Bryant unites for Haiti fundraising efforts

By Brigit Clancy
Variety Editor

After a devastating earthquake struck Haiti on Tues- day, January 12, members of the Bryant community took action to begin efforts to help those affected.

The Intercultural Center organized a group on Face-book entitled “Bryant in ACTION for Haiti” (BiAfH) within days of the earth- quake. The group became a new organization and a way for members of the Bryant community to communicate about the disaster.

Shontay Delaluze King, the Director of the Intercultural Center (ICC), sent a campus- wide e-mail asking for volun- teers to help organize Bryant’s contribution efforts for Haiti. Nicole Archardault, ’10, Chris Brida, ’12, Bailey Richards, ’10, and Johnny Wells, ’10, responded to King’s message within hours, said Richards.

Each student is in charge of one of four committees within the organization. Archam- bault is the Faculty and De- partments Coordinator, Brida is the Funds and Donations Coordinator, Richards is the Individual Student Organiza- tions Coordinator, and Wells is the Programs Coordinator. Toby Sampson, Director of the Cen- ter for Student Involvement (CSI), joined King as BiAfH’s advisors. Richards said, “The advisors and the student coordin- ators all have a variety of backgrounds and are in- volved in many things throughout the school. Most importantly, we all have a de- sire to help others and indi- vidual skills that combine to make a difference.”

The advisors and student leaders then organized a meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 27 for members of the Bryant community to learn more about BiAfH.

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Special Initiatives awards $40,000 for Recycling program

By Jenny Sali
Staff Writer

Many people may have heard of the Special Initiatives Committee here at Bryant, but most people are probably un- sure as to what the committee does exactly. The Special Ini- tiatives Committee reviews student-created, student-cen- tered proposals. The propos- als should have the focus of benefiting the Bryant Com- munity, enhancing student life, and most importantly, it should be one-time, non-tra- ditional, and non-recurring.

One proposal that the com- mittee was really impressed with was by the “Green Team,” which asked for about $40,000 in order to improve the recycling efforts at Bryant and put bins all over campus. The Green Team was created by SIFE. Lauren Jensen and Marissa Boni led a group of 40 SIFE students to shape a proposal for the Special Initi- atives Committee. The Green Team surveyed 400 students on campus and found that in the village 59% of students believe that the lack of bins outside of the Halls is the biggest problem when it comes to recycling in the vil- lage and 44% of the Town- house respondents said that a recycling bin outside of their townhouse area would encourage them to recycle regu- larly.

Nick Kraver of the Special Initiatives Committee said that “they [Green Team] asked for a paper recycling bin and cover on each floor in freshmen housing, every suite, and every townhouse. In addition, they asked for large 95 gallon bins to be placed outside of every hall and strategically placed in the townhouses – about 7 town- houses per bin. Lastly, they wanted loose recyclable bins to be spread out through cam- pus and outside of entrances to administrative buildings.”

The proposal was approved under the condition that the Green Team “implements an education program to inform the student body on how to correctly utilize the new bins and proper recycling prac-

Fun Facts about Bryant Recycling:

- Salad containers from South and Styrofoam Dunkin Donuts cups are NOT recyclable
- Facilities does separate recycling – bottles/cans, and paper/cardboard – that is why we use clear bags!
- Facilities does not sort a bag of trash and boat- ests mixed together – it all gets thrown away

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Seniors unveil legacy with class gift

By David Nelligan

The Senior Class Gift Committee announced Monday, February 8th that the class of 2010 will be raising money for a scholarship to be given to one student each year. The Class of 2010 Legacy Scholarship is a way to give back each year to help a student in financial need receive the great benefits of a Bryant University education. The current goal is set at $40,000 to be raised by 52% of the class.

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Making safe sex a priority for students

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Players offer something short and sweet

The Bryant Players spent weeks preparing for their comedic shorts, “Hard Candy” and “Kiss Me Quick, I’m Double Parked” (Amanda Dunn)

By Alissa Foley
Copy Editor

The Bryant Players are back for the spring season this weekend with the annual February production of short plays. The drama group will present two short shows: “Hard Candy” (Jonathan Rand) and “Kiss Me Quick, I’m Double Parked!” (John Kirkpatrick).

Coburn Childs, ’12, director, and Brian Sands, ’10, assistant director, have been working since fall semester to bring these shows to life. Both agree that the diversity of these two plays presents a different kind of directorial challenge.

“The character development has been established quickly, and the action has to get going right from the start,” said Childs. But at the same time, he observed, “It creates a lot of comedy.”

First on the bill is “Hard Candy,” offering a comedic take on a situation familiar to many: the job interview. A range of characters attempt to interview for a position at Bank Enterprises, but the set-up lays out their hands – and out of control.

“Kiss Me Quick, I’m Double Parked” features an increasingly complex plot set in New York City. Alex, a dentist (played by Kevin Dunn, ’12), is attempting to got get married at city hall, but a slew of strikes create a number of obstacles. At the same time, dental technician Lily (Mary Green) is left to watch over Alex’s soon-to-be great aunt Carrie (Joolie Soparwila).

The addition of a missing fence helps complete this comical story.

Location: Janikies Theater. Friday, Feb. 12 and Saturday, Feb. 13 at 7:00 p.m.; Sunday, Feb. 14 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets $5-$10, discounts available for presale, or with donation of a non-perishable food item at time of purchase. All non-perishable food items will be donated to the local food bank.

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Reason for going:
I've always been interested in the rest of the world and other cultures since I was a kid and I really wanted to go abroad, plus I thought it would be awesome to get away from Bryant for a semester. After I did Sophomore Experience in Italy I started looking into different programs and countries and after a while decided on Galway.

Best experience or memory:
It's hard to pick just one but probably St. Patrick’s Day in Galway- everyone spent the day drinking at the Spanish Arch, which is a big pier in the city. It was a great day and the entire city was celebrating all day and night. Also I got to do a lot of travelling and saw some countries that people don’t typically go to like Denmark, Sweden, The Netherlands, and Belgium.

Funny cultural experience:
Everyone there thought I looked like Chris Brown, which is weird enough in itself, and after the big controversy they started joking that I was a woman beater. That’s when I told them to stop calling me Chris. Also Irish people and students in general are just funny; one minute they can be drunk, smashing bottles and breaking everything and 5 minutes later they’ll be putting on a pot of tea for everyone.

How was the school different from Bryant University?
It was much more relaxed, and I think they treat you more like adults. There are no attendance policies- it's up to you to decide if you are going to go and be proactive or not. They expect you to keep up with your readings and pay attention in class but don’t hassle you about it all the time. Also most of the classes were large lecture halls and the Irish students almost never participate.

How did this experience change you?
It gave me a better understanding of other cultures and taught me not to be so quick to believe stereotypes about certain nationalities. I met people from all over Europe and the world and despite differences in language or location you start to notice common traits in people and societies.

Would you study abroad again given the opportunity?
Definitely. I’m trying to find jobs now that allow you to travel or work abroad.

Study Abroad spotlight: Alex DiMario

National University of Ireland, Galway
Galway, Ireland
Partner Program: Arcadia

Alex DiMario

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By Julie Kent
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, February 16th at 7:00 PM SASS will be hosting Doug Lansky in Janikies Theatre. Doug Lansky is a National Geographic writer and author of various books on the cultural aspect of signs. Lonely Planet Signspotting and Lonely Planet Signspotting 2: The World’s Most Absurd Signs are Lansky’s two mainly pictorial books about signspotting. The books are full of colorful pictures of signs from front to back. The photos consist of pictures taken by Lansky as well as others given to him from fellow travelers.

The signs have led Lansky and others to experience different cultures by going to unusual and primarily humorous places and attractions. He has traveled the world, including places such as the remote fishing village of Jericoacoara, Brazil and Santiago de Compostela, Spain, and now he resides in Spain with his wife.

What prompted his devotion to traveling was after his junior year abroad, during college, Lansky took the summer abroad and traveled by train. He ended up in Morocco for two weeks where he held a job selling carpets. Then, after having experience traveling in developing countries Lansky got the travel bug and eventually pursued traveling after college and internships.

Lansky’s presentation uses words and images to show the audience lessons and experiences that he went through from backpacking in over 100 countries. He has taken the subject, signs, and made them act as a tool for learning about other cultures. As Bryant grows more multicultural, it’s important to travel and experience these other perspectives. SASS will be having a raffle for a EuroRail Pass. In addition, on the day of the event SASS will also be having a display in the rotunda that will have a world map on it where students, faculty, and staff will be able to pin-point the countries and states that they have traveled, therefore everyone can notice where everyone else has been. For more information visit www.douganskoy.com.

National Geographic writer presented by SASS
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Community as well as the surrounding community to find out how they can help with relief efforts. Over 100 people came and listened to a presentation put on by Simon and the student coordinators about Haiti and plans for fundraising events.

“The goals for BiAFH are to coordinate the efforts that the Bryant community will be engaging in as well as continue to raise awareness and educate our community about Haiti,” Simon said. “Since we have so many student organizations as well as a large faculty and staff—all of whom are interested in fundraising for Haiti—BiAFH is seeking to have a centralized approach in our response to Haiti.”

Richards commented, “Our main goal is to unite the efforts of the entire Bryant University student body in order to make as large of an impact as possible. Through fundraising efforts we hope to make a substantial donation and thus have a direct impact on the conditions in Haiti.”

Simon stated that there are two non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in Haiti that the members of BiAFH plan to donate all funds to. These two NGOs are Oxfam, an international organization dedicated to humanitarian efforts, and the Hospital Albert Schweitzer, a hospital located in Haiti that serves an immense number of people.

Simon, who has worked in Haiti for the past fifteen years, said she is feeling “a range of emotions following this catastrophic earthquake.”

“On one hand, I wonder where the outrage was a mere four weeks ago before the earthquake, when Haitian children were eating mud cookies, when people were dying of diseases they should never die from, when 20 percent of children died before the age of five, and when most poor families eat only once a day,” she said.

“The sad truth is that no one really cared about Haiti before the earthquake in spite of numerous international efforts to raise awareness about the abject poverty and chaos that existed,” Simon commented.

“Now Haiti has the world’s attention. We will see for how long.”

Simon stated that she has an “unbelievable sadness” for Haiti, a country that means so much to her and for Haitians she has “come to know and love.”

“Every night since the earthquake I have had dreams about Haiti,” Simon said. “But their national credo is ‘L’Union Fait La Force’ which means ‘With strength, there is unity.’”

Stories since the earthquake, she said, have demonstrated the “resilience of the Haitian people and their determination that they will ‘kembe fem’, or ‘stand strong.’”

And they will.”

Richards is hopeful that the Bryant community will make a difference by participating in BiAFH.

“I believe that the efforts of individual students will combine to make an impact in Haiti larger than anyone person is able to make,” Richards commented. “Through the combined efforts of Bryant faculty, students, the surrounding community, and business contacts, we can aid the country in this dire time of need.”

Fundraising efforts, Richards said, will prove “how driven, caring, and intelligent Bryant students are.”

“Although one person may not have the means to donate large sums of money, food, or clothing, by engaging their peers and community they can have a much larger impact.”

BiAFH will hold a Teach-In, a session about Haiti and its history as a country, on Wednesday Feb. 24 at 5:15 p.m. in Janikies. Join the “Bryant in ACTION for Haiti” group on Facebook for up-to-date information about the organization’s events.

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The Student Entrepreneur:
State of social media for small business

By Michael Adams
Assistant Editor-in-Chief

Over winter break, I had the privilege to fly out to San Francisco, California, all expenses paid, to be a social media intern for PMG Public Relations, a firm based out of Burlington, Vermont that deals with specialty food companies and mission-driven businesses. PMG was hired to do the social media for the National Association of Specialty Food Trade's Winter Fancy Food Show, a show where food manufacturers from across the nation come to display their products to potential buyers and retail professionals.

After winter break, I returned to Colorado to manage the social media lounge, a destination where you could engage on Twitter. No longer is it “if you build it, they will come.” It’s more like “if you engage then they will talk.” You talk to customers the same way you talk to them in real life. There is always the option of hiring out your social media to a PR firm, but for many small businesses just starting out, the time that you put into your social media efforts is going to give your company that personal voice your customers are looking for and all important connections for when you need to grow your business.

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This trip was not all about observing the poor state of social media—there were plenty of people that had a thriving community of followers and fans and were engaging with them well. With some of the people that I have helped, I have followed up to see if they are actually using their newly created customer-engagement tools and most of them are. I had numerous conversations with entrepreneurs that were beyond excited to start generating new ideas for how they could engage with their customers. For example, The Wine Next Door, a wine shop in Katy, Texas is starting to do Facebook-only wine tastings and over-stock specials so that customers need to become a fan of the wine bar to learn about these events—it’s just great.

Thankfully, more small businesses are starting to get on to Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube and use it to engage with customers—every day I find a new businesses to follow. I know more businesses will catch on as the months progress, but they are going to have to get over R2—it actually does take time to build your brand on the internet. There is really no way around it.

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Toyota: A cultural defect

By Michael Roberto
Faculty Columnist

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The LA Times article suggests that Toyota's problems run much deeper than many observers have suspected. The LA Times notes that Toyota's quality issues have been building for a while, as the company's rapid recent growth stressed the Toyota production system. However, [a recent] Los Angeles Times article suggests that Toyota's problems run much deeper than many observers have suspected. The LA Times documents a history at Toyota of hiding or denying quality problems, or trying to delay product recalls. If we concur with the newspaper's assessment, then we must conclude that Toyota has a much deeper cultural problem, not just a short term issue related to the torrid growth of the past few years.

Interestingly, the company is well known for encouraging engagement on Twitter. No longer is it “if you build it, they will come.” It’s more like “if you engage then they will talk.” You talk to customers the same way you talk to them in real life. There is always the option of hiring out your social media to a PR firm, but for many small businesses just starting out, the time that you put into your social media efforts is going to give your company that personal voice your customers are looking for and all important connections for when you need to grow your business.

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Thankfully, more small businesses are starting to get on to Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube and use it to engage with customers—every day I find a new businesses to follow. I know more businesses will catch on as the months progress, but they are going to have to get over R2—it actually does take time to build your brand on the internet. There is really no way around it.

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Apple iPad has potential

By Michael Siatasky
Staff Writer

Last month, Steve Jobs and Apple announced their latest ground-breaking product the iPad. The long-sought tablet was kept hush-hush by Apple for several months as bloggers and journalists rumored about the latest invention. The prod-
uct was announced at a special Apple event in New York City.

The iPad looks like an iPod touch or iPhone, only bigger. It is al-
uminum-backed with a 10-inch screen surrounded by a shiny black border, and is about a half-inch thick. It is a good
size to hold but still somewhat awkward. A complete touch screen with a single Home button is at the bottom.

There are two sizes to the iPad: the 16GB and 64GB. The larger also has 3G capability with the smaller only has WiFi. The prices seem somewhat steep for Apple’s latest must have, at $499 and $830 respectively. The prices are comparable to PC
laptops, which obviously come with a keyboard, something the iPad lacks. Instead, the iPad relies on a complete touch screen and touch-keyboard. However, it can do many things that can be convenient in day-to-day life.

Using an e-book reader. Similar to Amazon’s Kindle, the iPad will be able to download e-books and provide large screen for easy and enjoyable reading. Secondly, web
browsing will be relatively simple and easier to use than an
iPad and more thorough than the abbreviated internet on web-
enabled phones. Everything still will be easier to do with the
iPad but it probably won’t replace the paper version. Movies
and trailers watching will be clear and, with the large screen, great for traveling or instead of a regular television.

One interesting addition is that the iPad will be able to run all applications that the smaller versions run, but on a larger scale. This means that the thousands of useful apps that are used
can be used on the big screen. Maybe the iPad will be useful, but isn’t the point of the apps a quick way to do some-
ting on your phone or iPod? If you have a computer next to you, you will use that instead.

My personal opinion is that the iPad will take some time to catch on. The high cost and somewhat low functionality com-
pared to normal laptops will turn off many consumers. For the price, I would personally invest in a laptop or other computer rather than the iPad.

The result of my conversation with Pardee was

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SIFE Credit Craze: The value of a dollar

By Chris Wallace
Contributing Writer

You probably learned the value of a dollar when you were young by receiving an allowance every week from your parents. So, what is the value of a dollar? That de-
pends on what you are measuring it against. The value of the U.S. Dollar, or any cur-
cency for that matter, is meas-
ured in terms of other currencies, most notably, the Euro, the Japanese Yen, the Canadian Dollar, the British Pound, the Aus-
tralian Dollar, the Swiss Franc, and the Chinese Yuan Renminbi.

The Chinese Yuan Ren-
minbi is unique, however, in
that its currency is pegged to the U.S. Dollar. In other words, its value stays con-
stant with that of the dollar.

You will always be able to buy the same amount of Chi-
inese currency with one U.S. dollar as long as its steps pegged. One U.S. Dollar can buy? Chinese Yuan. Similarly, it takes 7 Chinese Yuan to buy one U.S. Dollar.

Using Facebook ads to get hired? Heck yes!

By Scott Kleinberg
MCT Campus

I remember landing my first journalism job after a few weeks of searching, and I drove exactly 89 miles each way on six occasions for interviews. Even if Facebook and online social net-
working tools in general existed in (cough, cough) 1995, I probably wouldn’t have thought of what Thomas Pardee did. But that said, I think he is pretty genius.

Pardee, 22, of Lakeview, Ill., paid for self-

promotion ads on Facebook and specifically targeted the

company he wants to work for most. That means Conde Nast employees
may feel like they know Pardee, even

though he doesn’t work there.

I chatted with Pardee online (of course). Here are some excerpts from our conversation:

Q: For your first job, I called, sent resumes and

dressed up for interviews. Times have changed:
A: ‘Times have changed, but the fundamentals are

the same. I think I’m still calling, sending out
e-mails doing interviews. Only now, the resumes are e-mailed PDFs or links to

my portfolio site, most instant communication is done in short emails, tweets or IM sessions, and I’ve even had interviews take place in

front of my webcam via Skype.

Facebook ad was an experiment, and they’ve certainly

created this influx of people looking at my re-

sume. It ultimately was the resume that has
to do the talking. You still have to do the leg-

work. I think you always will.”

Q: Why Facebook? Why Conde Nast?
A: “Facebook is a medium that is constantly evolving. Just a few years ago, when I started
college, it was a toy. I could barely see its util-
ity. But since then, its growth has created a lot
of untapped possibility. I love Conde Nast pub-
llications. Details, Wired and Vanity Fair
are all magazines I would work for. But I
know that untold thousands of other recent graduates have the same dream. To stand out, you’ve got
to think differently.”

Q: Do you worry about making a statement as much as you worry about creeping out

potential employers?
A: “There’s fine line, isn’t there? I’ve been

asking some of my contacts what they think about this and the results have been pretty positive. Though the ad could be risky, I think most people have taken it as a resourceful way to self-

promote. And frankly, those are the people I want to work for, anyway.”

Business
Bulldogs three game win streak snapped

After defeating Central Connecticut State on Thursday night at home, the Bryant University women’s basketball team was defeated 73-59 by the Blue Devils on Saturday afternoon in New Britain, Conn. The CCSU win snaps the Bulldogs’ three-game winning streak.

Senior captain Kelsey O’Keefe and freshman Danielle Douglas each had 12-points for Bryant.

Central Connecticut improved to 9-13 overall and evened its conference record at 6-6 with the win. The Blue Devils were led offensively by captain Kerrianne Dugan, 6-8 from the free throw line. Senior captain Kelsey O’Keefe and freshman Danielle Douglas each had 12-points for Bryant.

After 20 minutes of play at the Detrick Gymnasium, the Bulldogs found themselves down 2-points, 33-31, to the Central Connecticut Blue Devils. Dugan was the leading scorer in the first half, scoring 13 points. The Bulldogs had seven players score in the half with O’Keefe’s seven points leading the way.

Douglas scored six points and recorded two steals in the period.

With three quick points from O’Keefe the Bulldogs jumped out to an early 9-4 lead just four minutes into the game. Over the next six minutes Central Connecticut came rallying back as Dugan led the charge to take a 21-16 lead with 9:43 remaining in the first half.

With the action slowing down a bit over the last 10-minutes of the half the Bulldogs were able to knot things up at 31 apiece with a Lindsey Fouledup 3-point bucket with 1:55 remaining on the clock.

Central’s Kirsten Daamen hit the last bucket of the half, a layup with 19-seconds left to bring the halftime score to 33-31.

The Blue Devils built up a four-point lead just minutes into the second half but couldn’t hold it long as the Bulldogs tied things up once again at 35 with a Douglas breakaway layup with 17:20 remaining.

On a great give-and-go play between classmates Meredith Soper and Douglas the Bulldogs retook the lead, 41-39, with 14:39 remaining in the game. Douglas passed the ball out on the wing to Soper who sent a great pass behind the back of a Devil’s defender for Douglas to convert the easy layup.

The two squads changed leads again at the 12:30 mark of the second half. CCSU’s Emily Rose nailed her second 3-pointer of the night to give her team the 42-41 lead. Over the next five minutes the Blue and White outscored the Black and Gold 10-3 to take a 53-44 lead, with 7:44 left on the clock.

With both teams in the double-bonus, the Blue Devils made 13-18 free throw attempts over the final eight minutes of the game. CCSU kept up the pace as they used a 10-6 run to take a 12-point, 62-50 lead with 3:46 remaining.

The Devils kept up the good free throw percentage over the last four minutes and stretched their lead to 16 with 2:28 left on the clock, enough to put the game out of reach as they pulled off the 73-59 victory over Bryant.

The Bulldogs will return home to host Saint Francis (PA) on Thursday, February 11 at 5 p.m. in the Chace Athletic Center. The Red Flash leads the series 1-0, with the first meeting resulting in an 80-75 victory for SFPA.

Women’s swimming ready for NEC Championships this week

The Bryant University women’s swimming team may have been idle this past weekend, but it doesn’t mean they weren’t working hard in the pool preparing for the biggest weekend of the year: NEC Championship Week.

For just the second time in the program’s young history, Bryant University will take part in the Northeast Conference Swimming Championships which will begin Friday at Yale University in New Haven, CT and conclude Saturday. The Bulldogs finished fifth a year ago but have their eyes set higher thanks in part to several newcomers this year that find themselves ranked among the best in the league’s performance lists.

In the latest top-16 report, freshman Casey Ostrander (Yarmouthport, Mass./Barnstable) currently holds the top times in the NEC this year in the 50 backstroke (29.81), Abby Whittaker (Salisbury, Mass./St. Thomas Aquinas) in the 200 butterfly (2:18.18) and Brianne Dwyer (Hicksville, N.Y./St. Anthony’s) in both the 100 breaststroke (1:09.98) and 200 breaststroke (2:38.82).

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Other things finding themselves ranked in the conference include Jill Squillante (Sayville, N.Y./Sayville) in the 50 backstroke (29.81), Abby Whittaker (Salisbury, Mass./St. Thomas Aquinas) in the 200 butterfly (2:18.18) and Brianne Dwyer (Hicksville, N.Y./St. Anthony’s) in both the 100 breaststroke (1:09.98) and 200 breaststroke (2:38.82).

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The season between seasons

By David Niles

The worst part about the Super Bowl is that once it's over, we have to wait another seven months before the games start again. Fortunately there will be plenty of storylines to follow this offseason, to whet our football appetites.

Tim Tebow - He won two national championships and a Heisman. Most believe he is the most decorated/best player in college football this past decade and some say the greatest in the history of college football. By all indications he is an even better leader and person. He has been one player I have rooted for despite not being a Gator fan. Everyone just don't see him being successful in the NFL. Scouts talk about his slow delivery and poor mechanics. He didn't run a pro-style offense and other Urban Meyer grads haven't fared well in the NFL. There is also the comparison test. What NFL player does Tebow remind you of?

Some say he can play H-back or Tight end, but I am not sure he is fast enough to do that against NFL competition, I don't think my evaluation is wrong, but I hope it is. As for the projected first round quarterbacks. Clausen, Bradford and McCoy; I wouldn't touch any of them with a ten foot pole.

Brett Favre - Who knows what he will do? If I had to guess, I think he will retire around the time of the NFL draft... and then think about a possible return in August... then retire once training camp is over. I am so tired of all the Favre talk and wished all year he would finally retire and go away forever.

However, I no longer have this wish because I realized the media speculation would be even worse. He didn't return in August, there would be constant speculation throughout the entire fall that he would return whenever a situation gets tough. He got injured or a team with a decent playoff shot has a below average pass thrower. I don't think Favre is actually done until he is enshrined in Canton. And even then...

Lockout Negotiations - If you believe what Roger Goodell, Demaurice Smith, and all the NFL insiders are reporting, there may not be a football season in 2011. The owners want players to give back about 25% of revenues. On top of that you have owners fighting owners, with the "rich" billionaires not wanting to share their revenues with the small billionaires.

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Patriots Offseason - The Patriots sign Tom Brady to an extension but really need to focus their efforts on a Vince Wilfork contract. They will most likely franchise him, which Wilfork will hate. He has been playing under a very year rookie deal and has been vastly underpaid the last four years. He wants a long term deal with lots of guaranteed money and a healthy raise. He is as good as anyone at what he does and is the Patriots 3-4 system. The Patriots have a reputation for not wanting to pay players, and it has finally started to hurt them over the years. Not playing home grown talent also sends a bad message to the rest of the lockerroom. Continuing to play hard ball with a player who provides as much value as Wilfork will come back to haunt the Patriots if he leaves after playing one year with the franchise tag.

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Freshman leading scorer Vlad Kondratyev - retying the night with just 29.2 percent accuracy from 3-point land while allowing CCSU to convert on just 35 percent mark from long range. The Bulldogs struggled to keep the momentum going, trailing Central 14-10 run to open the second session to take a 29-24 lead with 14:24 still to play in regulation.

The Bulldogs countered with a 6-1 run of their own -

CCSU's first 25 second-half points. The Bulldogs fell behind almost from the opening tip as Thompson would score 13 points. Thompson would go 9-of-10 from the charity stripe in the final minutes to give the Bulldogs a 61-48 victory over Central Connecticut.

But coming out of the intermission, Bryant would turn in August, there would be constant speculation throughout the entire fall that he would return whenever a situation gets tough. He got injured or a team with a decent playoff shot has a below average pass thrower. I don't think Favre is actually done until he is enshrined in Canton. And even then...

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Men’s swimming qualifies three for ECAC’s

Courtesy of bryantbulldogs.com

Prior to Saturday’s New England Invitational at Boston College, the Bryant University men’s swim team had five athletes heading to the ECAC Championships in Pittsburgh. But following the New England’s this past weekend, it looks like they’ll be joined by three more teammates who punched their tickets to the Steel City with great performances Saturday.

Bryant’s Sean Martell (Nashua, N.H.) set a new school record at 84.10 in the 200 breaststroke as the sophomore took first-place overall in the event in a time of 1:03.02. Teammate Konrad Lech (Portland, Maine) was second in 1:03.06 while Thomas Huynh (Malvern, Mass.) was third in 1:03.07. Huynh would later add a first-place finish in the 100 yard butterfly in 53.20 seconds while sophomore Alex Kosenksi (Lavallette, N.J.) was first in the 100 freestyle in 49 seconds flat.

The 200 yard medley relay squad of Kevin McDonald (North Haven, Conn.), Huynh, Steve Nguyen (San Jose, Calif.) and Kosenksi after a first-place finish in 1:29.60.

Both Lech and Martell will be traveling to the ECAC’s along with freshman Steve Sinclair (Middleton, Mass.) who had a big day earing first-place honors in the 200 medley relay.

The championships are set to begin February 26 and will run through the weekend ending Sunday, February 28.

Winter Olympics Schedule

Friday, February 12, 2010
10:00 - Ski Jumping - NH Individual Qualification Round
18:00 - General - Opening Ceremony

Saturday, February 13, 2010
9:45 - Ski Jumping - NH Individual 1st Round
10:45* - Ski Jumping - NH Individual Final Round
11:45 - Alpine Skiing - Men's Downhill
12:00 - Ice Hockey - Women's Preliminary Round - Group A Game 1
13:00 - Speed Skating - Men's 5000 m
16:30 - Freestyle Skiing - Ladies' Moguls Qualification
17:00 - Ice Hockey - Women's Preliminary Round - Group A Game 2
17:00 - Luge - Men's Singles Run 1
17:42 - Short Track - Men's 1500 m Heats
18:18 - Short Track - Men's 1500 m Semifinals
18:50 - Short Track - Ladies' 3000 m Relay Semifinals
19:10* - Luge - Men's Singles Run 2
19:18 - Short Track - Men's 1500 m Finals
19:30 - Freestyle Skiing - Ladies' Moguls Final

Bulldog Bites

By Jackie Ammirato
Assistant Sports Editor

What you missed over break

Men’s Swimming

The Bulldogs went 2-2 over break, picking up wins over NJIT and Holy Cross while falling to Canisius and Stony Brook. In the NJIT meet several Bulldog wins were captured. Sophomore Alex Kosenksi took first in both the 100 and 200 freestyle. Junior Steve Nguyen took first in the 100 butterfly and 50 freestyle. Kevin McDonald and Steve Sinclair finished first and second respectively in the 100 breaststroke.

In the win over Holy Cross, Kosenksi once again led Bryant. He won the 100, 200, and 500 yard freestyles and was a part of the winning 400 yard freestyle relay team. Nguyen took first in the 200 individual medley and was part of the 400 yard freestyle. McDonald captured first in the 50 free, 100 breaststroke, and was part of the 400 yard freestyle.

Women’s Swimming

The women’s team went 3-2 over break earning wins over Canisius, NJIT, and Holy Cross. Freshman Molly Smith captured first place in the 100 breaststroke, 200 individual medley, and 1000 yard freestyle. Freshman Casey Ostrander took first in the 100 yard breaststroke.

Smith and Ostrander led the women in the win over Holy Cross winning three events each. Ostrander, along with Briann Dwyer, Abby Whittaker, and Jdl Squillante, set new pool and school records in the 200 medley relay.

Women’s Basketball

The women’s basketball team picked up four wins over break improving its record to 10-13, 7-5 against NEC opponents. The wins came over Monmouth, Yale, and two wins over Quinnipiac.

The Bulldogs earned a big 67-42 win over Quinnipiac to complete the season sweep over the Bobcats. The twenty five point victory is the largest margin of victory in the Bulldogs program history.

Senior Kristen Mraz and freshman Meredith Soper led the Bulldogs with 17 points each. Lindsey Hudspeth and Samone Bennett each added eight points. The Bulldogs defense played a huge part in the game forcing 29 turnovers and not allowing a three pointer.

Men’s Basketball

The men’s basketball team continued to search for its first win of the season. Freshman Vlad Kondratiev is the team’s leading scorer with 195 points on the season and averaging 8.5 points per game. Senior captain Adam Parzych is second on the team in scoring with 154 points, 5.4 points per game. Barry Latham and Michael Coney led the team in rebounding with 89 and 87 respectively. Senior Chris Birell and Parzych lead the team in three pointers with 36 and 28 respectively.

Club Sports

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Bryant On Tap

Friday, February 12th:

Softball, at Wagner, 5:00 pm

Saturday, February 13th:

Men's Basketball, HOME vs Robert Morris, 3:30 pm

Men's Basketball, at North Carolina, 12:00 pm

Women's Basketball, HOME vs Robert Morris, 1:00 pm

Thursday, February 18th:

Women's Basketball, at Wagner, 7:00 pm

Women's Basketball, at Wagner, 5:00 pm

Check out our website: www.BryantArchway.com

Sophomore Konrad Lech earned a trip to the ECAC’s with his second place finish in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:03.06 (Courtesy of Bryant Athletics)
Putting their money where their mouth is

By Ariana Ricci  
Staff Writer

Choose your chocolate wisely this Valentine’s Day

For those of you who have a deep love for February 14, whether it’s due to your lack of a Valentine, or the increasing commercialization of the holiday, there is one reason to celebrate it: chocolate! In the days leading up to Valentine’s Day, shelves become a sea of pink and red heart-shaped boxes of various shapes and sizes. However, all chocolate is not created equal.

It is becoming a well-known fact that dark chocolate is not only the chocolate of choice, but is also beneficial. Dark chocolate contains flavonoids and polyphenols known as flavonoids, which have been shown to reduce the stickiness of platelets, the blood vessels. All in all, flavonoids have a very favorable impact on cardiovascular health. Another plus of choosing chocolate to satisfy your sweet tooth is that the fat consumed in it is not completely detrimental to health. A portion of it is made up of oleic acid, which is found in olive oil and is touted as having positive effects on the heart. It is important to note, however, that extra ingredients contained in chocolate, such as nuts and caramel, can easily cancel out its heart-healthy effects.

Unfortunately, there can be too much of a good thing. It’s important to eat dark chocolate in moderation, just as you would any other food. In fact, just 7 grams per day drastically improves cardiovascular health specifically. This translates to a small square of chocolate 2 or 3 times weekly. It is safe to say, then, that a little chocolate will go a long way. So indulge in some dark chocolate this Valentine’s Day—guilt free!

The Opinion pages of The Archway feature the opinions of the identified columnists and writers, which are not necessarily those of the newspaper or Bryant University.
**Battle of the sexes**

DEAR KD,

So I just started dating someone on campus. This Valentine’s Day is going to be our first together, and I’m not sure what to do. I don’t have a ton of money, but I feel like I’m pressured to do SOMETHING. What do you think I should do?

Think before you buy

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**By David Nelligan**

**Staff Writer**

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All right gentlemen, it’s that time of year again. I am one of the cheapest guys in the world, but not even I can get out of this day. I am talk- ing of, of course, about Valen- tine’s Day.

For this semester Kaleigh Durkin and I will be answer- ing people’s questions about relationships and dating here at Bryant. This week we were posed with the challenge of a new couple’s first Valentine’s Day. I say when celebrating your first Valentine’s Day after only being together for a few months it is better to go with the more traditional Valentine’s Day celebration than to make it a big extra- vaganza. Even though it might be overdue, the typical flow- ers, card, and dinner is a no fail solution to a good gift with your special someone. To take away from the classic- ism of the “Hallmark Holi- day” doing something or getting something unique to each-other as a couple can go a lot further than the dollar amount spent on an item.

This also helps to avoid the situations posed in a funny Target commercial I saw when a guy buys his girl- friend a necklace and she says she did not get him anything because she did not think they were “there” yet. This is a sure fire way to make the evening very awkward. But if you do get caught with the less expensive gift than the other person, try pulling the old saying of “they run out the next day to buy something” I’m sure they will figure it out, but you have to at least try and save yourself.

So this Valentine’s Day I ad- vise taking the more relaxed route and do something fun and different rather than seeing who can spend the most money. And to end with my usual positive tone, a piece of advice to guys, if you don’t know where the rela- tionship is going and eventu- ally break up, that expensive piece of jewelry is just going to end up on E-Bay, so think before you buy.

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**Where is the love?**

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**By Kaleigh Durkin**

**PR Manager**

Well we’re back. It’s been a few months since our last artic- le, and a lot has changed in my personal life. I am now in a relationship with a great guy, and although I’m happy and have found someone who makes me feel really special, I’m not promising that my points of view will change or be altered in any way. What I can say though, is that there is still a really good chance that my opinion will be the complete opposite of Mr. Dave Nelligan, my relationship ad- versary. Now let’s get down to business with the first of many exciting battles.

It’s that time of year again; that one day that single peo- ple seem to dread, and paired-up people spend tons of dollars on. A number of people have been asking Mr. Nelligan and me about what to do for a “first” Valentine’s Day. People all over campus, but more prominently in relationships, have been asking us what we see as appro- priate gifts and things to do on a couple’s first Valentine’s Day and yet we are and I seem to disagree.

In my opinion, Valentine’s Day comes once a year, and it doesn’t hurt to put a little bit of effort into it. I am a believer in the idea that you have to celebrate your love for someone at least 364 days a year, but Valentine’s Day is the one day that you use to express exactly how you feel. It’s the only day that you have to spill the bootil of your significant other, without being labeled as a “sap” or “corny” or even being “whipped.” I think it takes a real secure person to plan a day/night or what have you for their significant other, to show them exactly how they feel. Being in a relationship, I know that I’m spending my first Valentine’s Day with my boyfriend, and I couldn’t be more excited to see what’s in store.

I’m not saying that spend- ing a ton of money is what you have to do, but everyone wants to feel loved and spoiled, so if you can if you can say go for it. Money is tight in this economy, and I totally understand that college stu- dents are the farthest thing from rich, but if you can, you should. Show your sig- nificant other what they mean to you on this day allotted to them, but make sure you remember to always try to love them on the other 364 days of the year. Happy Valentine’s Day everyone, and remember, if your Valentine’s Day evening gets frisky in the bedroom, don’t be a fool, wrap your tool (and don’t forget to get a NATIONAL CONDOM AWARENESS WEEK all week!)
January 20 marked the one year anniversary, of the day Barack Obama took the oath of office. This is now a time of crucial importance for Obama. The health care debate appears to be at a standstill and people are upset about the looming state of the economy. Likewise, Scott Brown's recent Senate victory in Massachusetts casts doubt on the future of our President. Brown's victory endorses the Democratic supermajority in Congress, so Obama will be forced to compromise to accomplish his initiatives. Likewise, the recent news of a budget deficit of $1.267 trillion (Calmes 1) has made people uneasy. While people may be skeptical about the stimulus plan and deficit spending, this spending is essential for programs meant to get the economy moving again. The money being pumped into the economy is needed to keep the economy from spinning out of control. While Obama has been frugal, some programs cannot be reduced. As a result, there are bound to be a budget deficit. However, it is not certain that this deficit will ever end. Many of the programs that Obama is proposing are essential. For instance, the employment rate continues to hover around 10 percent. As more people continue to lose their jobs, the unemployment rate will continue to rise. If the unemployment rate continues to rise, the morale of the jobless will be forever impacted. As a result, people will continue to get frustrated. A recent poll conducted by Gallup Daily, indicates that 49 percent of Americans believe that the job of the President is doing well, while only 44 percent believe that the job of the jobless is doing well. If people do not see improvement in the economy, they will not have confidence in his programs. The problem is that his approval rating will continue to fall. Thus, unless the economy shows strong signs of a rebound, Obama will not be elected to a second term. Obama was elected based on his promise of change. As a result, he has an opportunity to show how his promise of change will be carried out. The first of the pivotal aspects he professed to change was the American health care system. However, the problem Obama currently faces is how to proceed with health care.”

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The only complaint with this film is its pacing. While the action is Mila Kunis (as the beautiful Solara, who knows that Carnegie wants some- thing more from him. We are as awed as Eli is, and it is this tension that causes a work best if its audience does not know much, so I will try not to mention the rest of the plot development. The most interesting thing to say about The Book of Eli is that it is one of the most overtly Christian (or at least monotheistic) films to come out of mainstream Hollywood in a long time, yet it still works. It’s not really a secret that films with strong religious undertones often fall into the trap of being heavy-handed, preachy, dull, and poorly made. This is not the case with Eli. Although biblical principles are found in the film, it exists as a movie that is accessible to all audiences, regardless of religion. It does not seek to preach, but rather it looks to raise questions and offer both the positive and negative sides of a certain be- lief system.

By Coburn Childs
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From the trailers and TV spots, The Book of Eli looks like your run-of-the-mill action movie that gets delivered into cinemas about 20 times a year: corny, somewhat entertain- ing, poorly acted, forget- table, and overall very average. Who really wants to sit through a film that seems as post-apocalyptic as Transformers? I know I don’t. However, I am very happy to report that this movie is very much like said robot: there is so much more than meets the eye.

Denzel Washington and Milas Kunis in The Book of Eli. (MC Campus)

Denzel Washington gives a power- house performance as post-apocalyptic survivor Eli, a loner who has been following the open road out West in the years since the unnamed dis- aster hit. He holds a book. He has himself. And he says what God guides him.

What is Eli’s mission? Eli is the holder of a large book that we are told is the last of its kind and has been kept in beautiful condition. He walks a lonely road, and he carries the book on his back, along with a variety of weapons and a swagger that would make Denzel Washington and Milas Kunis in The Book of Eli.

In traveling the road, he ends up at a small desert town called Carnegie (Gary Oldman in one of his finest roles to date). The town is in poverty, and the people are dilute, exploited by the few who actually hold power. Could Eli be their savior? It is in this town that Eli is offered a place to rest, but he knows that Carnegie wants something more from him. We are as awed as Eli is, and it is this tension that causes a tremendous build-up for all of the events that follow in the next 90 minutes. Also joining in action is a Mila Kunis look- a-like actress named Sarah Marshall as the beautiful Solara, who knows that Carnegie wants something more from him. She becomes more entangled in events from which she could have ever anticipated.

The Book of Eli is a poignant film, in that it explores what it means to hold power, and it looks at a world in ruin and ponders just how far people will go to gain power. This power can take many forms, and Eli truly believes that he holds power in his God-given mission: one that will undoubtedly play out for the greater good. But that doesn’t mean his mission will be pleasant. The action in this film is gritty and brutal, yet it is tough to look away. Even in the face of so many obstacles, Eli knows what steps must be taken if his mission is to suc- ceed, and this unfurled and hardened—yet completely childlike—character is perfectly played incredibly well by Washing- ton.

It is hard to say too much more about this movie without giving something away. This is a film that is carried not only by the incredible performance of its stars, but also the strong script that holds so much more meaning than your typical action movie. It is also a script that

Bulldog Flicks: The Book of Eli thrills

Crazy Burger has the best burgers in Rhode Island

By Michael Adams
Assistant Editor-in-Chief

Ever since we got the Food Network with our cable pack- age here at school, I have been a constant viewer—it’s practically all I watch. My favorite show is Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives with Guy Fieri. It just so happens that he featured a Rhode Is- land landmark, The Crazy Burger, and even the host, Duff Goldman, gave it a personal review. The burger is an incredible creation: a huge hunk of gorgonzola cheese, a juicy burger coated with fennel seed, coriander, black pepper & a pinch of cayenne served with sautéed sweet pepper, onion, smoked gouda, and bacon, on a roll with a side of handcut fries. The burger looks like said robots: there is so much more than meets the eye. Denzel Washington and Milas Kunis in The Book of Eli. (MC Campus)

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Crazy Burger is located at 144 Boon Street, Narragansett, RI.
Bulldog Flicks: special effects save Avatar

By Luke Stankiewicz
Staff Writer

James Cameron hasn’t directed a feature film since Titanic thirteen years ago. That film sported groundbreaking CGI blended seamlessly with real characters and physical set pieces. His latest work, Avatar, doesn’t quite blend things so well, and doesn’t stack up to Titanic on the plot side of things either. The visuals are a spectacle to behold, but there’s a lot to be desired in the plot, which is what I’m most interested in.

The movie is about a company called ARD that has discovered an extremely valuable mineral, unobtanium (seriously?) on a planet dubbed Pandora, that for some reason is very valuable on Earth. We’re never told why it’s so valuable, and given that this mineral is what drives the whole plot, I’d be just like to have found out.

In any case, this company has apparently made so much money that they can afford to buy part of the military in order to coerce the natives of Pandora to move off their homeland so that the massive reserves of unobtanium can be mined from under their “hometree.” Yes, that’s the name of where they live. It’s a giant tree and it’s their home, kudos James. But the military is only there for protection. The planet is uninhabitable by humans and the locals are extremely dangerous and unfriendly. The real plan is to use avatars, giant blue humanoids that are genetically designed to be linked to humans in order to infiltrate the Na’vi people and convince them to move off their land.

Jake Sully (Sam Worthington) has been chosen to lead the program after his twin brother was KIA leaving a very expensive and unusable avatar behind. The company’s director Parker Selfridge (Giovan Ribisi) is just greedy enough to follow through with this plan but sometimes shows a heart.

In any case, this company is worth $3 billion a week and they are so confident in this decision that they are allowing one of the Na’vi people, their customs and lifestyle. They’re very in touch with nature, can connect with animals and trees, and blah blah blah.

Cameron’s Avatar has “groundbreaking visuals.” (MCT Campus)

By Blair Worthington
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Operation Smile

With the face of a child identity becomes the voice. With every smile and every laugh comfort builds in the heart. The sense of knowing someone’s smiling too makes each individual part of one. The smile allows the thoughts to flow like the happiness running from one to the next. Without a child’s smile, without identity, the world loses the connection. But with hope and help not a single smile more will be lost. The lives and souls of every child can be illuminated from generosity.

Cameron lives up to the hype he synthesized by creating a breathtaking world and giving it to us in subtle yet effective 3D. Is this the next step in film making? I can’t be so sure on that. I don’t find it difficult to suspend disbelief for regular movies so everything beyond that is just gravy. Very expensive gravy, 300 million dollar gravy. Cameron has always been a pioneer in special effects since Terminator and he’s truly out done himself.

The visuals in this movie were unlike anything I’ve ever seen before. Unless you go to Universal Studios, then you’ve seen something like it. Maybe it’s wrong to marginalize this movie like I did with the previous sentence but then again, Cameron marginalizes our intelligence with his plot. Thanks, James, for riding in and telling us that we all need to get back in touch with nature. The reminder that corporations are destroying America, and are evil entities also was a welcome message. If you advertise a movie as an action adventure type, spare us the message. If you don’t have that kind of decency, at least announce your intentions in some form, perhaps in the trailers or in the media circuit. I don’t like having Canadian directors shove an anti-American and anti-corporation message down my throat. It’s not that I disagree (I won’t reveal what I think) it’s just that I abhor director’s using movies, even in part, to get their message across without proper warning.

A glance at the synopsis of Avatar would reveal to you that this movie is likely to deal with issues related to the tobacco industry and probably take a biased stand. I care, I choose not to watch it because I know what to expect. James pulled a fast one, and not just with the plot.

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“What is the best part about being Single or Taken on Valentine's Day?

(Taken) “Getting to see my long-distance boyfriend.”
-Alyssa Wypychoski ‘13

(Taken) “Just having someone to spend it with.”
-Chelsea Gavilanez ‘13

(Taken) “Being able to spend a romantic evening with your girlfriend.”
-Connor Cardew ‘11

(Taken) “It may be selfish, but getting a Valentine’s day gift.”
-Jake Pates ‘11

(Single) “You have someone special for a special day.”
-Andrew Regan ‘11

(Single) “Not having the pressure of finding the perfect gift.”
-Erik Budlong ‘12

(Single) “You can spend it with whoever you want.”
-Hannah Dalke ‘13

(Single) “Save money.”
-Chris Bird ‘11