Senior calls for transparency in faculty evaluations, creates website

By Jessica Komoroski
Editor-in-Chief

In a campus-wide e-mail dated April 16, President Ronald K. Machlity announced that Dr. Jack Trifts, Dean of the College of Business, would be stepping down from that position on June 30, 2010.

Trifts has been with Bryant University for 5 years. He began his career as an assistant professor of finance; in 1989 Trifts became an associate professor at Rollins College in Florida. In 1994, he earned the position of a full professor—the highest rank in academia—by age 38, specializing in corporate finance.

Three years later, Trifts was appointed to an administrative position working as the Director of a full time MBA program at Rollins College. Before coming to Bryant, Trifts served as the Dean of the College of Business at the University of Southern Maine for five years.

During his time as Dean of the College of Business at Bryant University, Trifts has been behind many changes and advancements in the college’s programs. He recognizes some of the most notable accomplishments to include achieving AACSB reaccreditation 2 years ago, overseeing the graduate school, rebuilding both the part time and full time programs (which now include a program for obtaining a Master’s Degree in Professional Accounting) and building the International Business Undergraduate Program.

We took a program that never graduated any students and built it into a qualified program fully recognized under CUIBE [Consortium for Undergraduate International Business Education].” Trifts explains.

Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. VC. Unni asserts that “Jack Trifts has been a true partner in the evolution of the College of Business at Bryant University” (according to the Message from President Machlity).

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By Jenna Morris
Campus News Editor

Do you always find yourself searching through ratemyprofessor.com as course registration nears? Do you ever wonder if the evaluations are accurate, biased, or who is actually sending in these reports? A new website created by Bryant student Michael Adams (’10) will publish the real results, those being the SIR reports that every student in every course is required to take part in.

This new website is called www.BryantScores.com and its purpose is to “help students make informed choices when they pick their professors,” says Adams. “By having professors willingly post their SIR reports to the website it shows their commitment to not only Bryant University, but to excellence in teaching and higher education.”

Higher education and helping give students a voice on campus is something Adams cares greatly for. “I started this website because I have a passion for change in higher education. The system is flawed across the nation, from assessment to the tenure program, and students need to stand up to make it better. We are the generation of change. It is our job to get everyone enrolled and to start a movement to greater educational standards. I figured, why not start with Bryant?”

Adams is aware that change is not something taken lightly at Bryant. “We’re generally a conservative campus, and as soon as change is happening, the University freaks out,” Adams says. With that in mind, Adams believes that although change may be difficult, BryantScores.com is definitely a better alternative to ratemyprofessor.com.

The students that tend to post on ratemyprofessor.com are those that have very strong opinions about the professor, either positive and negative. “Rate-My-Professor is a site where students go on and they either say one of three things: this person knows nothing and should never be in the classroom, the professor is beyond mean, or this professor was so easy, you don’t even have to read the book,” says Adams.

Information like that is not very helpful in choosing the professor to best suit one’s needs, and unless someone had multiple friends who have taken the professor before, there is really no reliable alternative to learning about professors and their teaching styles. Although the SIR reports do not have the infamous Chili Pepper which represents the “hotness” factor of the professor, the information they provide is much more pertinent, and the evaluation of their teaching style, workload, and educational methods used in class are much more in depth.

Adams hopes more professors, especially those from the College of Arts and Sciences will be honest and willing to publish their SIR reports. “We probably won’t get the under-performing professors, but at least we’ll get professors that are proud of their teaching ability and not afraid to publicly display it. Taking risks is what professors teach us here, so let’s put your actions where your mouth is, put your neck out, and join our movement for more faculty transparency.”

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TRESPASSING APR 15 2010-Thursday at 04:15 Location: DISPATCH CENTER Summary: One male and one female were removed from campus by Smithfield Police and charged with trespassing. Smithfield Police also took possession of a syringe and a bong that was on Bryant property.

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When asked where he saw Bryant in the future, Triwgidyya said “Bryant is well-positioned... the future is good. Bryant will con- tinue to grow in stature throughout the geography in which we are known, throughout New England and into the Mid- Atlantic. The next step will be national and international ac- claim.”

Triwgidyya explained that the university must pay attention to the pressures of the real world. “We are a high-quality but ex- pensive institution. This coming academic year will mark the first time that Bryant’s tuition exceeds $45,000.” Bryant must be sure and deliver time and quality for the price it is asking, he explains.

When discussing his decision to leave, Triwgidyya explained that he did not get into administration because of a loss of love for teaching and now, in resigning from his current position, there is a natural tendency for people to believe he didn’t like the job. This, however, is not the case.

Triwgidyya said that once you’ve been a dean, you look at the world differently. “You realize how important a supportive facul- ty is. I have worked with an outstanding team who has ac- complished a lot.” He recognizes Bryant’s faculty as caring academics and good researchers.

At this point in his career, Dean Triwgidyya looks at this as a good transition point. As is typical with a Dean’s contract, Triwgidyya will begin a year-long sabbatical. During his sabbatical, he plans on embarking on a process to reeducate himself. “This will allow me to recapture the cutting edge of my discipline and rede- velop the research pipeline. I plan to sequester myself and de- velop my skill set.”

Following this sabbatical period, Triwgidyya said he will return to Bryant as a professor of finance. “I will be joining the depart- ment teaching corporate finance and investment banking.” Al- though the Class of 2011 will not have the opportunity to enroll in one of Triwgidyya’s classes, current freshmen and sophomores may be able to see Dr. Triwgidyya in the classroom.

“One thing to be clear on,” Triwgidyya said, “is that I’m not leav- ing. I’m very much staying.”

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The Great Wall Raises Awareness

By Steve McCauley

Contributing Writer

China is one of the most rapidly growing countries in the world, with business and educational opportunities ex- panding daily. In 2005 the U.S. – China Institute was es- tablished here on campus in an effort to connect Bryant with China, both in a business sense as well as culturally. The Great Wall is a Man- agement 200 service learning team, and we are working with the U.S. – China Institute here at Bryant. Our overall goal of the project is a public awareness campaign of the Institute and what it offers to students here, as well as people in the outside commu- nity.

The Institute offers many programs that focus on aca- demics, business, and culture. It offers a SIE trip to China, a study abroad program that runs a full semester, and vari- ous seminars and information sessions sponsored by the Insti- tute.

One of the unique pro- grams that the U.S. – China Institute offers is a federally funded educational program for middle and high school students in the U.S., over the summer. The pro- gram is called STARTALK and it is a three week pro- gram that educates partici- pants both in Chinese language and culture.

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Are You Ready For Spring Weekend?

By Mikala Mann

Staff Writer

Spring Weekend is quickly approaching and the Student Programming Board has been hard at work. The events will be starting on Friday, April 30 and continue throughout the weekend until Sunday, May 2. The theme this year is Bryant Loves the 90s, because everyone loved growing up in the 90s. You can look forward to every event having a 90s theme.

The events start on Friday at 2pm with Super Soakers, POCS, Skip-its and more with roaming performer Jason LeVasseur on the Bryant Center Lawn. You can check out his music on MySpace.com for a little preview of what you will be hearing. The Camp Anawanna festival meal starts at 5pm in Salmonson, where you can get into the camping spirit with friends.

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Quench your thirst during spring week

By Katie Hurley

Contributing Writer

On Thursday, April 29, The Big Sisters of Bryant will be providing lemonade for the Bryant community. The event is in support of Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation whose mission is to fight childhood cancer one cup at a time.

Alex’s Lemonade Stand is a foundation whose mission is to fight childhood cancer one cup at a time. The Foundation is based on a young girl named Alex who was diagnosed with cancer at age four. After her diagnosis Alex decided that she wanted to help doctors find a cure for cancer, and she came up with the idea of setting up a lemonade stand to help reach her goal. It ended up being a huge success as Alex raised $1 million dollars before she ultimately lost her life to cancer. Since then, ALSF has raised over $30 million dollars, which have been put towards various cancer-related research projects.

The Big Sisters of Bryant would like to continue Alex’s legacy, and we would greatly appreciate your help. So come out for the lemonade on April 29 from 11-3 outside the Bryant Center and quench your thirst between all the fun activities of spring week. We will be providing both pink and yellow lemonade, which have been donated from the local Stop and Shop.

In addition, we are accepting any donation that you may be willing to give. All proceeds will be sent directly to Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation where they will continue to support research for pediatric cancer.

Students design t-shirts, you print them.

By Ariana Ricci

Staff Writer

On April 29, a group of 300 lucky students will be able to have a go at screen printing—and walk away with their very own creations! Better yet, the screen print designs were done by very talented Bryant students. This was the first stage of an event, which is being held by SASS. The organization asked students for graphic designs, placing “very few restrictions on the material and encouraging[ing] students to be creative,” said Brian Waddell, a member of SASS.

Once all the designs had been submitted, SASS chose the top two designs and rewarded those students with a canvas print of their artwork. Congratulations go out to the two winners, Margie Pesikov ‘13 and Dan Tohill ‘11. Their designs will be available for screen printing this Thursday on the Bryant Center Patio (the rain location is in the Rotunda) from 10am – 2pm to the first 300 students who arrive at the event. You will be able to choose your own colors for the design and work the screen printing machine, creating your very own free t-shirt.

The premise for this idea was to get students’ creative juices flowing, as well as to “offer an outlet for the artists and graphic designers on campus, and connect them through a fun activity to 300 students walking around wearing their creative artwork,” Waddell explained. It’s the perfect way to kick off your Spring Weekend!

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Where did you study?
I studied at the CIEE center, not a university in Paris, France, through the program CIEE.

What was your reason for going:
I went to Paris because my minor is French so I wanted to speak the language, and I went to a big city because I’ve never lived in a city and I wanted to try it.

What is your best experience:
My best experience was one night my friends and I just walked around Paris at night. Everything was so beautiful and lit up and we just sat by the river Seine and watched the boats go by.

Can you share a funny cultural experience?
My funniest cultural experience was my host mom use to make fun of me all the time for eating dinners so early. I would usually eat around 7, whereas she would eat around 9, and she laughed at me pretty much every night because of it.

How was the school different from Bryant University?
My school was different than Bryant mainly in its size. There were only about 35 of us in my program so everyone had the same classes. Also, the class work was different because I took most of my electives while abroad, so it was a change from the regular business classes I take here.

How did this experience change you?
This experience matured me so much. Practically living on your own, learning how to survive in a city where they don’t speak your language, and trying to make friends all at once is very intimidating. Because of traveling around Europe, I became much worldlier and experienced many new cultures.

Would you study abroad again given the opportunity?
I would study abroad again in a heartbeat.
Some new Hawaii flights already getting cut

By Dan Webb
Contributing Writer

The Hawaiian market has certainly been fun to watch, as we’ve seen so many carriers announce new flights there over the past few months. I think it’s fair to say that Alaska has been the most aggressive here by starting flights out of its Seattle base but also taking advantage of routes that were cut after ATA and Aloha’s passenger operations went bust. But other airlines have been trying to get in on the action as well, and it appears that some of the flights that have been announced are already getting cut.

First, let’s take a look at US Airways. The airline decided to experiment a bit and use a 767-200 for Charlotte-Honolulu service instead of sending it to Europe. It appears that the flight now goes away on September 8 (that’s the last redeye arrival from HNL), and says that that they are "are hopeful that we can serve the Portland-Honolulu route seasonally in future years." But a competitor has already decided to hop the route - Alaska Air (a partner of Delta’s) announced yesterday that it would launch daily service starting September 20, complementing existing Maui service.

Second flight from Phoenix, over the summer. I’m not sure what this means if a seasonal service redeye arrival from HNL), but also taking advantage of flights out of its Seattle base... and its originated service between the two cities. Meanwhile, Delta’s still planning to run three-weekly service to Honolulu from Detroit as originally announced. So the Hawaiian market continues to be an interesting one to observe. And it will become only more interesting with Allegiant begins its service there with 750’s later this year.

By Justin McCann
Contributing Writer

Have you looked at your cell phone bill lately? You would be surprised to see that you may be paying more than you should. During these trying times people are looking to cut expenses. So what better way to cut expenses than lower your cell phone bill? There are plenty of things that you have on your cell phone that you could go without, like a data plan, unlimited texting, and ring tones. And while text messaging is a necessity, you could go without unlimited texting.

Cell phone providers like Verizon, AT&T and T-Mobile like to encourage students into getting more than they need. The price comparison for all these companies is pretty much similar. The phones that all three cell phone providers offer are around the same price. But a data plan on most 3G phones cost an extra 30 dollars monthly for every carrier. Unlimited texting is around 15 dollars more a month than a standard text messaging plan. Sometimes the best choice for a college student is a regular phone that is free with a standard call and messaging plan. However there are plans that are offered for college students who want to lower their cell phone bill because of having to deal with the debt of college itself. Although cell phone providers do offer discounts to college students like AT&T does for Bryant. This helps ease the burden of a cell phone bill that might be outrageous otherwise.

Some useful ways of using the money that you would save from downgrading from a data plan or unlimited texting are investing your money in short-term bonds or saving it to pay for your college loans or other debt. Take advantage of these deals and save some money because it will be worth it in the long run.
Talbots seems to have ignored the obvious

By Keith B. Murray
Faculty Contributor

Has Talbots figured out why it's in trouble?

Last week, Talbots announced plans to overhaul its image and start attracting younger customers—that's a huge deal for a brand that's made its success on selling fashion to not-so-young, mature women. The Wall Street Journal ran an article [Talbots polishes shrilly grannyno door] that reported a modest comeback to profitability for Talbots, after over a year of quarterly losses. I was surprised by the news, for I'm familiar with Talbots—I've warmed many an easy chair while my wife—who, by the way, is not a grannyno—shops in many of its fine stores. For all I can tell, there's a fine line of goods, tastefully showcased, and reasonably priced. What I found unexpected about the announcement was that Talbots has decided to up the ante, and red ink it will now abandon its prime prospects in favor of a market space, to join the fray in a jammed, highly congested one? Why would a retail brand want to walk away from a perfectly sound—and relatively uncrowded—market space, to join the fray in a jammed, highly congested one?

Half of any success formula in the financial and commercial world is being able to capitalize on the trends that are beyond your own, direct control that are evident in the greater environment. The stunning thing to me is that exactly what Talbots presently has in its favor. The U.S. is on the verge of a huge—a mean enor mous—tsunami of upper-middle class baby boomers' women headed fast and furious into the very category of shoppers and buyers that Talbots says it now wants to defeat in search of younger ones. Shouldn't someone do Talbots a favor and mail them a copy of the Statistical Handbook of the United States? Talbots, there's a huge wave of women coming your way. Don't step out of the way! In the next 20 years, 100 million baby boomers, from the USA and Canada, are going to have more time to shop and spend than 35 year olds will have for another 15 years—more than half of them will be women! Five million baby boomers turn age 60 each year—that's not even close to the number of those turning 35! That means that today there are even greater numbers of 40 year olds, 45 year olds, 50 year olds, and so on—wishing to dress as well as the interest to dress well and fashionable enough as well as the interest to dress well and fashionable enough for lack of a sizable, attractive target market, Talbots be foundering and, thus, must go hunting for a different customer set.

College professors of marketing have all had this experience: Ask a freshman or sophomore what he or she wants to do when they start their careers—and most of them will tell you they want to be in the business of selling beer—it's a very predictable (and sorry) answer to anticipate. And, as a college professor, I have made the decision to be an entrepreneur and I'm proud of it. I want to tell them that there's a lot of money, likely more money, to be made in other—and at least for them—more ordinary things.

So now you might understand why I want to shout at Talbots' corporate strategists: Don't be a freshman about this—there's so much more to success than pursuing the

It's your life, so what you want

By Michael Adams
Assistant Editor-in-Chief

Over the past few months, my family and I have been battling over getting a full-time job, growing my business, buying a company, etc. There have been about 40 different forks in the road. It's been hard and challenging. To make the decision to be an entrepreneur and I'm proud of it. Here's a prime example: My Dad and I were having a conversation about what I should do after college. He started talking personal finance. I didn't know. It's your life. Do what you want. I can't make the decision for you. He's right. I'm in the drivers seat of my life, so I make the decisions. If I want to take a day off from work, I take a day off. If I want to donate product, I will donate product. If I want to not take a paycheck for a year, then so be it. I have made the decision to be an entrepreneur and I'm proud of it. Often times we let other people hop in the driver's seat for a few miles and we regret it later. Nope, not me. I am in control of my paycheck, my future, and my impact on my local community. Are you in control and making arrangements to do what you want? I hope so.

That's entrepreneurship. In five short weeks, I head off on a whirlwind adventure of meeting new people and ex ploring new places. No homework. No professors. No ridiculous schedule. It's time to enjoy life starting now...

Michael Adams is a Senior Marketing Mayor at Bryant and a serial entrepreneur who blogs at RebootedLeffers.com.

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Softball sweeps St. Francis (Pa.)

Bryanna Lischinsky prepares to bunt. (BryantBulldogs.com)

The Bryant University softball bats came alive Sunday afternoon as the Bulldogs put up a total of five homeruns at Saint Francis (Pa.) to complete the sweep of the Red Flash. The Bulldogs shutout SFU 6-0 in the first game of the doubleheader and came from behind to win 8-5 in the nightcap.

After losing 14 games in a row to open the season, the Bulldogs have now won four of their last six and three in a row. Bryant improved to 7-29 with the wins Sunday afternoon and 4-11 in Northeast Conference play. The Red Flash drops to 10-33 overall and 2-12 in the conference. Bryant outhit the Red Flash 22-8 in both games.

After hitting the game-winning double on Saturday at Robert Morris, senior tri-captain Ali Chouinard (Swansea, Mass.) scored her first home run of the season on Sunday. Chouinard’s second dinger, a three-run blast, came from the heart of the seventh inning as the Bulldog seniors off with a parting gift.

Saint Francis wasn’t about to go down without a fight, and top scorers Kate Murray and senior shortstop Stephanie Toomey (Fitchburg, Mass.) reached base just two innings of play. Toomey kicked off the run with a two-out double and scored on free position opportunities, setting things up for Murray and Burdow to score.

But the Bulldogs didn’t take long to get it going on Sunday as sophomore second baseman Lauren Bowen (Hudson, Mass.) hit her second leadoff homerun of the season to get things started and take the early lead in one of the doubleheader.

Bryanskipped four more runs in the top of the fourth inning as freshman Brittany Lischinsky (Massapequa, N.Y.) hit her third home run of the season and scored a quartet of runs. Lischinsky hit two more runs that inning as freshman Christina Einrigs (Tewksbury, Mass.) scored on a wild pitch and Bowen earned her second hit of the game, a single to the shortstop, which scored Einrigs. Einrigs Martin (Methuen, Mass.). It was also Bowen’s second RBI of the game.

The Bulldogs recorded one more insurance run in the top of the seventh inning of a Lauren McCarr (Voorhees, N.J.) sacrifice fly that scored Lischinsky. Junior pitcher Sami Houseal (Mount Joy, Pa.) pitched a brilliant complete-game four-hit shutout to earn her first victory of the season and her fourth in a row.

Houseal walked just one batter and struck out two in the outing.

Chouinard was 3-3 in game one and scored two runs with two hits each. Bowen also added two RBIs in the contest.

The Red Flash caught up to Houseal in game two of the doubleheader as they jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning after just two innings of play.

Bryant quickly responded in the bottom of the third inning with three runs of its own on four hits. Pitching sensation Regis Burdi (Wayne, Pa.) reached base with one out on a double to left center and was advanced to third on a Bowen single up the middle. Freshman Kate Murray (Fitchburg, Mass.) reached base on a fielder’s choice to advance Bowen to second, but Burdi was gunned down at the plate trying to score the Bulldogs’ first run of the game.

With two outs and runners on first and second, senior catcher Ashley Coon (Levittown, Pa.) doubled to left center to plate Bowen and cut the deficit to 5-1. With runners on second and third, the Bulldogs continued the two-out rally as Lischinsky singled to left, scoring both Bowen and Coon to bring the Bulldogs within two, down 5-3.

After cutting the margin to 5-4 in the top of the fifth, McCarr tied the game at five apiece in the top of the sixth inning with a solo shot, the first of her career, to center field.

Senior pitcher Brittany Hart (New Windsor, Mass.), who relieved Houseal late in the second inning, continued to pitch a brilliant game for Bryant. Hart had allowed just two hits in 3.1 innings to that point.

With the game tied up heading into the top of the seventh frame, Murray led the inning off with a single to right center to second base. Following a Coon pop out, Lischinsky came through with her third hit of the game, a single to center field to put runners on first and second with just one out and the red-hot Chouinard coming to the plate.

The senior captain delivered for the second day in a row with a game-winning hit. Chouinard blasted a three-run homerun, her second of the day, to right center field to complete the comeback and give the Bulldogs an 8-5 lead heading into the bottom of the seventh.

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All-Decade Baseball Team

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Bryant University Baseball has enjoyed tremendous success over the past 10 seasons, compiling 308 wins during the decade. The Bulldogs attended the DII NCAA Northeast Regional four times and won the NCAA Northeast Regional crown in the 2004 season, sending them to the Division II College World Series.

Many great players have contributed to the program’s success between the 2000 and 2009 seasons and in order to recognize these tremendous accomplishments, Bryant is pleased to announce the naming of the All-Decade Team and to honor these 18 individuals this Saturday between games of Bryant’s doubleheader with Fairleigh Dickinson.

The 18 players selected for the 2000-2009 Bryant Baseball All-Decade Team were chosen by a committee consisting of current and former Bryant coaches and administrators, as well as other college coaches in the Northeast.

First Base: Mike Rocco (Tewksbury, Mass./Tewksbury)

Rocco was the Bulldogs’ anchor at first base for four years he was at Bryant. During his career he set the school record and NCAA Division II record for consecutive starts with 201. He also compiled 220 hits spanning 650 at-bats, and was named the 2004 Northeast 10 Freshman of the Year.

Second Base: B.J. Gagnon (Rochester, N.H./Spaulding)

Gagnon, a .307 career hitter, played in 200 games with the Bulldogs. In 2000, he was named MVP of the 2004 Northeast Regional, helping lead the Bulldogs to the World Series. In the decade he was the leader in doubles, with 51, RBIs, with 138 and tied for 2nd in hits with 234. The slick fielding infielder also stole 29 bases in his career placing him 5th all-time.

Shortstop: Pat McKenna (Orange, Conn./Orange)

McKenna was a four year starter at shortstop and a three-time First Team All-Independent as well as a catcher. He is currently ranked second all-time in Bryant history. He fanned 220 batters during his career at Bryant placing him 2nd all-time. Johnson was selected to the Bryant Staff. He is just one double shy of this year’s 2010 baseball team, has been the starting catcher for the bulldog for the past four seasons. Vigurs currently ranks second all-time in RBI, third all time in hits, and is just one double shy of breaking the all time record of 54. Vigurs was named 2007 Northeast 10 Freshman of the Year, and in 2009, was named First Team All Independent as a catcher.

Utility Player: Dan England (Hoboken, N.J./Hoboken)

England was a vital member of the Bulldogs, both with the bat and on the mound. England was named the 2002 Bryant Male Athlete of the Year. England was 281 hit in the decade, with 36 doubles, 5 triples, and 9 home runs. On the mound his senior season, England compiled a record of 5-1 with an ERA of 2.35. Johnson also set the single season strikeout record with 86.

Starting Pitcher: Mike Florest (Franklin, Mass./Franklin) Florest finished his career as the most decorated pitcher in Bryant history. Florest owns the career wins record with 26, the career complete games record with 14 and the career strikeout record with 224. In addition, Florest was twice named All NE-10, and in 2009, he was selected to the Bryant Athletics Hall of Fame.

First Team All-Independent as a catcher.

Designated Hitter: Jeff Renga (Medway, Mass./ Bishop Stang) After transferring from Providence College Renga put together three great offensive seasons. He finished with a career 361 average, hitting 43 doubles, 5 triples. His 28 home runs placed second in batting average. In Renga’s final season, he started all 38 games and was named First Team All-Independent.

Outfield: Darcie Crowley (Danvers, Mass./Danvers) Crowley was a four year starter in the outfield for the Bulldogs and was a major offensive presence in the lineup. Crowley was named 2003 Northeast 10 Freshman of the Year, and was named First Team All-NE-10 on two different occasions. Crowley finished with a .316 average, hitting 14 home runs, with 107 RBIs. Crowley is also a member of the 200 Hit Club, as he finished his career with 204 hits.

Catcher: Jim Collins (Waltham, Mass./Bishop Fenwick) Collins was the backstop behind the plate for all four years. He is a career .320 hitter with 44 doubles, 4 triples, and 13 home runs. He knocked in 104 RBI in his career and had a staggering percentage of .467, placing him 6th in the decade. Collins was named All NE-10 during his three years at Bryant.

Outfield: Nick Campbell (Tewksbury, Mass./Tewksbury) Campbell, a current senior on the 2010 baseball team, has the starting centerfielder for the past four seasons and in 2008 won the Rawlings Gold Glove award for his outstanding defensive skills. That same year, he was named First Team All-NE-10.

Outfield: Mickey Ryan (Lowell, Mass./Lowell) Ryan played in the outfield for 192 games for the bulldogs in his career, hitting at a .306 all-time in games played. The speedy centerfielder holds the record for consecutive starts in the decade with 53. Ryan also finished his career in second place all-time in career walks, and 4th all-time for triples, all with a batting average of .304. In 2004 Ryan was selected to be on the All-American Third Team.

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Relief Pitcher: Eric Polvani (Wallingford, Conn./Bishop Stang) Polvani is a current senior on this year’s 2010 baseball team and like his classmates has also enjoyed much success on the field. Polvani currently has 16 wins and 16 saves with a career ERA of just 2.71. Polvani holds the single season record for saves with 13 in 2008, and was named All Independent Pitcher of the Year in 2009.

Relief Pitcher: Adam Voulo (Walpole, Mass./Xaverian) Voulo was a constant and reliable presence out of the bullpen for the Bulldogs during his four seasons in Smithfield, pitching in a single season record 31 games in 2007, and being named All NE-10 on two occasions.Voulo was the fourth time mark at Bryant for both appearances, with 82, and saves with 20.

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(BryantBulldogs.com)

Brittany Lisichinsky
Year: Freshman
Sport: Softball

Leading the Bulldogs to three NCAA Northeast Regional titles to date, Bryant University freshman Brittany Lisichinsky has been a fixture on the first-ever Northeast Conference softball weekly accolade for the Bryant softball program.

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Travis Harrington
Year: Sophomore
Sport: Lacrosse

Harrington scored a trio of goals, including the eventual game winner, and added two assists to lead the Bryant University men’s lacrosse team to a 9-4 victory over Sacred Heart.
Do you remember? I do

By David Niles

Remember when Sheed didn't break?

Remember when the experts said the Celtics would win?

Remember when Ryan Miller had impeccable voluntary attendance?

Remember when March madness' biggest games were in March?

Remember when the Patriots offense was about balance and the short dump-off pass and not attempting 50 passes per game?

Remember when the Patriots bend but don't break defense didn't break?

Remember when Bill Belichick actually had coordinators? Remember when the Patriots had impeccable voluntary workout attendance?

Remember how important we thought all those things were? Remember the last great NFL quarterback with the same makeup as Tim Tebow? Me neither.

Remember when Big Papi was Big Papi?

Remember when the Red Sox contemplated what they would do with too much quality starting pitching?

I remember. Do you?

Bryant takes title at River Hawk International

By Jackie Ammirato

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Red Sox slugger David Ortiz has been anything but this season. (BryantBulldogs)

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Top 10...

...draft picks that may go later than expected

10. Anthony Davis, Rutgers

Davis is regarded as one of the top offensive linemen in the draft. Throughout his college career, Davis rarely was forced backward by a defensive lineman off the line. However, Davis sometimes struggles to read blitzes and is sometimes slow to get out of his stance.

9. Toby Gerhart, Stanford

Gerhart became one of the premier running backs in Stanford history, however, his decision to enter the 2010 draft caused a bit of a stir. Gerhart lacks speed at times and his catching ability is not the greatest.

8. Taylor Mays, USC

Mays had a terrific career at free safety at USC. He lives to make the big, show-stopping tackle. However, in the NFL teams aren't looking to draft a safety just looking to be a star. Teams may be worried that Mays will go for big hits, miss, and allow easy points.

7. Terrence Cody, Alabama

With his huge size, Cody can be a dominant force at defensive tackle, and he put on quite a show blocking field goals last season. However, Cody's stamina is a big question. Teams might hesitate to pull the trigger knowing Cody might only be able to last for two downs a possession.

6. Joe Haden, Florida

Haden developed into a premier cornerback last season at Florida. Haden is known for having good strength and endurance, however Haden has a history of back injuries, and there has been a lot of negative speculation around his future.

5. Jermaine Gresham, Oklahoma

Gresham suffered from a season-ending knee injury before the 2009 season. Before that, he had earned the reputation of a first-rate tight end. However, his blocking and route running are below average. Combine that with his history of injury and losing focus on the field and Gresham might fall through the cracks come draft time.

4. Jahvid Best, California

Best is very quick on his feet and is known for making agile cuts that throw defenders off balance. Critics say Best lacks size and will not be able to stand up against the bigger linebackers of the NFL. Others say Best does not have the power to be a team's premier running back.

3. Tim Tebow, Florida

Before the Combine, Tebow was widely predicted to be the first overall pick. However, Tebow has seen his draft stock drop rapidly. Teams are wary of Tebow's accuracy problems. The question is whether or not Tebow's deep passes and scrambling ability are enough to quiet the doubters and find him a team in the first round.

2. Jimmy Clausen, Notre Dame

All the recent trade activity in the NFL has caused Clausen's draft stock to drop. Critics don't have much to complain about concerning Clausen's game except for his tendency to release the ball low. With the highly skilled defensive backs in the NFL, this tiny problem could turn into Clausen throwing a lot of interceptions.

1. Colt McCoy, Texas

NFL teams do not like injury and McCoy is known for injury. His injury in the BCS title game could cause McCoy to go lower than expected. McCoy also struggles throwing the deep ball and cannot always loft the ball over defenders. The concerns could add up for McCoy and result in him being taken later than expected.

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By Drew Green

April 15th came and went again for many Americans every year. And for the second year in a row Tax Day came with a little more fanfare than previous years. It now seems that Tea Partiers protesting taxes are, and please forgive the pun, as certain as death and taxes.

Last week also was the release of a Fox News/Reuters survey that showed that Tea Partiers are generally better educated than the average American. Many, if not all, have been a surprise to many, but not to me. If indeed the survey points to this, I must say that those who advocated for less taxes are the ones with more money, stable jobs, and a better education.

For one, we know that having a better education leads to these other two aspects of life. Most college graduates earn more and have the money generally the ones that do not want to lose these gains, if you will. This is simply not true for many of them, the average one.

Despite all of this, it does not give any more credence to the Tea Partiers or the movement itself. If education and wealth were related, would someone a good Tea Partier then our President, with his Harvard Law Degree and millions in the bank, not be one of the leaders of this movement.

So from now on, I want to ignore the standard measure of whether or not college educated or has money. Those people reside on both sides of the political aisle. I will remain open-minded, if one side is more correct because on average they are a little more educated or wealthy is blatantly ignorant. Remember Tea Party is not a new way of doing things. The question should then be: is this option better for the country, than what we have now?

I will admit I cannot fully articulate what the Tea Partiers want from their movement. Mainly because I have yet to hear a full articulation of what movement is to be succeed at doing, I know they want lower taxes – read smaller government too – and to be more represented in government.

I will start by saying that if they want to be better represented they should have a voting system in place that people that represented them better. Honestly, they have to have an election for President Obama and the type of government that want to implement before Election Day. They lost representation then because other voters voted opposite of them in greater numbers. That is how it goes sometimes.

If they get better representation this November then we will not cause people in certain areas of the country to be more at ease with them at higher rates than before. It is simply how representation works. I know about 51% of this country felt under represented four years under former President Bush. But, you want to vote again, and then you do it and hope the person you vote for wins.

So can Tea Partiers please give a break to the sob story that they are underrepresented? You will all have your chance. If they still feel underrepresented after this election we can have a debate about whether that may say something about the depth of this movement.

Our system does tend to quell those on the margins anyway. Not well, though, The Tea Party is most definitely about self preservation and self interests. This is a conservative movement in its most primal form. The members of this movement want to maintain their wealth and prosperity as an expense of the government’s power. Arguing for lower taxes has always been a one first argument. That is fine for some. Tea Partiers, with their larger than average incomes, are in a better position to have lower taxes. But again, this is a debate about what is best for the country. In the long-term lower taxes may directly help those with more money, but if these are the same people saying they do not want to pay taxes, then I do not understand why these self-interested, pocket- watching folks will want to see a trickle down system of economics to work and benefit the country as a whole. In essence, if you are greedy now, you will be greedy later (Goldman Sachs anyone?).

The Tea Party movement is obviously something that a large group of people agree with or at least have a visceral reaction to. Whatever side you fall on – even if it is neither of these sides – let us ignore the demographics and simply have a debate about the issues. Because when it comes to time to vote, we need to understand the issues on both sides to make an informed decision. To do that an actual dialogue that does not include yelling and unwillingness to listen to the opposing side is required.

Sincerely,
Carol DEMoranville
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A Tea Party supporter at a rally in Washington D.C. on Tax Day (MCT Campus)

The Opinion pages of The Archway feature the opinions of the identified columnists and writers, which are not necessarily those of The Sporting News or any University.
DEAR KD,
It’s that time of year. I’m a senior and I’ve been actively job searching. My significant other and I have been together for quite some time, and we had a conversation the other day about job searching. I don’t know if we should search in the same area or search alone?

What if I get a job offer across the country; should I expect my significant other to find a job near me or ask them to move with me? What if I do?

Where in the world do I want to be?

Speaking as a fellow senior, I can attest to the stress that comes with the process of searching for a full-time job after graduation. There are so many things to take into consideration when applying. I interviewed, that I can only see how this issue would add more stress to the already hectic time of year. I know that it may be a very hard decision to make, but I’m going to take a very optimistic standpoint on this issue.

First of all, I think finding jobs in this economy is a struggle. It’s hands down what you want to do, or better yet a company that suits your needs and offers you what you want as a graduate. I’m a type of short who considers myself to be spontaneous and optimistic. There is so much of the country that I want to see. I think it’s a perfect situation and opportunity to see the world. I know it may seem drastic, to move somewhere with a significant other if you’re not married, but if you’re moving for the right reasons, and there are jobs in other states or countries, why not take an opportunity to travel, while still having company? Sometimes traveling across country alone can be intimidating and can often be lonely, but if you have someone with you, why not take a risk and go for it?

Now I’m not saying the salary isn’t a factor. You both need to be open about this. You need to understand that you are making a big move, and this can be very stressful for both of you. Though this may seem perfect now, don’t think that everything will turn into a modern-day fairy tale as soon as you step off of the plane. Things happen, jobs can be lost, feelings can change, and expenses can really take a toll on you. You can’t know for sure of this in the back of your mind while you find a job that actually fits your need or passion, then why not go for it? There is only one decision you can make at one time, and you may return home after a year or so, but then again, you may find yourself in love with where you are or the company you’re working for.

Life is too short not to take risks. If you have the means and the mentality to take a big risk like this, then I say “go for it!” Make the move and take a chance because you never know how absolutely perfect something may be. Never ask yourself “what if?” – it’s your one time to do exactly what you want to do and I wouldn’t let anyone stand in your way!

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You know what really grinds my gears...

By Jessica Komoroski
Editor-in-Chief

A new plan for space

Contributed from MCT Campus

To judge from his remarks at the Kennedy Space Center last week, President Obama has embarked on a generational reorientation of the nation’s space program. He is charting a potentially exciting new course to explore the ultimate frontier, but skeptics—count us among them—are unlikely to be reassured that we need to get rid of the door. However, I think it is absurd how many students who do not need the assistance of an automatic door push those buttons for every door they go through. Why? Honestly, what is the appeal? I’ve heard the excuse that people push it when they don’t have the assistance of an automatic door to open the door when you don’t have a need for it.

Now, I know that the button is there for a reason. In no way would I say that we need to get rid of the button. However, I think it is absurd how many students who do not need the assistance of an automatic door push those buttons for every door they go through. Why? Honestly, what is the appeal? I’ve heard the excuse that people push it during the busy times between classes when everyone is walking in and out of the building.

That’s nice, sure, but there is also the common courtesy that we should all be holding the door for each other. And how many times have you been walking alone, push the button and then STILL have to open the door the rest of the way because your legs move faster than the door opens? At that point, you might as well have not pushed it in the first place. And really, guys, those doors are NOT heavy. I’ve been in the gym about 3 times this whole year. I’m no iron woman, and the unistructure doors are no obstacle to push open for me.

I find that the worst abuse of the handicapped button is when someone is walking 100 feet ahead of someone and, rather than waiting for the person to catch up while holding the door, they quickly push the button instead! Thank you SO MUCH for being SO COURTEOUS and pushing the handicapped button for me. I know that the 30 seconds you would have had to wait for me to walk to the door while you held it open would have made you late for that meeting all the way across our huge campus.

Thirty seconds is almost too much, because we all know that when someone is holding a door for us, we walk faster so that they don’t have to wait as long. Today’s technology and the fast-paced world we’ve created at Bryant have really caused us to lose sight of that ‘human touch’ even when it comes to holding a door open.

Next time you go to reach for the automatic door button, take a second and think. Do I really need the help of the button? And if you don’t, that’s something you should be thankful for rather than take advantage of. And when you see that guy or gal 30 feet behind you struggling with accounting, finance and history textbooks, take a minute and hold the door open for them—odds are, they’ll appreciate the gesture.

The Archway Top Ten: The Volcano Eruption

10. If anything positive can be taken away from this it is that all kids in elementary school will probably have learned the wonders of baking soda and vinegar…

9. It’s about time Iceland seriously considers changing its name…

8. Forget about planes losing your luggage. How about losing an entire week?...

7. So you are telling me I get to stay an extra week in London? What pubs do you recommend?...

6. The eruption gave every radio station in Iceland an excuse to play Queen & David Bowie’s “Under Pressure” at least once…

5. As the volcano continued to erupt, every airline CEO continued to have a nervous breakdown…

4. Now I have a legitimate excuse to go watch the movie “Volcano” again…

3. It added to the amount of smoke that is generally in the air on April 20th (4/20)...

2. With all the smoke, Sarah Palin can now claim that she can see Iceland from her house…

1. You try pronouncing it! Eyjafjallajökull

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New realty show mixes home makeovers, family

By Gail Pennington
MCT Campus
Putting a real family on TV has pitfalls. Sure, the result can be a hit like Jon & Kate Plus 8, but the whole thing can also blow up in a network’s face.

Jon and Kate Gosselin’s marriage dissolved bitterly, albeit, on the bright side, TLC managed to turn the strife into a must-watch special.

The Teutul family of TLC’s American Chopper, a show that was supposed to be about building motorcycles but actually revolved around the shouting matches of Paul Sr. and Paul Jr., wound up in court after an acrimonious split.

Even if a family doesn’t feud, reality can intrude on ‘reality TV.’ Before boat captain Phil Harris of Discovery’s Deadliest Catch died in February after a stroke, film crews were at his hospital bed.

All this is very much in the tradition of PBS’ An American Family, the first show to turn the lives of real people into a documentary series. Parents Pat and Bill Loud split up during the 12 episodes, filmed in 1971; son Lance was openly gay.

But in this era of instant tabloid gossip and relentless pa-parazzi, the obvious question is why anyone would agree to put their children on TV, let alone seek a reality showcase.

(Hello, Balloon Boy)

Executive producer Ken Druckerman describes the show as a “game of double-entendre series are still the best kind of Bulldog flicks:

Clash of the Titans

By Coburn Childs
Staff Writer

The heavens raise hell, or so claims the tagline to the remake of 1981’s Clash of the Titans, an action-packed epic that occasionally thrills, but often underwhelms. It is being shown in two different versions to capitalize on the current 3D craze, though many critics have been quick to criticize the cheap-looking, “converted” 3D version. I can say that 2D looked just fine to me.

While it is visually dazzling and is nowhere close to being an awful film, the film lacks some important story elements, and for that reason it is disappointing.

Titans tells the story of Perseus, a “demigod” (half man-half god) who seeks to fulfill his destiny in the war that is raging between mankind and the gods. Or at least I think that’s what it was about. To be completely honest, I really don’t know what Perseus was trying to accomplish in the film; nevertheless, he is quickly established as the hero, and the audience immediately journeys with him on some sort of epic quest for the ages that includes sword fights, sacrifices, venturing into evil places, blossoming romance, and more [insert fantasy movie cliché here].

Greek mythological figures are fantastically brought to life in this adaptation, and the visual effects are admittedly very stunning.

Yet, somehow the action lacks a whole lot of life. Maybe because this is the tried and true story we see in any fantasy epic, Perseus is supposed to be the center character is called to fulfill a destiny and then passes through trials until reaching the goal. Here, it feels like the story is rushed; for that reason, many scenes are dull and, dare I say it, boring. And unfortunately, the actors do not even elevate the material like they could have.

Who continues to put Sam Worthington in movies? He certainly can’t be credited for Avatar’s success, but he somehow continues to find work. The man has one sole facial expression, and every line he reads seems completely unenthused. Perseus is supposed to be hell-bent on his mission, yet Worthington is positively forgettable — not good for a lead actor. He is probably the most boring leading man to be put on film this decade.

Scenes with Zeus (Liam Neeson) and Hades (Kathol Frimnes) breathe some life into the story, but their screen time totals no more than 15-20 minutes of this 110-minute flick. The beautiful Gemma Arterton also provides a solid female lead, while Alexa Davalos as Andromeda is nearly as dull as Worthington.

Although I have not seen the original, I have to imagine it had a little more life than this. Here, an epic adventure is turned into a mediocre popcorn flick that is occasionally entertaining, but feels so clichéd. It is like cotton candy: it can satisfy your sweet tooth, but it is not worth filling you up to reach the goal. Here, it feels like the story is rushed; for that reason, many scenes are dull and, dare I say it, boring. And unfortunately, the actors do not even elevate the material like they could have.

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This movie earned 3 out of 5 bulldogs.

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THE BEAT OF BRYAN
Look out for the comeback of locks piled and styled high

By Elizabeth Wellington
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This year’s biggest trend isn’t the dress. It’s the hair.

Literally. Hairdressers are predicting big hair à la the bohemian and boudoirish raven-haired “Snooki” from MTV’s Jersey Shore will be the hottest trend on teens on prom night.

“Our prom girls are coming in and they want messy buns and tousled hair with a pouf on a perfect fashion carpet and less Boardwalk. I want it to be, well, more sophisticated and sexyier. Not to mention, if big hair is going to be popular anywhere, it is going to be popular any-where, it would start in South Philadelphia, travel over the Walt Whitman Bridge, and land in South Jersey. Along this corridor, the standard is high-volume voice, vice of vanity so too much is never tacky.

The height of hair has its roots in the 1960s, and some might argue that it got its stylis-lish start in Philadelphia on American Bandstand, when celebrities Connie Stevens, Conmi Francis and even Diana Ross and the Supremes teased their hair like a rat’s nest and into a beehive. In the 1960s, Jackie Kennedy adopted the look, but salons called it a bouffant style, and the tease terminology was up-graded to a “backcomb.”

The modern-day bump was ushered into style about two years ago thanks to celebrities known for fashion irreverence such as Rihanna, who shaved her hair on the sides to create an amazing vol-ume at her crown resembling a pompadour and even Lady Gaga. Instead of a tight or-derly look, it’s a looser, half-up half-down style. But high hair isn’t reserved for rock stars. Politicians like it, too: Tea party darling Sarah Palin sports a bump.

In February, the fall fashion runways were awash with big-haired models from de-signers such as Oscar de la Renta. In this month’s fashion magazines, Derek Lam’s spring collection featured a blond bouffant model. And now, instead of tea-sing, the popularity of ex-tections allows all women white and black to bring their hair with them to stylists who can deliver looks that soar to the highest heights. But at least one stylist, Kevin Gatto of Verde Salon in Collingwood, N.J., is shaking his slightly gelled hair. Gatto understands why people like the statuesque profile that re-sults from the sheer volume, but the Snooki look is just “too extreme,” he says, sighing.

“I’m planning on doing modified versions of it,” said Gatto, who is no fan of the Bump: “I plan on making it more sophisticated and softer. I want it to be, well, more red carpet and less Boardwalk.” We wonder what Snooki would say about that.

Will basic cable mean lesser guests for Conan O’Brien?

By John Horn
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Conan O’Brien is headed to basic cable. Will Hollywood’s biggest stars follow?

For almost every talk show host, A-list names. Let the booking begin.

“If you want your viewers to follow. Rivalries among the cur-rent crop of chat-tenor can be crazily competitive: If you want your biggest clients to grab an invitation from Ch Win-i-ify, you better not book them on any other talk show first. While hosting The Tonight Show, O’Brien didn’t always draw strong ratings among TV’s insomniacs, but he did collect a steady stream of pop culture luminaries, par-ticularly among music acts and up-and-com-ing actors. With O’Brien (who lost his NBC gig in January when the network returned prime-time washout Jay Leno to his former late-night slot) moving from a big network to cable tele- vision’s TBS, his viewership could slip dramatic-ally, even with TBS pledging to promote O’Brien’s November launch aggressively.

This year, TBS is No. 7 among cable networks, averaging 1.7 million prime-time viewers, ac-cording to Nielsen Co. figures. NBC, on the other hand, may be last among the major networks, but it still has an audience that’s more than three times larger.

Studio marketing executives say O’Brien won’t necessarily enjoy the same priority as he did on The Tonight Show and his previous talk show, Late Night, but he could still be a key destination for younger, hipper perform-ers. Russell Brand, yes. Russell Crowe, no. One executive says that if “The Tonight Show” suffered from poor lead-ins from NBC’s ane-mic prime-time lineup, the situation will be even more dire at TBS, larded with reruns of shows such as “Seinfeld,” “Fam-ily Guy” and “The Office.”

Did anyone even know that TBS already had a late-night talk show, hosted by comedian George Lopez?

But another marketing guru says that if O’Brien’s new show is good and the ratings are too high, talent will follow. The best compari-son, some say: Comedy Central’s “The Daily Show,” whose Jon Stewart welcomes a pretty impressive crop of cultural and political names. Let the booking begin.

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  - Matt Thman ’10

- “That you can’t go down twice during the same time period.”
  - Catherine Kenny ’12
  - Britney Davis ’11

- “People who don’t put things like peanut butter and cream cheese on their plate and it takes too long.”
  - Kyle Kober ’11

- “When people clap when the plates fell”
  - Victoria Snow ’12

- “Probably the time they’re open... how they close during the middle of the day”
  - Jessica Woodacre ’13

- “Finding a seat during rush hour, not having enough trays and dirty forks.”
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