New construction across Bryant

By Brigit Clancy
Variety Editor

Bryant University is bigger and better than ever before. New edifices were built and new centers were created. The summer brought new changes to Bryant's campus and contemporary residences, and state of the art academic centers.

The scene driving into Bryant is unlike any other: a fountain, an all-glass library, the Unistucture in the distance, geese milling about the pond, and the new addition—an interfaith center. The Interfaith Center (IFC) was constructed so that the Bryant community may come together in one large structure to celebrate all faiths.

The IFC is a domain in which one can find peace—ful sanctuary. Upon walking into the IFC, there is a large entrance with stone floors and polished wood walls. The entrance hall lets out into the center of the IFC, the main chapel. This chapel is a circular room that offers a welcoming atmosphere. Along the upper rim of the “drum,” (ceiling) are several inscriptions where the words “In The Beginning” are written in various languages, including English, Hebrew, and Arabic.

At the front of the chapel is a slightly elevated rostrum (altar) for faith leaders to conduct their respective services. Behind that dais is a large stone water-well that goes to the outside of the building.

Next to the main chapel is a smaller room about half the size of the main drum. This room called the reflection sanctuary is complete with two frosted glass doors, wooden floors, and a circular glass wall that overlooks a reflecting pool in the back of the center. The reflecting pool provides serenity to the structure. Recycled water flows quietly into and around a small fountain. Also housed under the IFC’s roof are two main meeting rooms as well as a small kitchen and coordinating offices.

Father Joe Pescatello, the Christian Chaplain at Bryant, said, “[The IFC] is a beautiful structure, offering a place of peace and reflection for all. It provides a beautiful and contemplative setting. It provides a place for spiritual concerns, religious literacy, and a place for members of our community to practice the faith with all of us being able to learn more about our own Faith and others. It will be a place to also come together to celebrate our differences and also what we share in common. It will provide a place for people to come together in harmony and a spirit of peace.” See page 2 for more about the Interfaith Center.

In addition to the new IFC, students may appreciate the newly constructed townhouses. O and P blocks are similar in design to the original townhouses. There are 3 bedrooms: 2 doubles and a single. There is another full bath upstairs.” Outside the townhouses is a large volleyball court, a place for students to gather and socialize with their peers.

While all of the townhouses are set back to give seniors the feeling that they are living on their own, the new townhouses are set even further back from the heart of the campus. Maratta commented that this is a positive feature, one that is a privilege for those students that have worked hard throughout their time at Bryant. “I like the fact that, not only O and P block, but all the townhouses are set back from the remaining campus. It goes along with the separation of seniors theory. The townhouses are a senior space and there is an initiative underway to have seniors ‘reclaim their space.’ We, the senior class, have paid our dues and deserve to have this part of campus to ourselves.

“On behalf of my housemates and residents, we are proud to be the first 102 students to live in the renovated Stallion Town,” commented Maratta. Maratta stated that the name Stallion Town refers to the area of townhouses from K8/J1 to O6/P1. “The nickname was unanimously decided by the office of Residence Life; President Machlitch has also signed off on the term,” said Maratta.

The concluding phase of the construction was the new Center for Teaching and Learning. This center, located near Academic Advising on the lower level of the Unistucture, provides a great place for students to study and to receive assistance with their classes.

Upon entering the new Center, students and visitors walk into a lobby that has a front desk and an adjoining area in which to study or use one of the new computers. A large room across from the front desk, that includes a large flat screen television and computer, provides a multipurpose area for meetings or teaching/learning sessions.

Past the front desk there numerous offices on either side of the hallway that enters into a large, open rectangular area. This section has several tables and couches as well as a bookcase that extends from floor to ceiling. There are also several private study rooms/labs for students to receive tutoring in specific subjects such as Economics and Math.

Down a narrow hallway past the bookcase are more labs as well as a remodeled classroom. This See “Construction” on page 3

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By Jenny Sali
Staff Writer

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The Bryant University campus

The 10,000 square foot Interfaith Center is one of the newest additions to the Bryant University campus.

ACE moves

By Courtney Landi

In preparation for the students’ return to campus this fall, the Academic Center for Excellence, commonly referred to as ACE, undertook major construction, improving the size and orientation of its study spaces. The new space accommodates those looking to study in a private, quieter space, as well as those who prefer the open, communal study lounge that is central to the new configuration.

ACE offers many different services to help students with their schoolwork including but not limited to, peer and professional writing consultations through The Writing Center, Learning Labs concentrating on math, finance, accounting or economics, and peer tutoring. Peer tutors and consultants are either certified by The College Reading and Learning Association or working on completing their credentials for this designation.

The center offers various workshops throughout the year on topics such as grammar, group work, plagiarism, public speaking, paper formatting, and much more. During the first few weeks of the semester, the center has also been holding ACE 101 tours; the purpose of these tours is to acclimate first year students with the services offered there.

Although many of these programs have been offered in the past, the new space in which ACE is now housed provides the center with a better medium to reach students in a more effective way. For those interested in the services that ACE provides making an appointment takes just a few minutes, simply drop by the center at its location on the first floor of the Unistructure at the entrance of Room 275, or call x6746 for ACE and Tutor Services, or x6667 for The Writing Center. For more information please visit the website at http://ace.bryant.edu.

The Freshman Experience

By Sara Larabee

Senior Prom, graduation, no more tests or quizzes, and the freedom to be lazy all day long; you feel as if you are on top of the world. The summer before college is filled with lazy beach days, catching up with old friends, shopping for your dorm room, and enjoying the completion of 13 years of education. As the anticipation of moving out and moving onto your own grows, maybe the fear of being independent does too.

When it is time to move in day, your nerves and adrenaline are rushing and you have no idea what to expect.

I didn’t have a long trip to Bryant. I arrived on Sunday morning of move-in day, as I was only coming from Cranston, RI, but when I arrived, everyone was wide awake and cheery, just as I remembered back at the June Orientation. There were people lining the driveways which made travel easier, way more organized, and much more fun. It was actually fun to move in. The football players were so helpful, especially number 84 (Elliot Sulka ’13 (Wayland, MD)) who carried my whole trunk full of clothes right into my room.

My roommate and I are already like soul sisters, and we left our door open all morning and were both surprised when people kept popping their heads in and complimenting our room. Everyone was just so friendly, and always willing to lend a hand or give a piece of advice.

It was nice to only have the new students move in that day, because it gave us the entire day to relax and say goodbye to the family and start our own adventures.

The first football game of the season was that afternoon, and it seemed that everyone was there to cheer the Bulldogs to victory. I looked forward to many more athletic games and being able to cheer on our Bulldog pride. Walking of pride, the amount of school spirit that every student here has is truly inspiring and makes me feel very welcome to be part of the newest round of Bulldogs to get acquainted with the campus.

Bryant’s Newest Addition: The Interfaith Center

By Coburn Childs

Surely, you’ve noticed the latest addition to the Bryant campus: the new Interfaith Center. The 10,000 square-foot building just opened on Welcome Weekend, and countless members of the Bryant community couldn’t be happier. President Machtley calls the Interfaith Center “so much more than a building.” The center will be a growing number of international students and members of all religions branching far beyond just those three. As Bryant has a growing number of international students, a steady flow of a number of different faiths has been seen. Muslim and Hindu faiths, as well as a number of other Eastern Religions, are all seen as growing forces, and the Interfaith Center is designed to accommodate all religions practicing their faiths in a much-welcomed aspect to an already well-rounded campus. Clearly, the diversity of faiths that will gather in the Interfaith Center will bring many to the community together.

Traditionally, Bryant has always had chaplains for the Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish faiths. But the new Interfaith Center serves as a place for members of all religions to branch out beyond just those three. As Bryant has a growing number of international students, there is a steady flow of a number of different faiths, of which many have been seen. Muslims and Hindu faiths, as well as a number of other Eastern Religions, are all seen as growing forces, and the Interfaith Center is designed to accommodate them all.

Today, the finished product of President Machtley’s vision sits between the Bello Center and Bryant Center. The Interfaith Center is one of the first buildings in sight while driving onto campus. Observing the inside and outside of the building, one will notice the theme of nature that permeates the whole Center. A reflecting pool, a soft brick walkways, great buildings, and hundreds of busting students walking in every which direction. Now that I am here at Bryant, I feel at home and extremely satisfied with my college campus to look like; green and flowing water, a beautiful, soft brick walkways, great buildings, and hundreds of busting students walking in every which direction. Now that I am here at Bryant, I feel at home and extremely satisfied with my college campus to look like; green and flowing water, a beautiful, soft brick walkways, great buildings, and hundreds of busting students walking in every which direction. Now that I am here at Bryant, I feel at home and extremely satisfied with my college campus to look like; green and flowing water, a beautiful, soft brick walkways, great buildings, and hundreds of busting students walking in every which direction.

Windows for natural, flowing sunlight. A sanctuary that seats over 200 in the prayer and meditation, and a small number of meeting rooms are set aside for the off the side. Also included is a “re-From the Student Life Service

Sunday evenings at 7 p.m.

Interfaith Center

Waking up at 6:30 a.m. on the first day of school was not fun by any means, but it was special because it was the first day of school as a Bryant Bulldog student. As I walked onto Bryant’s campus in the cold damp morning air, Bryant was full of students and families who were dressed to the nines. I realized then, that this was what I pictured my college campus to look like; green and flowing water, a beautiful, soft brick walkways, great buildings, and hundreds of busting students walking in every which direction. Now that I am here at Bryant, I feel at home and extremely satisfied with my college campus to look like; green and flowing water, a beautiful, soft brick walkways, great buildings, and hundreds of busting students walking in every which direction.
Construction

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room will be used for a student athlete's study hall. Construction on the Center for Teaching and Learning began in May after plans commenced almost a year prior to the renovation. Laurie Hazard, the Director of the Academic Center for Excellence (ACE), worked with a number of individuals to create this new space. She stated that the idea for a new area for ACE and the Writing Center as well as the other academic services came about for a number of reasons. One basis was that there was a lot of empty space that the university should take advantage of. At one point some of this vast area in the Unistructure was the library. “When Bello was built, the library moved out of the Unistructure, so there was all this space left in the Unistructure. The big question left for the university was what to do with the space.” A large open space in the Unistructure, the center of student activity on campus, presented the opportunity of expansion. “We are expanding to meet the needs,” said Hazard.

When she helped design the area, Hazard had several ideas in mind. She wanted to have an area that had room for workshops, laboratories, study areas, and office space. Most of all, Hazard wanted a place for students to come and feel welcome. “I remembered telling them that I wanted it to feel like Starbucks, where students can come and relax between classes and study and have it for another respite; For students who work here, I wanted them to feel like this was their home away from home” said Hazard.

“What feedback we have gotten in the past about ACE and the Writing Center is that it kind of becomes a family. One of the things that really made me want to create that environment was visiting an honors lounge at Boston College.” Hazard continued, “I thought ACE would be a great place to have a lounge for the tutors and the writing consultants. I loved the atmosphere that was created at Boston College.”

After hearing feedback from students that there were not a lot of places to study on campus, Hazard knew that a new area that held ACE and the Writing Center would be ideal for the Bryant community. “In years past, we got a lot of feedback from students saying there were not a lot of places to study on campus, Hazard stated. “What [the new area] does is it gives students on campus an alternative place to study aside from the library and their residence halls,” she said.

The Center for Teaching and Learning also offers a vast array of academic services for students. These services include the Academic Center for Excellence, the Writing Center, the Foundations for Learning (FFL) program, disability services, services for student athletes, and services for English Language learners. All of the services and programs that ACE and the Writing Center offered are still the same, with new additions, including study hall for athletes. Now that Bryant has changed to Division I in athletics, student athletes are required to do more study hall hours to ensure grades.

Hazard commented, “We are really happy to be here, really thrilled to have this new facility. Now if the student is working on economics and needs a little help, they can walk out the study hall door and they are here. That’s a great synergy to have in the services.”

Solanchi Fernandez, an Academic Advisor, said that she loves the new Center for Teaching and Learning. “It’s now centrally located and has more visibility, which creates a welcoming environment. I’m very happy because the students really need the service, now they have an amazing center to utilize for any academic assistance they may need.”

Fernandez believes that the new Center is “very conducive to all the assistance [students] need.” “All of the programs, lab sessions, individual tutoring, one-on-one sessions with counselors, and work-shop spaces are located in one area,” she commented. “I truly feel this is a great space for all our students because they created more space to accommodate different styles of learning.”

Laura Lussier, a Master Tutor for ACE, commented. “It is a modern, comfortable space that I think students will be happy to work in. I think it is organized and much better than the old ACE, so we have much more usable space. There is plenty of room in each of the four labs, space for personal tutoring, and lots of room for people to come in and get some work done.” Lussier encourages all to stop by and see the new Center.

The new structures around campus provide more space for students, whether it is to reflect in the Interfaith Center, to enjoy living in the new townhouses, or to study in the new Center for Teaching and Learning. Bryant University’s newest additions ensure that our campus has a strong academic and reflective environment for years to come.

A new volleyball court was erected beside the new O and P townhouses. (Ashley McNamara)
LARCENY from Buildings SEP 14 2009-Monday at 10:15 Location: UNISTRUCTURE Summary: A report of speakers stolen from a classroom in the Academic Hall.

VANDALISM (AUTO) SEP 14 2009-Monday at 16:40 Location: JOHN MOWRY ROAD Summary: A vehicle parked in fire lane was towed off campus.

TOWED VEHICLE SEP 14 2009-Monday at 23:16 Location: JOHN MOWRY ROAD Summary: A vehicle reported the passenger side mirror was broken off of his vehicle.

HARASSMENT Receiving Harassing Phone Calls SEP 15 2009-Tuesday at 00:47 Location: DISPATCH CENTER Summary: A student came into the DPS Office to report receiving harassing phone calls.

LARCENY ($200-$500) SEP 16 2009-Wednesday at 11:53 Location: UNISTRUCTURE Summary: A student reported her backpack stolen from the Rotunda area ladies room. The backpack was later recovered.

FIRE ALARM SEP 18 2009-Friday at 02:05 Location: RESIDENCE HALL Summary: Smoke detector in RH14 lobby. SFD on campus @ 0209. SFD silenced alarm.

LARCENY from Vehicle ($50-$200) SEP 19 2009-Saturday at 09:05 Location: COMMUTER PARKING LOT Summary: A guest reports her vehicle was broken into and items were taken.

DRUG ACTIVITY SEP 20 2009-Sunday at 01:09 Location: RESIDENCE HALL Summary: An RA reported possible drug activity in a room in a Residence Hall. One student was arrested by Smithfield Police.

BIAS INCIDENTS: One Incident Reported SEP 14 2009-Monday at 18:10 Location: RESIDENCE HALL Summary: A student came into the Public Safety Office to report she had been offended by demeaning and slanderous comments in reference to her race.

To report a bias incident or hate crime, go to www.bryant.edu/bias or call the Bias Incident Hotline at x6920

Bias related incident – a threatened, attempted, or completed action that is motivated by bigotry and bias regarding a person’s real or perceived race, religion, natural origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, or gender status. Examples of these incidents include name calling, offensive language/acts, and graffiti/behavior.

The DPS Crime Prevention Officers: “TIP OF THE WEEK”

When walking around campus it is always recommended that you walk with a friend or in a small group. Rather than walking alone—remember DPS will escort you!!!
How did you locate your internship?  
I was looking through BCC for internships, saw there was one there from Blum Shapiro and, since I knew about them already having received a scholarship from them, decided to apply for it. Applying to Blum was simple through BCC. I had an interview with Deloite and didn’t get it and became concerned about whether Blum Shapiro would accept me. The interview with Blum was with one of their partners; it was a little intimidating but he was friendly and nice and made me feel very comfortable. He gave me a very positive review on my interview feedback sheet. Even though I interviewed with Deloite I didn’t really have much of an interest in the Big Four. I felt more of a connection with Blum Shapiro because it was small and friendly.

What were your major responsibilities?  
When I got there I assumed I would be making copies, getting coffee, and all the things you think interns end up doing. However, as soon as we were there Blum sent us out to clients and I was responsible for auditing, testing, and other professional duties. They assigned the clients immediately and said run with it and come back when you have questions. I was out with clients almost daily. When I arrived I’d go through their binder, work with a tax collector, the Board of Education, go through payroll and expenditure testing. I did everything working hand in hand with the client, without a supervisor. I was nervous in the beginning because you don’t take auditing at Bryant until senior year but everyone was so helpful and that got me through.

What did you learn about the profession?  
I learned you’re not in the office as much as I thought; I didn’t realize that for a good portion of the time you’re in the office and you’re on the road at a different locations with clients all the time and that you’re constantly with new people. You need to learn not to get attached to the people you’re working with – you have to be free flowing and know that different people work differently and you need to be able to adapt to all the different work styles.

What did you find most challenging about your internship?  
The fact that you were sent out to clients from the very beginning and being expected to handle yourself professionally. Knowing what it meant to be an auditor meant being familiar and flexible and to get as much done without asking questions as possible. There were times when that schedule would change unexpectedly and there are long commutes but you have to expect that with the job.

What did you find most rewarding about your internship?  
The most rewarding thing was the company itself. From the time I was given the internship they were great – they even sent me a mug and an Edible Arrangement before I started! They had regular intern meetings to ask us what we needed and what would be helpful to us. The level of responsibility we were given was actually really rewarding – I was responsible for a high work load without a bachelor’s degree and it was really nice to hear that I did a good job. I always knew I was good at working on teams but the fact that I was able to adapt so easily with different people every single week really made me feel good.

For public accounting I think that what makes the internship is the company itself – hands down you need to find a good company. I felt a lot of pressure to do the Big Four but I think you need to do what you feel is best for you. You need a personal connection with the company in order to enjoy it. Blum didn’t allow interns to work more than 40 hrs week and they made sure we were happy; it was a very rewarding experience because of the company.

What did you learn about yourself?  
I always knew I was capable of being independent but I wasn’t always confident in my accounting skills, so I was really unsure of how I was going to do in the beginning. I was always afraid I was asking too many questions or wondering if I should be doing something better – and in the end I found that I did everything right – it was the fact that I didn’t have the auditing class that made me less confident. I was shocked at the end when the HR department made me an offer of full time employment! I accepted the offer and start August 30, 2010!

The Amica Center for Career Education will be open during winter break and students are welcome to use the Career Library and/or meet with a career counselor during this time to discuss other internship opportunities. Stop in to make an appointment or give us a call at 401-222-6090.

Center for Student Involvement: Spotlight Awards

The Center for Student Involvement is continuing to recognize some of Bryant’s student leaders with the CSI Student Spotlight Award, as the team has been doing for the past two years.

The CSI Student Spotlight is given bi-weekly to students at Bryant who demonstrate what it means to be an exemplary student leader. This award is intended for those students who have proven their leadership abilities regardless of their level of involvement. The CSI Student Spotlight is awarded to the student whose positive attitude makes a difference in the lives of other student leaders at Bryant. Congratulations to this week’s winners!

Meghan Aloisio

Brian Cohen

The Center for Student Involvement would like to congratulate Meghan Aloisio. Meghan is a senior involved in several Bryant organizations on campus, including the Student Programming Board’s Theme Weekends committee, Leadership Council, and the Senior Class Gift Tri Chair.

“I love being involved because I have met many amazing and wonderful people. These people have been friends, mentors and teachers for me. Everything that I have been involved in the past has pushed my limits and helped me grow as a person. I am so grateful to my friends and the people I have met through them because without them I would not be the person I am today.”

Meghan encourages everyone to “get involved, meet new people, find something you love and work to be great at it.”

"Play the game for the game’s own sake,” said Meghan.

The Center for Student Involvement would like to congratulate Brian Cohen. Brian is a senior who is active in Hillel, the Leadership Development Program, and the Student Programming Board. He is also a 2009 Bryant Experience Leader.

“I want to make a positive change, broaden my horizons on this campus and beyond and use my skills to teach others,” said Brian.

Brian believes in taking opportunities at Bryant and making the best of the Bryant experience.

“Do everything offered to you at Bryant because you will never be able to relive these years.”

Brian’s favorite quote is: “If at first you don’t succeed, try, try, try again.” — William E. Hickson
FCC chief plans to protect open Internet

By Jeffry Bartash
MCT Campus

The nation's top regulator of telecommunications networks said Monday he will push for formal rules to protect the Internet from discriminatory practices that could block content or slow service to customers willing to pay more for faster service.

Julius Genachowski, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, said a free and open Internet remains critical to the future of the U.S. economy. He plans to circulate a proposal soon among the FCC's five commissioners and hold public hearings later this year.

The Republican-led FCC adopted four principles in 2005 designed to keep the Internet open. Genachowski, a Democrat chosen by President Barack Obama, wants to turn the FCC's principles into concrete rules and add two new ones to give additional legal muscle to the enforcement of the agency's rules.

The debate over how to regulate the Internet — an issue known as "Net neutrality" — has bubbled in Washington for the past decade. So far there have been few instances of real-world practices that could block content or slow service to customers willing to pay more for faster service.

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The 2009/10 Bryant hockey team is ready to kick off the year at their new home rink, the Smithfield Municipal Ice Rink, which stands only five minutes from campus. (Courtesy of Bryant Athletics)

October Schedule
Fri 2 at McDonald’s Cup
Sat 3 at McDonald’s Cup
Sun 4 at McDonald’s Cup
Sun 11 at UConn Invitational
Mon 12 at UConn Invitational
Tue 13 at UConn Invitational
Sun 18 at New England’s
Mon 19 at New England’s
Tue 20 at New England’s

By Kaleigh Durkin
Public Relations Manager

It’s 7:30 a.m. on a Wednesday morning, the lights at the Smithfield Municipal Ice Rink turn on, and the calm, placid ice is quickly attacked with the skates of the players of the 2009/2010 Bryant University Hockey Team. Hearts race as the team arrives to practice for what looks to be and is expected to be one of the most exciting and successful seasons for the club sport.

Senior President Mark Donahue is familiar with the start of a new season. Having played year-round since 2nd grade and as a member of Bryant’s team since freshman year, Mark is anxious to begin his last season at Bryant. Though he has experienced an equal number of championship wins and season losses, Mark has high expectations for the upcoming team. “We graduated ten seniors last year” Donahue recalls, “but this year we have thirteen new faces that bring a lot of skill to the team.” Senior David Potvin, Assistant Captain is also excited about for the new players. “The rookies we have are strong, skilled players, who are ready to accept the challenge to step up and play a major role on this team,” he states.

When asked about expectations for this season, Donahue, Potvin, and Senior Captain Derek Luther were unanimous in their belief that discipline both on and off of the ice, under the direction of head coach Mark Luther, will ensure more wins, and a better shot at making playoffs. “One of the team goals” Donahue discusses, “is to rank in the top ten of New England in the ACHA Division II, which will allow us to qualify for the regional tournament in February.”

This year proves to be one of the most exciting starts of the Hockey season here at Bryant. The team opens at their new home rink in Smithfield, RI (just five minutes from campus) on Friday October 9, 2009 at 7 p.m. against CCSU. The team invites you to check out their season opener. Says Luther, “As a Senior, I would like to see a stronger fan base.”

Agrees Potvin, “With a strong home crowd and student section, it promises to be an exciting atmosphere with high intensity play.”

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Thresher was the top finisher for the Bulldogs at the 54-hole Adams Cup, and the senior shot for par on the first and third rounds (72) to edge his way into the tournament’s top 10. Thresher shot a 74 in the middle round for a 218 on the tournament, just two over par and 11 shots behind the eventual winner.

Senior Scowgidy Fifl Congdon (Foxboro, Mass.) shot a 78 in the final round of play, under, with a 69 on all three rounds of the Adams Cup field, with UConn’s Jeb Buchanan (207) taking the top overall individual spot. Buchanan shot nine under, with a 69 on all three rounds of play. Southern Methodist took first place as a team, placing three golfers in the individual top-10 and shooting an 876 as a whole.

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The Bulldogs exemplified the meaning of teamwork in their impressive win over Brown, a game that was decided by the women's soccer team's ability to work as a team. "The coaching staff set some goals for the team at the beginning of the season, including not allowing more than nine free points per set and having a side-out percentage of 60%," stated Garlacy. "When we do both of these things well, we win." Join the Bulldogs for the Bryant Invitational this weekend (September 26 and 27) as they face Howard and Brown Saturday at 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. respectively and Copin State at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Women’s soccer wins overtime thriller versus St. Peter’s; falls short of NJIT

By Jackie Ammirato
Assistant Sports Editor

Despite outstanding NJIT 23-9, early Highlander goals in both halves proved to be too much as the Bulldogs fell 3-2 on Sunday. Sophomore Kaithyn Hinck scored off a pass from Derick to tie the score at one in the first half. Junior Sarah Donovan beat the NJIT goalie one-on-one to re-tie the game for the Bulldogs. However, in the 75th minute a shot from thirty yards out sailed just under the crossbar for what proved to be the game-winning goal for the Highlanders. In her first collegiate start, freshman Kelsi Jacob recorded four saves in the net.

The Bulldogs have a 12-day break before hosting Central Connecticut on Friday, Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. at the Bryant Turf Complex.

Bulldogs setting up for another successful division 1 season

By Eva Mahan
Staff Writer

At the beginning of their second Division I season, the women’s volleyball team was confident that they would continue their success in making a name for themselves in the volleyball world. A month into regular season play, they are proving they can do just that.

"We have the skills to beat anyone in the region when we all play our best at the same time," said Coach Theresa Garlacy. "We have seen a lot of leadership in our players. The team is really coming together and we are growing together rather than individually which is a huge help for us. It is so easy for everyone to work as a team." The Bulldogs exemplified the meaning of teamwork in an impressive win over Brown, a game that also set a school record for the most team blocks with 36 block assists and 2 solo blocks. "We played so well against Brown compared to last year," said Garlacy. "Since they are an in-state rival and we always play them in the spring season too, it was a really big win for us, especially coupling the win with the school record." In recent play at the Columbia Tournament last weekend, the Bulldogs went 1-2 with losses to Lehigh and Columbia and a win over Fairleigh Dickinson. "The coaching staff set some goals for the team at the beginning of the season, including not allowing more than nine free points per set and having a side-out percentage of 60%," stated Garlacy. "When we do both of these things well, we win." Join the Bulldogs for the Bryant Invitational this weekend (September 26 and 27) as they face Howard and Brown Saturday at 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. respectively and Copin State at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Double-doubles from freshman Macy Mitravich (Waimanalo, Hawaii) and sophomore Jazmin Stoner (Durango, CO) led the Bryant University volleyball team to a 1-1 split in the final day of the Columbia Tournament. Courtesy of Bryant Athletics.

Senior forward Holly Tyser (above) scored the game-winning goal for the Bryant University women’s soccer team just 46 seconds into the first overtime period as they defeated Saint Peter’s 2-1. (Courtesy of Bryant Athletics)
Wanted: NFL quarterbacks

By David Niles

Staff Writer

Whatever happened to all the great quarterbacks? It seems to be lost in the ears of sports fans around the nation. The dearth of pitching in Major League Baseball, as well as the dearth of pitching in the NFL, is no different. We are spoiled here in New England with Tom Brady and Bill Belichick. Look around the league. How many franchise quarterbacks are there around the league? Who are they?

When I talk about a franchise quarterback, I would say that he would have to be engraved with the team as their quarterback at least the last two years. This would remove the Jets, Dolphins, Bills, Ravens, Browns, Jaguars, Broncos, Chiefs, Raiders, Redskins, Packers, Vikings, Lions, Bears, Falcons, Buccaneers, 49ers and Titans from the discussion. We are left with only 13 teams (out of a possible 32) and many of these quarterbacks have HUGE question marks.

Jake Delhomme just signed a 20 million dollar contract extension in the offseason, before being benched halfway through week 1, in a game he threw 4 interceptions. He could easily lose his job, as is speculated about Marc Bulger. Matt Schaub may have had 29 TDs in 2008, but all of which have had significant time the last few years due to injury.

There are Donovan McNabb and Kurt Warner, two more injury prone QBs who may be at the end of their rope with their respective teams, despite having great success. Warner is at the end of his rope because of age and could retire at the end of this season, while Philadelphia fans have had their hearts broken by McNabb and may start with the Vick chants as early as next weekend. McNabb has also been accused of choking in the playoffs. As has been the case with so many, McNabb is the Cowboys quarterback. He botched a PAT snap, leaving the game to lose a playoff game, failed to make the playoffs last year, and his numbers get progressively worse throughout each season.

This leaves us with six teams that have a “franchise quarterback,” whom their fans would probably feel relatively confident moving forward with in the future, quarterbacks who may be the ones leading their team into a game for them when it really counts. Amazingly three of the quarterbacks from the same draft, Eli Manning, Ben Roethlisberger, and Philip Rivers.

Eli has won a Super Bowl, Big Ben has two rings, and Philip Rivers has put up numbers that we would compare to anyone around the league. The one player who may have better numbers is The Saint’s Drew Brees, who continues to put up huge numbers (6TDs in week 1), but suffers from a defense that prefers to act as matadors instead of tackling. There is no doubt in my mind that if he had a New England Giant, Steel, or Bill Belichick, Brees would have some jewelry as well.

Then there is the undoubted cream of the crop, Peyton Manning in Indy. And what about Farner who has a Super Bowl and could break many of the career records many of the other current quarterbacks in the league? But also to be considered is Caussin for career passing statistics. Tom Brady has more Super Bowls to his name than any other current quarterback, has numerous records from the 2007 undefeated season, and could defi- nitely still add to his title collection.

But think, just 6 of the 32 NFL teams have not drafted franchise quarterback (less than 19%). This is why so many teams spend tens of millions of dollars and a first round draft pick on players who have yet to ever take an NFL snap. More time than not, these first round quarterbacks never amount to anything (Alex Smith, Matt Leinart, Andre Ware, Ryan Leaf, and the list goes on and on). But you really can’t expect to hit it big with a rookie quarterback. Sure Brady was a 6th rounder, but all the other first rounders and Peyton, Eli, and Brees were drafted as the first pick of the first round. Also consider about two thirds of the starters across the league were first rounder picks, and the total number of quarterbacks drafted in the first round far exceeds the number taken in round one.

So what are teams to do? Gamble and pray? Take educated guesses? And what happens when you finally have that player and he goes down with an injury? The Patriots won eleven games last year but that was 5 games worse than the year before and they had ar- guably the best talent in the league surrounding their backup. And what happened with that backup? Well, New England signed a very young 60 million dollar contract after starting just 15 games since High School. Just to show how lucky the teams are to land that “franchise” quarterback.

So what are teams to do? Pray and hope. The only way teams secure a “franchise quarterback” is if the team is lucky enough to have a first round pick in the draft. The teams who get lucky enough to get one of these players often have plenty of money to pay these quarterbacks. I say that because not too many teams have a franchise quarterback on their team. This means that teams will pay these players well to become “franchise” quarterbacks. Teams have to be lucky enough to have a first round pick and pay him well for him to become a franchise quarterback.

Coach’s Corner

Coach Tim’s Workout for the Week

Day #1
Front Squats: 4 sets of 8
Walking Lunges: 3 sets of 10
Standing call raises: 4 sets of 12
Leg-lifts: 4 sets of 8
Seated Cable Row: 4 sets of 8
Stability ball Crunches: 3 sets of 25

Day #2
Dips: 3 sets of 8
Bench Press: 4 sets of 7
Military Press: 3 sets of 10
Incline Dumbbell Press: 3 sets of 8
Tricep Cable: 4 sets of 8
Stability ball Pushups: 3 sets of 8
Lying leg raises: 4 sets of 12
Medicine ball push-ups: 4 sets of 12 each side

Day #3
Back Squats: 4 sets of 8
Pull-ups: 3 sets of 7
Leg curls: 3 sets of 8
Leg Extensions: 3 sets of 10
Lying Dumbbell Press: 4 sets of 8
Bench Press: 3 sets of 5
Tricep Extensions: 4 sets of 10
Crunch/Reverse Crunch: 4 sets of 15

Remember: Please ask any member of our staff for any assistance that you may need!

Ask the Coach

Question: I have been doing squats with a towel wrapped around the bar. Is it safe to do the squat this way?

Answer: I think the squat is a very difficult exercise to perform safely. The barbell should actually be held tightly against the body in order to perform the lift properly. People who use a patellar towel to place the bar on top of the spinal column instead of against the body. This will not only make you lead to spine and lower back injuries. The bar should be held against the body at the level of the rear deltoid muscles. The arms should hold the bar tightly with your hands directly behind your neck. This method is uncomfortable at first because it requires more flexibility in the shoulder joint. Try using just the barbell for a few sets to adapt to this technique. With time and pa- tience you will develop proper technique and be safe in your workout routine.

Thank you to Tim Brien of the Wellness Center for his contribution to The Archway. Check out Tim’s weekly workout and Q&A every week in the Sports Section of The Archway.

Bull Dog Bites

By Jackie Ammirato

Assistant Sports Editor

The women’s tennis team traveled to Philadelphia, Penn- sylvania last weekend not knowing if they were going to be successful. The ITAs. Junior Morgane Dowling was in a singles and freshman Irma Rodriguez-Lockwood was in a doubles. Also in B singles, senior Amanda Granville and sophomore Kate McCabe each won three matches, resulting in a faced off between the two in the semi-finals. McCabe came out on top winning 8-3 and then went on to the semifinal, where she lost to the eventual B champion.

The team was also very successful in B doubles. Junior Valeria Costo-Cuervo and Amanda Granville made it to the semi-finals with the team of senior Chelsea Downing and junior Dana Tausik fell in the semifinal.

Additionally, Granville and McCabe were paired together for doubles. The pairing proved to be a good one, as they won four straight matches before falling to the number one in the B doubles final. The team returns to action on Thursday October 1st, when they travel to Connecticut for a match at 5:00 pm.

Cross-Country

The cross country team traveled to Connecticut last week for the Quinipiac Invitational. In their first scoring meet of the season, the men’s women’s teams finished in ninth and seventh place overall.

Leading the women’s team was freshman Deidre Doyle who finished in 11th place overall, and Megan Robinson, Molly, Tower, Amanda Garber, and Katrijn Molin all finished in 29th, 51st, 55th, and 57th place overall.

Coming in first for the Bulldog men was junior Scott Twardowski who finished in 17th place overall, and freshman David Hurley also had a good performance finishing in 38th place overall. Finishing in 52nd, 54th, and 55th place overall were Ben Coughlin, Chris Kelleher, and Austin Huminski respect- ively.

Golf

The golf team headed to the University of Rhode Island at Newport, last Monday and Tuesday, as one of seventeen teams to play in the three round, two-day Adam’s Cup. The entire team played well throughout the tournament and es- pecially in the final round of competition. The Bulldogs shot a com- bined 917, good for 12th place overall.

Senior Jason Thresher led the team finishing the 54 hour tournament just two over par, with a very solid performance finishing in 14th place out of the eighty-nine individual golfers. Senior Scott Congdon and junior Erik Tarkanian finished tied for 50th and 59th place respectively. Junior Kyle Hoffman came in tied for 76th while senior Mike Pyne finished in 79th place.

The Bulldogs return to the links the first weekend in Oc- tober when they travel to Yale for the McDonald’s Cup.

Volleyball-NEC Player of the Week

Men’s Volleyball

After standout performances in the team’s matches against Columbia, and Fairfield, sophomore Maria Scocca was named the Northeast Conference’s Player of the Week. Scocca scored double-digit kills in three of the four matches this weekend, and also had 18 blocks during the week. During the week Scocca recorded a 362 hitting percentage and averaged 3.71 kills per set. Scocca currently leads the team in attacks, kills, points, and blocks.

The Bulldogs host the Bryant Tournament this weekend fea- turing matches against Howard, Brown, and Coppin St.

Bryant On Tap

Volleyball Hosts the Bryant Tournament

Saturday, September 26th
Football at Robert Morris, 12:00 pm
Volleyball HOME vs. Howard, 1:00 pm
Men’s Soccer HOME vs. UNH, 3:00 pm
Volleyball at George Washington, 4:00 pm
Field Hockey HOME vs. Colgate, 7:00 pm

Sunday, September 27th
Volleyball HOME vs. St. Joseph’s, 1:00 pm
Field Hockey at Dartmouth, 3:00 pm

Wednesday, September 30th
Field Hockey at Holy Cross, 4:00pm

Thursday, October 1st
Women’s Tennis at Connecticut, 1:00 pm
“If you could be an animal, what would you be?”

“An eagle so I can fly”
-Matt Schatzman ‘12

“I’d be a cheetah because they’re fast and sexy”
-Nikita Gittens ‘13

“I’d be a monkey cause they’re always having fun”
-Mark Andrews ‘11

“A bulldog cause I go to Bryant”
-Matt Griswald ‘11

“A lion cause they’re the king of the jungle”
-Alex ‘Papi’ Vando ‘13

“I’d be a jaguar cause they’re ferocious and competitive”
-Rob Sinewick ‘12

“An elephant so I can run things over”
-Scott Merritt ‘11
The most important man not in the room

By Drew Green

Filling Ted Kennedy’s seat

With the Massachusetts Senate set to pass a bill to allow Governor Deval Patrick the ability to appoint a special interim Senator for the late Senator Edward Kennedy, the Gover-

nor, and the Democrats are getting just what they wanted, a person to fill the shoes of possi-
bly the biggest advocate for Health Care re-
form for the last fifty years. Whoever gets ap-
pointed for this position will not be ex-
pected to push for the Health Care reform with the same fervor as Senator Kennedy would have had his health not been an issue – realistically that is not even possible. More im-
portantly, hopefully no one expects such ac-
tion from that individual. It is understandable to assume that this person essentially is being placed with a single job on his plate of respon-
sibilities – DON’T SCREW THIS UP! And I am sure that his fellow party members in the Sen-
ate, along with Governor Patrick, will make it clear that while this individual is assuming the responsibilities of a Senator for what amounts to an interim job on the Senate floor not to be whether some sort of progressive Health Care reform passes. With the special note that the interim appointee not even begin to think that they will have something to do with it passes.

From a political standpoint it appears this individual will not be a spokesman for Health Care, or in any sense try and get heavily in-
volved in actually formulating a plan that is re-
spectable. What is being promoted by this is that the best action in this scenario is no ac-
tion. Sadly, the point of this effort to pass the bill that will allow Governor Patrick to actu-
ally appoint this individual is based solely on the fact that the Democrats are in a position of once again fulfilling their filibuster proof majority in the Senate. So, this Senator is simply a vote for a single policy issue, however, this person is also a vote for the Democrats in passing substan-
tial Health Care reform. That conflation of power and lack of substance does not usually blend, but this is a special case.

There is bound to be much discussion over who the interim Senator will be. The question in regards to the various speculations that will – and already have been – driven, is does it even matter who the interim will be? Of course it would be nice to have a vote and assist in the Democrats in passing substan-
tial Health Care reform. That conflation of power and lack of substance does not usually blend, but this is a special case.

But these bravals are what keep viewers returning to the series because major conflicts never seem to be resolved in the same season they occur. No, we must wait until the next season to watch the housewives apologize to one another while sitting in a trendy restaurant, drama, greedy chil-
dren, drama, stunning abodes, and did I mention drama? I must admit my fascination with The Real Housewives goes beyond the pre-
mise that I have either seen them or know about them. The housewives bask in their upper class glory, the words that come out of their mouths are ox-
gidzzeen comical. It’s the combination of the “if it doesn’t make me money, I don’t do it” attitude and the constant gossip and bickering taking place between the million wildly dressed friends that draws me to the show and often leads to dramatic con-

flicts.

Yet, while the fashion statements are al-
ways fun to watch I cannot help but roll my eyes and laugh at the lavish lifestyles these women live and the horrendous attitudes they often display. It’s the combination of the “if it doesn’t make me money, I don’t do it” attitude and the constant gossip and bickering taking place between the million wildly dressed friends that draws me to the show and often leads to dramatic con-

flicts.

The fights between the women on The Real Housewives, whether physical or verbal, have a theatrical aspect to them. Eyebrows raise, lips are pursed, nails form claws, and hair flies – all as the most bizarre events unfold. It’s hard not to

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.
Fountain of Youth?
Maybe it is from being off this campus for almost four months, but the fountain in the pond seems to be shooting a little higher this year.

Holey C-LoT Batman!
Has everyone else with a car on campus been appreciating how open C-LoT seems to be this year?

I Cannot See My Door Through the Ads
My door is a door. It is not a place for people to hang all of their advertisements, no matter how appealing the variety of products and deals they have.

Weekly Goose Report
The geese have been primarily congregating outside the library this past week. If you tend to walk along the Alumni Walkway or by the side of the library you should keep your heads down and watch where you are walking. There are still several weeks before they leave, so walk cautiously!

A SASSy Start to the Year
SASp pulled off a great first event of the year. We have been hearing a lot of positive feedback and can’t wait for Judy Shepard on October 6th.

Blatant Recycling Fail
We witnessed a facilities employee dump the recycling into the trash and the trash into more trash. We thought Bryant was going green.

Send Observations to agree@bryant.edu.

Bryant Said What!?
“So I had a dream, I was pregnant and you were the dad.”

“Is it bad that I have Senioritis three weeks in? Well you had Sophomoritis, so maybe it is not that bad.”

“I’m not wearing a bra, so I am going to go back home now.”

“Guy 1: Wow, we are awesome. Guy 2: Well, we still aren’t as bad as Michael Vick.”

“I love that guy. The guy on the end. He’s fundamentally crunchy.”

“We only send the best looking students out into the community.”

E-mail funny quotes to agree@bryant.edu.

Opinion

By Anthony Thomas
Staff Writer
The Ant Thomas Corner: Think before you speak
Kanye West, Taylor Swift, VMA’s. Simply put: ridiculous. I almost cried laughing at it on YouTube. Once again, Mr. West has proven that he cannot hold his childish tantrums. Do I feel sorry for the girl? Not at all, she won a MTV Music Video Award and no one gave a damn how many people were killed in the process. Millions of people who had no clue she existed, including myself, now know who she is and she will benefit from the new publicity. Although I applaud her bravery (who would have thought about the situation), it is the reaction from people that really bother me, specifically those on the internet. Due to technological advances, people are now given the opportunity to “comment” on articles, photos, and video clips. In the “comments” box people use every opportunity to exercise their “freedom of speech,” speaking out as many times as they desire because no face or repercussion is behind what they are saying.

Just to have an objective view on the subject matter, I searched all types of video sites, news and information sites, and I visited various blogs. Fortunately, I found that there was a tremendous intelligence gap in favor of news and information sites opposed to bloggers. The common theme from the variety of sites I looked up is that the vast majority of commenters are extremely negative. The brash comments make me wonder, is life really bad for these people? Have we become so stupid that a computer, and/or a computer bug is not cool. These people need serious help and the scary thing is that we never know if we cross paths with them in our everyday life. Someone is probably reading this article right now wishing they had a comment box to tear me to shreds.

If you are that person, GROW UP! Arguing with someone who may be in a completely different time zone that you are not cool and arguing with someone that will never have to reveal their face is not cool. When leaving a comment, do not go so upset that you just toss thoughtless lackluster insults that do not do anything but discredit your objections.

By David Nelligan
Staff Writer
This week I would like to talk about a subject very near and dear to my heart: Alcohol. I am sure there are many of you out there that share my feelings for this amazing beverage that brings such joy and fun to our lives here at Bryant, just as long as that beverage is not a 12-pack of beer, and more than likely a mix of wine, or a pint of Distilled spirits as defined by our Bryant handbooks. This is when I start to have a problem, as I believe most of the students here do as well.

So as a concerned citizen I went searching for something I spoke with the Dean of Student Affairs, Thomas Eakin, to find the reason behind the drinking policies. The main message I found was the school feels the consumption of alcohol will keep down the violence, vandalism, and hospitalization due to the consumption of alcohol.

I personally believe the majority of people on campus are able to control themselves while the few who do cause problems will cause problems no matter what the drinking law. As long as the people use the drink responsibly, I feel that is something that is able to work itself out on its own. We need not feel any type of alcohol that we can’t even stand being in the same room as because of one night back in freshman year that taught us a very valuable lesson about drinking.

This is the issue I faced was the banning of kegs on campus many years back. Again the same defense was presented about the over consumption of alcohol and partying on campus. However, the use of kegs would cut down on the littering of cans and bottles all over campus, saving the Bryant staff from many hours of cleaning each week, and would actually help the environment (as we have learned from previous investigations that Bryant is not exactly up to par on recycling).

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By Anthony Thomas
Staff Writer
Weekly Goose Report

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Celebrity Round-Up: Gossip from the summer

Aside from the usual summer blockbusters that started coming out in May, the celebrity world seemed pretty quiet until reports surrounding reality parents Jon and Kate Gosselin from the show "Jon and Kate Plus 8" surfaced on magazine covers across the country claiming that Jon was seeing other guys—especially when that world is overrun by monstrous and deadly machines bent on destroying the 9 and preventing any of them from finding some sort of hope for a somber and desolate world. Based on Shane Acker's short film of the same name, 9, regrettably, a disappointing film. Originally starting as a story with so much potential, 9 quickly becomes squandered by bad— and mostly non-existent—writing and way too many edits. At a scant 79-minute running time (and that's including the ending credits), this film barely even makes an effort to get off the ground with an engaging story. While the animation looks beautiful, watching 9 makes one realize that visuals alone do not make a movie good. Because of this, we're left with a film stuck somewhere in the middle. It's a real let-down to report that this, we're promised can actually come to pass. The animation is stunning, yet it's hard to tell who this movie is meant for. Writer and first-time director Acker has taken what was an intriguing short film and stretched it way too thinly. Character development is thrown out the window, as is context of any kind. And it's a shame. Where the audience could have been engaged by a real story, the movie instead feels like a "sneak-peak" we get of all that could have been. Indeed, it's as though we've walked into a movie theatre 20 minutes through a 2-hour movie—then left 20 minutes into it. The film feels half complete. All this isn't to say that 9 is completely devoid of any good moments. It has some moments of humor, as well as 2 or 3 memorable— but still under-developed— characters, although the pros don't quite outweigh the cons. Hauntingly beautiful depictions of a world charred and destroyed really work to establish a vast, enveloping tone to the film. Although we don't know what's going on, we know how we are supposed to feel. The tension is built up effectively, as the animation is really the only "context" we get in the film. Additionally, the detail to every shot is notable in that not one little thing is over-looked. The visual department has done an outstanding job, as the animation alone nearly balances our excitement out the negative aspects of this film.

Overall, 9 is a paradox. Glimpses shine through every now and then of the great film that could have been, but sadly the credits roll before that great film we promised can actually come to pass. The animation is stunning, yet it's hard to tell who this movie is meant for. This PC-based film has no substance for adults to gain much enjoyment, yet it is also way too dark and ominous for children to enjoy. Because of this, we're left with a film stuck somewhere in the middle. It's a real let-down to report that this film—full of so much potential and an intriguing concept—is all but wasted. Here's hoping that Burton's upcoming twisted version of Alice in Wonderland won't disappoint as much as 9 does.

I give 9 2.5 out of 5 Bulldogs.

By Carlos Ramos

Staff Writer

At Providence Performing Arts Center
Show at 7:30pm, Buses leave campus at 6:30pm
Tickets – Available October 7 for students
Available October 16 for faculty, staff, and guests
$10 refundable deposit for students
$10 non-refundable deposit for faculty & staff
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Wednesday, October 21st

Bulldog Flicks: 9

By Coolumn Childs

Staff Writer

In the last days of civilization, a genius inventor/scientist gives his creations— 9 bizarre-looking little ragdolls—the gift of life, right before breathing his last and leaving the 9 to fend for themselves. But living in this post-apocalyptic world proves to be much harder than it looks for these little guys—especially when that world is overrun by monstrous and deadly machines bent on destroying the 9 and preventing any of them from finding some sort of hope for a somber and desolate world.

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The pancakes are huge
A review of Pleasant View Diner

By Michael Adams
Assistant Editor-in-Chief

Being my senior year and all, I have this mission to start exploring more of Rhode Island—the sights and scenes, the live performances, and most importantly, the food. Being off the meal plan and not wanting to make myself something to eat 21 times a week, I am starting to venture off campus to locations within a short drive to grab a quick bite to eat. The latest stop: Pleasant View Diner in Smithfield with my family in tow. I have driven by this place hundreds of times, always wondering what it was like—I’m a big fan of food, from the modern to the hole in the wall—so I figured I would give it a try for breakfast, my favorite meal of the day.

Upon arrival, the parking lot was filled with motorcycles, Lincoln Towncars, old station wagons, and us, in, probably, the newest car in the lot. But, from what I have learned on my eating adventures, you can’t judge a book by its cover. We walked past the “regulars” sign not really located near the tables. It was just a hop, skip, and a jump past the “regulars” sign—so I figured I would give it a try for breakfast, my favorite meal of the day.

Anyway, on to the food! I could have eaten an entire animal, so I ordered the Hungry Man Special, two eggs, two slices of toast, two sausages, two strips of bacon, hash browns, and two pancakes to top it all off. My mom got the veggie omelet; my brother got an unappetizing golden appetizer (the love for good hash runs in the family). It took all of ten minutes for the food to come out and I was ready to chow down. The reaction out of everyone’s mouth was “Wow, that’s a lot of food!” We had more than enough food to feed the十二 teams. My Hungry Man Special came on two plates—one just for the pancakes. You could have played Frisbee with those pancakes they were so big. They must have easily been eight inches wide, covered in just-melted butter. The sausage had a nice griddle taste, the eggs cooked light and fluffy to perfection, the bacon good and crispy. Of course, as any meal in my family goes, the plates got passed around. The man smoking outside (thank you) and the sign “Meat is low but carbonation has a fitful character” have at least one more. Overall we would easily brand this brew as a Pale Ale.

With the head now fading, we are ready for this beer’s final taste of the Ireland Parish, the strength of the flavors is a bit surprising, but our initial impression is that of delight in the level of hops. Drinking on, we note the subtle tastes of citrus typical of most Golden Ales, and even notice a bit of a hoppy palate. We feel as though this brew is fairly balanced and hearty at that. As far as fitting the style, we think that Paper City could have as easily branded this brew as a Pale Ale due to its bitter character. Mouthfeel and drinkability are what you would expect from micro brewed ale in that it is certainly not something you want back in large numbers. That being said, however, it is no friend to overindulgence. Of course we have at least one more. Overall we would say that its appropriate level of carbonation, character, and lack of a strong aftertaste position this beer as something desirable. Essentially we’d compare this to a more drinkable and toned down Harpoon India Pale Ale.

The Ireland Parish Brand Golden Ale is a solid offering from Paper City. That being said, we would definitely recommend giving it a try and look forward to sampling some of their other beers. But there simply is nothing extraordinary. The 6-pack left us with six caps to give, so we decided to save four of them to recon- ize Paper City for making a strong pesticide-free offering in our local area. Hopefully this will lead us to fewer wars and more real prize winners come Tuesday.

Two buds and a microbrew:
Ireland Parish Brand Golden Ale

By Bryan Regelle and Justin Andrews
Staff Writers

Good beer is something that should not be ig- nored. That being said, we decided to revive Ryan and Joe’s old column on specialty beers from a few years back. Though like them we sometimes find ourselves dreaming of the Gannett with our fellow seniors, we really enjoy beers that have a stronger taste than what comes from your faucet. For those of you who share our passion of a craft brew, we rate our picks on five criteria—appearance, aroma, taste, body, and drinkability. For the rest of you who simply go for the cheap brews, we hope that we can encour- age you to branch out and enjoy what the real brew masters are creating right here in New England. Everyone noticed an appetizing golden appetizer, but we 21 or older, and please do responsibly.

Ireland Parish Brand Golden Ale (ABV: N/A, 6pk: $7.99)

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By Bright Clancy
Variety Editor

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By Roger Moore
MCT Campus

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By Maxine D'Arms
Staff Reporter

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