Judy Shepard speaks out

By Jenna Morris
Campus News Editor

Judy Shepard, the mother of Matthew Shepard, has a disturbing and tragic story to tell. Matthew Shepard was a young man who was murdered in 1998 as the result of a hate crime at the mere age of 21. Matthew was targeted because he was gay.

Like many his age, Matthew Shepard was a college student. He was a political science major at the University of Wyoming and was a resident student leader on campus. Due to his murder, he had experienced the consequences of hate crimes because of his sexual identity. On one of his high school field trips he was beaten and raped which resulted in depression and post-traumatic stress, and later excessive drug use, which he spoke about with his friends.

On the night of Matthew’s murder, he was at a bar spending time with many of the other college students he met. Two men, Aaron McKinney and Russell Henderson, who posed as gay men in order to trick him into leaving the bar with them. Matthew was robbed, pistol whipped, tortured, and tied to a fence and left to die. The two men who murdered Matthew left the scene with his sneakers and 20 dollars from his wallet.

On a college campus that experienced a homophobic hate crime less than a year ago, we all as a community no matter what our beliefs are, can learn so much from Judy Shepard’s story. Although the hate crime at Bryant was not a random act of violence, Judy believed that she has learned a lot and has been a student leader on campus.

She has said, “I hope the community learns many things; that a single action can impact not only the people directly involved, but it can impact the entire world for years to come. I also hope it creates awareness for the GLBTQ community and the issues they face every day.”

Judy Shepard has a profound community on campus need to be addressed. “The community learns many things; that a single action can impact not only the people directly involved, but it can impact the entire world for years to come.” She recently wrote The Meaning of Matthew’s Son’s Murder in Laramie, and a World Transformed. In her new book, she describes the days following her son’s murder and the response from the community around the world, who honored candle light vigils and rallies. She talks about the stories of hate speech and violence and the importance of understanding diversity in many forms.

Judy Shepard has been an active community leader since he was a young man. The Matthew Shepard Act aims to cover crimes also motivated by actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or disability. Judy Shepard, along with her husband Dennis, started the Matthew Shepard Foundation, which raises awareness and educates about diversity, social justice, and equality for people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender. Judy has spoken to audiences all over the country about the impact of hate speech and violence, and the importance of understanding diversity in many forms.

Judy Shepard was speaking in Janikies Auditorium on Tuesday, October 6 at 7pm. (6ET CAM)

Public option has pre-existing condition

By Drew Green
Opinion Editor

With the Senate Finance Committee rejecting two proposals for a public option in their health care bill it seems likely the public option needs to be put on life support. The only problem, the public option has a pre-existing condition so no one will cover it. The cause, you ask? It appears that the pre-existing condition is an abject disapproval of the public option by the Republican Party. This is nothing new, but I do not think that our Congress should play health insurance agent and disqualify options without fully understanding their implications. It is no surprise that everyone always says the public option has a pre-existing condition, but I do not think that it is fair to dismiss it because of that. Judy Shepard’s story illustrates this.

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Hillel celebrates Sukkot with food, friends, and fun

Brigit Clancy
Variety Editor

Hillel will celebrate Sukkot on Saturday, October 3rd. The organization will build a Sukkah on campus to bring together the community to commemorate one of the most important holidays of the Jewish religion.

A Sukkah is a temporary hut that is made with materials that are easy to set up and take down. Jared Koreff, the President of Hillel, said that some people in the Jewish community “will live in the Sukkah for seven days and seven nights, and will essentially become their house for that time.”

Sukkot is a holiday that commemorates the forty years that the Jewish people spent wandering in the desert after the exodus from slavery in Egypt. Traditions of this holiday include shaking a lulav, a bouquet like combination of a palm branch, three willow branches, two myrtle branches, and an etrog, a sweet-smelling citrus fruit; as well as building a Sukkah to sleep in.

Hillel started construction on the Sukkah earlier this week for the entire Bryant community to see. According to Koreff, this is their second year building a Sukkah. The organization will be holding two events, starting with the Sukkah on October 2nd and one on Monday, October 5th.

“This Friday we will be having a Shabbat dinner in the Sukkah and on Monday we will have a snack and learn about the Sukkah,” said Koreff.

Koreff credits Sam Davidowitz and Andrew Youman, members of Hillel, as the “driving forces” behind this event. “Although I am the President of Hillel, I was not the driving force to making this happen. Sam Davidowitz and Andrew Youman have been the two individuals doing most of the work for this. They have spoken with the powers that be to get permission to set up the Sukkah, in addition to deciding where on campus to set it up,” Koreff said.

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WARNING

Stress from exams, trouble in relationships and problems at home can interfere with your general happiness and success in school. Students with personal issues that weigh on their mind would do well if they call Bryant’s Counseling Service at 232-6045 and make an appointment.

Study Abroad Spotlight: Stasia McKinley

Name: Stasia McKinley
Class of: 2010
University: National University of Ireland, Galway (NUIG)
Location: Galway, Ireland
Semester: Spring 2009
Partner: Arcadia

Reason for going:

I was fortunate to be a part of the Galway Volvo Ocean Race 2009. This was the first time the Volvo Ocean Race choose Galway as a port instead of England. It was definitely as beautiful, if not more, than the pictures you can find on google.

Best experience/memory:

I was fortunate to be a part of the Galway Volvo Ocean Race 2009. This was the first time the Volvo Ocean Race choose Galway as a port instead of England. (the Irish were thrilled over this). I volunteered with other Irish locals getting the Galway port ready for the arrival of the boats, which arrived May 23, 2009. It was great to see the transformation of the docks and to know that I had been a part of it. I also met many other volunteers after literally hanging out all day and then going to the pubs at night with them.

Funny cultural experience:

During our first week in Dublin, Ireland we had an orientation session where the Garda (police) came in and talked about safety issues and how to keep your belongings safe. About halfway through the presentation, one Garda officer is talking about how you should not go anywhere alone at night. The other officer interrupts saying, “So when you and your friends are out looking for some crack...” EVERYONE sitting down started to look at each other, not believing that this officer was talking about going out to find some “crack.” That was when the coordinator explained that “crack” in Ireland means fun. And it was difficult at first not to laugh when your Irish friends would greet you saying, “how’s the crack.”

How was the school different from Bryant University:

Registration for classes was very different. For registration, I sat in classes for about 2 weeks before I actually signed up for the class. I had thought we would have gotten our schedules the day of orientation, so this was a shock. Signing up for semesters was also different. My friends and I waited outside of the Quad (one of the buildings on campus) from 4 to 9 in the morning, in the cold and rain, to get in line for the visiting students registration for semesters. As we stood in line we were already numbered 35 in line. There are only 3 seats reserved for visiting students in each seminar, and I ended up getting my 4th seminar choice. The lectures (not the seminars) held about 200 or more students. Being in a huge room with about 300 other students was a different atmosphere than the one at Bryant. There was no class participation. You were just supposed to show up, take the notes, then leave. If you had questions, you had to see the professor on your own time. And the professors were never in their offices when they were supposed to be.

How did this experience change you?

I thought of myself as being an open minded and independent person before going abroad. I now can truly say I am independent and open minded. From a train breaking down in Holland with all the information about the next train being in Dutch and trying to understand what’s going on to traveling to Milatia (via Rynair unfortunately) by myself to meet up with family and coworkers for Fashion Week 2009, I learned to count on myself and trust my instincts. Throughout my travels I learned to try the lifestyles of many different cultures, from farmers in Poland to the trendy Italians. You learn not to judge others quickly and people are not always who you expect them to be.

Would you study abroad again given the opportunity?

I would definitely study abroad again. It was an amazing experience that will probably only happen once in my lifetime. Meeting different people, trying real Italian food, drinking a real pint of Guinness, and having the best hirenmt in France along with all the memories of the people I shared these experiences with made those 5 months fly by. It was one of the best times of my life that I wish other students could experience as well.

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Oompa Loompas at Bryant

Fira Zainal
Staff Writer

Oompa Loompas - they’re cute, they’re cuddly and can’t stand the cold. So why are they at Bryant you ask?

At the first confirmation that the Bryant Players were staging Charlie and The Chocolate Factory for the Fall 2009 semester, I was intrigued. Their amazing production of Grease in spring 2009 very much captured the attention of many students, parents and faculty on the Bryant campus.

When asked on how they came to pick Charlie and The Chocolate Factory, first time Director Tara Calnan says with a bright smile, “We always try to come up with something exciting to stage at Bryant. After last year’s production of Grease especially, we wanted to challenge ourselves both in terms of acting and set design. Here at Bryant Players, we hold open auditions to pick the best play that the whole cast and crew agree on and kept in mind our goal to attract more people. We do not want to have high hopes for Charlie and The Chocolate Factory this semester”

Assistant Director Albert Hernandez adds, “Over the past few years, we’ve also been excited to see record attendance to the shows we stage. With our choice in staging Charlie and The Chocolate Factory, we really hope to pull even more interest both towards the plays that we stage as well as new members to join Bryant Players.”

Charlie and The Chocolate Factory will be staged at Janikie on October 23rd to October 25th. Best wishes to the cast, Oompa Loompa’s included!

The Bryant Players is an open student organization that welcomes help in areas such as set building, costume design and is always on the lookout for stage crew members. If you’d like to contribute in any way or form, please contact bplayers@bryant.edu.
with the legal system. She reveals how she coped with such a tragedy, and why she became a gay rights activist.

As a whole our society is becoming more aware of the issue of homophobia and acceptance of the gay community.

Bryant Pride President Jonathan DeCosta said, “Hate crimes such as the Matthew Shepard case may falsely appear to mostly affect their victims and surrounding family members. As people we tend to approach things from a ‘not me’ approach. We think, ‘I’m not gay,’ this could never happen to me... We all know that mentality leads to destruction, fear-mongering, and ill-found hate. Even if we cannot understand the importance of differences, we owe it at least to ourselves to stand firm against hate crimes, against the ‘not me’ mentality.

Everyone is different and we can all learn an immense amount if we give each other the chance. Angela Marchio adds, "It’s not just about tolerance – it’s about acceptance, and this brings the opportunity for people to be better understood if not accepted within our community. It’s so important for people to feel safe and for people to be aware of what can happen when there is a lack of understanding.”

Judy Shepard is the epitome of inspiration. She took the awful event of her son’s murder and used it as an opportunity to make a difference, to inspire and educate others, and in turn change the world.

Judy Shepard will be speaking in Janikies on Tuesday, October 6th at 7:00 PM. Tickets are available for free in the Center for Student Involvement on the third floor of the Bryant Center. All members of the Bryant community are encouraged to attend.

Senators

come more unified and encouraged to have a proactive voice on campus.” Being on the Community Service Liaison, she plans to “collaborate with other major on-campus organizations with the common goal of producing campus wide community service projects that the Student Senate can take part in.”

Deseray Peterson — Deseray has been class secretary and spent three years as President of FBLA and head of the student government at her school. Her past involvement in student government has led her to be involved in the Student Senate once again because she likes “being able to contribute to making a difference in the decisions and outcomes that determine our class’s funds and different events and activities occurring throughout the year.” As a Senator, Deseray would like to help with the Class of 2013’s funds and the events and activities that will allow them to raise money for the ultimate goal of senior week. She feels the Student Senate is a great way for her to express her ideas and opinions to better help the class of 2013.

Paul Zapantis — Paul has been interested in Politics from a very young age since his father served two terms on their town’s Board of Selectmen and that’s what really sparked his interest. He believes that representation is one of the biggest problems with politicians nowadays because they tend to forget the people who elected them. Paul urges all students to approach him with any questions or concerns they may have. Serving as the Athletics and Traditions Representative, his goal is to essentially find a “Fight Song” for Bryant “that is as recognized as Notre Dames.” He has held a range of leadership position including Class Executive Board Member and President of Student Council and his senior class. Paul is also on the Ways and Means Committee and a member of the Accounting and Finance Associations. At some point in his life, Paul “would like to be involved in Local or State Politics and running for Student Senate at Bryant and learning the processes seemed like a logical step in reaching my goal.”

The other Senator of the Class of 2013 is Yohann Shroff. Also, Cristian Balestri is the newly elected senator for the Class of 2011.

Welcome the new student senators

(From left to right) Veronica Wohlschlaeger, Paul Zapantis, Deseray Peterson, Yohann Shroff, Alejandro Barbosar-Perez, and Jodi Ricci make up the new Bryant Senators from the class of 2013. (Courtesy of Farrell Murphy)
Relaxation 101 series

Between classes, work, sports, and everything else that consumes our time, college can be a very stressful place. To help students cope with this stress Bryant is introducing a new Relaxation Series featuring yogic stretching and meditation. Sponsored by the Office of Counseling Services and led by Noelle Harris, the series will offer techniques in stress management through floor postures and breathing exercises. Unlike traditional yoga exercises, this series will focus more on the meditation aspect, teaching people how to handle their emotions and focus their minds.

Even as young adults, stress should be taken as a serious issue. It has been linked to many health problems including high blood pressure, heart attacks and stroke, a weakened immune system, and can make a person more prone to anxiety and depression. By learning stress management methods early on many of these health risks can be reduced as you use these techniques throughout the rest of your life.

Noelle Harris has ten years experience with yoga and has focused on using yoga to help patients with anxiety for the past three. The series will be held in the Bryant Center, room 2C, September 29th, October 6th, 13th, and 20th from 3:30 to 4:30pm. Participants are encouraged to come to one, or all sessions offered, but should pre-register by e-mailing Noelle Harris at nharris@bryant.edu and are told to dress comfortably.

Ms. Harris is also currently working to coordinate a new experimental meditation program using the interfaith center. The new series would offer speakers from different areas of meditation, enlightening the Bryant community on new philosophical ways of life, while engaging the audience in the actual practices of these art forms.

David Nelligan
Staff Writer

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SEP 23 2009-Monday at 09:33
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A report of an assault on campus.

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SEP 23 2009-Monday at 09:32
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A fire alarm activation caused by cooking. Reset.

FIRE ALARM
SEP 23 2009-Monday at 09:32
Location: TOWNHOUSE
Summary: A fire alarm activation caused by steam. Reset.

LARCENY
SEP 24 2009-Thursday at 12:20
Location: UNISTRUCTURE
Summary: A student reported an iPod stolen from a book bag.

ASSAULT and/or BATTERY
SEP 25 2009-Friday at 01:35
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A student reported that a female student slapped him in the face.

EMT CALL
SEP 26 2009-Saturday at 03:00
Location: JACOB'S DRIVE
Summary: A report of a person with a cut on his right hand. EMS was activated.

LARCENY from Buildings
SEP 26 2009-Saturday at 16:39
Location: BRYANT CENTER
Summary: A report of a stolen backpack along with a Bryant issued laptop.

DISORDERLY Disturbance
SEP 26 2009-Saturday at 18:59
Location: UNISTRUCTURE
Summary: A report of a fight in the Salmonson Dining Hall.

FIRE ALARM
SEP 26 2009-Saturday at 22:16
Location: HALL 15 LOT
Summary: A report of drug activity in a wooded area of campus.

VANDALISM
SEP 27 2009-Sunday at 01:12
Location: TOWNHOUSE
Summary: A report of a broken window.

VANDALISM
SEP 27 2009-Sunday at 01:00
Location: TOWNHOUSE
Summary: A report of a broken window and door locks.

DRUG ACTIVITY
SEP 27 2009-Sunday at 04:35
Location: TOWNHOUSE
Summary: One student arrested for marijuana possession.

FIRE ALARM
SEP 27 2009-Sunday at 13:56
Location: TOWNHOUSE
Summary: A water leak from a toilet set off the smoke detector in a kitchen.

FIRE ALARM
SEP 27 2009-Sunday at 14:07
Location: TOWNHOUSE
Summary: Accidental activation, cooking on stove. SFD reset system.

FIRE ALARM
SEP 27 2009-Sunday at 13:55
Summary: Activated alarm in the Academic Hall, unknown cause. SFD reset.

EMT CALL
SEP 27 2009-Sunday at 13:55
Summary: Medical Services Rendered

ASSAULT and/or BATTERY
SEP 27 2009-Sunday at 13:56
Location: TOWNHOUSE
Summary: A student complaining of chest pain. EMS was activated.

BIAS INCIDENTS
None Reported

To report a bias incident or hate crime, go to www.bryant.edu/bias or call the Bias Incident Hotline at x6920 to report bias incidents; Parents and Family Weekend Co-Coordinator

Major: Marketing and Management

Hometown: St. Catherine, Jamaica

Other involvements: Resident Assistant, Member of ISO

Why I joined senate: I believe that Senate can make a significant difference in college life at Bryant. I see the Senate body as a changing force, a group of individuals who are driven to make a difference. I believe that many people have a negative point-of-view of Senate and I want to help change that stereotype. Senate is not all about budgets and constitutions, but so much more. There are so many things that are done behind the scenes that Senate doesn’t get credit for.

What I hope to accomplish this year: I hope to build a relationship with students so that they feel that Senators are approachable. I want students to be comfortable coming to us with their problems.

Favorite quote: “It may be dull and dreary outside but I am sunshine on the inside.” -- Deidre Fraser

Random fun fact: I’ve never met my eldest half brother. I’ve spoken to him on the phone before and I know he lives in NJ somewhere. However, I have met his mom and his daughter.

What is Senate Doing?

Recent changes brought to you by Senate include:

Feed the Trashcans not the Skunks: Campaign: Trashcans have now been added to the HJKLM circle of the townhouses to eliminate the skunk problem and keep our living areas clean!

RIPTA: You are now able to move about Rhode Island free of charge!

Want to see more change? The Senate always wants to hear your concerns, thoughts, and questions! Contact any Senator or stop by our meetings, Wednesday’s at 4pm in Papitto and make sure your voices are heard!

Greek Corner

Contributed by Andrew Pantuoso

As the school year has quickly gotten underway and philanthropic events have been the focus of many organizations, the Greeks once again started off the year with tie-dying events to raise money and create awareness for the St. Jude Children’s Hospital.

Greek Life and countless members of the Bryant community came out to support the cause while tie-dying everything from socks to bed sheets. As usual, WJMF was very generous to the Greeks, providing a DJ for the entirety of the event, while Sodexo provided food and drinks for those in attendance!

As expected, the event was very successful. Along with raising money for St. Jude’s and tie-dying shirts to be donated to various charities, the Greeks were once again able to show the rest of the campus their dedication to charitable work.

Be sure to keep a watch on the “Greek Corner” for details about Bryant’s newest and unique philanthropy, Cardboard City.

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Recession prompts a boom in new kind of philanthropy: cause marketing

By Debra Skodac
MCT Campus

For decades, but the recession for the two — unless it’s for a good cause. It’s for a good cause. It’s a way to connect any business to a charity in a special way. And that causes the consumer to feel good about giving. It’s a win-win situation for both parties.

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For the business:

* A feel-good, no-guilt way to spend money
* A chance to meet people with similar interests
* A fun reason to write a check

For the charity:

* A nice-guy image
* A moral boost for employees who want to support a cause
* A creative reminder of the cause
* A feel-good, no-guilt way to spend money
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Habitat for Humanity in Kansas City has scheduled several cause marketing events.

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Ronda and Scott Gentry never thought about buying a slice of Spin pizza. That is, until it did some good. The Blue Springs, Mo., couple’s special pizza for their dog Bulova.

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Senate climate change bill to be unveiled this week

By Robert Schroeder
MCT Campus

Two top Senate Democrats are set to introduce a climate-change bill this week that would put new limits on carbon emissions, as world leaders prepare for a climate summit in Denmark after agreement last week by the G20 nations on phasing out subsidies for fossil fuels.

Senators Barbara Boxer, the California Democrat who chairs the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, and John Kerry, D-Mass., will reportedly unveil their bill on Wednesday after months of closed-door meetings. The bill will be modeled largely on legislation passed by the House of Representatives in June that aims to cut carbon emissions by 17 percent by 2020 and more than 80 percent by 2050 compared to 2005 levels, reported ClimateWire and other publications.

But it’s unclear how far the bill will get this year, or how fast. The bill from Kerry and Boxer would come as senators are intensely busy with health-care legislation. President Barack Obama’s top domestic priority. Obama is aiming to sign a health-care overhaul this year that would cut costs and cover the uninsured.

At the same time, the Boxer-Kerry bill also comes just over two months before a Dec. 7 meeting in Copenhagen, where world leaders are hoping to finalize a new agreement to reduce greenhouse gases. At last week’s G20 meeting in Pittsburgh, leaders pledged to “intensify (their) efforts, in cooperation with other parties, to reach agreement in Copenhagen.” They also agreed to slash subsidies in the “medium” term for oil and other fossil fuels as part of their fight against global warming.

But observers say there is little time for Congress to finish a bill before the Copenhagen conference.

“I don’t think expectations are that a bill will be signed, sealed and delivered by that point,” says Environmental Defense Fund spokesman Tony Kemind. “There’s not a lot of legislating room between now and December.”

Indeed, a climate-change bill faces a steep uphill climb in the Senate after passing the House on a narrow 219 to 212 vote in June. Republicans have consistently portrayed Democrats’ efforts to reduce global warming as a tax on families and businesses, a cost of lost jobs and U.S. competitiveness. Moreover, Democrats from industry-heavy states like Michigan and Ohio want breaks for manufacturing industries that would be affected by the legislation’s caps on emissions.

Obama argues that the House bill will create jobs through new energy investments, but critics say the “cap and trade” system at the heart of the bill amounts to a tax. Under the “cap and trade” system, companies would buy and sell permits to meet emissions limits.

Kerry, who chairs the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said last week that the bill would be a “starting point” to win over moderate and conservative Democrats as well as Republicans, reported ClimateWire.

“I have no pretensions, and neither does Barbara, that this will be the final product. It is a starting point, a commitment, full-fledged, across party lines to do what we need to do to protect the planet for the next century,” Kerry said last week. Hearings on the bill are expected early next month.

Meanwhile, senators focusing on health-care legislation has delayed two energy-related congressional hearings originally scheduled for this week. Hearings in the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee about the economic effects of climate change legislation and managing federal forests in response to climate change “will be rescheduled as soon as possible,” according to a committee statement on Monday.

The committee’s chairman, Sen. Jeff Bingaman of New Mexico, will be involved in the Senate Finance Committee’s work session on the health-care bill. The finance panel is set to resume its consideration of the bill on Tuesday morning.

A summary of the House bill is available at: http://energy-commerce.house.gov/Press

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Bulldog football moves to 2-1 on season

Courtesy of Bryant Athletics

Trailing 10-0 after one quarter, the Bryant University football team scored 20 unanswered points to regain the lead and would hold on for a 28-13 win over Robert Morris Saturday afternoon at Joe Walton Stadium. The win, Bryant’s first in Northeast Conference play, improves the Bulldogs to 2-1 overall on the season heading into next Saturday’s homecoming game against Wagner College at Bulldog Stadium (1 pm).

Senior running back Jerrell Smith had a huge day for the Bulldogs, rushing for 111 yards on 24 carries. It was the eighth time in Smith’s career the Brooklyn, NY native has gone over 100 yards rushing in the game.

Quarterback Mike Croce of Waterbury, CT was equally impressive in just his third start. The sophomore completed 14 of 25 passes for 182 yards and a pair of touchdown passes of 9 and 11 yards with nine passes and 9 of 11 yards to pace the Bryant offense.

Croce hooked up with senior wide receiver Khali Pritchard with a nine-yard touchdown strike midway through the second quarter to pull the Bulldogs within 17-10. A 21-yard pass by Chris Bird early in the third tied the game at 10-10 but a 21-yard field goal by Bird at the start of the fourth finally put the visitors up 13-10. The Colonials’ ensuing drive was brief as Bryant defensive back Anthony Castelli (Cranston, RI) intercepted a Camden Crouse pass at the Colonials’ 34 yard line and returned it down to the 16 yard line. Two plays later, the Bulldogs turned the mistake into points as Croce hit Mike Canfora with an 11-yard touchdown pass to make it 20-10.

Robert Morris (0-4, 0-1) would add a late field goal to round out the scoring as the Bulldogs improve to 2-1 on the season and 1-0 in league play.

Croce, a junior running back out of Verona, NJ, caught a career-high six passes for 75 yards while tight end Matt Tracey had three catches for 67 yards. Bryant finished the day with 343 yards of total offense while the defense held RMU to just 167 yards of offense, holding the Colonials tentative tailback Myles Russ to just 80 yards on 20 carries. Crouse completed just 5 of 16 passes and was intercepted twice and sacked three times.

Jason Riffe led the defensive effort for Bryant, finishing with nine tackles including five for a loss and one sack. Andre Whyte had six tackles while Frank Tebou (5 tackles) and Don Smith (4 tackles) each had a sack in the game while teammates Aaron Landi and Pat Gauthier combined on sack as well.

The Bulldogs return home to hosting Wagner College in a Northeast Conference game. The Bulldogs look to move to 2-0 in league play after opening with an impressive 20-13 win on the road at Robert Morris last Saturday. Bryant is currently 1-1 at home this season and 20-7 at home during the past five years.

In addition, the Bulldogs boast a perfect 5-0 record on Homecoming & Reunion Weekend under coach Marty Fine. Last year, Bryant defeated Merrimack 20-7 at Homecoming before 5,530 fans. Wagner (2-2, 1-0 NEC) makes its first-ever visit to Smithfield, RI this afternoon as the Seahawks take a 2-2 record into today’s game with Bryant. Last week, Wagner downed Saint Francis (PA), 56-48 in three overtimes on Staten Island, NY.

Field Hockey continues perfect home record

By Jackie Ammirato Assistant Sports Editor

“This is my dream job, and I’ve always wanted it.” These are the words of Field Hockey head coach Deirdre Doyle. Last weekend the team recorded its second win in three overtimes on Staten Island, NY.

The Bulldog field hockey team, led by senior co-captain Kundayi Mawema had two saves in the game bringing her season total to 63. Saucier identifies Mawema as the standout on the team who plays a major part in the team’s success. “She continues to make big saves and keeps us in games. She gets a lot of respect from other teams and coaches that we play against.”

Saucier recognizes that one of the team’s major problems is not being able to hold onto a lead. The team has held the lead in five of its eight games but has only gone on to win two of those games. Saucier says, “We now know that we can compete with the teams we are playing, and our goal is to play 70 minutes sticking to the game plan and not allowing those (offensive and defensive) breakdowns.”

Unfortunately the team had a big lead squandered again last Sunday at Dartmouth. Goals from senior Tia Pidykowsky and sophomore Courtney Landi gave the Bulldogs a 2-1 lead early in the second half. But, Dartmouth refused to go down without a fight, and scored three unanswered goals to go on to win 4-2.

Boiseneau and Landi pace the team offensively holding the top two spots in shots, shots on goals, points, and goals. Statistics aside, Saucier says each member of the team has been a surprise contributor. “The whole team has been so receptive to our new style and so coachable. We have come a long way since preseason, each player is on board, and these girls are ready to win.”

The team looks to defend its perfect home record on Sunday, October 11th when it takes on Lock Haven at 1:00 pm.

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Upcoming Game: HOME vs. Lock Haven, October 11th at 1:00 pm.

Deirdre Doyle
Year: Freshman
Sport: Cross Country

doyle finished in first place overall at the Ted Owen Invitational last week. Doyle earned Bryant’s first NEC cross country award when she was named women’s cross country rookie of the week.

Mike Croce
Year: Senior
Sport: Football

Croce completed 14 of 25 passes for 182 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Bulldogs over Robert Morris. Croce is 4-3 for 456 yards with six touchdowns and only one interception on the season.
Predictions sure to go wrong

David Niles  
Staff Writer

Every year experts and analysts from across the country make bold statements, only to see their predictions torn to shreds a few weeks into the season. Here are ten widespread assumptions heading into this NFL season and how they have already been changed after week 3.

1. Then: The Jets would have some of the best pre- and postgame spreads with new coach Rex Ryan. Now: The Jets actually have had one of the best defenses under their boisterous head coach.

2. Then: Tom Brady would pick up where he left off in the 2007 season after returning from knee surgery. Now: Brady and the Patriots would be on top of the league again.

3. Then: The Jaguars are now the big team in the AFC South. Now: The Titans and Steelers were favorites to win their divisions and were among the favorites to represent the AFC in the Super Bowl. Now: The Titans are off to an 0-3 start and their defense just isn’t the same without DT Albert Haynesworth. The Steelers are now looking to drop a game to the division rival Bengals. The Bengals are a miracle Brandon Stokley tipped reception away from being undefeated.

4. Then: Michael Vick was the biggest story in the NFL despite the fact he couldn’t play in games yet. How would he be used in the Wildcat? Would Eagles fans start chanting for him at the first signs of McNabb struggling? Would the two be able to coexist? Now: McNabb isn’t playing, Vick is and it is essentially a non-story. With McNabb still sidelined with a rib injury, Kevin Kolb has filled in and Vick was used sparingly in Week 3 and rendered ineffective in only six plays. No one appears to care either.

5. Then: Five quarterbacks will lose their starting job. Now: McNabb isn’t playing, Vick is and it is essentially a non-story. With McNabb still sidelined with a rib injury, Kevin Kolb has filled in and Vick was used sparingly in Week 3 and rendered ineffective in only six plays. No one appears to care either.

6. Then: Mark Sanchez was being questioned by his own college coach for leaving school early and pursuing the pros. The Jets had few offensive weapons for him to use as a crutch and there were questions about how a rookie would handle the New York spotlight. Now: Sanchez has the offense rolling (as much as the Jets need given their defense), appears to be a true leader, has handled the media and attention admirably, and has Jet fans calling him the next Broadway Joe. USC, meanwhile, was upset by a much less-talented Washington squad (maybe that was why Pete didn’t want Mark to leave?).

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8. Then: Adrian Peterson had established himself as the premier back in the NFL. Now: Well, I guess he’s still pretty good.

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Sophomore Juan Paredes captured the singles tournament title in Flight A at the UConn Invitational last weekend. (Courtesy of Bryant Athletics)
And they’re off!

Sara Larrabee
Staff Writer

It’s that time of year again! The Intramural Sports Department kicked off their first week of games with flag football and co-ed indoor soccer. This week is the ever popular and very participation-heavy volleyball. Comprising of teams of all ages and classes, intramural sports give students the opportunity to play competitively with each other, but in a friendly and entertaining setting without the commitment of a Division I of club sport. Instead of running on the treadmill for an hour straight or lifting weights until your arms fall off, you can go run, around, and have a blast with all of your friends and go for the gold.

When asked about the recent success of the program, the Student Director of Intramurals, AJ Papa, said “we’re hard working, staff of student leaders and officials, and all of the intramural sports’ participants. “They make my job 10 times easier.” Surrounding yourself with goal-oriented and driven individuals is just one of the steps in having a successful program. The program the last few years has had participation really increase; for example basketball over the last three years has grown by leaps and bounds; in 2007 there were a total of 52 teams, 2008 had 65, and last year we had 72 teams combined for all three leagues. Intramurals cannot run without student participation, so we would like to thank you for making our job easier.”

And they’re off!

Bryant claims crown at home-Geonnotti named Invitational MVP

Eva Mahan
Staff Writer

After a loss to Howard and a hard fought win over Brown on Saturday, the women’s volleyball team pushed into their final game of the Bryant Invitational tournament with a 1-1 record, needing one more win to secure the victory.

The Bulldogs pre- vailed over the Cop- pin State Eagles with an impressive osten- tation of defense and transition, recording 10 points against 6. senior Jacob Storer (Durango, Colo.) and a strong defensive showing from junior Robyn Gardner (Longwood, Fla.). “I thought we played really well today,” said Head Coach Theresa Garlacy. “They were one of the weakest teams we’ve played so we were able to relax a little and just play our game.”

Prior to Saturday’s game against Brown, freshman Macy Mitravich suffered an injury that prevented her from playing in the final two games of the tournament and forced the Bulldogs to do some shuffling of positions. “We knew we had to shift Emily to the right and Adrienne to the left, but it was tough,” said Garlacy. “We just did our best. After an Eagle’s timeout, a block from Geonnotti finished off the game.”

Senior captain Julie Geonnotti gathered eight kills, nine digs and a block in Bryant’s final match to earn the Bryant Invitational MVP award, (Bryantinvitational.com).

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Bryant On Tap

Friday, October 2nd:
Women’s Soccer, HOME vs. Central Connecticut, 7:00 pm
Volleyball, at Holy Cross, 7:00 pm

Saturday, October 3rd:
Football, HOME vs. Wagner, 1:00 pm

Sunday, October 4th:
Field Hockey, at St. Francis (PA.), 12:00 pm
Men’s Soccer, HOME vs. St. Francis (NY) 1:00 pm
Women’s Soccer, at Quinnipiac, 3:00 pm

Tuesday, October 6th:
Volleyball, at Providence College, 7:00 pm
Thursday, October 8th:
Volleyball, at Holy Cross, 7:00 pm

Bulldog Bites

By Jackie Ammirato
Assistant Sports Editor

Volleyball-DI All-Independent Awards

Maria Scocca-Player of the Week

Robyn Gardner-Defensive Player of the Week

Sophomore Maria Scocca and junior Robyn Gardner were named Player of the Week and Defensive Player of the Week respectively.

Scocca recorded at the Bryant Invitational, collecting 42 kills and 22 blocks, good enough for her third all-tournament selection of the season. Scocca finished the week with 54 kills and 24 blocks, surpassing the 200-kill mark. She leads the team in points, attacks, kills, and blocks.

Gardner totaled 86 digs in the team’s four games last week, including 35 in the victory over Coppin State. Gardner who leads the team in digs, also lead the team with five aces during the week.

Baseball

Bulldogs head baseball coach Jamie Pinzino announced the team’s 2010 schedule this week. The team is slated to play twenty games at the Bryant Baseball Complex, playing host to teams such as Mount St. Mary’s, Cumber- land, Northeastern, Central Connecticut State, Fairleigh Dickin- son, Brown, Wagner, and Sacred Heart. The team finishes their first season of Division I play with an impressive 32-22 record and looks to build on that starting with their first game, February 26th at Nichols State.

Cross Country

Both the men’s and women’s cross country teams finished in third place at the Central Connecticut Ted Eden Invita- tional last weekend. Freshman Deirdre Doyle was named MVP for the Bulldogs women coming in first place overall. She was followed by a 13th place finish from fellow freshman Megan Robertson and a 22nd place finish from Kathrijn Moulin.

The men’s team was led by freshman David Hurley who placed 8th overall and junior Scott Twardowski who fin- ished 16th overall. Both teams return to action on October 10th at the New England Championships in Boston.

NEC Women’s Cross Country Rookie of the Week

Deirdre Doyle

Bulldog freshman Deirdre Doyle was awarded the NEC’s women’s cross country rookie of the week award last week. The award marks the first NEC accolade for the Bryant cross country program. Doyle finished third overall in both the Quinnipiac Invitational and the Central Connecticut Ted Eden Invitational. Doyle and the rest of the cross country program return to action on October 10th at the New England Championships at Franklin Park in Boston.

Football

The Bulldog football team returns home this weekend for the homecoming game, this year against NEC rival Wagner. The team looks to move to 2-0 in league play after last week’s 20-13 victory over Robert Morris. The team has his- tory on its side, boasting a 5-0 record in Homecoming games under Coach Marty Fine. The Wagner Seahawks bring a 2-2 record on their first ever trip to Smithfield.

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Words of Wellness

**Spirituality IS part of wellness**

By Jen Diprete

The most important factor in living a well balanced life.

While spirituality has many definitions, I believe at its core spirituality helps to give our lives context. It does not necessarily have to be tied to a specific belief system or religious worship. Instead, it arises from a connection with yourself and with others, the development of your personal value system, and your search for meaning in life. Research has found that those who feel a greater connection to something beyond themselves exhibit lower levels of depression and stress. I attended the same college for undergraduate and graduate studies where the Humanities Philosophy, “Educating the whole person — spirit, mind, and body – for leadership and service out all that is going on around you. Allow yourself a sensory explosion of connecting with nature can for clean, fresh mountain air in the midst of a hike, the sounds from a particular part of the world as day commercials, just a steady stream of images and sounds from the world of entertainment. As you can see, spirituality can take on many forms. I want to make sure that you all understand that gambling your own daughter because they think they can make a quick buck (or a quick daughter in this case). The bottom line here is to think before you talk. Don’t randomly go putting up your family because you have a royal flush. Think about what you are doing! This guy deserves to live in fifth on the shop for making the stupidest decision ever. Mr. Poker, you win the trophy for Worst Dad of the Week.

Music/Writing/Art – A sense of connectedness and spirituality can be found in the arts. Some of the visual, auditory, and physical specimens that are showcasing at sunrise. There is no commentator or commercials, just a steady stream of images and sounds from the world of entertainment. As you can see, spirituality can take on many forms. I want to make sure that you all understand that gambling your own daughter because they think they can make a quick buck (or a quick daughter in this case). The bottom line here is to think before you talk. Don’t randomly go putting up your family because you have a royal flush. Think about what you are doing! This guy deserves to live in fifth on the shop for making the stupidest decision ever. Mr. Poker, you win the trophy for Worst Dad of the Week.

mindfulness/Meditation – For centuries, the practice of being in tune and open to the present moment has provided peace and well-being to those who seek it. Yoga, deep breathing, traditional meditation, Tai-Chi, etc. each allow for a moment to reconnect with oneself and tune in to the here and now. Being in touch with one’s body and one’s immediate surroundings while focusing on a single positive thought, breath, or image has a way of bringing peace and calm to turbulent circumstances. It also clears the mind and aids in viewing a difficult situation with more clarity. Some might say it brings them to a state of enlightenment or bliss.

Nature – The ocean, mountains, open fields, a patch of sunflowers. All of the above and more can produce a sense of wonder and awe. The sound of waves crashing and gently rolling in, the scent of clean, fresh mountain air in the midst of a hike, the sensory explosion of connecting with nature can for sure be a spiritual awakening in itself. The Discovery Channel has a show on each morning called, “Sunrise Earth.” I make a point to watch and listen to every moment of the program. I love how individuals believe they can make a quick buck (or a quick daughter in this case). The bottom line here is to think before you talk. Don’t randomly go putting up your family because you have a royal flush. Think about what you are doing! This guy deserves to live in fifth on the shop for making the stupidest decision ever. Mr. Poker, you win the trophy for Worst Dad of the Week.
The Ant Thomas Corner
Is it a turnoff when women purse their lips?
By Anthony Thomas
Staff Writer

For the sake of the “new millennium” and independent women, let us imagine a world with the roles of male and female reversed. A woman approaches a man and tries to stir up her confidence and craftiness of words, only to get completely ignored by the guy. A woman trying to get “the bang for her buck” chugging beer from the draft, but finding a guy who catches her eye, digs a hole in her tab, only to get the ol’ “I’m sorry I have a girlfriend” excuse. Even something more simple like a girl losing brownie points because she did not hold the door for the guy when they went out on a date.

The point I am driving at is although roles in the workforce are slowly changing, roles in relationships are not. The day my girlfriend gets on one knee and proposes to me, I am not only saying no, but our relationship is over.

On a more serious note a tasteful amount of aggression from females is always attractive for me. The guy who says, “I’ll buy you a whiskey, let me pay for our first date, and thereafter I encourage being graced by the perks of the “new” role of relationships. Things such as going home on the bill are nice, and when a lady says she is going to pay for the bill IS SEXY!!

In our new age relationships it is harder for guys and girls to find their appropriate roles. Females being the breadwinners of the house, holds an unheard of as little as fifty years ago, and it brings up social issues regarding the male, being that our role was supposed to be completely dominant until now. While males must forfeit some of their power, they also have a good amount of it, because to completely forget your role is not respected by females. Although some ladies may not admit it, they like to be with a “man’s man”, not walk around with his backbone letting him borrow it only to walk. I got this week’s topic from my book group that is on campus titled “Can we talk here?” The book group will use “He’s Just Not That Into You” by Greg Behrendt and Liz Tuccillo, to probe relationship discussions. It is a very interesting book not only to me, but it received best seller honors, was featured on Oprah, and there is even a movie about it. Behrendt and Tuccillo are very creative with thinking of brief letters sent to them from females in need of relationship advice, and also responding back with a succinct reason why they are wrecking their brains about is “just not that into her”.

On this subject matter, Behrendt and Tuccillo advises females that if a guy is not willing to pursue her she should recognize her worth and move on. As defended before, I think it is more complicated than that, because a female recognizing what she wants and letting it be known can many times be a turn on. Behrendt, Tuccillo, and I agree that relationships are very much still a game when the guy is a chaser and likes this role and the female is flattened and empowered by being chased. If you are interested in discussing more about relationships and being a part of the “Can We Talk Here” book group email wjargon@bryant.edu. (For now the group prefers females but in the future they are looking to incorporate males).

Thanks,
Cristine Cox
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

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Take away other things that are too popular, like freedom, or the right to bear arms? The fact of the matter is that if people did not want it, they would not take it. And more importantly, if they like it then they will want it—should keep using it. For shame on us for liking something the government implemented.

I will make it clear, options are not harmful, it is picking the wrong option that can be harmful. What this means is that a public option does not resolve the failure of the private insurance; if anything it ensures that it must compete against another provider—one who is probably just as bad. So private insurance; if anything it ensures that it must compete against another provider—probably the government. If the government does not provide quality insurance, then it is unwise for the individuals to purchase it. If the government does provide quality insurance, it is not the right option for an individual. Therefore, if the government provides quality insurance, then it is not the right option for an individual to purchase it. If the government does not provide quality insurance, then it is not the right option for an individual to purchase it.

As defended before, the public option is not based on a real pre-existing condition, but rather a misdiagnosis of the public option.

Thank you,

Cristine Cox
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I thoroughly enjoy reading The Archway every Friday and the “Fraternity recruitment gets formal” article in the Campus News section caught my attention for several reasons. As a member of both organizations, I would expect for all organizations represented on this campus to be recognized and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. was not recognized as a sorority on Bryant’s campus in the future they are looking to incorporate males.

Thank you,

Cristine Cox
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Have an opinion about any of these articles?

Sound off at
www.BryantArchway.com

Observations

Funniest parking restriction ever?
The restriction for parking for the homecoming gala event are very detailed: 7 rows from the MAC and the Chase Center Circle. I like the sound of valet parking though. Can that be a campus initiative?

Time for an Update!
The bulletin boards in the Unistructure are quite outdated. Outside of Salmo there are still remnants from Bryant Experience and upstarts in the roto there is still a detailed schedule of Welcome Weekend.

Sprinter Challenge
If you can make it by the sprinters next to the Interfaith Center and the Bryant Center then you should try out for Ninja Warrior.

Weekly Goose Report
The gese have moved. Beware the walkway leading from the Suite Village to the Bryant Center as it has become inundated with goose presents. Walk this path at your shoes’ own risk!

Another Blatant Recycling Fail
There are several barrels that are painted blue and have the words recycling painted on them and they are sitting next to the facilities building behind the basketball courts. Why are these not place around campus yet?

Send Observations to agreen1@bryant.edu.

Bryant Said What!?

“Thank a woman looks like she has a gravidaur on her chin.”

“Guy 1: I am just going to randomly calculate ratios. The current asset ratio is 2.75, but I do not know what that means...”

Guy 2: “It means someone is having sex...”

“I thought it is more complicated than that, because a female recognizing what she wants and letting it be known can many times be a turn on.”

“Guy 1: Want to drink before class? ”

Guy 2: “No, maybe our last class though. You know, the one where we talk about ethics.”

“But you’re still happy because you got milk and cookies out of it.”

E-mail funny quotes to agreen1@bryant.edu.
How did I stay up with you all night?

Two reviews of The Fray’s concert at the University of Rhode Island

By Coburn Childs  Staff Writer

The University of Rhode Island’s Ryan Center played host last week to popular alternative/ piano-rock band “The Fray,” and boy was it a show! A few thousand fans turned out for what was arguably one of the best concert experiences I’ve ever been to. With a good mix of songs from both of their albums, The Fray really catered to the fans and offered a crowd-pleasing experience that won’t soon be forgotten.

Opening for The Fray, The Wheel—a also a Colorado-based band with an eclectic array of instruments—did a pretty good job of getting the audience eager for the main event to follow. Although their lyrics were not easily understandable, the Wheel really did have musical talent and played a nice 9-on-10 song set. Characterized mostly by soft bass lines, heavy piano, cello, and even a glock- en-spiel thrown in, they can best be described as a funky, folk-y, acoustic mix-up of Eddie Vedder and Jason Mraz. Sure they probably won’t ever be wildly popular, but they are worth checking out if that’s your type of music.

After a long intermission—as well as a lot of built-up excitement radiating from the crowd—The Fray finally took to the stage amidst wild applause and the television screen pillars adorned the back of the stage, stretching a good 25 feet to the ceiling. They showed images of large blue raindrops falling onto the stage as the first soft notes of “Happiness” rang throughout the venue. Lights were dim for the first half of the song—that is, until it was interrupted by the famous opening beat to “Over My Head (Cable Car).” The lights then came up, and the roar of the crowd became deafening, as we all began to get into the music. The Fray certainly demonstrated their know-how of relating to the crowd and bringing a specific energy to every song. The tall screens featured a grainy, shaky camera taking in the scope of a large city skyline, zooming in to get the full view of each building. The end of this song was also when The Fray departed the stage to massive applause. However, it wasn’t the end. The members took to the stage once again—and after about a five minute wait—to close out the night with an acoustic cover of Kanye West’s “Heartless.” Synthesizing instruments were lightly blended in to set a funky but soft tone to a song that the band fondly dedicated to Taylor Swift— a reference to the onstage fi-asco at the VMA awards a couple of weeks ago. This song then led right back into “Happiness,” the song that started it all off. Once again the lights dimmed and the blue raindrops fell as The Fray quietly finished out the second half of their thoughtfull song, bringing to a close a very memorable night.

Overall, The Fray put on a fantastic performance, notably especially for the fact that they truly focused on the quality of the music and did not only just “perform.”

By Jenny Sali  Staff Writer

What did I do Tuesday night? Why, I went to The Fray concert of course! Jealous? You have every right to be. Most people were doing their homework, I decided to go check out The Fray concert at the Ryan Center at the University of Rhode Island. We had general floor admission so we were right in the front of the stage, had a great view and could see the band the whole entire performance...well almost the entire performance. Recommendation? If you are short or “fun-sized” as some people prefer to be called, then floor admission is probably not the place for you. Being five-feet-tall such as myself, everyone is basically taller than you and you can’t really see anything unless you stand farther back...or unless you have a 6’2” boyfriend who lets you sit on his shoulders.

Five vertical LCD panels and hanging stringed lights provided for a very effective background. The show started lights off, with single baby blue drops falling on the panel-like a meteor shower. Rarely any music playing, lead singer, Isaac Slade, starts singing “Happiness” then the band breaks out into their famous single “Over My Head (Cable Car).” The band has come quite a long way from getting rejected eight times before getting airplay on their local Denver, Colorado radio station to touring all over the country. Overall, the concert was amazing. The Fray performed their hit songs such as “How to Save a Life,” “You Found Me,” “Never Say Never” and songs from their new self-titled album (The Fray) including “Syndicate” and “Absolutely.”

The Fray put on an excellent performance; the singing and acoustics were fantastic and the lighting was spectacular. Fortunately at a concert such as this, there wasn’t a mosh pit but that didn’t stop an individual from attempting to crowd surf and failing miserably. Filled with sing-a-longs and some overly enthused fans, it was a really fun night. Perhaps the best part was when The Fray did their rendition of “Heartless,” while giving a shout-out to Taylor Swift. Luckily the concert didn’t run terribly long and we managed to get back on campus just in time to get a full 8 hours of sleep before my 9:00 am class the next morning.

Upcoming Concerts

Blue’s Traveler with Jamie McLean  Tuesday, October 6th

The Bravery  Friday, October 9th

Colbie Caillat with Howie Day  Sunday, October 11th

Less Than Jake with Oreskaband, Thewellers and Bomb Factory  Wednesday, November 18th

311 with State Radio and Sidecar Radio  Wednesday, November 25th

Blue October with Cracker  Friday, November 6th
Celebrity Round-Up

The latest on the stars in Hollywood

By Carlos Ramos
Staff Writer

Making headlines everywhere earlier this week was the marriage between Khloe Kardashian and NBA Laker Lamar Odom. The two wed on Sunday at a private lavish ceremony in Hollywood. Celebrities in attendance included: Ryan Seacrest, who is a producer for the reality show Keeping Up With the Kardashians, Kelly Osborne, and Laker teammate Kobe Bryant.

The marriage came as a surprise to the public, seeing as the couple had only been dating for a month. It is Hollywood though and look what happened to Britney and K-Fed, let’s see how long this one will last.

Another couple saying their “I dos” over the weekend was Jaime Pressly and Simon Singh. The two wed at the Dick Clark estate in Malibu; Pressly is a former star of the hit TV show My Name is Earl and Singh is an entertainment lawyer.

Remember Justin Guarini? Well, the former season one runner up on American Idol tied the knot with long time girlfriend Reina Capodici in a private ceremony over the weekend.

Congratulations to Sarah Michelle Gellar who gave birth to her first baby girl Charlotte Grace Prince. Gellar is married to actor Freddie Prince Jr., the couple met back in 1997 on set of I Know What You Did Last Summer.

For the Melrose Place tans old and new you’ll be happy to know that Heather Locklear of the original cast will return as Amanda. Locklear has already started filming scenes.

John Travolta and Kelly Preston returned to the Bahamas this past week to testify against former senator Pleasant Bridgewater and ambulance driver Tarino Lightbourne. Travolta was tipped off by a sofa that the two were trying to extort $25 million, Travolta said if he didn’t pay a document Travolta signed to refuse transporting his son Jett to the local hospital would be leaked to the press.

Jan Z made it known that his new album The Blueprint 3 this week, but he does set a record that was previously held by Elvis Presley for the most number one albums; Jay-Z now holds the record with 11 number one albums.

Over in the movies the weekend was busy. Bruce Willis couldn’t take the number one spot and had to settle for second with his new movie Surrogates that was interestingly enough filmed in Lowell and around Boston Mass. So the number one spot went to the animated film Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs for the second week in a row bringing in an estimated $24 million.

Then to round up the top three was the remake of Alan Parker’s 1980 musical Fame with $10 million. Tune in next week to read about what movie will be number one at the box office.

Bulldog Biscuits

Rocco’s Italian Osteria has the flavor

By Chris Macksey and A.J. Toto
Staff Writers

Welcome to the first edition of the Food review, Bulldog Biscuits. Chris is a Vermonter and experienced cook, working as a sous chef and pastry chef at Peppermills, as well as Laney’s in Southwestern Vermont.

Chris’ main passion is French/New England cooking. AJ is a Polish-Italian from New Jersey whose whole life revolved around two things, good food, and a very loud family serving it. For our first dining review, we decided to take a short trip to Rocco’s Italian Osteria, located about less than a mile from the Bryant Campus. Rocco’s is a traditional Italian tavern, where alcohol is the main attraction and the food is often the accompaniment. AJ often is less formal than a ristorante or trattoria such as D’ Carlo’s or Trattoria Romana, two other local favorites.

Atmosphere

White Stucco

Upon entering the parking lot, we pulled up to a beautiful building in the middle of nowhere. Upon entering we were welcomed with live jazz music and a rustic feel reminiscent of southern Italy with an outside dining option. The atmosphere was warm and welcoming with its dimly lit dining area, dark furnishings and rustic style. Off of the dining area, Rocco’s has a gorgeous bar with a view of the kitchen. An open kitchen is always a welcoming feature, as it gives diners more of a connection with the food they are eating. The atmosphere at Rocco’s was definitely the highpoint of the visit.

Food

We began with fresh baked sourdough and focaccia bread accompanied by rosemary infused olive oil with balsamic vinegar. The bread was baked puffy with a crisp crust and a warm center. It was served with a kick of the woody rosemary at the end, however, the balsamic was a bit overpowering. For our appetizer, we ordered a layered eggplant in a puff pastry crust with spicy marinara sauce. This appetizer had good flavor, but Chris and I felt it was texturally lacking. A.J. felt it was a bit too breadly with both the eggplant and the tomato which would have been slightly crisper. Eggplant is always a difficult vegetable to work with as it has sponge-like features, which can lead to a slimy feeling in the mouth. For entrees, Chris ordered handmade rigatoni pasta with a pink truffle sauce. Chris felt that it was a very rich dish, the fresh pasta was cooked well, but he felt there should have been a central ingredient in the dish; it needed something else. Overall the dish was good and he would have ordered it again. A.J. ordered Chicken Arrabiata with fresh grilled vegetables. Arrabiata literally translates into “angry sauce” and Rocco’s definitely put a spin on the classic Italian dish; instead of using red chilies they made the dish with green jalapeno peppers in a light tomato sauce. The sauce was spicy and had a full flavor, and the chicken was cooked to perfection. The vegetables were grilled lightly and had a fresh taste, I was happy that it didn’t have an oily taste. Lastly, Rocco’s offered a vast wine selection with offerings from all around the world and also offered homemade limoncello. This famous Italian liquor is a lemon based liqueur which is traditionally served at the end of a meal. For those of you that have not tried this legendary liqueur, it’s a must... if you are 21, of course.

Service

The service at Rocco was average at best; while the server was experienced and knew the menu well, we felt he did not seem to be bothered with a table of two college students, assuming he would not receive the 20% tip he received anyways. We had to ask for more water or beverages if we wanted them, and the server never checked on the table except to take the dishes. The fact that the Maitre’d came by twice to see if everything was satisfactory was a plus, and might have been the reason why the server did not ask us how everything was. The food came out in a timely manner, giving us time to enjoy ourselves between dishes.

Price

Chris and I felt that the price at Rocco’s was fairly reasonable. We spent about $80 for the two of us with no alcohol. If you are thinking about drinking, you are probably looking at a price ranging from $75-80. If you don’t drink this would be a great place to bring a date or a small group of friends. Rocco’s Italian Osteria is located at 181 George Washington Highway route 116 Smithfield, RI 02917. The number is (401) 251-4777; you can visit their website, www.roccositalianosteria.com. Rocco is open six days a week: Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 5pm-11pm and Friday & Saturday 5pm-11pm, they are closed on Mondays.
Two buds and a microbrew

By Bryan Regele and Justin Andrews
Staff Writers

Our first sip invokes positive feelings as we note expected fall flavors – cinnamon, nutmeg, and pumpkin. It definitely is toasted malt with a small amount of bitter hops. By the end of the glass we are even noticing a flavor of apple and pear. This Octoberfest is almost as hearty as grandma’s Thanksgiving dinner, so it’d be foolish to try to drink these like they are Keystone Lights. This is typical of a beer with a high alcohol concentration such as this one. It does however leave a crisp feel in our mouths that bodes well with us, as we usually appreciate reaching for a second round.

In summary, Wachusett Brewing Company’s Octoberfest is perfect for the changing seasons in that it is sweet enough for warm temperatures and hearty enough for those cold nights. We would suggest that you grab a 6-pack before we change into brown ale season, as those tend to be better after the first few frosts. Try this Octoberfest along with the similar Sam Adams and we really believe you will find this is the more complete competitor as it has a stronger but still balanced character.

We hope that Wachusett is able to achieve greater growth and eventually expand outside of New England. We really think that they have a few real winners with their Blueberry Ale, Green Monsta, and Octoberfest. With that said, we have decided to award Wachusett Brewing Company’s Octoberfest with 5 ½ out of 6 bottle caps. That right there is pretty special, and we hope you choose to copy us with one of them over the next few weeks.

Bulldog Flicks: Love Happens

By Janna Silva and Mikala Mann
Staff Writers

How’s everybody feeling? Are you A-Okay? That’s the frequent question asked by Burke Ryan (Aaron Eckhart), a self-help motivational speaker. After his wife’s death, Burke wrote a book to help him try and cope as well as attempt to reach out to others to do the same. While doing a seminar in Seattle, he meets Eloise Chandler (Jennifer Aniston) who, after recently breaking up with her boyfriend, has sworn off men and will go to any length to ward them off. Burke pursues Eloise persistently, keeping his past a secret. Once Eloise finds out Burke’s secret everything begins to make sense. She tries to turn the tables and give him the help he needs.

If you are looking for a romantic, lovey-dovey movie, pick something else instead. What we thought was going to be a love story turned out to be sadder than anything. Definitely a tear-jerker! Overall, it was a good movie; heart-wrenching at times but with some laughs.
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