I changed it would make a difference?"

Heen's opening keynote set the mood for the day, fostering an interactive atmosphere in which attendees were continually challenged to think about Mrs. Machtley's earlier remarks and the overall theme - "how will you make your mark?"

After returning from the first set of a variety of breakout sessions, guests settled in for a fascinating Power Plenary Session by Dr. Pamela Peeke. As the author of three New York Times bestsellers and one of America's top physicians according the Consumers



Carla Hall entertained the audience with her spirited storytelling.

Research Council of America, Dr. Peeke is known for her groundbreaking research into the prevention and treatment of addictive eating.

Dr. Peeke captivated the audience with gripping research regarding addictive eating, epigenetics, techno-healing, and the power of meditation. With the strong belief that "every thought, every mouthful, every movement alters your destiny and transforms your mind-body," Dr. Peeke highlighted the importance of carefully maintaining physical and mental health.

Following the Power Plenary address, conference goers filed into the MAC where they heard from several powerful speakers.

Rhode Island Governor Gina Raimondo visited the summit for the second year in a row to cheer on the potential of both women

and the state of Rhode Island. As the first female governor of the state, Governor Raimondo discussed how she intends to make her mark by making Rhode Island "a place of opportunity for everybody."

Shortly after, Colette Smith A. M. Phillips, the president and CEO of Colette Phillips Communications Inc. accepted the Women's Summit New England Businesswoman of the Year award. In sharing an inspiring story of how she got to her prominent position, she continually reiterated the importance of being a mentor and supporting other women. On the theme of the Women's Summit, she said: "find your passion and it will lead to your purpose."

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Department of Public Safety Log

LARCENY Mar 22, 2016-Tuesday at 22:00
Location: TOWNHOUSE
Summary: A student reported the theft of a \$50.00 (Fifty Dollars) Bill and a White Pearl Necklace from a Townhouse bedroom.

ACCIDENT (MVA) MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT
Mar 23, 2016-Wednesday at 22:15
Location: Upper Class Student Parking
Summary: A student notified DPS that he accidentally backed into another vehicle in the H parking lot.

EMT CALL EMT CALL / MEDICAL SERVICES
RENDERED Mar 23, 2016-Wednesday at 22:30
Location: DORMITORY ROAD
Summary: DPS received a report of an intoxicated person between cars in front of Residence Hall 14. EMS was activated. Smithfield Rescue and Smithfield Police responded. Smithfield Rescue 3 along with SPD transported subject to Fatima Hospital.

ACCIDENT (MVA) MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT

Mar 24, 2016-Thursday at 15:28
Location: Facilities Parking Lot
Summary: A minor traffic accident was reported in the dirt parking lot behind the rear circle. No injuries reported SPD responding for a report.

VANDALISM (SCHOOL BUILDING) Mar 25, 2016-Friday at 00:25
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A report of a shattered window in a Residence Hall. HVAC was notified to tape the window.

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Public Speaking Colloquium Results



2016 PSC first place winner Lauren Malone with \$1,500 prize.

By Laura Hayes
Staff Writer

Hosted by colloquium founder Todd Stewart, the final round of the seventh annual Public Speaking Colloquium wrapped up on Monday March 28th at 7pm in Bello Grand Hall. The six finalist included last year’s first place recipient AJ Beltis, last year’s third place recipient Hannah Crawfit, and returning finalists John Phelps, as well as first time finalists sophomores Lauren Malone and Lauren Leedberg, and freshman Nick Garrigan. They were joined by a full crowd of anxious family and friends, as well as a panelist of judges.

This year the head judge was Derek Snow, Smithfield High School’s public speaking teacher. Derek has been a judge for the colloquium since it was founded seven years ago. Communication doctoral candidate and Bryant University’s newest communication lecturer, Consolata Mutua was welcomed as a new addition to the panel this year. Also from Bryant University’s communication department Dr. Stanley Baran was seated at the judge’s panel this year. The PSC is

sponsored by The Hanover Insurance Group who sends a representative to judge the final round; this year Nancy Pierson from the talent solutions team at The Hanover judged.

The colloquium started on Friday March 26th when almost 60 participants delivered a three minute speech in front of Bryant Communication Department members and alumni. From those 60 the preliminary round judges were tasked with picking the best six and sending them to the final round. The six chosen students were required to adapt their speech and deliver a five minute version on Monday.

While all six finalists had unique topics and various speaking styles, they all did a tremendous job of keeping their speeches engaging and some were even entertaining. The order that the finalists speak in is completely random names are drawn from a hat, so as to not give advantage to one speaker over the other.

Lauren Malone was the first to speak and used her five minutes to express her love for reading. Her speech titled “Why it’s Time to Turn off the TV and Read a Book” talked about how many of her friends didn’t want to read The Great Gatsby but when it came to the box office they all rushed to see it. She stressed the importance of reading to keep our imaginations running, because a book is like a movie in your head. The judges all loved her topic and she received positive feedback.

Next up was returning champion AJ Beltis. Not only is AJ the president of Bryant’s Public Speaking Club, he has been a final contestant in the colloquium all of his four years at Bryant, an accomplishment claimed by no other PSC contestant. AJ’s speech this year was about the dangers of bingeing. He started off with a somber tone and had the entire audience captivated as he described the dangers of bingeing, everyone breathed a sigh of relief when he revealed he was referring to binge watching TV. His sarcasm and very “timely” topic received positive feedback from the judges, and they noted his great writing.

The third speaker of the night, returning third place champ, was Hannah Crawfit. Her speech brought the

audience back to younger more playful days. She talked about imagination and how when we’re young we can imagine anything we want, but that imagination dies when we get older. Hannah believes that imagination should never die within us, and that it is what’s beyond failure that will set us free. Judge Nancy Pierson responded, “really wonderful use of phraseology.” Judge Mutua also loved Hanna’s use of rhetorical questions.

After Hannah, John Phelps took the stage. His speaking style was so personal that it almost feels like you and he are the only two people in the room. He shared with the audience his past failures, and how his loss at the PSC last year “stripped his confidence to the bone.” His message to listeners was how he did not let it get him down, instead he let it inspire him. His ending statement “when you persevere is when you prosper” was very moving. All judges agreed his natural speaking style was engaging.

The fifth speaker of the night was Lauren Leedberg who started her speech recounting her memory of her first cup of coffee. She took us back with her as she reflected on all of the things that she identified as being adult milestones as she grew up. Her touching and personal story about the loss of her grandfather and how she grew from that experience had the entire panel of judges agreeing her story was well written.

Last but not least, Nick Garrigan talked about his own idea of perfection. His speech covered inspirational people such as Rosa Parks and Mark Zuckerberg to discuss the ideals of perfection and even a little humor. The judges all gave him words of encouragement and praise as a freshman they hope to see him come back to the finals for years to come.

The final results included Lauren Malone in first place winning \$1500, John Phelps in second place winning a \$500 prize, and Lauren Leedberg winning \$250 in third place. All other finalists were awarded \$50 for participating. The hard work of Susan Baran and Tom Zammarelli from the Communication Department was evident during the fantastic event which drew 60 participants and plenty of fantastic speeches.

The Positive Outlook on Life: Told by Jeff Boss, Former Navy Seal

By Will Tondo
Opinion & Photo Editor

This past Thursday, Former Navy Seal, Jeff Boss, spoke at Bryant University about his life and outlook on everything that has ever happened to him. Upon first hearing him and seeing him, you might not think he is a Navy Seal. But looks can be deceiving and his stories and experiences backed up his presentation. He plotted his life on a graph and told us all of his highs as well as all of his lows. Many of his lows were sad and depressing, but he quickly mentioned that “The way you look at life and the way you react, is ultimately how your life unwinds. Many bad things will happen in your life, but it is the way you look at those events and how you come back from them. At the end of the day, that is what will truly decipher if your life was good or not. The Archway was very fortunate to be able to speak with Jeff Boss before his presentation.

Tondo: Can you give us a little summary on the life of Jeff Boss?

Boss: There were a lot of peaks and valleys. But in a nutshell, I went to The Ohio State University and graduated with a degree in Spanish. I chose Spanish because I knew I wanted to be Navy Seal, and Seal Team 4 was primarily focused on Latin American areas. They focused on drug interactions and I thought majoring in Spanish would be a gateway to combat in the Navy Seals. Funny though, when I was assigned to Seal Team 4, I was deployed to Germany! I spent four years there until I was screened for Naval Special Warfare Development group. I was a part of that for six years. Then I went to training and was deployed six times, eight total. After that, I was burnt out, so I did some training for West Cost tactics. After that, the Navy was not a challenge anymore, so I wanted to get out. But I wanted to translate my lessons and experiences learned into the corporate

world, because I knew they would help me in my next career path. So that’s what I did, I went to Mcrystal Group for Dave Silverman and did Management Consulting. After a year and a half, I left to become an Executive Coach in Leadership for Teams.

Tondo: In your time in the Navy, where were you stationed?

Boss: My first deployment was in Germany, but subsequently after that I was in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other places. I was based out of Virginia Beach pretty much my entire career. I was in San Diego for about a year in a half and for a year and a half at the end of my career. But ten years in Virginia. So yeah, I got to see some places which was awesome.

Tondo: How was the transition from College to Military to Civilian life?

Boss: It was easy and fine. From the beginning I knew I wanted to be a Seal. My values for that drove my life and drove my choices. My values were to be a Navy Seal, and I wanted to blow things up and jump out of planes. When I left the military, my values shifted because things in the military got too routine. So I wanted to change my mission plan. When I got out, the transition was fine. The Seals are a very flattened organization. We are not like the typical military. There is rank, but it is not as important. We work on a first name basis. The Navy Seals are actually more civilian than some civilian jobs. So the transition was rather easy.

Tondo: How did you get involved with your current values, specifically public speaking?

Boss: It wasn’t intentional, it was just sort of a byproduct of my writings. I wrote a couple books and I also write weekly for Forbes and Entrepreneur. Before that, I wrote a manuscript, that’s not published. I am an author now and so that is where the speaking engagements come from. I write a lot of content on my blog, that lets ideas flow in my head too. These writing Medias are all great



Jeff Boss pointing to the peaks and valleys of his life while presenting in Bello.

ways to market yourself and land jobs for speaking.

Tondo: What is your main point and purpose when you speak to your audiences?

Boss: It depends on the audience, but as a whole it is to walk away with advice that you can apply in your life, and apply it to your life. I think all of my careers have given me experiences that gave me many things that I can talk about. With all of these diverse perspectives, many advices can be brought to the table. If my audience walks away with a lesson learned or some type of value, then it is a win in my book.

Tondo: What was one the most challenging moments you had to deal with?

Boss: Escorting my Best Friend back home, in a coffin. He was killed in battle, and I would never wish that on anyone.

Tondo: What was your proudest moment?

Boss: The birth of my son. And then

getting a divorce.

Tondo: What are your plans for 2016?

Boss: I don’t have much planned. I plan pretty much about two months ahead of me. I don’t believe in setting long term goals. As you see in my time during the Navy, my values and actions change, so the goals that I set in my five year or more period would probably change too. I plan two months ahead of time, three if I am feeling crazy. I plan on hosting some leadership workshops and continuing my writing for Forbes. And I want to continue to speak to people like you and Bryant University.

Tondo: What advice do you have for your audience and anyone who wants to go into the military or pursue a career?

Boss: Pursue your passion. Money is great and all. Money runs out, but passion doesn’t. Passion keeps the fire going.

Tondo: Any final comments?

Boss: Check out my website: adapabilitycoach.com and you reach out to me on there if you have any questions.

Road to Election puts Bryant on the map

By Anna Rodier &Allie Miller
Copy Editor & Campus News Editor

This week Provost Glenn Sulmasy met with The Archway to discuss the 2016 Presidential Election. Provost Sulmasy, along with Dean Martin and Dean Samter, have worked to involve students in the 2016 presidential campaign.

The College of Arts and Sciences, in addition to the College of Business, have been putting on events throughout the semester to educate students and faculty on the election. In true Bryant fashion, the two colleges have collaborated together to create dynamic events that help to better prepare Bryant students for life after college. Through these events, both colleges hope to build interest in the election and help students gain an appreciation about current issues.

Bryant’s mission is to teach students and encourage intellectual diversity, where students are able to form their own opinions. Bryant truly prepares students for the real world by incorporating the bigger picture into our everyday studies. Through the IDEA Program, GFOB projects, Keynote Speakers, and the 2016 election campaign, Bryant University has really helped to promote well-rounded students.

Provost Sulmasy says a large portion of the events are student driven. Some of the major events hosted this semester were the Voter Registration Event, where students could register to be voters, the Super Tuesday event hosted by Professor Rich Holtzman, and the Presidential Panel, happening on April 7th at 7 pm in the

Bello Grand Hall.

The panel members are Lee Eici, John LeBoutillier, Leslie Marshall, Scott Bates, and Col Rob Simmons. These speakers host talk shows, radio shows, and are past congressmen. The panel aims to eliminate candidate’s names from the race and focus strictly on the issues at hand. Provost Sulmasy claims “it is important for the students to have a chance to probe and ask what the candidates actually mean.” The presidential panel will help students and faculty discuss the problems our country is currently facing and the ultimate solutions for our country, without referring to specific candidates.

With the first new president after eight years, Sulmasy hopes the transition is peaceful, like it has been in the past. Although the new president might not have the same views as our current president, Barack Obama, the citizens should still feel at ease as the new candidate is expected to have America’s best interests. Sulmasy pointed out that the United States is lucky in that our transitions into new leadership are peaceful and reflective of the wants of the people.

While previously, states like Connecticut and Rhode Island have not necessarily been monumentally important in preliminary elections, the 2016 elections have taken a completely different route. While normally smaller states would not been influential in the grand scheme, each vote really will count since there are so many candidates still in the race. Through voter registration and marketing the elections, Bryant is helping to produce informed voters.

It looks like this year will be a tight race. Provost

Sulmasy says “Register and vote! You have a vote! Sound your voice!” He encourages all students to vote and to learn more about the election. Even though we may think we are not affected by issues brought up during the election, like taxes or national debt, we will have to deal with these problems when we graduate. Four short years after Bryant, we will be directly affected by these problems and will have to make informed decisions on how we want these issues addressed.

Sulmasy is proud of the way the Road to Election series has not only served as a major unifier for all disciplines in the College of Arts and Sciences, but also the way it has been able to integrate students in the College of Business. As he pointed out, considering that even business majors are required to minor in the College of Arts and Sciences, many Bryant students regardless of their major or minor are intrigued by the events lined up for the series. In fact, many students from the Physician Assistant program are planning to attend the panel scheduled for April 7.

The April 7 panel is just one of many events scheduled in the Road to Election series which is expected to continue throughout the 2016 presidential campaign. The expert speakers are expected to draw an impressive crowd interested in learning more about the major components of this election. All Bryant students are encouraged to take advantage of the incredible opportunities offered by the College of Arts and Sciences. The Road to Election series reminds us of the importance of our vote and participation in the political process.

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The mic was then turned to former Top Chef contestant and cohost of ABC’s The Chew, Carla Hall. The vibrant and animated speaker detailed her journey to Top Chef and The Chew and openly discussed some trying times along the way. Despite moments of shyness and insecurity, Hall touched on the importance of owning who you are and never letting fear get in the way of where you need to be. As she stated, “you make your mark when you’re doing something that you love.”

Spelling out her six-word memoir, she said, “Say yes! Adventure follows, then growth.” While it’s important to have goals, she shared, it’s also important to not have a plan so tight that there is no room to live outside the lines. Hall firmly believes that being able to truly make your mark is dependent on living authentically and true to yourself. She

exclaimed “you’re never going to make your mark on life if you’re living someone else’s words, dreams, or plans.”

Attendees then went to the second round of breakout sessions on topics ranging from positive thinking, diversity, strengthening your personal leadership brand, and handling difficult conversations with confidence, among others. The group of over 1,000 met together one final time to hear a closing keynote address by Boston Marathon survivor, Heather Abbott.

When President Machtley introduced Abbott, he announced that she will be the recipient of the 2016 Bryant University’s Distinguished Character Award at Convocation. After an emotional video capturing the moments and days of Abbott’s life following the Boston Marathon bombings, Abbott was welcomed to the stage by a standing ovation from the impressive crowd.

Abbott detailed her difficult journey following the marathon bombings and shared powerful stories about the people and support that got her through. Part of



Abbott’s remarkable recovery lies in her mission to put a reason to what happened to her. In addition to becoming a speaker about overcoming adversity, Abbott created the Heather Abbott Foundation which helps provide prostheses to people who have lost their limbs due to traumatic circumstances. While it’s important to set out with a mission for yourself, Abbott

reminded the audience that making your mark on someone else’s life might be one of the most important things you ever do.

The 19th Women’s Summit brought together empowering speakers, expert session presenters, and 1,100 women determined to make their mark on the world

A new way to register for classes

By John Logan
Business Editor

Even though I’m a senior, I still get confused when I register for classes. What were my course numbers? What time was that class at again? Who was the teacher?

Well now it just became easier! On March 21, Bryant University’s Office of the Registrar launched a NEW Innovative Schedule Planner tool from College Scheduler for the Fall 2016 registration. This new tool is designed to assist students and academic advisors in degree planning and finding the best schedule every semester. Schedule Planner offers instructional videos as well, found by clicking on the Help bubble in the top right hand corner. I had the pleasure to actually use it myself and let me say that it is extremely user friendly.

Schedule Planner will alleviate some of the anxiety and stress around registration by streamlining the registration process, so that students can effortlessly create the perfect class schedule. With Schedule Planner, students can easily add desired courses, enter breaks for times they are unavailable, and instantly generate conflict-free schedules. The students then can narrow their results by locking favorite sections or removing undesired offerings. Students will be able to browse all possible schedules with visual previews, side-by-side comparison, and the detailed schedule view to select the optimal choice and complete

registration. Another plus for students is that they can plan their schedule from anywhere on any device including mobile, tablet, and desktop.

Students can find the new Schedule Planner in “Registration” in their Banner web account. Students can then select the term they want to plan. From there, it allows users to select various courses they plan on taking. It also offers the option to schedule breaks at times when they are unable to attend classes. Students will now be able to tailor their schedule around life’s obligations, while maximizing credit hours and staying on track for graduation. After selecting specific courses and breaks, there is a “generate schedules button” that shows various class schedules that will work with the user’s availability. After reviewing their options, students have the ability to save favorite schedules by clicking the heart in the top right hand corner. Once their optimal schedule has been selected, students can send and save that schedule to a “registration shopping cart” in Banner. When it is the student’s time period to register, the student can sign in to Banner before their appointed time and go to their saved registration cart and at 7 a.m. when their time ticket opens, and simply click on “register my cart.”

So the next time you need to register for classes, check out the new tool! Super stress-free and makes registering for classes so much easier!

Seniors: Sign up for an email for life

By Tim Dumont
Contributing Writer

In only a few short months, Bryant seniors will graduate and make the ceremonial walk through The Archway.

When they leave, they will be taking with them a lifetime of memories. However, their @bryant.edu email accounts will be staying behind.

Bryant seniors – your @bryant.edu email account will be disabled on Dec. 31, 2016. Please note if you enroll into graduate school at Bryant or are employed by the university, you will be able to keep your @bryant.edu email account.

But for those who are moving on, don’t fret. There is a solution. The Bryant University Alumni Association offers an email account for life. Seniors can sign up for the free Google Mail account and receive benefits such as the ability to forward your current @bryant.edu emails to the new Gmail account, Gmail calendar, unlimited cloud storage, online Office tools (Docs, Sheets and Slides), free websites with Google sites, and more.

“The Office of Alumni Engagement Email for Life program is great and is underutilized,” said Bryant integration architect Hugh Hiers. “I think it’s worth it for the space alone. For instance, on top of unlimited drive storage you can also store up to 50,000 songs in the account.”

Bryant seniors – don’t wait. Don’t leave an important job contact or your signature project in your @bryant.edu email account. Sign up for an @grad.bryant.edu email account and forward those important messages to a place where you will have them forever.

“We know leaving Bryant can be an emotional time for graduating seniors, and we want to help create a seamless transition from students to alumni. Offering an email address for life provides an option for them to transfer their important contacts and messages to an account they know they will have forever,” said Robin Warde, director of Alumni Engagement.

Is Nike’s new self-lacing sneaker just a platform for more sneaker innovation?

By Taylor Waters
Contributing Writer

Tinker Hatfield, designer of Nike’s new MAG shoes, says “Yes!” when asked ““Are we going to see power laces in 2015?” Who knew his plans for 2016 involved even more shoe innovation.

In 2015, Hatfield described the MAG self-lacing trainers to be destined for the high street, just like the ones worn by Mart McFly in Back to the Future 2. For those of you who haven’t had the pleasure to watch what is considered one of the greatest sci-fi films of our generation, a 2015 release date tied into the futuristic film produced in 1989. 2015 was the year McFly and Doc Brown traveled in their flying DeLorean. Nike released these shoes on October 21, 2015 but Hatfield confessed they were not what he had imagined.

Last week, on March 16, 2016, Nike releases their newest sneaker, the HyperAdapt 1.0. The HyperAdapt 1.0 shares the same technology Nike used in the 2015 Air MAGS, but after deeper research in digital, electrical, and mechanical engineering, the HyperAdapt 1.0 is a more consumer ready version, as reported by USA Today.

So how does the HyperAdapt 1.0 excel past current

Nike sneakers? When someone steps into the sneaker, a sensor automatically tightens to their foot. There are buttons on each side of the shoe where the consumer can adjust the tightness of the sneaker to receive the perfect fit. Hatfield’s innovation is considered to be the “sport version” of the Air MAGS. The new sneaker branches away from the high street mentality and transforms the shoe into a product that moves with the body and absorbs the same force the athlete is facing. It provides a tailored-to-the moment custom fit that senses what the body needs in real time no matter the physical activity the customer is enduring.

According to USA Today, The HyperAdapt 1.0 demonstrates the futuristic ideals our society once envisioned now brought to real life. However, it is only a platform and Hatfield desires a better product that changes as the athlete changes. During the interview prior to the release of the sneakers, Hatfield states “Wouldn’t it be great if a shoe, in the future, could sense when you needed to have it tighter or looser, Could it take you even tighter than you’d normally go if it senses you really need extra snugness in a quick maneuver?”. The HyperAdapt 1.0 is the first step in Hatfield’s vision of the future of adaptive performance. Currently, the athlete

controls the sneaker by manually tightening or loosening the shoe. However, innovation makes it feasible to achieve an automated version in the future. The new goal is to create a sneaker based off the HyperAdapt 1.0 that tightens and loosens when needed, nearly a symbolical relationship between the foot and the shoe.

As of right now, the Nike HyperAdapt 1.0 will be sold in three different colors during the 2016 holiday season, however it is available ONLY to members of Nike+ . To become a Nike+ member and sign up for notifications about the Nike HyperAdapt 1.0, go to Nike.com.



The Apple tree grows

By Zachary Holt
Contributing Writer

Apple’s March release has some exciting new product introductions and feature enhancements across the platform. Let’s begin with some of the modest advancements first. The Apple Watch is the number one selling smart watch in the world. Apple is using less expensive materials to bring the price down to as little as \$299 for the 38mm watch, as compared to last year’s product introduction price of \$549 for the same display size, all without sacrificing quality. Apple watch lovers are happy to see bands are available in an array of colors and materials.

The iPad product family welcomes their newest member, the 9.7 inch iPad. The new addition is the same size as the iPad Air 2 but with the same processing power of the 12.9-inch iPad. However, the 9.7-inch iPad leapfrogs both the younger and older brother with improved graphics, video recording resolution, FaceTime HD video camera megapixels and sound system. The iPad family will likely be playing catchup soon to his newest member.

Last year the most Apple TV’s were sold in its history, so this release was focused on enhancing the experience for its customers. Today there are as many as 5000 applications available for Apple products. Apple CEO, Tim Cook, said “Apps are the future of TV.” This month, March Madness fans were able to enjoy watching two games simultaneously using the “March Madness” Apple TV application. Customers can order food using the Grubhub application or watch fitness video using the Cody Application. With some of the new Apple TV enhancements, you can now use “hands free” Siri, create folders and use dictation. One of the most amazing app for all IOS devices is a medical application that can observe eye movements and facial expressions while playing a game to deduct autism in child as young as 18 months old, as compared to the typical diagnosis of 5 years, as first reported in the Wall Street Journal.

With 30 million 5 series 4-inch phone sold last year, Apple realized the importance of maintaining this size category in its product family line up. Although the iPhone 6 series has made important advancements over the 5 series, many customers could not easily slip the 6 or 6plus into their back pocket. The introduction of Apple’s newest phone, the iPhone SE, builds upon this attractive form factor, but integrates many of the capabilities of its bigger brother. One important improvement to the

SE was the quality and efficiency of manufacturing. By using the same manufacturing plant to build the SE as the 6 series, unlike the 5s, manufacturing efficiencies helped to drive the cost down. Last years’ iPhone 5s had a starting price of \$649, while the SE price for the same gigabits starts at \$399 dollars.

Pound for pound, the SE leaps past the 5s in processing speed, graphics, battery life and video. Let’s compare the equally sized new iPhone SE to its old counterpart, the iPhone 5s. The iPhone SE is double the speed with better graphics, longer battery life and hands free Siri compared to the iPhone 5s. In fact, the SE is well matched in features to the 6s in most technical specs. The iPhone SE and 6s have the most advanced processing power with the A9 chip with 64-bit architecture, a 12-megapixels Insight Camera and 4k HD video recording, among other features. My personal favorite new features of the iPhone SE is the Night Shift capability. As the sun sets, the display illuminates warmer coolers, minimizing eye strain and helping your eyes to adjust, relax and get ready for sleep. With global climate control on everyone’s minds, Apple continues to do its part by building their most environmentally friendly phone yet. It is made up of a highly recyclable aluminum glass and is free of arsenic, mercury, LED, PVC and BFR.

The Apple March 2016 release is good news for those enjoying their new Apple TV purchases, with more interesting applications developed every day. The two new production introductions, the 9.7-inch pad and the iPhone SE, both fill an important form factor need with higher performance. However the best news for all of us is that we are starting to see the price of Apple Watch and the iPhone becoming more affordable.



The Biz Update with Shayan



By Shayan Ushani
Business and Marketing Director

Currently, the markets are about as dramatic as a play, highlighted by proxy battles between company’s board members and hedge funds and big movements both up and down. Despite swings, the S&P500 has remained mostly flat for the past week. Europe seems to be following the American markets pattern. In Eastern China, there is a showing of a rebound and the government has loosened some trade regulation that has included marginal investing and transacting put options. Japan’s markets seemed just as mixed as the FTSE with the English who are unsure whether or not they want to stay in the EU. Japanese IPOs have been struggling, with a sad record of six out of 21 IPOs to debut on the market below their offering price. There also has been a drastic drop from close to 100 IPOs in 2015 to a mere 20 in 2016. Analysts state that certain companies are not attractive enough for investors and that not all can be blamed on the market selloff, which is a good point. In bull markets, IPOs become diluted with a great number of offerings and by companies that may not be suitable for public markets that follow the recent influx of trading by institutions that see a lucrative financial environment.

Credit Suisse brings a flash from the past when it was ordered to pay \$29 million in a recent lawsuit for its unfit mortgage securities in the wake of the housing

bubble. A spokesman from CS has declined to comment, but they were accused of abandoning guidelines for underwriting similar to the infamous Lehman Brothers. Big or small, in one industry or another, companies seem to be struggling. Pebble, a notable smartwatch manufacturer, will be laying off 25 percent of its staff. They aren’t the only ones cutting a major part of their workforce. Al-Jazeera, the media company, will be cutting 500 jobs. Qatar is taking a step in cutting its spending as oil has dropped and now will prioritize spending for the 2022 World Cup. Google has also been making spending cut initiatives. Alphabet is looking to sell Boston Dynamics, a robotics company known for posting viral videos of their robots. Executives are seeing problems in holding a company that cannot sustain itself, and many other projects of Google are being cut down. Google is also in the middle of a battle with Amazon for the spoils to the cloud computing market. Amazon is leading the way, but Google and Apple have recently partnered up to help combat Amazon’s growth as well as Microsoft trying to edge up its market share.

Amazon, along with many other tech industry leaders such as Intel, has publicly stated its intention for gender equality and pays its women employees the same as males, according to a recent report by Reuters. More interesting news out of the tech industry is that Yahoo!’s board is now in a battle with Starboard Value for a complete removal. Starboard and other investors are not happy that Yahoo! has run into tax problems by selling their Alibaba stake and continue to shut down services of the core company. A spinoff by Marissa Mayer has not come to reality and now Yahoo! is in a tough position. Some rumors mention Microsoft putting in a bid in order to grow their own search engine enterprise, Bing.

Growth stocks have not been completely overshadowed by their non-discretionary counterparts. Uber has ordered thousands of Mercedes S-class sedans in a move to raise the premium branding of their company. Ford may plan to join Uber, and Lyft as well, following General Motors. On the other side, we see big moves from well-established companies like Coca-Cola that plan on selling their bottling and distribution unit that they acquired six years ago. The vision of controlling all aspects of their business from bottling to delivery has been abandoned as profitability seems low. Coca-Cola is in a situation where they need to pick it up or face an outside buyout. As Warren Buffett says, “Don’t let your stock become of value if you want to keep your job.” Coming up are reports of Chicago PMI, Motor Vehicle sales, Consumer Sentiment, and Construction Spending.

Steven K Latimer Memorial 5K

By Myra Latimer-Nicholas
Founder of Steven K. Latimer Memorial Foundation

The Steven K Latimer Memorial Foundation invites you to become a sponsor of our 5th annual Steven K Latimer Memorial 5K ~ Families Against Violence Run/Walk. This exciting event will be held on Saturday, September 24, 2016 at Roger Williams Park – Temple to Music, Providence, RI. Your sponsorship will help assure the success of the 5th annual Steven K Latimer Memorial 5K ~ Families Against Violence Run/Walk.

The SKL Memorial Foundation is a registered non-profit organization, which was established in honor of my son, Steven Latimer, who was shot and killed on October 2, 2011 in a senseless, random act of violence, just two days before his 24th birthday.

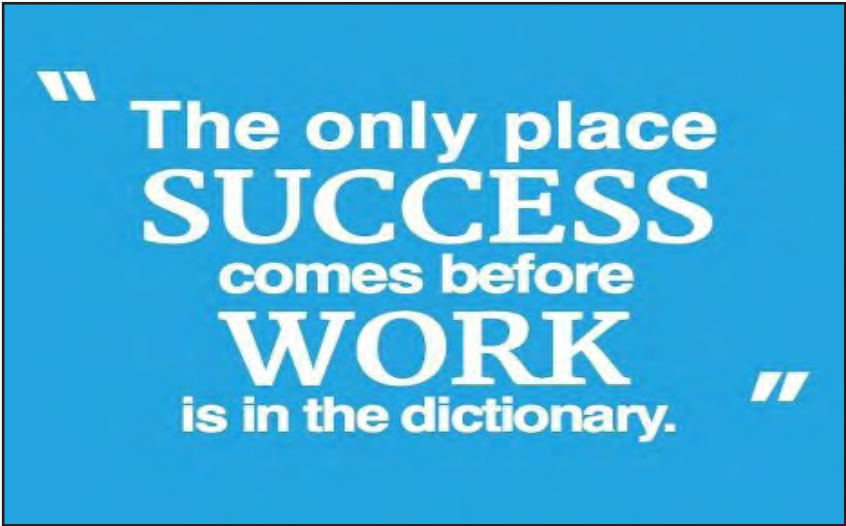
The Foundation provides scholarships to youth in the state of Rhode Island who have lost a parent/guardian or loved one due to an act of violence. The SKL Memorial 5K ~ Families Against Violence Run/Walk is the Foundation’s main fundraiser and has been put on for the last four years as the catalyst to bring awareness to the violence in our cities. The event also brings our communities

together to honor those lost to violence while encouraging families to participate in an event that promotes peace, healing, good health practices and the opportunity to be amongst people who want the violence to stop.

I invite you to partner with us and help make a positive difference in our communities as well as in the lives of our youth. I believe that by providing these un-sung survivors of violence with scholarships we are providing them the opportunity to consider education as a formidable option to achieve success, end the cycle of violence and ensure healthy productive living.

I am encouraged knowing that you may also share our mission philosophy, and we hope that you will partner with us to accomplish our foundations mission.

Please take a few minutes to review the different sponsorship opportunities that are attached. If you should have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact me directly at 401-256-8109 or via email at sklmemorialfoundation@gmail.com.



New program enables recent grads to receive up to \$7k to purchase home

By Mark Berger
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Looking for a new home becomes a top priority for any soon-to-be-graduating student. While living with either their parents, guardians, relatives or other friends are viable short-term options, they can also create more problems as well. There are concerns regarding personal space and adhering to any house rules associated with someone else’s home.

So, what should a soon-to-be college grad do in this type of situation? The answer lies in students purchasing their own home.

A lack of financial resources often plagues both impending and recently-graduated students. Much of what they might have earned during that time often goes toward tuition, food, books and other living expenses. They likely did not do much to save for their future.

With the help of a recently-unveiled program called The Ocean State Grad Grant, first-time homeowners who have either graduated within the last 36 months or plan to receive their diplomas this spring may earn up to \$7,000 to purchase and stay in their residence for at least five years.

Joseph Baptista, president of Anchor Financial Mortgage in Pawtucket, RI, says

there are significant benefits of owning a home as opposed to renting an apartment.

“Owning a home means you can build equity and your credit,” said Baptista, who has owned Anchor Financial since 2000. “It also provides the new homeowner with a feeling of independence and privacy that they would not enjoy by moving back in with their parents or sharing the financial responsibilities with friends.”

Baptista lives in Smithfield and has been married to wife, Kimberly, for 14 years and has three children Kayla, Sarah, and Marissa. He is a member of Business Networking International (BNI) Founders Chapter, The Better Business Bureau, and the Rhode Island Mortgage Bankers Association.

Anchor Financial Mortgage, Inc. serves all of New England, New York and Florida. Their mission is providing qualified individuals with the best possible mortgage financing programs available with customer service that is second to none. They have more than 15 years of A+ ratings with the Better Business Bureau with no consumer complaints.

For more details pertaining to the Ocean State Grad Grant or other incentive programs that are available, please contact Joseph Baptista at: 401-722-9032, e-mail at Joe@AnchorFinancial.com, or visit them on their website at: <http://www.anchorfinancial.com>.

And the Madness Continues

By James Wood
Contributing Writer

If you consider yourself a fan of college basketball, chances are you have been highly anticipating this year’s March Madness. Two weeks ago, you may have even found yourself sitting on your computer, wracking your brain with the highest hopes of creating the world’s first perfect bracket. However, after the first round upsets of Arkansas Little Rock, Hawaii, S.F. Austin, and Middle Tennessee your hopes and dreams (along with everyone else’s) had been crushed into the ground. If you’re anything like me, you put your bracket in your trash bin where it belongs and immersed yourself in every minute of the fast paced, gut wrenching games that perfectly sum up all of the Madness in March. Since the upsets, you have been watching this tournament as nothing more than a true fan of the game, still eager to see all of the buzzer beaters and double overtimes you’ve been patiently waiting for all season.

March Madness of 2016 so far has been a very historic tournament, and it had all the makings of one from that very first game. If you watched any of this year’s regular season games you knew that being the higher ranked team did not necessarily mean that you were the favorite; 13 first round upsets tie the record for the most in a tournament since its expansion to 64 teams in 1985. The numerous upsets were not the only factor that made this tournament live up to expectations. In fact, there were five last second game winning shots, including a half court buzzer beater to put Northern Iowa past Texas in the first round. You may also remember Northern Iowa’s last minute collapse versus Texas A&M when they gave up 11 points in the last 38 seconds of regulation, which in turn allowed Texas A&M to tie the game up and win it later in double overtime. Some are calling that game the greatest comeback in tournament history, and in my opinion they are right.

Another topic from this tournament is the dominance of the ACC in this year’s March Madness. We have seen six of the ACC teams make the Sweet Sixteen, four made it into the Elite Eight, and two in the Final Four, leading to an overall record of 18-5. There should be no doubt in anyone’s mind that the ACC was the best conference in college basketball this year. With all that being said, the most impressive accomplishment that the ACC has contributed to this tournament was the remarkable journey Syracuse has had to the Final Four. Syracuse with their comeback win over number one seed Virginia last weekend became the first 10 seed to ever make it to the Final Four. Three weeks ago Syracuse was a nine seed in the ACC tournament and lost in the first round. Most people thought that the selection committee was wrong for even putting them in the field of 68, and now they are two wins away from being at the

top of the college basketball world.

This year’s tournament will come to a close on Monday night, April 4th, after the National Champion is crowned, but first and foremost, we have two highly anticipated Final Four matchups that will be played on this upcoming Saturday. Villanova will square off with Oklahoma in a game that this tournament may be potentially remembered by if it lives up to the expectations that the madness creates. Villanova has been getting key contributions from all of their starters while Oklahoma’s National Player of the Year hopeful, Buddy Hield, is on pace to break the record for most points scored in a single NCAA tournament. In the other matchup we see David versus Goliath where #1 seed North Carolina and #10 seed Syracuse will meet for the third time this year, North Carolina won both matchups by single digits, but with the hot streak Syracuse has been riding as of late no one can say for sure who will be the winner but this has all the makings of an instant classic.



Balling in Beantown

By Cal Hirt
Contributing Writer



The Boston Celtics are a good basketball team, and when the Celtics are good, it is a bonus for the entire NBA. Ever since the “Big Three” consisting of Paul Pierce, Kevin Garnett, and Ray Allen resigned from the team, the Celtics went through a period of uninspiring play. Post Big Three era, the Celtics did not have much of an identity. The team was comprised of a mix of mid-skill leveled veterans and undeveloped young players. Along with the Big Three, former coach Doc Rivers left the Celtics to coach the L.A. Clippers. Now, under the talented coach Brad Stevens, the former coach of Butler University who led his team to two NCAA Championship games, the Celtics are a formidable team again.

Currently sitting at 4th place in the Eastern Conference standings, the Celtics are one of the better teams in the NBA. Brad Stevens has re-created the winning atmosphere in Boston during his third year with the team. Trading for players such as Isaiah Thomas and Jae Crowder, the team has evolved from their rebuilding phase into a legitimate playoff contender. Although the Celtics are currently in 4th place in the standings, only four other teams are five games behind the Celtics. Needless to say, the last few weeks of NBA basketball will be very important for the playoff seeding, particularly for the Celtics. If the season ended today, the Celtics would be facing the Miami Heat, which is a tough matchup. If the Celtics climb up the standings in the last upcoming games, then they would potentially have a much easier matchup with either the Charlotte Hornets or the Indiana Pacers.

The Celtics are an interesting team. You could say they are the island of misfit toys to the NBA, a mix of above average players who are much stronger as a whole unit. The team does have a lone All Star, Isaiah Thomas, but he is not complete enough to be considered a superstar. Thomas is a tremendous scorer and clutch player, but his lack of size makes him a defensive liability at times. The Celtics need one superstar to reach the next level. Bringing in a player like Kevin Durant would propel the Celtics to the realm of championship contenders. At this stage, the Celtics are a very good team, but they could not compete with the Cleveland Cavaliers during a seven game playoff series. Even if the Celtics win the East, they are no match for either the San Antonio Spurs nor the Golden State Warriors, who are the two favorites to win the West. The Celtics need to make some noise in the offseason because Boston fans ultimately want championship banners.

It will be interesting to see how the Celtics fare in the postseason. The team is full of players who do not have any playoff experience. The playoffs will be a good test for the team, especially for the Celtic leaders such as Isaiah Thomas, Avery Bradley, and Jae Crowder. As a Boston fan myself, I am very excited for the present and future of the Celtics. The quest for banner number eighteen continues.

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Eight years of Plumlee brothers at Duke coming to a close

Laura Keeley
MCT Campus

When Marshall Plumlee was a high school student at Christ School near Asheville, N.C., he would offer friends quite the trade: a ticket to a Duke basketball game in exchange for a ride to Durham, N.C.

As a Duke recruit and little brother to Blue Devils basketball players Miles and Mason, Plumlee had no problem securing tickets. Sweet rides, however, had always been the tougher find: hand-me-downs from his family have included a 2000 Silver Ford Windstar minivan and a white Cadillac DeVille.

"So I would pick a friend and say, I'll give you a ticket if you drive me. It was a pretty good gig," Marhsall said.

While watching his brothers at Cameron Indoor Stadium, Marshall would note the instructions coach Mike Krzyzewski and then-assistant Steve Wojciechowski would give his brothers. Marshall would then go back to Christ School, the boarding school the three Plumlee brothers attended, and try to apply that coaching to himself. He would also inevitably think about his future.

Marshall wasn't immediately convinced he wanted to join his brothers at Duke. His parents weren't initially sure that was his best move, either.

"Duke is a premiere program, and we didn't want him to get starstruck with wanting to be at Duke only to be at a place that maybe was at a level where he shouldn't be," said his father, Perky Plumlee. "It was all about what's the right fit."

After five years at Duke, there's no question that the match has benefited both the Blue Devils and Marshall. This season, he's averaged 30.6 minutes per game (34.9 in ACC play), scoring 8.2 points and corraling 8.6 rebounds per contest, too. And ever since Amile Jefferson broke his foot in mid-December, Marshall has been Duke's only viable post option.

"With Amile being out, how (Plumlee) has played that position and the amount of minutes _ if you list reasons for us being pretty successful and a tournament team now, you would have to put him at the top," Krzyzewski said. "There is no replacement for him."

Twice in ACC play this year, Marshall has snagged 17 rebounds. With Duke down to just four healthy scholarship guards against North Carolina in Chapel Hill, Marshall played the final 14 minutes with four fouls.

"In my opinion he was the reason they won the game over at our place," UNC coach Roy Williams said. "He played the last 14 minutes with four fouls and challenged everything we had around the basket."

Traveling to Durham

It's easy to forget that Marhsall had never averaged more than 9.6 minutes, 2.2 points and 2.4 rebounds per game before this season. Now a hulking true center, he barely resembles the skinny 7-footer that joined his brothers on campus in 2011.

Of course, he isn't the first Plumlee to grow into himself while at Duke.

"I just remember coming to watch Miles and thinking holy crap, what have they done to him? He got all beefed up," Marshall said of his memories from going to his first Duke game. "I had this image of this skinny guy in my head from high school, and I was like, man, they bulked him up, they took away all of his bounce. He's not going to be able to jump anymore. And then he just skied and jammed it. I'm like all right, maybe he's just a really good athlete."

Perky Plumlee and his wife Leslie have been driving the 12-hour trip from Warsaw, Ind., to Durham to see their sons play since 2008, when Miles, the oldest, was a freshman. Perky conservatively estimates that they have made 10 trips a year, for eight years. But back when their youngest child, Madeline, was a boarder at Saint Mary's School in Raleigh, N.C., (she graduated in 2014), Leslie estimates that she made the trip to the area at least twice a month.

For years, their routine looked like this: For a Saturday game, leave Friday evening and drive through the night. Catch a few hours of sleep at a rest stop off of the I-77 toll

road in West Virginia. Arrive in Durham on Saturday morning and try to charm the hotel receptionist into an early check in for another nap before getting ready for the game.

"We've deviated a little bit from season to season, but that's generally how we have made it work," Perky said.

Most recently, Perky and Leslie made the trip to Washington, D.C. to watch Marshall and the Blue Devils in the ACC tournament, where Duke lost 84-79 in overtime to Notre Dame in Thursday's quarterfinals.

Deciding on Duke

Out of the three boys, Miles was the most unlikely to end up at Duke. He had committed to Stanford and then-coach Trent Johnson, but Johnson left Stanford for LSU during Miles' senior year of high school. Mason, then a high school junior, had already committed to Duke. Miles ended up committing to the Blue Devils in May of his senior year.

No one in the family pushed Marshall toward Duke _ at least not until the end of his recruitment.

"My mom, my dad, Mason and my sister were all very supportive and (said) 'Marshall, do what's best for you, we don't want you to feel any pressure in terms of going to one school or the other,'" Marshall said. "As it started to get down to the wire, Miles pulled me aside, and he said, 'Come on Marshall, look, it's time to come to Duke.'"

"Miles was a little more no nonsense about it, and I think I needed that kick in the pants a little bit to get my head straight."

Virginia and Michigan were the other finalists in Marshall's recruitment. Perky reminded his youngest son throughout the process that both of his older brothers had their ups and downs at Duke and that he needed to pick the best fit for him.

However, a meeting with Krzyzewski and Wojciechowski helped Marshall make up his mind about playing for Duke.

"Really, I think what turned the tables for Marshall was when he had a 2-on-1 meeting with coach K and coach Wojciechowski," Perky said. "He was able to just talk to them, and they were able to tell him what they thought about him as a player and what his potential was and could he, in fact, be a contributing member of the Duke team. Did they honestly feel that he could really help their program, and that was what we needed."

"I remember after that meeting, Marshall felt confident and said, 'I want to come here, I can do this. I can play here. They believe that I can, and I believe that I can. And I'm in.'"

In 2011, Marshall, who redshirted his freshman year, joined Miles and Mason at Duke.

Perky hasn't been surprised at his youngest son's success this year. He knew from years of watching him and now-Charlotte Hornets center Cody Zeller compete on the same Indiana Elite AAU team that his son could play.

"Marshall has had to endure a lot of taunting and teasing _ 'You're stiff, you're the black sheep of the three,' he has had to endure a lot of that," Perky said. "He's a better athlete than a lot of people realized with his mobility. He doesn't have a tremendous wingspan. I told Marshall everybody is lacking something. You just have to learn to come to grips with what you have and learn how to use it to the upmost. And I think he has great mobility. He's got some size, and he is pretty quick on his feet for a guy his size. And he plays with a lot of energy."

Marshall does intend to pursue his NBA dream after graduation, just like Miles (with the Milwaukee Bucks) and Mason (Portland Trail Blazers). The commitment he made in January 2015 to become a U.S. Army officer will allow him to do that.

But first, Marshall and the Blue Devils will head to Providence, R.I., for the NCAA Tournament, where they'll face UNC Wilmington on Thursday at 12:15 p.m. And Perky and Leslie will watch, drawing close to the end of an incredible eight-year run.

"I just hope," Marshall said, "That Duke has enjoyed eight years of Plumlees as much as I have."

A College Baseball team takes historic trip to Cuba

Audrey Snyder
MCT Campus

It started by mentioning that he'd like to take his Penn State baseball team on an international trip, but Nittany Lions baseball coach Rob Cooper had no idea Cuba was an option.

He was in a meeting with a group of Penn State athletic staff members when he said he hoped to take his team out of the country on a preseason trip, something the NCAA permits teams to do once every four years. That's when someone suggested Cuba.

"I thought he was kidding," Cooper said.

A few years later, it's no joke. Next month, Penn State will become the first U.S. team at any level to play against teams from the Cuban National Series, Cuba's premier baseball league. The team will travel to Cuba the week of Thanksgiving break on academic visas for a trip that will include four baseball games, lectures and seminars.

Two of those games will be played in Havana against Industriales, a team regarded as a Cuban version of the New York Yankees for its dominance on the field, at the 55,000-seat Estadio Latinoamericano.

PNC Park, by comparison, has a seating capacity of 38,362. Medlar Field, Penn State's home park, can seat 5,406.

Penn State also will travel 100 miles west of Havana

for a game against Pinar del Rio and 65 miles east of Havana for a game against Matanzas.

Although the games will be a highlight of the trip, the educational aspect is the most important to Cooper.

"What our kids are going to be able to do is they're going to be able to see Cuba for what it is right now, before it does change and before that whole development can happen down there," Cooper said. "The fact that 30, 40 years from now they're going to be able to tell their grandkids, 'Hey, I was in Cuba right when this all started to turn,' and that I think you just can't put a price tag on."

The trip is made possible because of Penn State's partnership with the Havana-based Centro de Estudios Martianos (Center for Marti Studies). Penn State's Office of Global Programs signed a memorandum of understanding for scholarly engagement with the center that predates the Obama administration's efforts to normalize relations with the island country starting in December of last year.

John S. Nichols, a Penn State professor emeritus who spent nearly 40 years traveling to Cuba and who conducted research on Cuban communications issues, is joining the team on the trip.

"They've got a really good mix of high-level competition games and at the same time visiting cultural sites, visiting historic sites, attending lectures on the history of Cuban sports, on larger topics about Cuban

history and the life of Jose Marti, so it really will be a true mix of athletics and academics," Nichols said.

Penn State's travel party will include fewer than 50 people. Because of travel restrictions in Cuba, the trip is limited to the team, coaches, trainers, select Global Programs workers and eight student journalists. Cooper said the baseball games are a bonus for his young team, since the competition is just one component of the trip. The most important, for Cooper and Nichols, is using sports to better understand Cuba and its culture.

Penn State baseball will be the third U.S. collegiate team to visit Cuba this year. In 2000, Penn State women's volleyball, under the direction of head coach Russ Rose, became the first Division I team to compete in Cuba. Cooper said he and Rose spoke about the experience.

Nichols is using his experiences in Cuba to help the team prepare for the trip. He and the coach will hold meetings for parents and the baseball players, helping them understand some of the many differences they will face _ including little details such as foul balls being thrown back on the field in an effort to preserve a precious commodity.

"There's no place on the face of the earth that's as close yet so far as Cuba," Nichols said. "It's 90 miles away from the United States, but it's a different world."

Bryant Sport Statistics

Baseball - Game March 23rd
Bryant (14-5) 8
Hartford (11-5) 9

Softball - Game on March 23rd
Bryant (1-21) 0
Boston College (18-12) 2

Men’s Tennis - Match on 26th
Bryant (1-0) 5
Fairleigh Dickinson (1-1) 2

Women’s Tennis - Match on March 26th
Bryant (1-0) 4
Fairleigh Dickinson (0-1) 3

Track and Field - Alan Connie Shamrock Invitational
March 20th

Bryant performed strong in the tournament, Melissa Loge winning the women’s 5k highlighting the team’s performance. Other notable performances include; The team of Nicole Dempsey, MiaLynne Park, Melissa Hurwitz, and Kristen Hayes (4x200 relay), Deion Raper (110m hurdles), Russell Stevens (10k), Adam Malone (long jump and triple jump), Emily McNeil (800 and mile), Brendan Smyth (long jump), Kelsey Charette (javelin throw), Alec Binette (200), Peter Thorp (200), and Milan Duka (800).

Women’s Lacrosse - Game on March 22nd
Bryant (5-3) 13
Siena (5-4) 12

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Trump’s role in fueling campaign violence

By Harrison Garrett

Staff Writer



Americans were once proud of the national political process. While never perfect, our political process was once characterized by optimism, hope, and kindness. It brought people together and allowed for a free and peaceful exchange of ideas. This is what made America great. Now, our system is being perverted by the violence, hatred, and divisiveness that has erupted at many Donald Trump rallies.

At recent rallies, Trump supporters have attacked and beaten protesters, often times yelling horrific racial slurs. Perhaps the most brutal attack was on Bryan Sanders, who simply held up a picture of Donald Trump, and chanted “liar.”

The man fell victim to a full-fledged beat down, by a man named Tony Pettway, who punched Bryan Sanders in the face five times, then kicked and stomped his head. As the man’s face was kicked in, one man stood up, clapped, and raised his fist. Another chanted “Trump!” Others watched, cheering and filming.

But, are Donald Trump and his campaign at fault? Has he fostered a culture of violence? Or is the violence simply a product of a few extreme individuals?

First, protesting has been a part of our political process for generations. Every remaining presidential candidate (possibly with the exception of John Kasich) have seen protesters at their events. For the last seven years, President Obama has had to deal with angry protesters. Why then, do these gatherings not turn violent? Well in large part, other candidates have handled protesters much differently. Bernie Sanders’ policies, for example, are enough to make any conservative angry enough to protest. However, Sanders has made a point out of respecting other viewpoints and engaging in productive dialogue.

The same cannot be said about Donald Trump, who responded to a protester by saying “I’d like to punch him in the face.” Trump has routinely mentioned violence as a way to stifle his protesters.

Just look at how Trump responds to violence at his rallies. After recent violent incidents, Trump did not attempt to calm supporters or protesters. He didn’t attempt to unify his audiences either, in fact, he did just the opposite. He drew a clear line in the sand. When referring to his protesters he said “these are bad, bad people, we’re going to take our country back from these people, these people do nothing.” Yet when questioned about his own supporters, he defended them saying “these are extraordinary people, these are great people”

Donald Trump has even gone further, in one instance he said he would pay the legal fees if one of his supporters were to assault a protester. Trump later doubled down on this claim following the assault of a Black Lives Matter protester by one of his supporters. When later asked if he would seriously pay his supporters legal fees, he said “I’ve actually instructed my people to look into it, yes.”

This violent culture, however, doesn’t stop at his supporters. Trump’s own campaign manager Corey Lewandowski was seen grabbing a reporter’s arm so hard he bruised her arm, nearly knocking her to the ground. The reporter, Michelle Fields, was never asked to leave, or even move, even though she wasn’t in a restricted area, or posing any kind of threat. In fact, she was reporting for Breitbart, a news outlet that has been very friendly towards Donald Trump. He has since been charged.

After the incident, neither Trump nor Lewandowski apologized, both denied it had even happened. Lewandowski went on to call Fields “an attention seeker” and “delusional.” A video later surfaced, clearly showing the incident take place exactly as Fields had described. Lewandowski wasn’t fired or reprimanded, but was actually defended by the Trump campaign.

Trump claims he is a good leader, but where was his leadership when his supporters beat down protestors, or when his own campaign manager assaulted a reporter? Trump claims to be a unifier, but how has he unified Americans during violence and protests?

Donald Trump’s role in enabling this violence is clear. His violent rhetoric towards protestors, his defense of violent supporters, and even of his own campaign manager who suggested he has helped create this violent campaign culture. If he wants to have any shot at winning in November, he must reject this violence immediately, and structure a more unifying

Eating on a budget

By Marissa Nero

Contributing Writer

As everybody knows, eating on a budget can be quite the task, especially if you’re a senior living in a townhouse. However, there are some simple tricks that can be used to make sure that all of your money is not being spent on food, and more of it can be spent at Rente’s.

The first step to saving your money is to buy bulk as much as possible. This might seem hard since you are only one person and not going to eat that much every week. An easy way to do this is to go shopping with your roommates and split the food and the cost.

The second step to success is chicken. Chicken is one of the cheapest meats out there and can be made a million different ways. It is also helpful that chicken can be bought in bulk even if it’s just for yourself because you can freeze it for months at a time.

The third approach to not spending every last dollar you own at the grocery is to never go to the grocery store hungry. This is probably the worst thing you can do because you will buy everything in sight. You will then proceed to go home and eat every single item that you bought and be forced to go to the grocery store all over again.

The fourth way to save money on food is to have potluck style dinners at least once a week with your roommates. Everyone has to create one small dish and everyone will get a full meal while only having to pay for one of the sides. This is also a great way to bond with your roommates around the table and listen to everyone talk about how great (or horrible) their day was.

The fifth phase to eating on a budget is to limit the amount of times you’re going out to eat. Do not go to Chipotle for every meal. No matter how good Chili’s is, college students can simply not afford to be eating there more than once every two weeks. Every once in awhile is fine, but if you’re eating out more than once a week, it’s going to add up because restaurants are charging fifteen dollars for lettuce and some croutons.

The last and final step to eating on a budget is under no circumstances (unless you are ridiculously hungry and feel that it will emotionally touch your soul if you get pizza) dial Ronzio’s number at 2 a.m. on a Saturday. This is because you will order the buffalo chicken pizza with a side of ranch, mozzarella sticks, and fried ravioli. The worst part of this is if you’re calling in the order and having all of this delivered, you’re most likely going to fall asleep before it arrives.

Overall, it’s okay to have one of those off weeks where you physically need to have Ronzio’s and go out to eat at least twice, but it’s always good to eat in. And if all else fails, Ramen is only \$2.00 for a 12 pack.

Bryant University: Not a ‘Suitcase School?’

By Laura Hayes

Staff Writer

We are all familiar with the term “suitcase school” because we heard it when we were on a tour of the school and the tour guide mentioned how Bryant University is not one. By definition, a suitcase school is one where most students keep a suitcase under their bed and come Friday they fill it up and go home. In some instances, students go home because they feel as though there isn’t anything to do on campus, so they return home for the weekend.

I completely understand that for many students, this past weekend was a holiday weekend, and they wanted to return home to spend Easter with family and loved ones. However, this behavior is not out of the ordinary on the Bryant campus. For me, having just returned from spring break with my family a week earlier, I had no desire to make the six hour round trip back home. I think a key reason the majority of students do travel off campus most weekends is because they are so close to home. Whenever I meet someone new on campus, I half-wittedly ask them “are you from Massachusetts or Connecticut”, the joke being there is an overwhelming chance the answer is one of the two. When you live less than two hours away from home, it may be worth the drive.

What this doesn’t account for is anyone who lives farther than two hours away, such as international students or students from the west coast, or those who do not have a mode of transportation to get home. There was absolutely no problem parking this weekend because the majority of cars taking up parking spots belong to students that use their cars primarily for driving home on the weekends. Maybe we could even solve the parking problem if we had a wider geographic diversity of students, that way it would not be possible for so many cars to travel to campus.

What I find interesting is that many people I know went off campus simply because they knew several other people were leaving as well. It almost seemed for every one student leaving campus for Easter two others left to avoid the ghost town that campus became this weekend.

Bryant University is not religiously affiliated, so it only follows that we did not receive any additional time off to recognize the holiday. What baffles me is although we were not given time off, the university operated on almost break-like schedule. It’s almost as if they expected most students to leave. By Saturday at six pm everything in the Fisher Student Center was closed. Nick’s Place did not offer meal swipe exchanges, and The Scoop, Dunkin Donuts, and Subway were all closed. Students who stayed on campus did not receive an email alert that the hours in the student center were changed. Several people waited all afternoon to get a meal swipe at Nick’s Place only to walk home hungry when finding it closed. On Saturday, all students turned their business to Ronzio’s Pizza in Hall 17 because it was the only location opened on campus serving food past 7:00pm. Those who could afford to go off campus or order in did so as well.

Does this mean Bryant University has come to expect the majority of their students to leave on the weekends? Maybe we should keep a closer eye opened next weekend to find out.

Why JoJo will be the Best Bachelorette

By Julia Harlow

Contributing Writer

On March 14th, a good number of the female, and male, population had their eyes glued to the television as we all waited for Ben Higgins make his final decision between Lauren Bushnell and Joelle (JoJo) Fletcher. According to the Twittersphere, viewers were about as divided on who Ben should pick as Ben himself. As soon as we saw JoJo first step out of the helicopter we knew she was done for. After the tough break-up, half of the viewers were elated watching Ben propose to Lauren B and the other half already turned their TV off.

For the JoJo fans that muscled through and made it to the After the Final Rose special, we realized we were even luckier than Lauren B fans. After a couple weeks of rumors circulating that Caila, the 2nd runner up, was going to be the next Bachelorette, Chris Harrison gave us a pleasant surprise when he announced JoJo would be taking the spot. There are many things we witnessed throughout this season of The Bachelor that lead me to believe JoJo will be the best Bachelorette yet.

First, she had good intentions by deciding to be on the show. It quickly became clear that JoJo was on The Bachelor with the hopes of finding love and not to promote herself in any way. She was never the center of attention within the girls because that was not what she wanted to be. That’s not what it’s about. She showed that although the experience was about her finding love, she didn’t need to do crazy stunts so she could get a lot of camera time. The craziest thing she did was get out of the limo on the first night with a unicorn mask on, but we can let that slide because that’s nothing compared to some of the other girls. Yes, I’m referring to Mandi with the gigantic rose on her head or Lauren R who, within the first 10 seconds of meeting Ben, openly and uncomfortably admitted she’s been seriously cyberstalking him for the past few months.

JoJo is a breath of fresh air that The Bachelor and The Bachelorette has needed for 20 seasons. She brought real life scenarios into an otherwise fantasy-like show. With all of the exquisite destinations they travel to throughout the show, it’s impossible for any of the dates to resemble what real life would be like for the couple. Maybe you’d kick a soccer ball around at some point, but I highly doubt it would also be with members of the women’s national soccer team. These unrealistic dates make it difficult for the couple to experience problems that would naturally arise in a new relationship. It was clear that JoJo wasn’t interested in living in the fairytale idea of the show when she spoke to Ben about her feelings regarding her ex who tried to contact her to try and work things out. Openly and honestly discussing feelings about an ex is something that happens often in a real relationship and is something that we don’t see too much of on these shows. By calmly sitting down with Ben and having this discussion, it was really the first time these shows have ever seen a couple resolve a conflict other than the other 20 girls picking on her or not knowing how to handle your boyfriend kissing other girls in front of you.

Something else that sets JoJo apart from the rest of the women is her demeanor. She is quite literally pleasing to watch on TV. Not only is she beautiful and has great clothes, but she also has a subtle confidence about her that helped show off her intelligence and bubbly personality. She always appeared to be happy in any situation throughout the show, even when she was on the verge of being literally blown away by the helicopter landing close to her. She was laughing and smiling the whole time!

By having JoJo as the next Bachelorette, we can expect to see her bring more real life scenarios to the show and hopefully a lot less of the useless drama that we’re used to seeing. JoJo is smart enough to get rid of anyone she feels is only there to cause drama and get in the way of her finding true love. This season will be unlike anything we have ever seen from the show, and that is why JoJo is the best decision for The Bachelorette.

Grease the Musical coming to Bryant

By Liam Rice
Staff Writer

This Friday and Saturday at 7 pm, and Sunday at 2 pm, the Bryant Players hand-jive their way into our hearts in the beloved musical Grease! Featuring an all-star cast of Bryant students—and a Bryant faculty member—the show promises to be full of laughs, love, and wicked dance moves. With tickets being sold in the Rotunda all week 10AM-2PM and at the show each night, there is no excuse to miss one of the biggest events of the year! Catch your T-Birds and Pink Ladies at the Janikies Theatre this weekend!

The musical is set in 1959 at fictional Rydell High School and follows 10 working-class teenagers as they navigate the complexities of peer pressure, politics, personal core values, and love. While Sandy and Danny

wrestle with their volatile relationship, their friends also deal with everyone from the dreaded high school dance to mooning everyone’s least favorite teacher! Featuring fan favorites, such as “Summer Nights” and “Greased Lightning,” the cast belts out songs certain to get you on your feet and doing The Twist. Not to be mistaken with the movie step-by-step (the musical has a much better plot and a few different songs), this show is a power production from your friends at the Bryant Players!

How did this show come to life? Starting towards the end of the previous spring semester, the Bryant Players received nominations from club members of the shows they would love to perform. After much debate and voting, the club landed on Grease the Musical and the production process began. Working throughout the Summer and Fall, the artistic team organized rehearsal schedules, marketing, vocal preparation, choreography, and much more. Once spring semester

began, open auditions were held for all roles and the cast, after long hours of deliberation, was chosen! The cast then began the rehearsal process, Monday through Thursday 9PM-11PM, sometimes later. Specific members even spent seventeen hour work days on the weekends constructing the beautiful set.

So why should you even come to such an amazingly crafted and energetic musical, you ask? Apart from the outrageous jokes live band, and spirited dancing—yes, you can totally hand-jive during “Born to Hand Jive”—the production has fought so hard throughout the year. Attempting to further heighten the art community on campus, this determined cast and crew make magic out of few resources. Make sure you swing by Janikies Auditorium this weekend to check out the show! Pro Tip: Come fifteen minutes early if you want to get a great seat, as tickets are selling out fast!

‘You’re the one that I want’

Get to know the two leads of this spring’s Grease the Musical

By Liam Rice
Staff Writer



Name:
Catherine Emond

Class Year:
Junior

What are class like for you at Bryant?
“I’m a Marketing/Communications double major so pretty well!”

What is your role in the show?
“I play Sandy, basically my dream role!”

How are you feeling about the show?
“I still can’t believe they cast me, this is actually a dream come true! I’m really nervous to perform in front of so many of my family and friends but I feel really blessed that I have so many people who want to see me do this!”

What’s your favorite song in Grease?
“For sure ‘Summer Nights’!”

What other involvements do you have?
“Alpha Omicron Pi, Student Ambassadors, and ACE Writing Consultant”

Why should I come see the show?
“Doesn’t everyone love a little grease in their life? If you haven’t seen one of the millions of reruns on ABC family you’re lying—now you get to see it with your friends! Also, I’ll be really happy so please come!”



Name:
Will Tondo

Class Year:
Freshmen

What are academics like for you at Bryant?
“I major in Marketing and Finance, with a Communications Minor”

What role do you play in show?
“I am beyond excited to play Danny Zuko”

How are you feeling about this production?
“I’m super excited to be able to be on stage and land a lead my freshmen year. The show is so much fun and I’m excited to perform this weekend.”

What’s your favorite song in Grease?
“Definitely ‘Summer Nights’ or ‘Greased Lightning’!”

What’s your favorite ice cream flavor?
“Butterscotch or cookie dough!”

Who is your favorite professor you’ve taken?
“Professor Clark, although I love them all!”

What else are you involved in on campus?
ROTC, The Archway, Student Ambassadors, Bulldog Leader to name a few!

Why should I come see the show?
You get to see many familiar Bryant faces on stage singing and dancing to your favorite Grease tunes. It’s a fun show and we have a very talented cast!

Astronomical highlights for stargazers

By David A. Huestis
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Though March winds are supposed to bring April showers, I for one am looking forward to milder temperatures and clear skies as the Sun continues its northward journey through our sky, culminating with the Summer Solstice in June. Unfortunately a welcome shower of meteors called the April Lyrids is Full Moon(ed) out on the 20th this year, but there are several other astronomical highlights I recommend you try to work into your April observing schedule.

If you’ve never seen the planet Mercury with the naked-eye, then you should begin to look for this hellish world during the second week in April. At that time it will be sufficiently above the western horizon during dusk after sunset. Mercury will be a little brighter than Betelgeuse, the star marking Orion’s right shoulder (remember, Orion is facing us). As the month progresses, Mercury will rise higher and higher into the sky, reaching its greatest altitude on the 18th. Need a guide to find it? Mercury will be ten degrees to the lower right of the Pleiades star cluster on that date. Each night thereafter it will sink lower and lower, finally disappearing back into the Sun’s glare.

Mercury exhibits phases very much like the Moon. If you have a telescope and an unobstructed view of this region of the western sky, you can follow the progression of the phases. For example, on the 14th Mercury will resemble a first quarter Moon phase. This brief appearance of Mercury is just the prelude to next month’s transit of Mercury across the disk of the Sun. Since Mercury orbits between the Earth and our star, infrequently (13-14 times per century) it passes directly in front of the Sun as seen from our perspective. The next transit occurs on May 9. I will be highlighting this incredible event in my May column. It can only be viewed with properly filtered telescopes, so caution will be the key word for the day. However, local observatories are working on transit of Mercury observing programs, so stay tuned for future updates.

On April 10 another occultation of Aldebaran, Taurus the Bull’s brightest star, will occur. As the waxing crescent Moon moves eastward in the sky, it covers the star at around 6:52 p.m. EDT along the Moon’s dark limb/edge. With the Sun still above the horizon, Aldebaran’s disappearance will not be observable. However, an hour and five minutes later Aldebaran will reappear along the Moon’s bright limb at approximately 7:57 p.m. EDT, with both objects about 34 degrees above the western horizon. Unaided eyes will suffice for the reappearance, though binoculars or a telescope will enhance the view.

Many folks were very fascinated by the alignment of planets the last few months. If you had to wake early for work, as soon as you stepped outside you couldn’t help but see an arcing line of bright star-like objects stretching across the sky. Newspapers and the television media often brought this celestial parade to the attention of their patrons. While the beautiful alignment has since ceased as the planets comprising the grouping

have since moved along in their respective orbits and our viewing angle has changed, between midnight and dawn on April 25 & 26 an observer can witness another wonderful grouping of astronomical objects.

A waning gibbous Moon will slide above Mars, Saturn and Scorpius’ bright red star Antares (which means rival of Mars). Mars will be the bright orange (pumpkin colored) object, and Saturn, slightly yellowish in color, will be the left. Antares will be the red colored star below Mars. Try capturing an image. The configuration will surely fit within a single frame.

And finally, amid the hustle and bustle of this past holiday season, you may have missed the announcement of a possible new planet in our solar system. The discovery was made by Mike Brown, et al, the astronomer whose discovery of now dwarf planet Eris forced Pluto out of the planet club. Named Planet X (for unknown, not ten) or Planet Nine, its existence was postulated by the apparent influence it may have on dwarf planet Sedna and five other Kuiper Belt (realm of many comets and dwarf planets beyond Neptune’s orbit) objects. To affect the orbits and alignments of these six objects, the new planet is computed to be up to four times the size of the Earth with a mass ten times that of our planet. At perihelion (closest point to the Sun) its highly elliptical orbit would put it at a distance of 20 billion miles, while at aphelion (farthest point from the sun) it could extend out to 112 billion miles. One Planet X orbit of the Sun could take upwards of 20,000 years. Note: the numbers attributed to this proposed new world are all estimates.

It has been speculated that either the 8.3 meter Subaru Telescope or the twin 10-meter telescopes at the Keck Observatory, both atop Mauna Kea in Hawaii, could possibly detect this distant world. And should it be discovered, it may take some time to determine if it meets the revised definition for a planet: has it cleared its orbit of other objects? Back in 2006 Pluto was demoted to dwarf planet status for failing that criteria. Only time and meticulous observations will solve this problem. Mike Brown may have killed Pluto as a planet, but perhaps he will bring life to a new one.

Explore the heavens at each of the facilities listed below. Sky interpreters are on hand to share their love of the sky with you. Seagrave Memorial Observatory (<http://www.theskyscrapers.org>) in North Scituate is open every clear Saturday night. Ladd Observatory (<http://www.brown.edu/Departments/Physics/Ladd/>) in Providence is open every clear Tuesday night. The Margaret M. Jacoby Observatory at the CCRI Knight Campus in Warwick (<http://www.ccri.edu/physics/observatory.htm>) is open every clear Wednesday night. Frosty Drew Observatory (<http://www.frostydrew.org/>) in Charlestown is open every clear Friday night. Check the respective websites for open times.

Keep your eyes to the skies.

Come join Hillel!

By Chloe Skraly
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Hillel is a Jewish organization that is present at several universities all over the world. It is a place where Jewish students can all come together and feel safe to express their Judaism and a fun club that has been around for many years. Bryant Hillel has been present since 1947 and has been growing since then, although the students physically present has started to dwindle. Many people come just for high-holidays, but Hillel is such a great club. Many students think it is just a religious club, but it is so much more. Free meals after a short 20 minute Shabbat service is when we get to all talk and have fun. Hillel is trying to figure out that students would enjoy coming to without thinking it is “lame” or “religious”. Hillel is so much more than a religious group because we have grown into a close-knit group of friends and some of us went to Israel this past summer because of how close we have become.

Hillel is trying to grow as a club/organization because we believe that all Jewish students should feel comfortable and have fun with their Jewish heritage at school. The new Rabbi, Rabbi Steven Jablow, has a strong passion of the club and would like to see it grow with students excited to join and be a part of a special organization. Rabbi Steve is very encouraging, helpful, and enthusiastic about Hillel and its potential as an organization at such a small school. As a small club, we are coming up with fun events to attract new members such as Israeli speakers, Purim festival, game nights, and possibly even a “mock” bar/

bat mitzvah party with fun party games, dancing, and food.

Our weekly meetings are on Fridays at 5pm in the Interfaith Center. These meetings are meant for our religious Shabbat service and celebration with a delicious, and free, dinner after. Dinner can be homemade or occasionally we go out for a meal at a restaurant. This is the time where we all bond and become friendlier with one another and get to know each other. The services are very short and are meant to be a break from the end of the week to relax and enjoy each other’s company.

After the seniors of 2015 graduated, Hillel only has 6 active members who come to most, if not all, Friday services/ meetings. All of these active members are also on e-board and are trying to recruit more people to become interested in Hillel and being active, coming to more than one meeting a semester or even just once a year. We want people to be excited to come and celebrate their Jewish heritage and be enthusiastic to meet other Jews on campus to have that group of friends they can relate to and socialize with.

Everyone in Hillel, even the professors who attend services on Fridays, encourage all Jewish students to come and spread the word. With the university having such a small Jewish population, it would be amazing for all of us to be able to join together once every week or to celebrate Shabbat and other holidays and go to other Hillel hosted events. If you have any suggestions on fun events you would go to that interest you, or are interested on being on the email list, please contact us at hillel@bryant.edu. We would love for you to join us!

Tips for writing interesting articles

By Molly Funk
Editor-in-Chief

- 1. Pick a topic you are interested in**
It is really important to choose an article topic that you’re interested in. A good rule of thumb for writing a good article is to think: Would I read this? If the answer is no, then chances are not many other people will be interested either. Also, by writing an article on a topic you’re interested in, it will be much easier to write. You’ll be interested in what you’re researching and be able to add valuable personal insights to the article.
- 2. Use everyday language**
A newspaper article should typically read in a casual style. You don’t want to fill your paper with large words or complex sentences. If a reader has to continuously stop reading your article to look up a word, or reread a sentence several times, chances are your word choice and style is too complicated.
- 3. OREO... and no I don’t mean the cookies**
Many people struggles with writing a well-developed opinion article. A good piece of advice I recently learned comes in the form of the phrase OREO. The phrase lays out the best way to structure an opinion article. First you start with your Opinion, followed by developed Reasoning and Examples and Explanations. The last step is to finish up with your article by restating your Opinion again.
- 4. Set a timer**
When writing different articles, I’ve often found that setting a timer can be very successful. For a typical article, approximately 700 words, I set a timer for 45 minutes. By setting the timer, I know that I am spending the appropriate time on an article to fully develop an idea. If I finish writing before 45 minutes is up, that’s usually a sign that I need to go back and add depth to the article. If I’m still writing after 45 minutes, my article may be getting too long and may require more focus in order to maintain a reader’s interest.
- 5. Write an interesting headline**
Many writers don’t value the importance of an effective title as much as they should. Titles can make or break an article, simply because they can determine whether someone would actually read the article. A good rule of thumb I abide by is if an article is less than 700 words, the title should not be more than eight words. Longer articles, those with complex ideas, can have longer, more descriptive titles. You want your reader to know what your article is talking about, but you don’t want to give away the main points, or your reader won’t need to continue reading.

Waka Who? Facts about Waka Flocka Flame that you probably didn’t know

By Allie Gamache
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On March 9, 2016 at 11:55 a.m., students, faculty, and staff crowded around in the Rotunda for the name release of our Spring Weekend performer. At that time, we found out that we are welcoming Waka Flocka Flame to the Bryant University campus during the month of April for our 2016 Spring Weekend event.

Juaquin James Malphurs, better known by his stage name Waka Flocka Flame, is an American rapper from Atlanta, Georgia. According to hotnewhiphop.com, he is best known for his Billboard Hot 100 hit “No Hands,” which also landed number 1 on iTunes, and US Hot Rap songs in 2010. Since then, he has had 15 other songs, including “Lights Down Low,” landing on the iTunes top charts, US Hot Rap songs, and US mainstream top 40 lists.

Although Waka Flocka is recognized for his big songs and success with them, it seems that students around campus only know him for that reason.

“I only know the ‘top’ songs by Waka Flocka. I used to listen to them in high school but haven’t recently and don’t know any of his new songs,” Jon Cerrone, a Junior, stated.

Juniors Cody Freeman and Dillon Manfredi have the same knowledge on Waka Flocka both saying that they “don’t listen to him much at all, and know nothing about him as a person or his other music.”

So how can students learn more about Waka Flocka? Djhere.com posted 10 interesting facts about Waka Flocka to help his fans understand him better.

First off, Waka Flocka got his nickname “Waka” from his cousin who was too little to pronounce his real name “Juaquin.” “Waka” was a catchphrase from Fozzie Bear, a character in The Muppets.

Along with the success of his singles “No Hands” and “Lights Down Low,” his first two albums *Flockaveil* and *Ferrari Boyz* debuted in the top 10 on the US charts. Both of his top singles came from these albums.

Everyone has a favorite snack including Waka. His favorite is Lay’s Salt & Vinegar chips. Waka has tried every flavor of Lay’s Chips and to him, nothing can beat these.

Rapping must run in the Malphurs family because one of Waka’s brothers is also a rapper and one used to be a rapper. His brother, Wooh Da Kid, is new to the rap scene and has a top 50 hit “Don’t Compare.” His other brother, Kayo Redd, who passed away in December of 2013, worked closely with Waka helping him write new songs and was able to be featured in some of them.

Waka is also 100 percent vegan. He felt that after his brother’s death, he needed to be “cleansed” of everything bad in his body. He has been vegan for three



years now and says he feels better than ever and will never go back to eating the way he did before.

Waka is a big supporter of PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) and even posed nude for their “Ink No Mink” campaign. He also says how he and his wife refuse to wear fur, whether real or fake, because it is disgusting to him.

Waka also doesn’t believe in the illuminati. According to the rapper, there’s no such things as a devil worshiping hip-hop crew. Fellow rappers have been said to be part of the illuminati including Tupac, Kanye West, Jay Z, Lil Wayne, and Dr. Dre. Waka Flocka refuses to be part of anything that has to do with it.

Waka currently lives in Atlanta, Georgia with his wife Tammy Rivera, but he was actually born and raised in Queens, New York.

Waka is a reality TV star! Tammy and Waka were featured on Vh1’s show *Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta*. When the show ended, the two announced they were going to star in their own spinoff *Meet the Flockas*.

Last fun fact: this is his first time at Bryant University! Now that students know more about Waka Flocka, we can ensure that we make his stay a memorable one!

Spring into fashion with Kayla

By Kayla Sugrue
Copy Editor

For me, springtime is always the hardest for me to dress for. One day it’s 70 degrees and you’re ready to ditch the boots and sweaters for capris and sandals, and the next day it drops back down to 40 degrees and you’re instantly regretting your decision to leave your winter jacket at home when returning from Spring Break. Whatever we do, we can’t win. That’s why my advice for you is to not break out the spring wardrobe until at least the first or second week of April. Better to be safe than sorry!

Although I’m partial to the style of clothes in the fall, I absolutely love the bright colors that springtime has to offer. If you know me at all, you know that basically everything in my life varies in different shades of pink – and I very rarely am not donning my bright pink lipstick. Spring is made for me as I can bring back my pink blouses, test out different trends in springtime fashion, and mix and match prints and colors that really encompass that springtime feel. Read on for a look into new trends and colors for spring 2016 as well as some tips for casual and dressy springtime looks.

Let’s start with my favorite category: color! I think we can all agree that life is boring if you are not including color into your wardrobe on an everyday basis. I mean would you really want your style to be thought of as just muted earth tones or black everything? Spring is a time for you to get out of your winter-color funk and experiment with prints and colors that you might have never thought would work. For 2016, the new colors consist of various pinks, corals, and different hues of blue and green.

Personally, my favorite colors to incorporate into my 2016 wardrobe are Rose Quartz, which is a little bit deeper blush, Limpet Shell, which is a beautiful mix between a baby blue and aquamarine, and Snorkel Blue, which is a nice spin on cobalt that should be incorporated into everyone’s life since it looks good on virtually anyone’s skin tone. To go along with color, floral patterns are becoming an increasingly popular staple in people’s spring wardrobes, as well as the always popular horizontal stripe that you can perfectly transition into summer.

There are quite a few fashion trends this year that are both newcomers to the spring 2016 season, as well as some returning trends that simply will be staples for years to come. One of my favorite new trends this season, is the Bell Sleeve, which is a long sleeve style that flares out toward the bottom. We usually see this sort of style on dresses or dressy, off-the-shoulder blouses, and I am slightly obsessed. If you’re thinking of trying this trend, I would suggest choosing a solid colored top and a skinny denim or white jean. Since it is a flowy top, your main goal is to elongate and



slim your leg with a form-fitting pant. I always suggest solid tops if they are looser fitting because sometimes a print can overwhelm you and make you look bigger than you actually are.



Another trend that has been around for the last couple of years is the return of the spring scarf. In the winter, I almost always have a scarf around my neck for the main reason of warmth, but also because it dresses up a plain blouse or winter sweater. With the addition of the spring scarf, I can now incorporate this signature look into three seasons of fashion. What’s not to love about that? New this spring, we are seeing lightweight spring scarves paired with casual daytime dresses, tank-tops, or short sleeve blouses. Scarves are a perfect way to dress up an outfit whether it is a white tee and jeans on one of your casual days or a simple dress you want to dress up for a day at the office. If you’ve read any of my previous posts, you know I am a huge fan of Marshall’s and that’s where I buy the majority of my clothes (I call it Boutique Marshalls), so of course I would recommend looking there for some inexpensive and very cute spring scarves. Also, sometimes Lilly Pulitzer has adorable scarves on sale on their website that are an absolute must!



Hope you enjoyed this sneak peak of the latest spring fashion trends of 2016 and I look forward to seeing your own take on spring around campus. Check back in for the last addition of the Archway where I will leave you with a look into summer fashion, a preppy girl’s (me) dream season!

Funniest Tweets of the Week

“Tim Cook announces iPhone charger cord to be long enough to reach a socket, Apple stock price quadruples.”
@robdelaney

“[slowly rises from trashcan while 2 friends are making plans without me]
i am also free that day.”
@Ch000ch

“ME: isn’t this great??
WIFE: not really
ME: *looks down from the top bunk* what’s wrong”
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