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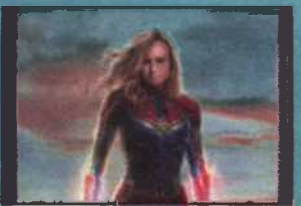
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The Archway Interviews John Quiñones

Matthew Carvalho
News Editor

On March 20th, 2019, I was granted the opportunity by SPB, and the staff of John Quiñones to interview Mr. Quiñones. I would like to thank them all including Mr. Quiñones for letting me have the privilege and the honor to speak with him about his career and being a member of the media.

Carvalho: My first question I want to ask you is as a member of the media, how were you able to get your start into it?

Quiñones: I always wanted to be a reporter ever since I was a kid. I wanted to tell stories, especially stories about the Hispanic community because I grew up in a really poor neighborhood in San Antonio, Texas. All the stories that I heard were negative and about gangs and drugs, and I knew that there were better stories out there and I just kind of wanted to shine a light on the heroes in my community. So, I started writing for my high school newspaper when I was thirteen and I was bitten by the bug. I loved writing and I became the Chief of Editorials for the newspaper. So, I've been doing this most of my life ever since I was thirteen years old. When I graduated from college, I was an intern in a radio station and I would practice my delivery on an old tape recorder there and a little cassette recorder because I had a very heavy Mexican accent. But radio, and then I tried to get a job in TV in Texas, and no one would hire me because I was a radio reporter. After graduating from Saint Mary's University, I went back to grad school and I got a master's at Columbia University in New York. The best journalism school in the world, I think. I was very lucky to get in, and after a got a masters at Columbia, I got a job in Chicago as a local TV reporter for local CBS station in Chicago. I did stories there and I did very well, and I won an Emmy Award in Chicago. Then Central America was blowing up, there was wars going on in Nicaragua and El Salvador and Panama, and the networks were looking for someone that spoke Spanish to cover that region. I'm Mexican-American so I got to cover that region. So, I worked with Peter Jennings, you are probably to young to remember him, but he was a great anchorman. Then I worked for 20/20 and that's how I got here.

Carvalho: The next question I want to ask you is, for you, what was probably the most memorable piece of news that you were a correspondent for?

Quiñones: A couple. I've done hundreds of stories for- I've been at ABC for over thirty-seven years now. So, when I covered Central America, things were really scary because there were wars going on in Nicaragua and El Salvador. There was a group called the Contra rebels of the Sandinista government of Nicaragua. It was tense, we were caught under gunfire a lot, it was dangerous.



John Quiñones making a speech (Getty Images)

In Panama, my producer, who worked with me, was kidnapped by the military in Panama. So, that was the most memorable one because it was very scary, and it was twenty-four hours before we got him out again. But for those twenty-four hours, we thought he might have been killed. So, that was one of the most memorable ones of course, because it was dangerous, and it was just crazy down there. But one of my favorite stories was one that I did on Jane Goodall, the woman that studied chimpanzees in Africa and Tanzania. She studied for thirty years, lived by herself in the jungle and the rainforest, just documenting the lives of chimpanzees. I went back to Tanzania with her to Gombe National Park, where she studied them. We met some of the old chimps that were there when she was there, thirty years ago. Just spending two weeks in Tanzania and a photographic safari and seeing the wonderful animals, not only the chimps but the elephants, and giraffes, and just spending two weeks with her discussing what life was like for her was just fascinating. So, that's one of my favorites, those two are my favorites.

Carvalho: Now, another question I want to ask you is: President Donald Trump refers to the media as "the enemy of the people". Now, as a member of the media, what are your thoughts on that and how do you think that will affect our country going forward?

Quiñones: It's very disturbing. I think it's dangerous. We're not the enemy, simply because we dig and we report on stories that people may not like or politicians might not like doesn't make us the enemy. I think those reporters who are

host of a TV show: *What Would You Do?* Doing that show, what are your usual duties of doing that show and just how has it had an effect on you? How is it?

Quiñones: Well I created the show twelve years ago, so I'm very proud of it. We thought we wouldn't get too many stories, we thought we'd just do a few scenarios and then we'd be done because how many can you come up with. Well we've done eight-hundred scenarios over twelve years. You've seen them all, right? (Laughs). So, I created it because I wanted a new way of telling stories. We know these things happen in real life: discrimination, racism, bullying. But they happen usually in the darkness, when people aren't watching. So, we wanted to bring out into the open, and what better way to do that than with hidden cameras, right? So, in a public place, it's all legal- we can't do it in Massachusetts by the way because every state has different laws. It's not scientific, we don't claim to be a scientific show that tells you exactly where America sits right now on race and religion. I like to say it doesn't give you the pie, but it gives you a slice of the pie. It gives you an indication of where people are thinking, and it also varies from state to state. Up here in the liberal northeast, people are more accepting of gays, and transgenders, and Muslims, and Jewish people. When you go to Oklahoma, or Utah, or Wyoming, and middle America where people have never someone who's different from them, the reactions are different. So, it's a great opportunity to showcase how people are thinking these days and I've been encouraged by what we've found over these years. I think in the end, people are generally good. Generally good, there're a few bad folks out there. But most folks- I think we all want to do the right thing, we just are more timid and most of us don't want to get involved unless we're really pushed. Women, we found, are better at jumping in and sounding the alarm than men. We worry about it becoming physical, and women, maybe it's the maternal instinct or they're just braver than we are, they're not afraid. They'll yell and kick and scream, especially in New Jersey. Those women in New Jersey are loud. So, I'm encouraged and I'm glad we're doing it and ABC has just announced that they will want us back.

Carvalho: Now, you're also the

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LARCENY Mar 19, 2019-Tuesday at 12:51

Location: Barrington House

Summary: DPS received a report from a student that a Play Station 4 stolen from his room.

LOST OR STOLEN LICENSE PLATE Mar 20, 2019-Wednesday at 08:46

Location: LOWER MAINTAINENCE LOT

Summary: DPS received a report from of a vehicle plate missing.

FIRE (BUILDING) Mar 20, 2019-Wednesday at 12:09

Location: TOWNHOUSE P

Summary: DPS received a report of an activated fire alarm. Smithfield Fire responding. A DPS officer advises that a toaster oven caught. The fire was extinguished, and the building cleared for people to return inside.

EMT CALL EMT CALL / MEDICAL SERVICES RENDERED Mar 20, 2019-Wednesday at 13:20

Location: E C S

Summary: DPS received a report that an elderly male at the ECS, possibly with COPD, requested a rescue to respond. EMS was activated. SFD Rescue 2 transported one male to Rhode Island Hospital.

One hundred fifty-seven killed on Ethiopian flight

Abigail Labrie
Contributing Writer

March 10th, 2019 Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302 crashed and killed all 157 people on board. The crash occurred after takeoff from Addis Ababa and was expected to land in Nairobi, Kenya. This airline was carrying people from all over the world, many who were from the United Nations.

A similar situation occurred in October 29th, 2018 when an Air Lion flight 610 in the Java Sea of Indonesia crashed from Jakarta. All 189 people on board of this aircraft also died. This flight was only scheduled to be an hour long trip and was expected to land in Pangkal Pinang on the island of Bangka.

It is easy to believe that these crashes were simply due to inexperienced crews however, each plane contained staff that exceeded the minimum requirements to be flying a plane.

Ethiopian Airlines' first officer had 350 hours of flying time and the pilot in command had 8,100 hours. The captain of the Air Lion flight had more than 6,000 flight hours and his copilot logged more than 5,000 flight hours.

It is required by the International Civil Aviation Organization that an agency of the United Nations recommends commercial pilots have a minimum of 150 flight hours. These two horrific crashes shared a very important similarity, both aircrafts were Boeing 737 Max 8 planes, a new model just recently revealed to the United States around two years ago.

Boeings website states that the 737 Max is the fastest-selling airplane in Boeing history with about 5,000 orders from more than 100 customers worldwide. According to the Federal Aviation Administration, there are currently around 350 Boeing 737 Max 8 aircraft in operation around the world and belong to 54 operators.

Both of these planes crashed very briefly

after their takeoffs. The Ethiopian Airlines flight crashed 6 minutes after takeoff and the Air Lion plane crashed 13 minutes after takeoff. The Ethiopian Airline and Air Lion both reported problems to crew while still in the air.

The Ethiopian pilot stated he was having difficulties and requested for a landing location. The flight disappeared from the radar around the same time the pilot was granted permission to return to ground. Minutes before Air Lion descended into the ocean, the crew struggled to override the plane's automatic systems and the system pulled the nose of this plane down dozens of times.

Both of the crash reports stated that the Maneuvering Characteristics Augmentation Systems were responding to incorrect data from angle of attack sensors.

The Maneuvering Characteristics Augmentation System (MCAS) is the automated flight software embedded within both planes. The MCAS is a fairly new feature to Boeing's Max planes.

The system that is responsible for lowering the noise of the plane when information is received from its external angle of attack sensors that notify if the aircraft is flying too slowly or too steeply and has a risk of stalling.

These sensors send information to the plane's computers regarding the nose of the plane and if its angle is relative to the airflow above and below the wings to determine if the plane is close to stalling.

On March 13th, 2019, President Donald Trump announced that his administration was grounding all Max 8 and 9 models after Canada declared they were grounding the planes after new satellite tracking data.

Boeing CEO, Dennis Muilenberg, said that a software update and pilot training for the 737 Max will be released soon and will address concerns discovered in both the Ethiopian Airlines and Air Lion crashes.

Celebrities face legal and social backlash following college admissions scandal

Catherine Jokela
Contributing Writer

The news of the "largest college admissions scam ever prosecuted by the Department of Justice" broke last week on March 12.

This scandal includes paying huge amounts of money to ensure admission into elite colleges, such as Yale, Stanford, and University of Southern California.

Celebrities Lori Loughlin and Felicity Huffman are among 50 people involved in the college admissions scandal.

Loughlin paid \$500,000 to get her two daughters, Olivia and Isabella, on the USC crew team, even though they were not rowers.

Huffman bribed \$15,000 for a scam for their daughter to cheat on the SAT.

Other parents spent a total of \$25 million in bribes and working with college prep coaches, exam administrators, and admissions officers to get their children into the elite colleges.

The cheating in this scam occurred in three different ways when taking the SAT or ACT: a test taker would take standardized tests for the student, a proctor would review the standardized test and change wrong answers to correct ones, or the proctor would help assist the student to get to the correct answer.

Parents, like Loughlin, paid exuberant amounts of money to get their children on a sports team to help gain admission.

Students' faces were photoshopped onto athletes' bodies and false accomplishments were added to their transcript to make the application appear more thorough.

University coaches were also paid to secure admission because earning a spot on a sports team was known as "back door" entry; "front door" entry is when a student is admitted based on merit, "back door" entry was alternative method of acceptance because not all athletes would be up to the caliber of, for example, USC.

A college prep business owner William "Rick" Singer was the head of the scam.

Singer owns the college counseling and life coaching service called the Key.

He also owns the Key Worldwide Foundation which disguises payments made from parents to Singer as a non-profit foundation which totals \$25 million.

Singer was charged with racketeering conspiracy, money laundering conspiracy, conspiracy to defraud the United States, and obstruction of justice.

Singer pleaded guilty and said "Everything that [the prosecutor] stated is exactly true- all of those things plus many more things I did."

Singer is facing up to 65 years in prison and a \$1.25 million fine.

The students involved in this case will not be charged, some of whom were minors and unaware of the scheme.

There are still consequences for the students.

USC released a statement saying that applicants connected to the scheme will be denied admission.

As for those who have already been admitted, a case by case review for current students and graduates will be conducted with "appropriate decisions".

Loughlin's daughter Olivia has a YouTube channel of 1.9 million subscribers.

Olivia has partnered with brands such as TRESemme and HP.

Olivia also has a makeup collection at Sephora.

After the admissions scandal, TRESemme and HP no longer work with her and her makeup line had been pulled off shelves at Sephora.

Huffman was arrested on March 12 and was released after posting \$250,000 bail.

Loughlin was taken in and faced a \$1 million bail. Hallmark and Netflix have severed ties with the actress.

Hallmark has dropped her from their channel and Netflix has written her out of the fifth and final season of "Fuller House".

Tweets of the week

"The Senate Republican Budget:

- Throws 32 million off healthcare
- Cuts Medicare and Medicaid
- Kicks 175,000 kids off Head Start
- Denies nutrition assistance to 5 million pregnant moms and babies
- Provides more tax breaks to the Top 1%"

-Bernie Sanders, 3/26/19 (@SenSanders)

"The Republican Party will become "The Party of Healthcare!"

-Donald Trump, 3/26/19 (@realDonaldTrump)

"Happy Birthday to our extraordinary Speaker @SpeakerPelosi! Even on her birthday she's working hard for the American people!"

-David Cicilline, 3/26/19 (@davidcicilline)

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They gave a new air date: May 3rd. So, What Would You Do? will be back on Friday nights on ABC at nine o'clock eastern starting May 3rd and we'll run all summer on Friday nights. Of course, kids, college kids watch the show on YouTube. It's very popular, and even younger kids. I'm just amazed when I'm running through an airport by the number of kids who run up to me and say, "I love your show", and they're like seven, eight years old. It's important, I think it teaches us important life lessons and it reminds us that despite all the progress we've made in this country with regard to gay rights and accepting people who are different, and Muslims and Jewish people, despite

all that, there's work to be done. We see that- especially today more than ever, and I think that politicians who have been dividing this country more recently with ugly tweets and insults have made things worse because it's almost as if people have been given permission to resort to their darkest impulses and it's sad. So, in the last two years, we have seen more people express their anger, and their divisiveness, and their racism more than ever before. Of course, hate crimes have gone up by almost twenty percent in the last two years in this country. So, it's been proven scientifically that things are worse for us. So, it's really important in this day in age, right now in this country, that this show will be on the air. Glad we're doing it.

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Be an advocate for Africa

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In case you didn't know, genocide is not just a thing of the past, a thing that only exists in history textbooks. In fact, it is happening today and our country is taking a small part in unintentionally facilitating it.

About two weeks ago, I attended a summit in Washington D.C. for the second time. This gathering of influential people is called the Lemkin Summit.

I heard about this event in a class I took senior year of high school where I learned about both past and present genocides.

My class went to this summit where we met people from all over the world- DRC, South Sudan, and many other countries.

These were people who had witnessed genocide and mass atrocities in their own native land.

They had escaped the horrific political climate and were at the Lemkin Summit to share their stories and to push for change in their country.

The summit brings people together to educate them about mass atrocities and to lobby for legislation here in our own country to help prevent these crimes from being committed, especially focusing on Central Africa.

I was so inspired that I booked my flight to attend again this year.

Every year that the summit is held, there is a different "ask" or a different legislation being focused on.

This year, the first two days of this conference helped teach us about the new asks.

The first had to do with beneficial ownership.

In the U.S., there are no laws saying that when you start a company, you must disclose the beneficial owner.

A beneficial owner is the individual who is truly controlling and benefiting from the company.

Because there are no laws here about disclosure of beneficial ownership, kleptocratic leaders in Africa are able

to take advantage of this and carry out their money laundering through these companies.

Through this money laundering and other deceptive ways of exploiting their countries' wealth, they are able to maintain their power and their corrupt regimes.

So, on the third day of the summit, we met with people who work in the Treasury, in Foreign Affairs, and legislative assistant to ask for Representatives' and Senators' support in legislation.

Specifically, we asked them to support bills that require a company to disclose the beneficial ownership.

The second ask had to do with our Treasury Department.

Currently, within this department, there is a team of people that are assigned to the Africa to investigate sanctions and sanction evasion there.

However, this team is made up of only two people.

That is two people assigned to the entire continent of Africa- where these issues are most relevant.

Sometimes, these two people are even temporarily pulled to work on issues in other countries.

Investigation is needed urgently especially in Central Africa and certainly requires more than two individuals to make efficient progress.

So, we asked government officials to support legislation that will grant three million dollars to the Treasury, adding eight positions to this team.

Hearing from people who have witnessed firsthand the results of these kinds of unjust power has incited a new passion in me to help make a change.

I hope to at least spread awareness of what is happening in Africa and to help people understand how our country is involved.

There are simple ways you can do something about this- call or write your Representatives or Senators and ask them to support these kinds of legislation. You have a voice and it is your responsibility to advocate for what you care about.

The Archway interviews CEO's Bryant Ventures



Bryant Ventures meeting (Bryant Ventures)

Matthew Carvalho
News Editor

At Bryant University, there are an innumerable array of student-run organizations on campus.

With so many, we are bound not to know all that much about all of them.

With that in mind, a venturesome Nick Cianfaglione, the president of Bryant Ventures, reached out to The Archway a few weeks ago.

He talked to me about the organization and many of the details of it.

I became interested and we agreed that I would come to meet with his members and ask them a few questions in order to introduce their association.

When I met with the bunch, I was informed that Bryant Ventures has existed for over fifteen years.

Cianfaglione described it as a place where people that have innovative ideas, like those in Bryant CEO, come to Bryant Ventures to implement them and create their business.

One member, Garret Hoag, talked about how his company was able to get its start.

Before joining Ventures, Hoag had a coffee-related business that he said was only able to work slightly.

Once he joined the organization, he met with everyone and they told him that he was wasting his time and that his product was a rip-off.

They assisted him in making an entirely new business plan and product.

He was then given a grant by Bryant that was able to help him with marketing and media for his business.

Due to Ventures and Bryant, Hoag's business made a 180 degree turn and is now a successful customizable coffee shipping company.

Another member told me that there are "a lot of supporters to tell you that your idea is a good one if you put passion and effort in. A month later you come out with a product. [It] Doesn't happen unless if you go to Ventures".

Cianfaglione also said that Bryant is one of the only schools that offer a free accelerator program without commission.

He described Bryant as a school that wants to help their students succeed with their businesses.

Cianfaglione also said that there were many schools that incredibly competitive and are looking more towards the idea of making a profit rather than just helping their students because they are passionate about them and their product.

Every single member that I spoke to praised the accelerators at Bryant.

They told me that the accelerators are willing to above and beyond to make sure that the product works and is fantastic even over the summer break.

They, like the members of Ventures, also care about the product and will work intensely to see it succeed.

Towards the end of the meeting I had with them, one student told me that it is incredibly important to be at the organization if one desires to make a successful business.

He said that they are pushed to make something unique and are needed to make many sacrifices to be with and succeed with Ventures.

People help him and others to be the absolute best that they can be to innovate and operate a booming business.

He also said that being in the environment he is in makes him not only a better businessman, but a better person.

If you are interested in Ventures, meetings are at five o'clock in Hall 17 and reach out to Nick Cianfaglione at ncianfaglione@bryant.edu.

Fast News of the Week

-Robert Muller's report was submitted to Attorney General, William Barr who issued a four page summary of the report

- Rob Gronkowski announced his retirement from the NFL on Sunday

- The Rhode Island House of Representatives and State Senate passed a bill that would collect the sales tax from online retailers

- Thirteen people that were aboard inside of a military helicopter were killed in a crash in Kazakhstan

- The parliament of Finland has voted to make Catholicism a hate crime in the country and is to lose its tax exempt

- On March 25, 2019, Greek Orthodox Archbishop of Australia, Stylianos Harkianakis, passed away at the age of 83

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The Disney-Fox merger officially closes

Zachary Morris
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As of March 20th, 2019, Disney has closed their \$71.3 billion acquisition of 21st Century Fox. Two of Hollywood's biggest, and best known, studios are now merging. Media consolidation has been a trend for years, and Disney just acquired their biggest rival in 21st Century Fox. Disney will be in control of Fox's movie and television production studios, FX network, and National Geographic properties.

Talks of this merger began over a year ago, where the U.S. Justice Department was quick to approve the deal. One driver which stymied the potential deal, was the government shutdown. Disney is now making it clear that they will continue to get bigger, in order to strengthen Disney's beloved franchise character set. This merger will be sure to increase ticket sales to theme parks, streaming subscriptions, and movie tickets.

Disney is not the only mass-media conglomerate in constant search of consolidation. Rival, Time Warner Inc. was just recently acquired by AT&T in 2016. We are witnessing these mass media conglomerates battle for economies of scale. According to Wall Street Journal, "The combined Disney-Fox entity is part of a race for scale in Hollywood, where having a hit movie or TV show is no longer enough. Studios today need a deep stable of characters and franchises to sell streaming subscriptions, movie tickets, toys and theme-park admissions."

Disney is now the largest conglomerate in all of Hollywood. However, during this merger many from Fox are expected to lose their jobs. Disney is aiming to align Fox with Disney's ideals, and some of their property will be left as is.

Over the years, Disney has managed to acquire Pixar Animation Studios, Marvel Entertainment, and Lucas Film for a lump sum of \$15.4 billion. Disney had paid a premium on all of these acquisitions due to their economies of scope. Alone, those groups are not worth much. But in Disney's hands, they will flourish due to their wide array of already existing assets.

This Disney-Fox merger is the largest deal Disney has ever been a part of, and they are betting on Fox as a long-term strategy. Disney is looking to find access direct to user's homes, in order to combat the great success Netflix is currently experiencing. Disney is looking to expand their streaming services, but as of right now they only offer "ESPN+."

Many are left wondering how Disney will handle FX network property which is currently streaming on Netflix. Other property, such as The Simpsons, is to be included in this deal and it will be interesting to see how current Chief Executive of Disney Robert Iger will handle this content in the future.

It is obvious that "bigger is better" in the world of mass media conglomerates, and Disney continues to do everything in their power to grow. Being the biggest power in Hollywood is not something that happens overnight, and it will be interesting to see how Disney's bet on 21st Century Fox plays out.



Mickey and the rest of Disney seem to be excited about the merger (ScreenGeek)

Ventures: Empowering women in business

Nicholas Cianfaglione
Contributing Writer

As students hustle and bustle around the Bryant University campus, there is one student that has a much different Hustle than the rest. Melissa Gurzenda, a sophomore at Bryant, is working day and night on building her hustle; "Identified Grace". Identified Grace is more than just another college venture. It is actually a women empowerment movement started under the idea of providing physical products, such as bracelets and wall art, that empowers women in business and beyond to identify with their inner strength and feel confident when they enter the male-dominated world of business.

Originally conceived in 2018, the business started as just an idea, but after working with accelerators through the Bryant Ventures entrepreneurial think tank program, Melissa was able to lock down manufacturers, partners, and even funding through the Goss Grant to get her business up and running in under three months.

Now ready to roll and in full operation, I was able to sit down with Melissa and discuss the future of her company and the things that got her to this point.

The future for this startup is bright and rich with social impact. The vision within Melissa is to use Identified Grace to impact women in business and beyond. Through early research in new marketplaces, she has defined her focus on the idea of "Activate Your Voice" which she has built into a plated bracelet to appeal to audiences such as activists against racism and social injustice to even social impact artists such as spoken word poets. Melissa is also working on building the company into an online platform where individuals can read motivational and challenging blog posts, videos, and other content in addition to shopping for products.

Throughout her Journey, she has learned a lot, about her product and herself. Identified Grace has helped Melissa find purpose in her day-to-day roles as a student and club leader on campus. She has enjoyed the challenge of managing multiple projects at once, using what she learned in the classroom and applying it to her business, vice versa. It has helped her growing maturity and confidence, understanding that she builds her business knowing very little about entrepreneurship.

After she saw its potential, she began evolving her confidence, taking on new risks and trials. One of the biggest contributors to her growth was her participation in Ventures; a student-run entrepreneurial think tank on campus. Ventures assisted Melissa in acknowledging the value of her idea. Before Ventures, funding a business kept her from

having the opportunity to start her own.

As soon as she joined Ventures, she suddenly had dozens of supporters and an idea that holds the beginning of a key to success for women in business. After three months in ventures, she had negotiated with manufacturers, met with graphic designers to understand CAD, prototype materials, and learn how to use Bryant's 3D printer. Over the summer, a Ventures accelerator actually drove Melissa to her manufacturer and met with her to create the 3D bracelet for prototyping purposes. Without Ventures, Melissa's idea would have taken longer to implement due to the resources and funding she lacked prior to joining and earning Goss Prize.

Overall, Melissa and Identified Grace is the perfect example of the innovation and empowerment that is coursing through Bryant's campus every single day. Melissa is continuing to empower herself and other students every day by being a role model of social entrepreneurship and being an example for generations of future students to show that it is possible to change the world, and business, while still attending classes.



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Does Netflix have a future in entertainment?

George Gill
Contributing Writer

Netflix have a new direct competitor that could have a big impact on their ability to stay at the forefront of the streaming services market. With the reduction in the sales of iPhone's, Apple have been deliberating on what their new top seller will be. On Monday 3/25/2019, Apple are unveiling their newest media project to data that could cause a huge stir in the services industry. The project will include a news and entertainment bundle that notably includes television shows and films. Netflix, as a direct competitor have refused to be a part of this bundle unlike other streaming services such as HBO and STARZ.

Netflix's choice to not work with Apple is a direct correlation with the fact Apple are coming for the top spot of the streaming services market. Although, Apple have only invested roughly \$1 billion, in contrast to the \$10 billion investment on content by Netflix. Apple have a clear and distinct advantage over Netflix. Apple has more than a billion devices worldwide that could potentially be used to access this bundle that they plan to offer. The infrastructure that Apple has already is unparalleled by any other tech company within the world.

This could be to Netflix's detriment, who only have 139 million subscribers worldwide. Should Apple be able to fill all of those screens with television and film content, Netflix will have a huge problem on their hands to deal with. Netflix are not inclined to work with Apple due to the fact that they will lose a lot of their identity. Netflix would have very little access to data as to who is watching what shows and who is subscribing because of the fact that Netflix would not be running on its own service, but instead it would be on Apple's service. Instead, of becoming part of Apple's bundle the company chose to work with Comcast who are essentially releasing a similar media bundle to Apple in the near future.

However, instead of working off Comcast service, Netflix will still have full control over their services. The company is just working with Comcast to allow users access to buy a Netflix subscription. Netflix decision to work with Comcast who is a competing distributor is said to be that out of fear. People within the company are worried that Apple will crack the streaming code with regards to bundling services together quicker than Comcast, which could spell very difficult times for Netflix.

Services such as HBO, STARZ, Showtime and CBS could all potentially be part of



There are plenty of competitors offering streaming services (Android Central)

Apple's bundle. Although, all these respective services have large customer bases, they will not be able to compete with the vast number of devices that Apple have access to. Given this, it is interesting as to why Netflix are not considering teaming up with Apple. It leads one to think that they could potentially have something in the works to try compete with this new bundle that Apple will unveil. Or are they just buying themselves time and hoping that Apple are unsuccessful in their implementation.

Twelve defendants plead not guilty in college admissions bribery scandal

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A dozen defendants pleaded not guilty Monday in the college admissions cheating scandal – three of them linked to bribes allegedly paid by actresses Felicity Huffman and Lori Loughlin.

The court cameos came after Yale announced that a student whose parents were implicated in the scam would no longer be welcome at the prestigious Ivy League.

"Yale has rescinded the admission of one student as a result of this matter," school spokesman Tom Conroy told the Daily News.

During the arraignments in federal court in Boston, former USC officials Donna Heinel and Laura Janke entered their pleas after they were arrested in southern California earlier this month and released on bond.

Heinel is the former USC associate athletic director accused of facilitating the admissions of more than two dozen students as bogus athletic recruits – including Loughlin's two daughters.

In a 204-page FBI affidavit, Heinel was named as the person due to receive a \$50,000 payment from Loughlin and her fashion designer husband Mossimo Giannulli in late 2016 in exchange for reserving the couple's oldest daughter a spot on USC's rowing team – even though the daughter had no competitive crew experience.

Both Heinel and Janke then participated in a followup scheme to get Loughlin's younger daughter, the social media star known as Olivia Jade, admitted to USC with more fake crew credentials, authorities allege.

Giannulli sent another \$50,000 payment to Heinel in late 2017 after Olivia Jade was admitted under the scheme, prosecutors said.

Heinel was later caught on a wiretap giving tips on how Loughlin's younger daughter and other students should respond if confronted by anyone over their suspicious admissions.

She said they should describe themselves as "walk-on candidates for their respective sports" who were "looking forward to trying out for the team and making the team," according to prosecutors.

"I just don't want anybody going into (Olivia Jade's school) you know, yelling at counselors. That'll shut everything – that'll shut everything down," she purportedly said during the call.

Igor Dvorskiy also appeared Monday and pleaded not guilty. He allegedly handled the paperwork that made it possible for Huffman's daughter to take her December 2017 SAT at his center in West Hollywood instead of her high school.

The move allowed a paid proctor to administer the test and fix answers to inflate the final score, authorities allege. Ultimately, Huffman's daughter received a score of 1420 on the SAT, an improvement of some 400 points over her prior PSAT score, according to the FBI affidavit.

In exchange for the service, Huffman paid \$15,000 to a sham charity set up by the scam's admitted mastermind William "Rick" Singer, prosecutors said.

Dvorskiy was paid a portion of Huffman's money along with fees collected from other families who sought similar help with cheating at his center, prosecutors said.

The other defendants in court Monday were two of Singer's employees, a second testing center operator, the owner of a private tennis academy in Texas and several college coaches.

All 12 were previously charged with conspiracy to commit racketeering.

Two of the coaches were from USC. Ali Khosroshahin was the former women's soccer coach, and Jovan Vavic ran USC's water polo program.

Former Georgetown tennis coach Gordon Ernst, who was a personal coach for former First Lady Michelle Obama and her daughters, pleaded not guilty after officials said he accepted \$2.7 million in bribes to admit a dozen students to the elite school as recruited athletes.

Wake Forest women's volleyball coach William Ferguson and newly resigned UCLA soccer coach Jorge Salcedo also entered pleas after prosecutors said they each accepted \$100,000 in kickback money to admit female students as their recruits.

Federal prosecutors previously said Rudolph "Rudy" Meredith, Yale's former women's soccer coach, was paid \$400,000 to add a Yale applicant to the team while knowing she didn't play competitive soccer.

Meredith agreed to plead guilty in the case and was cooperating with prosecutors, officials said.

The 33 parents already charged in the scandal have not yet appeared for their arraignments. A federal judge in Los Angeles previously ordered Loughlin, Giannulli and Huffman to appear in Boston on Friday.

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Bryant Bulldogs win series in exciting conference home opener v. Blue Devils

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The Bryant Bulldogs hosted their first three North East Conference games of the season against the Central Connecticut State University (CCSU) Blue Devils this past weekend. The Bulldogs came into the weekend with a record of 10-8, with three of their losses coming from the No. 1 seed LSU, while the Blue Devils posted a record of 7-5. The first game of the series was scheduled for Friday, March 22; however, the inclement weather pushed the three-game series to Saturday and Sunday.

On Saturday, March 23, senior Steve Theetge started for the Bulldogs and senior Tom Curtin pitched for the Blue Devils. The game seemed to be a typical "pitcher's duel" for six innings, with the Bulldogs in the lead 1-0. However, the Bulldogs' offense rallied in their last two at-bats with hits from every single batter in the lineup. They put up six runs in the seventh inning and five runs in the eighth. The Blue Devils were only able to string together three more runs in the top of the ninth with outstanding performances on the mound from senior Nathan Wrighter and junior Jack Ipsen. The final score of the game was 12-3 Bryant, giving Theetge his third win of the season. A few Bulldogs also registered two hits on the game: senior Nick Angelini, redshirt sophomore Ryan Ward, redshirt sophomore Jimmy Titus, sophomore Sam Owens, and freshman Jake Gustin.

The last two games of the series were played as a double-header on Sunday. In the first Sunday game, sophomore Tyler Mattison started on the mound for the Bulldogs, allowing three runs, one earned, and two hits in 2.3 innings. The Bulldogs and Blue Devils fought for the lead each inning, with timely hits in the fourth inning by Ward and junior James Ciliento, tying the game 4-4. The Blue Devils regained the lead in the seventh, scoring 1 on a double-play error; however, the Bulldogs answered in the bottom of the eighth when junior Gaby Cruz doubled and



Bryant Baseball won the series this weekend in the conference opener (Angelini)

scored on a single from Angelini. The Blue Devils were able to overcome the tie, once again, and scored in the ninth on an infield single, giving them the 6-5 win. For the Bulldogs, freshman John MacDonald, senior Wrighter, and junior Chris Wright allowed only one earned run in 6.6 innings pitched. The Bulldogs also outhit the Blue Devils 8-7. Angelini went 3-for-3 with two RBIs and Cruz tallied two hits and an RBI.

The Bulldogs were not phased by the first loss on Sunday, as they were able to take the second game 14-4. The Bulldogs trailed 3-1 going into the bottom of the third, however, Ward and Titus roped back-to-back two-out singles and Wright walked to load the bases bringing Owens to the plate. Owens changed the momentum of the game with a grand slam over the left field fence, giving

Bryant the 5-3 lead. The Bulldogs' offense never looked back. They tallied 14 hits on the game, with Owens' grand slam, a three-run homerun hit by Titus, two-run by Ciliento, and a solo shot from Angelini. Senior Jack Owens, sophomore Tyler Schoff, and redshirt senior Justin Snyder shut down the Blue Devils' offense after the fourth inning. Sophomore pitcher William Treuel got the first win of his career on the mound.

The Bulldogs end on a high-note for the weekend, making their record an overall 12-9 and 2-1 in conference. They have two mid-week games against Brown before they hit the road next weekend for away games against the Long Island University (LIU) Brooklyn Blackbirds.

Patriots' Gronkowski: Nobody did it better

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Memories? Where to begin when, for nearly a decade, you've been fortunate enough to watch someone perform who was the very best at what he did.

Such has been life for football fans in New England since Rob Gronkowski arrived in Foxboro as a second-round choice out of Arizona, back surgery in college (unfortunately, a sign of things to come) prompting him to drop to the 42nd overall pick wedged between Central Florida defensive tackle Torell Troup and Texas linebacker Sergio Kindle, who went to Buffalo and Baltimore, respectively, as 41 and 43 in the 2010 NFL Draft.

Gronkowski's body of work over nine seasons, from 2010 until Sunday when he took to Instagram to announce his retirement from pro football at the age of 29, suggest that nobody's done it better.

He was, as the man who signed his paychecks for those nine years, Robert Kraft, said in a statement released by the team on Sunday, "the most dominant player at his position for nearly a decade."

The numbers Gronkowski put up in contributing to three Super Bowl

championships reflect that, the stats far too numerous to list here but ones that consume 5-1/2 pages in the game release the Patriots issued prior to their 13-3 win over the Los Angeles Rams in Super Bowl LIII.

It was only fitting that Gronkowski should save one of his best moments for last, beating linebacker Cory Littleton down the left seam and laying out to make a diving catch of a 29-yard pass from Tom Brady midway through the fourth quarter, his 81st career postseason reception spotting the ball for the only touchdown of the game, a 2-yard run by Sony Michel that broke a 3-3 tie.

Beyond the numbers, though, beyond the 521 receptions for 7,861 yards and 79 touchdowns Gronkowski posted in 115 regular-season games and the 81 catches for 1,163 yards and 12 TDs he had in 16 postseason affairs, beyond the matchup problems he posed to opposing defenses, the big-bodied pass-catching target with soft hands he gave Brady and the runaway locomotive he posed to overmatched defenders in the open field, there was the 6-foot-6, 268-pounder's ability to get in the trenches and block with the brute force of an offensive lineman.

As tight ends go, Gronkowski truly was the total package.

Granted, his hit on Bills cornerback Tre'Davious White as he lay defenseless on the turf in the fourth quarter of a 23-3 win at Buffalo in 2017 was blatantly cheap and out of character, leading to his suspension for one game, but the manner in which he nearly drove safety Sergio Brown into the stands on a touchdown run by Jonas Gray in the fourth quarter of the Patriots' 42-20 romp at Indianapolis in 2014 and his explanation of the play ("I took him and threw him out of the club") were laughable. And his blocking in the team's postseason run to their Super Bowl LIII championship was a clinic.

"You always felt you had a chance to win with Rob on the field; he had that kind of impact on the game," Patriots offensive coordinator-quarterbacks coach Josh McDaniels said in a statement released by the team on Monday. "He is one of the very few players who could control the game offensively in the pass and run game, and he thoroughly enjoyed being great in both areas."

Off the field, Gronkowski was known to party as hard as he played (surely you recall his "yo soy fiesta" quote) and his sense of humor could be classic (my favorite was when, during the Super Bowl LI champions' White House visit he crashed a press briefing, peering out from

behind a door to ask press secretary Sean Spicer "need some help?") although at times sophomoric, but, on a more serious note, as the Ron Burton Community Service Award he was presented in 2016 attests he was exemplary when it came to giving his time. I'll never forget a member of the Patriots organization telling me years ago that if a player's presence was needed at a charity event, no one could be counted on more than special teams captain Matthew Slater and Gronkowski, the two of them Pro Bowlers (five times in the latter's case) off the field as well as on it.

It's unfortunate that, in the end, it seems that the injury report did what so many scouting reports couldn't do, getting the best of him.

Simply put, Gronkowski is an old 29.

There were far too many injuries, too many aches and pains, too many surgeries along the way.

Already, there is speculation that after taking some time off Gronkowski will return, a possibility that shouldn't be summarily dismissed.

For now, though, let us appreciate what he did the past nine years, for nobody's done it better.

McDaniels said it best in the last line of his statement: "There will never be another Gronk."

There are not enough top-tier fantasy wide receivers, so avoid drafting them high

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As this NFL offseason seems to finally have slowed down, it is not too early to begin looking at potential fantasy football position rankings. Perhaps the most interesting position to start gauging is wide receiver. As passing yards' records continue to be broken year after year, this position is becoming increasingly valuable. In fact, it could be argued that a strong WR1 is the difference between a .500 season and a championship team. However, in many mock fantasy football drafts, wide receivers get picked far too high for some's liking. Only three wide receivers are even worth thinking about in the first round because of how overvalued the select top few are.

DeAndre Hopkins, Odell Beckham Jr., Antonio Brown, Michael Thomas, Keenan Allen and Mike Evans are the usual six players that have been filtering in and out of the top five in most fantasy rankings in the past, but only three of these players are worthy of drafting in the first round of a fantasy league this year.

Beckham Jr., who is believed to be the clear cut best wide receiver option is the only receiver who may be justified in being picked within the first five players of the fantasy draft. Beckham Jr. is obviously a proven prolific superstar, even with concerns to injury. He is still in his prime as he joins Baker Mayfield and a completely revamped Browns team. O.B.J. will put up monster numbers. Jarvis Landry is an excellence complimentary receiver playing across from him, along with Nick Chubb in the backfield who will keep defenses honest. Assuming the Browns live up to their hype, Beckham Jr. has the chance to



Deandre Hopkins is rated as the best wide receiver in fantasy football by Pro Football Focus (Tim Warner)

solidify himself as one of the greats during his tenure with Cleveland.

Hopkins is believed to be Beckham Jr.'s only competition as the league's top wide out. Hopkins has proven to be a star despite years of shaky quarterback play. Hopkins now has Deshaun Watson back in full health, and when he looked Hopkins' way last year, the duo linked up for 115 receptions for over 1500 yards and 11 touchdowns. With Will Fuller back from injury along with the emergence of Keke Coutee, Hopkins may see a decline in production, but this offense looks like it could be record-breaking this season. This year, and for years to come, DeShaun Watson and Hopkins have the potential to

be the best QB-WR combo in the NFL.

Thomas is the last wide receiver who may be genuinely worth first round pick status. Thomas is only 25 in a league where receivers do not usually hit their stride until a few seasons in. Thomas has proven to be one of the league's top receivers since his debut season three years ago. Paired with an all-time great quarterback who has shown no signs of slowing down, Thomas has all the tools to catch passes, rake up yards and haul in touchdowns for a long time. With Alvin Kamara forcing defenses to change their coverage, Thomas is primed for another year of 100+ receptions and 1500+ yards.

No other receivers are exciting enough

to pick at more than the 10th pick. Antonio Brown has been dealt to a questionable Raiders team that caused Jordy Nelson's production to drop dramatically last season. Allen is a risk with his injury habits and although he can perform when on the field, it is not likely that the 27-year-old will eclipse the receptions and yards total he had two seasons ago. Evans, though younger than Brown and Allen, has much more future value than his peers; however, his chemistry struggles with franchise quarterback, Jameis Winston, is an issue worth regarding, and in a young and talented defensive NFC South, Evans will consistently have poor match ups.

Connor McGregor retires amid report of sexual assault accusation in Ireland

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Conor McGregor announced his retirement from mixed-martial arts Monday, hours before a report surfaced detailing sexual assault accusations made against the former UFC champion last year.

The New York Times reported Tuesday that the 30-year-old McGregor is under investigation in Ireland after a woman accused him of sexual assault in December. McGregor was arrested and released by Irish police in January but has not been charged with a crime, according to the report.

Late Monday night, McGregor tweeted, "I've decided to retire," minutes after a previously recorded segment with host Jimmy Fallon aired on "The Tonight Show."

"Hey guys quick announcement, I've decided to retire from the sport formally known as 'Mixed Martial Art' today," wrote @thenotoriousmma, McGregor's account. "I wish all my old colleagues well going forward in competition. I now join my former partners on this venture, already in retirement. Proper Pina Coladas on me fellas!"

McGregor, currently serving a six-month suspension for his role in the October post-fight incident with lightweight champion Khabib Nurmagomedov following Nurmagomedov's fourth-round submission victory, has been engaged with veteran lightweight Donald "Cowboy" Cerrone for a July fight.

McGregor told Fallon, "I love to compete, I love to fight. ... We're in talks for July, [but there's] a lot of politics. The

fight game is a mad game. I can fight who I want."

But UFC leadership has been resistant to place the non-title McGregor-Cerrone bout as the main event to its marquee International Fight Week card July 6 in Las Vegas.

McGregor, after signing a new multi-fight deal with the UFC before fighting Nurmagomedov, hinted at his leverage in talking to Fallon at a New York Irish bar on March 18, where he hawked his new whiskey and clothing line.

"I've done my piece for the company. I don't necessarily need to fight. I am set for life," McGregor said.

The UFC could use the promotion of a looming McGregor fight to counter a bad month of publicity that has included the year-long performance-enhancing suspension of bantamweight champion T.J. Dillashaw, a restraining order against former interim lightweight champion Tony Ferguson by his wife in Orange County and a post-fight attack of fighter Leon Edwards in England by the UFC's Jorge Masvidal.

UFC President Dana White told his broadcast partner ESPN, "If I was [McGregor], I'd retire, too," a nod to the success of McGregor's whiskey business and his banked riches after the Irishman was defeated by Floyd Mayweather Jr. in the lucrative 2017 novelty boxing match that generated more than 4 million pay-per-view buys.

"This story has been circulating for some time and it is unclear why it is being reported now. The assumption that the Conor retirement announcement today is related to this rumor is absolutely false," a recent statement on the matter from McGregor's spokesperson, Karen J. Kessler.

"Should Conor fight in the future it must be in an

environment where fighters are respected for their value, their skill, their hard work and their dedication to the sport."



Connor McGregor's mugshot (MDPD)

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This Week's Scores

Men's Tennis - Games March 22

Bryant 7
St. Francis Brooklyn 0

March 23
St. John's 4
Bryant 0

Softball - Games March 23

Stony Brook 8
Bryant 2

Bryant 7
Fairfield 2

March 24
Bryant 6
Fairfield 1

Stony Brook 6
Bryant 0

March 26
Providence 3
Bryant 1

Baseball Games March 23

Bryant 12
Central Connecticut 3

March 24
Central Connecticut 6
Bryant 5

Bryant 14
Central Connecticut 4

March 26
Bryant 14
Brown 6

Men's Lacrosse - Game March 23

Saint Joseph's 11
Bryant 6

Women's Tennis - Game March 24

Bryant 6
Sacred Heart 1

Women's Lacrosse - Game March 26

UConn 15
Bryant 8

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TKE Wins Title of Intramural Champs



By Gregory Armiston
Sportswise, TKE moved to the semifinals against PKT with a thorough and absolutely crushing win over Beta. Ed Buscher and Steve Barnicoat led the way and in the waning moments, the eightballs shined once more. Softball coach Art Pappas is preparing his "book" on all the available talent in hopes of a playoff spot this year.

Congratulations to John Kerner on becoming an honorary brother and also to Bill Graccio, Joe Knight, and Ken Barth on their pinnings at the pledge formal. Also, much credit goes to Rick Gobes Gobin, for his best pledge award, to Travis Duering for the George Kane trophy, and to Mick Klatner on being selected most athletic.

Campus Sports . . . with Mark Cutler

That old saying, "as Genden goes, so goes TKE," applied last Monday night as TKE dealt ZBT a 42-79 loss. Steve Genden scored the season high in the fraternity league . . . 45 points. Genden was just fantastic in this game which gave TKE the first victory in the two out of three series. It was possible for TKE to wrap up this championship series last Tuesday at Hope High School.

The difference in this game was the bench of TKE. Coach Rob Daughton substituted freely and didn't lose anything when he did substitute. ZBT played with most of the same men throughout the game. To see the expression on their faces and to see the way they were trying to keep up with the TKE fast break, one could tell they were in dire need of a bench. For ZBT John Doherty collected 24 points while John Buschard added 15. For TKE their two big rebounders Ed Buscher and Steve Barnicoat had 19 and 15 respectively. Barnicoat had fourteen foul shots and of fifteen attempts.

In the intramural league the Applepickers moved one game ahead of the Barbarians in a very well played game. The star of the game even though he lost was Doug Macker. Macker played a terrific game scoring 24 points, rebounding well, and in general really getting up. Again the lack of a bench hurt the losers as the Barbarians were really beat. For the Applepickers who at one time had a 17-point lead, it was the inside work of Tom Bass and Carl Stone which spelled the victory. Stone threw in close to thirty points.

Lone Senate Runners Gain Dismal Victory

The four students running for Senate office were all easily elected in their bids last Thursday. From the point of view of current Senators, this year's campaign was a grave disappointment.

Despite outstanding successes on the part of the Senate this past school year, the interest in taking part in the workings of student government were almost totally absent. Not only were the candidates few in num-

ber; the voters, too, were sparse. Chip Howard, chairman of the Elections Committee, reports that only 21% of the student body turned out for the election.

Lynne Hayden, who ran for the office of President, did though, have a close race against Bob Stosse of Beta, a write-in candidate, who polled 37% of the votes cast. Ken Snow, running for Vice-President; Bob Coleman, running for

Treasurer; and Jeanne Ritchie, running for Secretary, each polled over 75% of the vote in sliding to a victory.

Although a preponderance of candidates was obviously missing, those students elected to office are all highly capable, and will no doubt continue to work for progress at Bryant. Still, there is a missing ingredient that only you, the student can provide: interest.

Central Falls Youth Visit Airport

By Marvin Mercin

This year has proved to be one of the better years for the Youth Guidance organization of Bryant College. For the first time in the history of the Youth Guidance program, the organization was able to extend their efforts to include the underprivileged children of nearby Fox Point. Although for the members of the Fox Point program there are no local facilities provided for meetings, the Big Brothers and Big Sisters have proved to be quite an asset for the organization.

Under the supervision of Elliot Strick, who is presently the President of the organization, the Central Falls program of Youth Guidance has reached new heights. No longer are the members limited to work in the densely populated area of Central Falls. This year the organization has been able to take the children out of their



environment by taking various trips about the Rhode Island area. Such trips have included visits to the Providence Journal Bulletin, the Providence Public Library, the State Airport, and frequent visits to the campus of Bryant College.

The near future holds excursions to the Dairy Barn of the University of Rhode Island, the State Capital, and best of all, a

complete Saturday at the Newport Naval Base.

For the individual members of Youth Guidance there is a personal satisfaction of knowing that they are actively participating in enhancing the ambitions of the children of these underprivileged areas. May I sincerely thank each and every one of them for their efforts.

COLLEGE SAMPLERS NOW AVAILABLE

Special College Samplers containing full-size products of nationally-known merchandise will be available here on 3/24/69, according to Mr. Daubhizer, manager of Bryant College bookstore.

Called College Sampler, each contains merchandise worth more than \$5.00 and is priced at only

Contents of the men's College Sampler will include Gillette shaving, Sea & Ski suntan lotion, Scripto Wordpicker pen,

Mackam tooth paste, Gillette Techmatic razor, Old Spice after shave lotion, Man-Power Band-Aid and Excedrin.

Women's Samplers will contain Adorn self-styling hair spray, Pamprin, Jergens lotion mild soap, Woolite mild water wash, My Own Hygienic towel, Halo shampoo, Scripto Wordpicker pen, Claret Kidness conditioner and Excedrin.

Store manager Bruce Dauphinee says, "This is a tremendous value for our stu-

dents. The top companies whose products are represented in College Samplers want student business and are using this promotion to acquaint students with their products." He added, "College Samplers will be distributed on a one-to-student basis while they last. We will have only enough Samplers for one out of every six students and they will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Student identification will be required at the time of purchase."

Captain Marvel review: Film versus politics

Michael Jarosz
Staff Writer

After getting the chance to see Marvel Studios' Captain Marvel last week, I have to say that I'm glad I went. To me, it was an enjoyable superhero film. But that's just it. I wouldn't recommend it to anyone who's not a fan of Marvel or superheroes. In fact, I'd be reluctant to recommend those fans see the film because of how it's done. Don't get me wrong, it's good. But when comparing it to everything Marvel's done before, it's the same kind of story we've seen.

Directed by Anna Boden and Ryan Fleck, Captain Marvel takes place in the 1990s, making the story take place only after the events of Captain America: The First Avenger. The film stars Brie Larson alongside Samuel L. Jackson, Jude Law, Gemma Chan, Ben Mendelsohn, Lashana Lynch, and many more. The acting is solid for the most part. Larson actually provides some genuine emotion despite what critics saw as wooden acting from the trailers. Both Jackson and Lynch provide enjoyable performances, and Mendelsohn and Law display great characterization and charisma in their respective roles.

Now onto the reasons why I'd be reluctant to recommend the film. For one, it feels like most of the time the film is trying to make a political statement rather than tell a story. There are plenty of lines in this film that feel like they weren't meant to be there. That's the thing about this film that stirred up such a controversy: the politics. Brie Larson is an activist and wanted the film to be inspiring to women. And that's fine. The only problem is that the film should be about a superhero that happens to be a woman, not a woman who happens to be a superhero. I think the reason why most audiences are showing enough disappointment is because of the politics being injected into a film where it doesn't need it.

Despite the issues it does have, Captain Marvel still is a good film for the Marvel Cinematic Universe. It's not the best of the series and probably the weakest of the current string of films from Captain America: Civil War to now. And while it's true that politics and such are apparent in some Marvel films, keep in mind that those were not the themes

of those films up to now. Politics should not dictate how films should be made and films should not use politics as a tool to market themselves. So until we see what comes next in Avengers: Endgame this April, Captain Marvel gets an 81% rating from me.



Actress Brie Larson is Captain Marvel (Marvel)

The Trump Administration's threat to reproductive rights is real and present

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President Trump (AP)

The issue of abortion has been a major subject of political and social debate in the United States for decades. After the election of current president, Donald Trump, reproductive rights activists expressed tremendous fear over what actions the new president would take on abortion. Having taken a strong anti-abortion stance during the presidential campaign, many believed that Donald Trump would move to impose tight restrictions on abortion or even try to completely outlaw it. Standing here now, over two years into Donald Trump's first term

as president, it appears as though their worst fears are being realized. Regardless of where one stands on the issue of abortion, it cannot be denied that the Trump administration poses a major threat to abortion rights in the United States.

In just a little over two years, President Trump has made severe policy moves to restrict abortion services, both on a foreign and domestic level. On January 23, 2017, President Trump both reinstated and expanded the infamous "Mexico City Policy" which prohibits foreign non-governmental organizations from receiving U.S. aid if they use their own funds to provide abortion services, refer patients to abortion providers, counsel patients on abortion, or even advocate for more liberal abortion laws. Human Rights Watch has estimated that President Trump's expansion will tie up approximately \$8.8 billion of U.S. global health assistance funds. At the domestic level, there is the issue of Planned Parenthood. As Trump had promised during his presidential campaign, he has taken measures to defund Planned Parenthood and groups like it. Earlier this month, the Trump administration introduced a new rule regarding federal funding of domestic health organizations: the rule officially bars any organization that provides abortion referrals from receiving funds under the federal family planning program, Title X. Though not a complete defunding of Planned Parenthood, this new rule will strike a severe blow to Planned Parenthood which, as the New York Times reports, typically receives \$60 million dollars under Title X each year. Now, thanks to Trump implementing this rule, groups like Planned Parenthood that offer abortion referrals will be stripped of millions of dollars in funding while anti-abortion providers will become eligible for such funds. In observing these policies, it becomes clear that President Trump is actively pursuing unprecedented restrictions on abortion and aims to push this agenda even further.

There are already signs that President Trump's two Supreme Court picks, Justices Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh, are going to vote in favor of restrictions

on abortion. According to the Washington Post, both Justices voted in favor of a Louisiana law that required doctors at abortion clinics within the state to have admitting privileges at local hospitals. Should this law be implemented, Louisiana would be left with one abortion clinic in the entire state. While the Supreme Court did rule against that legislation, the point remains that this case shows the willingness of President Trump's appointees to vote in favor of abortion restrictions.

Many states have taken the threat of Roe V. Wade being overturned very seriously. The Rhode Island House of Representatives recently passed the Reproductive Health Care Act, which codifies Roe V. Wade as state law. New York has already passed a similar law, and the Washington Times is reporting that the states of New Mexico, Vermont, and Virginia are likely to do the same in the near future. I can say that I have personally witnessed the fear surrounding the Trump administration's stance on abortion and the fact that a conservative majority now runs the Supreme Court. As an intern working for the Rhode Island House of Representatives, I was present for much of the debate surrounding Rhode Island's recent bill. It was my observation, from my many conversations with the state representatives who supported this bill, that they believe there to be a great threat to Roe V. Wade, and that the uncertainty caused by the Trump administration was a primary reason why many of the bill's supporters advocated for its passage.

The threat is real. The administration of President Donald Trump has the makings to become one of the most anti-abortion administrations in modern American history. While much criticism has been levied at President Trump in regards to whether or not he's been able to keep his campaign promises, he's certainly following through on his promises to restrict abortion access. With a hardline anti-abortion agenda and a conservative majority on the Supreme Court (a majority that might yet increase), it is in no way safe to assume that the right to safe and legal abortion in the United States is permanently secure.

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The TSA doesn't keep us safe

Michelle Olsen
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Air travel is often the most efficient way to get around, and we enjoy the idea of sitting back and relaxing while we travel at over 500 miles an hour to our destination. While the travel itself is usually a quick and painless process, we accept that in addition to our voyage, we often have to spend many extra hours in the airport. The TSA recommends that all passengers arrive at least two hours before their flight—three in the case of international travel. Those extra hours are mainly reserved for sometimes painfully long airport security lines. As a frequent flyer who has experienced varying levels of airport security, especially in international airports where the procedures are much more relaxed, I begin to question if the airport security designed in response to the events of September 11th are really worth the time and stress they expense in the process.

In my experience, I have been pulled out of security lines various times for carrying items banned by TSA. To be specific, I had one bottle of orange juice and a can of aerosol dry shampoo confiscated on separate occasions. I once experienced a quick interrogation by a TSA officer when I placed my backpack on top of my laptop, rather than in a separate bin. I would gladly sacrifice this extra time and a bit of stress if I knew that procedures like this made my air travel safer, but I am not truly convinced that it does. I have also witnessed many questionable items make it through security and onto my flight. For example, a woman on my trans-continental flight to San Diego managed to get a sewing kit into the air. While I did not truly feel threatened by this small woman yielding her knitting needles and a small pair of scissors, it did support my suspicion about the legitimacy of TSA security.

This brings us to the topic of security theatre. Security theatre is the idea that we feel

protected, even though we are not. We experience this in many aspects of our daily lives, like locking our doors even though we know a rigid credit card can easily pop it open. We password and fingerprint protect our mobile banking apps, yet we leave our bank statements in our mailboxes where anyone could easily access our personal information. The point is that we accept these security measures in our lives without second thought because we want to feel safe, even if we reasonably know that they do little to protect us from real threats. In the case of TSA and airport security, we have to sacrifice our time and privacy to make this illusion possible.

Adam Conover hosts a TV show called *Adam Ruins Everything*, in which he investigates and debunks common misconceptions about everyday ideas and experiences. In his episode titled *Why the TSA Doesn't Stop Terrorist Attacks*, he explores this idea of security theatre and examines the true effect of TSA on protecting plane-riders from terrorist attacks. According to Conover, the current procedures put in place in response to the 9/11 attack are largely just a waste of time and money. In reality, TSA does little to prevent potential threats from boarding airplanes with the rest of us. Conover explains a situation where the Department of Homeland Security attempted to test the effectiveness of TSA by planting mock weapons and explosives on investigative personnel. In the test TSA was only able to identify 5% of these potential threats, while the remaining 95% made it through undetected.

I believe that some level of security theatre is necessary and does cause passengers to be more at ease during their travel, but I have a hard time sacrificing hours of my day knowing that my flight is not truly any safer for it. I certainly do not intend to deter anyone from traveling by airplane or doing so with a safe piece of mind. However, I think it is important to be aware of these facts in order to mitigate ignorance surrounding security theatre and to ensure that you are taking your own precautions to protect your personal safety.

Why Donald Duck is the most powerful character in Kingdom Hearts III

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Often when I am writing for the newspaper, it is usually about something rather serious. However, you did read that title correctly and I will be writing about the extremely serious and important topic of Donald Duck and why he is the most powerful character in the Kingdom Hearts universe.

Kingdom Hearts is a video game franchise that was created almost two decades ago by Square Enix in collaboration with Disney. For most of the games, the player will play as the main protagonist of the series: Sora. Throughout the games, Sora will have different party members to fight with him depending on the world that he is in, but there are just about always two characters that are always journeying with him. These two characters are Goofy and Donald Duck.

Donald Duck is King Mickey's royal mage, and, during battle, he uses plenty of magic. He can be seen as special character because of the usual spells that he uses. Most of the spells he uses are considered black magic in Square Enix terms. He can cast different levels of the spells he has. Donald's most common offensive magic includes shooting out balls of fire from his staff, projecting a burst of ice at enemies, and summoning bolts of lightning. He is also able to crush enemies by using gravity and can stop time for a limited period of time in a limited radius. In certain situations, Donald can also use attacks consisting of fireworks, rockets, and meteors.

Donald Duck is not special because of the black magic that he uses, but he is special because he can use both black and white magic spells. One of his two main white magic spells is *aero*. This spell creates a shield of wind around whoever Donald chooses and it prevents the character from taking damage from most attacks for a brief amount of time. It can also deal slight amounts of damage when the character goes up to an enemy while the wind is still surrounding them. The other white magic spell is the spell *Donald* receives the most flak for by the Kingdom Hearts community. *Cure* is a white magic spell that restores a certain amount of HP (health points) to a party member of Donald's choosing.

There are a multitude of reasons for why Donald is attacked by the community for having this spell. One of the reasons is that he has a low HP. If he dies in battle, it will take time for him to revive and even if he has enough magic to heal Sora, he cannot do it until he is revived which can take about thirty seconds to a minute at times. He also receives criticism because there are times that when Sora is in need of a heal, Donald may end up healing himself, Goofy, or another party member instead. What



Donald Duck's character model (Kingdom Hearts Wiki)

most players fail to realize is the fact that Donald should not even have this ability in the first place. A character is not meant to be able to use white and black magic, and the only other characters that can do this besides Donald are playable characters. Donald's cure may not be perfect, but at least the creators of the game decided to grant him the ability to have this spell as well as using offensive black magic.

Donald Duck also has the ability to change the clothing and appearance of characters in order to fit in with the world they are visiting. Throughout the games, Sora, Donald, and Goofy, will visit countless worlds, some being based off of Disney films while others are original worlds created by Square Enix. The trio need to look like they fit in to make sure that the characters from that world do not know that they are from another world to keep order among worlds. When they visit the world based off of *The Lion King*, Donald transforms Sora into a lion, himself into a flying bird, and Goofy into a tortoise. Donald transforms Sora into a merman, himself into a squid, and Goofy into a turtle when they visit the world based off of *The Little Mermaid*. Donald's ability to transform them into whatever is needed to keep order shows how he excels in sorcery.

Donald is also capable of performing more than just magical attacks. His melee attacks may not be as powerful

as characters like Goofy and Sora, but when he is waiting for his MP (magic points) to restore, he can still pack a powerful punch. He has the capability to whack opponents with his staff and perform melee combos that deal a decent amount of damage. Like Sora and Goofy, Donald is also granted the power to jump incredibly high and to fly and glide.

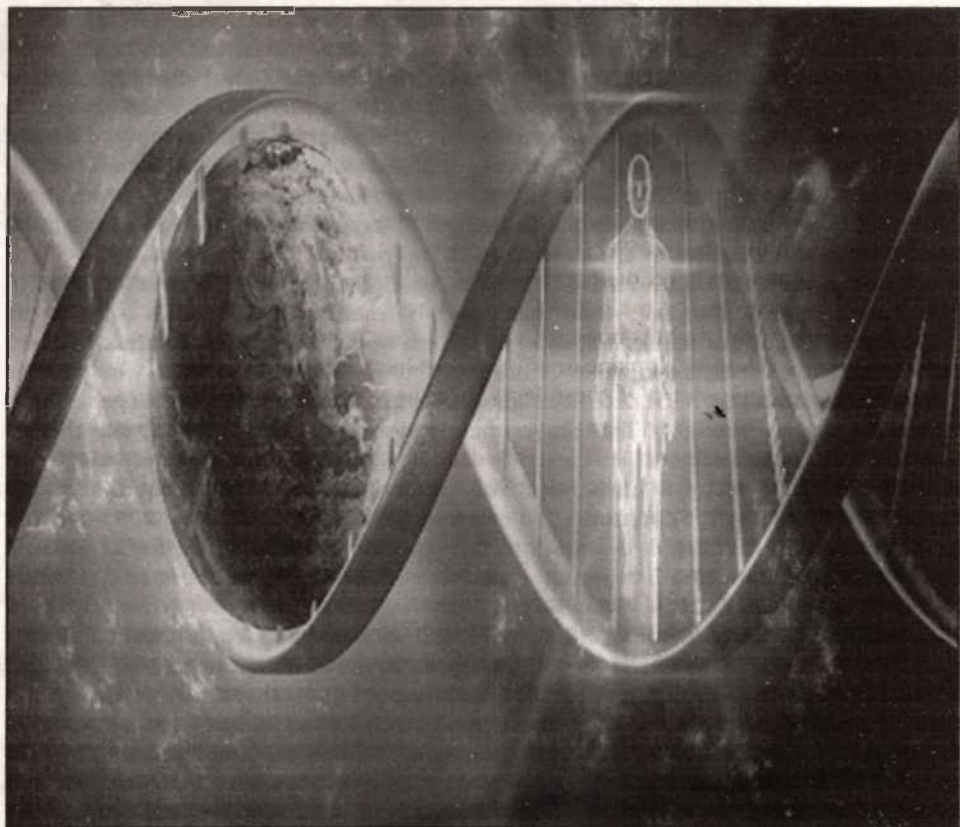
Kingdom Hearts III truly showcased Donald Duck as the most powerful and capable character in the series. In the *Keyblade Graveyard*, after Terranort killed or nearly killed Ventus and Lea, he was preparing to attack Kairi next. Sora tried to block Kairi from being attacked by hugging her, and when Terranort went to batter Sora, Goofy blocked his attack using his shield. While Terranort was stunned, Donald prepared an incredible attack. He held his staff with one hand and turned his other hand into a fist. A red circle formed around Donald, and many symbols gathered inside of the circle. Goofy yelled out "Donald, don't!", but Donald proceeded in pointing his staff at Terranort and yelling out "Zettaflare!". A giant red and white laser blasts out of his staff and it completely encompasses Terranort, proceeding to obliterate him from existence. This spell did come at a price, with Donald then dropping his staff and appearing to be either dead or nearly dead. If this did not kill him, Donald was killed by a heard of enemies known as heartless, but he was eventually restored by Sora.

There is only one spell in the series that is known to be more powerful than Zettaflare, but it has never been seen to be performed. This spell basically did drain Donald, but he was capable of completely annihilating a human without a trace. Terranort was not seen again until the effects of everyone's deaths were undone, so it can be assumed that Terranort was killed. Not only was Terranort killed, but his body was nowhere to be seen, so the spell was powerful enough to kill and to exterminate of the body. No other character in the series can make the claim of using this spell, so it can be assumed that only Donald is capable of conducting a spell like this.

Throughout the series of Kingdom Hearts, Donald Duck has not always faced the most positive reviews from fans. He has been criticized to no end and many have considered him a horrible waste of pixels. I, for one, verify Donald Duck as one of the most useful and powerful character in the series. There is no other character that has been shown to be capable of doing what Donald can. He can perform all sorts of black and white magic spells and attacks, he can turn himself and others into whatever they need to be in order to fit in with the world they are in, can perform melee attacks, and can even obliterate a man from existence. I hope this has given you a new perspective on our feathered friend and let it be known that there is no one more powerful and skilled than Donald Duck.

Immortality's aftereffects on humanity

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Eventually, immortality will be achieved and choices need to be made (Medium)

Clear distinctions must first be made. A dictionary will tell you the following: 'Immortality' is the ability to live forever. What it does not tell you is that Earth is eventually going to die out. When that day comes, even immortal humans would die with it, unless of course humans are to inhabit another planet in the cosmos. Therefore, for the purposes of this discourse, let it be known that when 'Immortality' or 'Immortal' is used, the exact meaning is this: the ability to continuously live at an optimal age without dying from old age, while still being able to die from mortal wounds or lack of nutrients. Let this precise definition sink in. Refer back to it if need be, as you read on.

Let us begin. Perhaps the biggest fear some humans have is the fear of death. To know that one day will be the last is quite daunting to think about. Death is one of few things that unites the human race, in this day and age. Quite ironic, is it not? Notice 'in this day and age' was used; at present, humans are incapable of living forever. The life expectancy of humans has drastically changed over the course of time. There was a time when people would not live to adulthood. There was a time when people would just barely reach their thirties. Today, the expectancy is around 80 years. That is pretty short a time to be alive. Time is a funny thing, really. It passes by faster when we want it to slow down and slows down when we want it to speed up. Time is subjective. Time is an illusion. Humans spend about 27 years of that asleep. Humans spend another 27 at work. And the remaining 26 is spent either doing nothing or doing some other activities. Regardless of how it is spent, humans are eventually faced with an inescapable end. That is the way of life, at present. But what if it was not so? What if humans were granted immortality, in this life?

There is as much bad to come from life as there is good. Let us start with the bad. Taxes. Chaos. Regrets. Traffic. Loneliness. The Unknown. The list could go on and on, but these five will be the focus.

Taxes. No matter what society we live in, there will always be taxes. Why? Because for a society to exist, a government must be present. Why? Because where two or more people congregate, there will always be conflict. A government dictates what passes and what does not. A government always is put in place to, first and foremost, protect its citizens. Therefore, there will always be a need for taxes. Even if there was no housing or schooling or this and that, there would still be a need for protection, and so a military would need to be funded in some way. The answer will always be taxes. Just being alive and breathing on a land is ample cause for taxes. And as we know, a government not only finds reason to tax, but they also create reason to tax. Crafty, right? Such good marketers.

If immortality is achieved, taxes would never cease to be paid. As the years go on, taxes typically only ever increase. They most certainly would if everything existed indefinitely. The only way to escape taxes is death or prison. Though some inmates still pay taxes, though not on a federal level. So, in some cases, not even prisoners can escape taxes. Why? Because they hold jobs in prison or have income still generating into their accounts, outside of their confinement. We know that death is out of the question, in this case. So, what would this mean? Unless you intended to be imprisoned for an 'immortal' length of time, you would continue to pay taxes until the day you—oops, there is no end. Unless of course the world ends, or you die by affliction of some sort. Can you imagine that—living life in prison for billions and billions of years? Perhaps that is simply Hell on Earth.

Chaos. What is meant by this? Chaos is a broad word, but what comes to my mind is war, violence, anarchy, and uprisings. Chaos is a state. Not a state like we have in this country, but a state of being—a state of existence. It can either grow or lessen, but it never goes away. It will always be around. Again, where two or more people congregate, there will always be disagreement and judgments passed that provoke tension.

If immortality is achieved, chaos would continue to insinuate. Nations would never cease to collide because even today, there is backstabbing and ill-nature between countries. There has never been a time when all nations are at peace with one another. There has never been a time when we have come to live amongst each other without chaos. Why? Because it is in our nature as human beings.

Regrets. Regrets plague the human mind. These are negative mindful and emotional reactions to one's individual decision-making. Regrets are choices resulting in action

or inaction. They are related to opportunity cost. If you do one thing, you forgo the opportunity to do another. If you do not do anything, you forgo the opportunity to do anything. Their intensity fluctuates over time, post-decision, regarding action versus inaction, and regarding self-control at a particular age. Time can never be reversed, at present. If you made a decision at age 10, in this period of time, and it negatively impacted your life from there on out, then, if you were still alive at 80 years of age, you would have 70 years of regret would have accumulated like compound interest, or accrued like expenses or liabilities. 70 years of pain, sorrow, or suffering would have tormented you through many a sleepless night. You would have 25,550 days' worth of regret. Of course, this is merely one example. Some regrets are resolved because one learns to cope with them. For those people, the regrets still live on with them, only they are not as interfering with life as with others, who cannot learn to cope with them.

If immortality is achieved, regrets would never go away and would negatively impact our state of mind. However, there would also be an infinite amount of time to make good on those regrets. Regrets only really exist because humans are, at present, mortal, and there is only so much time to enjoy life. But if immortality was achieved, there would be no old age; there would be no looking back on a deathbed and regretting. All that wishful thinking of what could have been would be nonexistent because there would be not thousands, not millions, but billions of years to make life as best it can be.

Loneliness. Today, you cannot argue that your loved ones are going to die. Everyone faces that harsh truth, though many choose to avoid it until the time comes, in which more regrets arise. "I could have done this with them. I wish I could say I love you again. I wish I could hold their hand one more time." Everyone has heard these words spoken by friends or family, or perhaps you spoke or thought them yourself. There will come a day when you will feel all alone in the world. Or, perhaps that day is already at hand; perhaps you feel lonely even though your loved ones are alive or in spite of the fact that your loved ones are alive. Whatever the case may be, loneliness will never not exist at some point in a person's life.

If humans were immortal, loneliness would not take to the latter of what was previously stated, meaning that it would be an emotional state of mind rather than a physical phenomenon. Loved ones would never die, but the feeling of seclusion or isolation or some other negative emotion targeted towards one individual would make them feel a forever state of loneliness. Of course, the immortal being would perhaps be able to overcome the feeling, but if not, it would resonate with them indefinitely. Moreover, because ailments could still befall upon humans, you would have to watch all your friends die.

Traffic. Today, the commute to work or school from home and vice versa is absolutely ridiculous. Nobody likes aggressive drivers, yet they grow in number by the day. Car crashes and car accidents kill millions each year.

Can you even imagine how long it would take to get from point A to point B if we were immortal? Just look at the roads today. Big name cities like Boston, Chicago, and New York would be flooded with cars, adding to the pollution in the air. At some point or another, Earth would become uninhabitable. Second, third, and fourth level highways would eventually be established, if the world did not become a gas chamber by then. No one would want to go anywhere. Those who still drove would likely introduce a fair amount of new curse words to the dictionary. Traffic would become a thing for bikers, and even walkers and pilots.

The unknown. It is no mystery that the unknown is another fear ever present in life. Not knowing what the future holds can drive a person mad. A person will do extreme things to prevent an unwanted future from coming to pass. A person will go to extreme lengths to ensure he or she will get what is desired. The mind cannot fathom the unknown because it does not exist. As much as one can hypothesize what may or may not transpire, one can never know. It can be beneficial to think through all possibilities for the future, but even so, there will always be something overlooked and not planned for that may devastate.

Because humans are, at present, mortal, death eventually allows for a forever rest, thus putting an end to the fear of the unknown. But if immortality was achieved, the unknown would forever dominate the course of life. Humans would go to great lengths to achieve dreams. Failure would become a constant toil for all to grapple with.

Like all things, immortality would eventually become boring. Even today, there is no clear-cut purpose to life. Either you find purpose, or you do not. Living forever would become obsolete and you would want more. But what more can be achieved after immortality? You would be forced to live on or choose to die in whatever way seemed best at that future time.

What would all this amount to? Well, taking into consideration the definition stated at the beginning of this discourse, as well as all the bad that comes from life and most definitely an immortal life, many would turn to suicide. Suicide today is a tragic and horrific thing that is all too often ignored. It is something that deserves more attention than it is given. Suicide rates would likely skyrocket over time and nothing would really be able to stop that.

War would ensue for the test of time. Land would be destroyed and turned to rubble. Nuclear warfare would wipe out lands, in which case humans would still die. Overpopulation, deforestation, pollution, natural disasters, chaos, violence—all the terrible things that are existent in life today would unfold in astounding rates unless there was a way to advance society to the point that all those could be prevented. Oh yes, and AI. That is a whole other topic worthy of far more space than this discourse can allow for. To make it to the point, we would be at war with AI forever, unless they were under our control. As soon as they are humanized with a mind of their own, they will be just more human beings to populate Earth, only they would be bigger, faster, and stronger.

Let us now transition to the good that comes out of life. Knowledge. Adventure. Family. The list could go on and on, but this discourse will focus only on those three.

Knowledge. Knowledge is perhaps the greatest marvel of the universe. The quest for knowledge is one of the greatest that one can take in life. Humans have a thirst for it; they long for it; they yearn for it. The more knowledge that is acquired, the more you can be a teacher for others. The quest for knowledge does not stop when you become an adult, nor does it stop when you graduate college; it is a continual process that leads to more inquiries that lead to more advanced thought processes. The greatest fear there can be on the quest for knowledge is that it must one day be given up. When your last breath is drawn, the journey ends and no more knowledge may be acquired. That is the way of things, in this day and age.

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If immortality is achieved, the quest for knowledge would never cease to exist. You would be able to read every single book that was ever written. You would be able to sift through past, present, and future manuscripts on whatever suits your interests. You would discover all the secrets of the world and have infinite amounts of information in mind to share with the world. So, if the purpose of life is to continue to knowledge-hunting process, then immortality is an obstacle that must be attained along the way. Perhaps it is by some hidden knowledge not yet known that will lead humanity to this immortal state of being.

Adventure. Whether risky, daring, or challenging, adventures are great fun. Traveling the world, swimming across a great body of water, climbing a tall mountain, exploring cities and towns, participating in a Spartan Race—these are just a few examples of what is meant by 'adventure.' They are some of the most memorable moments in life. Sometimes they are better with friends and sometimes they are better alone. Regardless, adventures teach valuable lessons and make you stronger than you were prior to their start.

If immortality is achieved, and you did not age beyond the optimal age, then adventures would forever be a part of life. You would be happier, more accomplished, and more satisfied with your achievements. You would be able to go on all those adventures you only dreamt of doing in a mortal life. Happy memories could replace the bad and you would think back a few thousand years from now of what you did all those years ago. The regrets you would have in a mortal life of not going on adventures when you had the chance would not exist in an immortal life because all the time in the world is yours for the taking.

Family. Home. You adore, cherish, and admire your family members, for they are a part of you whether you are thinking of them or not. In a mortal life, you are faced with their deaths, which links back to the notion of loneliness as mentioned before. It is so hard to cope with the loss of family because they were on your side and with you since your birth.

If immortality is achieved, you would be with family forever. Celebrations, family talks, and anniversaries would continue year by year, indefinitely. Good food and good company would fill your heart for the course of time, and you would not have to cope with their passing. You would always have them as friends in your life. They are the Alpha and the Omega in life, the first and the last, the best of the best.

There is more. There is not only good and bad in life. There is also the in between—the gray. Love. I saved love, in particular, for here, as I thought it can be either good or bad, or both. Aside from love, there is also change, work, and wealth.

Love. It either makes a person whole or destroys a person. If you were immortal, you would be able to live with your husband or wife for an eternity. If you were immortal, you would be able to smile with him or her, hold their hand, go on adventures, laugh with them, and do any of the other things you love doing with the love of your life, forevermore. On the other hand, if you were a person who could never find love, you would live billions of years without a man or woman to love you in a relationship-type way. That could be either liberating or torturous. Or, you might hopscotch between lovers, always upsetting, always emotionally agonizing, and never settling. Love may hurt, love may drive people mad, and love may kill.

Change. People either hate it or love it. They hate it because it can be so hard to cope with. They love it because new beginnings are sometimes necessary and redemptive to move on. Immortality would mean perpetual changes.

Work. The unintelligent wake up every day with a frown. The average-minded wake up indifferent. The intelligent wake up with a smile. As mentioned earlier, people

typically work 26 years of life—9490 full days' worth. Imagine what life would be if work was perpetual. Vacation time and sick time would be even more valued than it is today. However, if you are your own boss, or love where you work, immortality would be worthwhile. A common saying goes something like this: those who love what they do work no days in their life. So, if someone loves what they do, a perpetual life of progression would keep him or her content. Notice that 'progression' was used in the previous sentence, not 'work.' This is because to the intelligent, work is not considered 'work,' but 'progression.' Think of what could be accomplished in a never-ending life.

Wealth. The rich and famous man or woman is seen to be perfect. But no one is perfect. Nevertheless, more money can go a long way and can do a lot more things than less money. But a rich person is still human. Emotional conflict still affects a rich person. Though if immortality was achieved, money would eventually run out, unless more wealth is attained. It can go both ways but know this: budgeting money over 80 years is a lot easier than budgeting money over billions. A lot of people would likely go bankrupt, unless they continued to work or kept winning lotteries.

To make things even more interesting, let us say that only you—yes, you—could become immortal, and that everyone else was mortal as they are today. You might cower away in some mountain for the course of time, never to be seen again. You might sail away to some island and bask in the sun for as long as the world exists. You might travel the country on foot and the seven seas by boat, since you could do that too. You might hide that you are immortal from everyone and watch as people come and go and as history unfolds through the ages to come. People would start to wonder how you are not aging. They would see you were born in 19-- or 20-- or whatever future date and would begin to wonder how you have not been buried or burned. Assuming some government agency had you under their radar, and time travel came into existence, you might be selected to go back in time as an operative to change history for the better.

So, let us evaluate what we have. The bad outweighed the good. Now, that is not to say there is more bad in this world than good; but, more bad seemed to come to my mind when thinking of immortality and whether it would be good for us humans. Every individual will have their own view. Children will likely think immortality would be the greatest thing to come in life. Adults might not think so. Teenagers and college students might have mixed thoughts. This proves that everything in life is subjective to the age we currently are and what we are currently dealing with that might make us believe one way or the other. Nothing in life is objective. Objectivity is like a perfect day, like reading the clock and saying it is noontime; you can try your hardest to have a perfect day, you can convince yourself that it is noontime, but you cannot attain perfection or actually know that it is noontime. Everything—yes, everything—in life is processed differently by different people.

I, personally, say that immortality would be both a bad and a good thing. I cannot go one way or another, and that is because I have so much I want to achieve in life, so much to accomplish in such a short period of time, but I know that the mortal life is also all the more beautiful because it will eventually end. I often believe I am immortal at times, but know, deep down, that death looms nigh with every passing moment. Every instant of my life is made better because I know that any moment could be my last, and that one day, it will come to an end. But that is just me—that is just one viewpoint. As I stated before, age defines thought processes. Perhaps as I grow old, this will change. But the way I see it, even if immortality is achieved, the universe will destroy itself. It would, undoubtedly, be by our own hand.

So, what do you think? If someone offered you the elixir of life—the gift of immortality—would you take it? There has been a lot of talk of late that it might very well be achieved by 2050, so, this is a matter worthy of discussion in the coming days, weeks, months, and years.

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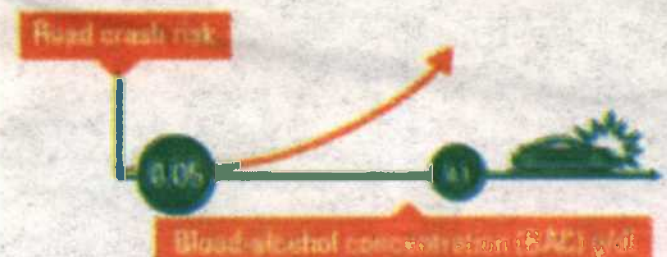
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Drink-driving: the facts

Drinking alcohol and driving increases the risk of a road traffic crash

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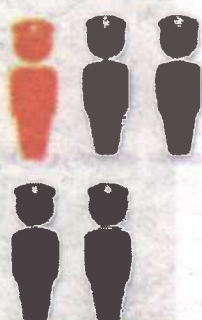
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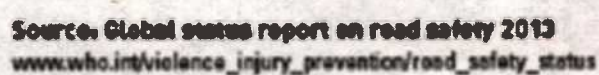
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