Project Tanzania, a non-profit organization at Bryant University, is set to kick off a Buy-A-Box campaign on October 15th. Sophomore Chris Brida and Project Tanzania’s founder, Professor Alex Perullo, have developed the campaign as a fundraiser to send textbooks to universities throughout Tanzania.

“The idea is to send textbooks to universities in Tanzania. We are working with a few universities in Tanzania to send textbooks to them,” Brida said.

In addition to collecting for the shipment of textbooks to Tanzania, Brida spent his summer collecting donations for a Project Tanzania scholarship fund. He put donation cans in six Dunkin Donuts around his home in western Massachusetts for one month and ten days. In total, he collected $2,804 for the organization.

“Of the money that we have raised will be put into a scholarship fund that will give at least two $1,000 scholarships to students already enrolled in universities in Tanzania,” Brida said.

For the student to receive the scholarship, according to Brida, they will need to submit a personal essay about their life and hardships they have faced, and have a recommendation submitted on their behalf. Brida, Perullo, and four other students involved in the organization will sit on the application selection process.

“We don’t want to just have these monetary scholarships. By my senior year, I hope to establish a deal with Bryant University that will waive full tuition and room and board in order to allow a student from Tanzania to attend Bryant University for one school year,” Brida said excitedly.

Last week Brida met with Dr. Tom Eakin, Vice President of Student Affairs, who seemed very excited about the idea, according to Brida. Next week he has a meeting scheduled with Dean David Lux of the College of Arts and Sciences, and said he hopes to meet with President Ron Machlely very soon in order to get his plan approved.

“Everyone should have the opportunity to receive a college education, regardless of where they live and their economic status. By allowing one student to receive a quality education at Bryant for one year, hopefully it will change their life,” Brida said.

“If we give them the opportunity to help change other lives, giving other students the hope and desire they need to earn a quality education.”

Helping Tanzania

By Brendan Heller
Contributing Writer

Students and faculty come together to make a difference

Dance your way to Noche Caliente

By Jenny Sali
Staff Writer

Get ready to dance Bryant University because Noche Caliente is almost here. Spanish for “Hot Night,” Noche Caliente has been a tradition here at Bryant since 2006. It’s a night where people from all cultures can get together and enjoy Latin music and modern hip-hop, reggae, and R&B. Since 2007, a dance contest has been held, in which any couple can sign up and have a chance at winning. The last couple left standing receives a $200 award (two $100 Visa gift cards). The event this year takes place Saturday October 17 from 9:00pm-1:00am. There is a $3 fee for non-students before 10:00pm and $5 after 10:00pm; Bryant students get in free.

Latino Heritage Month is a growing experience at Bryant. Luis Gonzalez, VP of Latino View at MSU says “Even though the history of LHM at Bryant dates back to the early 1990s, it is very difficult to attract the attention of students to attend certain events. Since 2007, I feel that this month has been growing slowly, but surely.” Gonzalez knew that if he was elected VP it would be a challenge but he decided to run because he feels passionately about his Latin culture.

Latino Heritage Month Fine is celebrated during Parents and Family weekend. It’s Saturday, October 24th and starts around 2:00pm outside Bryant Center. This year, the event will include the following: a Flamenco dance group, Puerto Rican and Peruvian dance groups, and a well-known salsa group from URI, known as Exposure. Lots of finger food will be provided, in addition, there will be popcorn, cotton candy, and slushies. Since it is Parents and Family weekend, there will be a clown for the kids on the lawn, outside the Bryant Center.

Gonzalez adds that these events cannot have been complete without the help of his co-chairs, Christofer Flores and Dorothy Perez-Rivera and the amount of work his committee put into this year’s LHM was amazing.

In this week’s Archway

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- Sports - Bulldogs win homecoming
- Opinion - Don’t judge me by Facebook
- Variety - Whip It
Leaders emerge through ODK

By Brigit Clancy
Variant Editor

ODC Delta Kappa (ODK) is a leadership honors society that recognizes and honors academic excellence, commendable leadership, and service in extracurricular activities and encourages development of campus citizenship. New members from the student body and faculty will be inducted into the Bryant chapter of ODK on Sunday, Oct. 25.

ODK was founded December 3, 1914 at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia by 15 student and faculty leaders. It is the first national college honors society to recognize and honor leadership and service in extracurricular and social/religious activities and community service, athletics, campus/community service, social activities, campus government, journalism, speech and the mass media, and creative and performing arts.

The current chapter of ODK is one of 313 across the United States. ODK was established at Bryant in May of 2005. Since then, about 150 students and faculty members have been inducted.

Four students lead Bryant's chapter of ODK, President Jeff Steacie, '10, Vice President Calvin Rocco, '10, Treasurer Christina Hackenson, '10, and Secretary Danny Hackenson, '10. Each member of this executive board (e-board) plays a specific role in the organization.

As the President, Steacie stated his primary role is to ensure the continued growth and leadership of ODK. "We have made great strides this year to add value to our society and to be aware of our brand recognition on campus," he said. "My role is to make sure we strengthen our internal structure, while exploring new opportunities to make our organization better."

Vice President Rocco stated, "My role is to help facilitate meetings and assess the e-board with decisions that will bring ODK to a new level of quality and recognition."

Hackenson defined his role as Secretary very straightforward; to keep accurate minutes for ODK meetings and stay involved in the strategic planning for the society. I also, however, have been part of the transparency in the e-board for its members as well as redefining the purpose and mission of ODK at Bryant," he said.

To each of these leaders, being a part of ODK has a different meaning. Steacie emphasizes the students' involvement and comments, "By being in ODK, student leaders get to share their opinions and views with other student leaders," Steacie commented.

There are numerous ways to build relationships and bonds between organizations and support one another at the same time. Members have the opportunity to partake in conferences and special events, as well as network with other leaders.

Rocco stated, "The importance of being in ODK stems from the honor and interest by and for members. Not only does membership give students and faculty a feeling of accomplishment and recognition, but it allows these individuals to learn from each other and grow together."

The importance of being in ODK is to bring together those students who customize the integrated roles of leadership and scholarship on campus.

"Being in ODK means that you are part of the pioneer student leaders of this campus and that you have managed the balance between academics and involvement," said Hackenson. "ODK brings together the brightest and best leaders on campus and all five phases of campus life. Being in ODK means you have made a difference on this campus."

On Sunday, Oct. 25, Steacie, Rocco, Hayden, and Hackenson as well as the current members of ODK will welcome new members into the chapter. The current members are putting together an induction ceremony to honor all new members. Thirty-five inductees will be recognized. Out of 83 students that applied for membership, 30 will be inducted. Five faculty members will be honored with these students.

Rich Hurley, Assistant Director of the Center for Student Involvement and the Faculty Secretary of ODK, said, "Each year I am amazed at the quality of nominees, with 83 incredible student leaders to choose from this year, our current members had a very difficult decision to make in the voting process. Personally, as the Faculty Secretary, I feel honored to work with such a devoted group of students from so many different facets of campus. Although they represent all forms of involvement, they all seem to have the same personal mission: making positive change for the Bryant community."

Let's Talk About Sex!

By Sara Larabee
Staff Writer

The "birds and the bees", the "talk", the "S word", that awkward conversation with your parents or your friends, have you ever wanted to have. Yes, the topic is sex. We all learned about what sexual intercourse was as a very young age, but as we grew up, it became more apparent in our everyday lives. Sex on the television, in movies, in the classroom, in our books, our music, and just about everywhere. That is why the Bryant Debaters, one of the many clubs here on campus, chose this topic to discuss at their meeting last week. "There is usually a good turnout at the meetings," said the Debaters' President, Dan Holland but "we always welcome more contributors! So come, discuss, respect, and have a good time." The Debaters' meetings are held Thursdays at 7:00pm in Room 1 of the Bryant Center.

There are many opinions about sex, it so great to hear from real-life college students about what they thought. The general consensus as this meeting was "when you are ready, it's okay, as long as you are safe and smart about it. But if you're not ready, then you're not ready, and there is no rush." We talked about the idea of waiting for marriage to have sex, versus the "natural human desire, want, and need" to have sex before being married. In general, the opinion of the group was "it's a beautiful way to show your love and passion towards another", while others looked at it as a way to "suppress a physical instinct".

When the discussion turned toward the religious aspect of having pre-marital sex, we were all considerate in regards to the differences in beliefs that each one of us held, as well as those of the campus and the world. In general, the opinion of the group was "you can be religious, but still enjoy having sex."

As stated earlier, there have been so many technological advancements, that it is part of our everyday lives. In modern-day advertising, "sex sells", and is an underlying factor in almost any advertisement. For products such as beer, showing a half naked woman throwing herself at a guy only because he has this certain type of beer, is going to make people think, "Hey, if I buy that kind of beer, then a hot girl is going to jump all over me!" Which in reality, we all know is never going to happen, but somewhere over the past few decades, "sexy advertising" has made its way into our minds and controls what we think and what we buy. Even recent family television shows, such as All in the Family, have made a taboo in our society. Unfortuately, this is where our discussion stopped because our time had run out, but there is still plenty to discuss. So whether you agree or disagree with these statements, you should definitely bring your respective opinions to the next meeting of the Bryant Debaters! We promise it should be a fruitful and lively discussion and there will be refreshments! Look out for future emails about the upcoming topics we will discuss.

Even in education, the system is changing from purely "abstinence education" to "safe-sex education" because society is realizing how accepting the American culture has become of having sex at younger and younger ages. One Debate contributor even argued that "sex is unnecessarily made a taboo in our society." Unfortunately, this is where our discussion stopped because our time had run out, but there is still plenty to discuss. So whether you agree or disagree with these statements, you should definitely bring your respective opinions to the next meeting of the Bryant Debaters! We promise it should be a fruitful and lively discussion and there will be refreshments! Look out for future emails about the upcoming topics we will discuss.

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Family's "The Secret Life of the American Teenager", MTV's "16 and Pregnant", and movies such as "June", have told us our culture that it is okay to have sex young and before marriage, and to become pregnant as a teenager, and have a child, you can work through it and it won't ruin a young life. There were so many examples discussed at this meeting, but the point here is that media has had a direct influence on our generation's views on sex, especially when compared to years past.
Calling all students to Cardboard City

By Andrew Pantuosco
Contributing Writer

Greek Life will be hosting the first annual Cardboard City at Bryant University. Cardboard City is a fun-filled philanthropy event adopted by countless schools in the United States. 

Who: You... as part of a team of 3-5 people

What: Come out with your team and build a cardboard house (materials supplied), eat food, and have a good time while benefiting a cause

When: Friday October 16, From: 3:00 pm – 12:00 am
Where: Bryant Center Patio
Why: Philanthropy event to raise money, food, and awareness for the homeless

Cost: $5 1 canned food item per team

What better way to spend your Friday night than eating food, listening to music, hanging out with great people... and building cardboard houses?

Come out and raise awareness for the homeless while partaking in this fun event.

Got questions? Want to register a team? Visit the Cardboard City table in the Rotunda for the next two weeks.

Avenue Q: Sesame Street for adults!

By Zafirah Zainal
Staff Writer

First there was Sesame Street, and now there’s Avenue Q. New York is really the last place I would think puppets come from, but this is not the first time I’ve been proven wrong. Coincidentally, the first time I found out about Avenue Q was through a poster I saw in Providence promoting its run at the Providence Performing Arts Center. Then I got an email promoting the free Student Arts and Speaker Series (SASS) trip to watch the show in Providence! So of course I wanted to know more.

In simple words, Avenue Q is a multiple Tony Award winning musical that is basically the po/gidyfifly-mouth version of Sesame Street. So instead of pre-school ABC learning, expect some more, ahem, adult material coming your way when you watch this show.

The Student Arts and Speaker Series will be sponsoring a free trip to the Providence Performing Arts Center on Wednesday, October 21st. So take advantage of this opportunity and get the most bang out of your Student-Involvement-Fee buck! Free tickets can be picked up at the 3rd floor of the Bryant Center and a $10 deposit is required. Tickets will also be available on October 16th to Faculty & Staff as well as guests for a non-refundable price of $10.00 and $20.00 respectively. At press time, tickets were in high demand – so hurry on up to secure your seat at the avant-garde musical when it comes to town.

If you have any questions about the SASS-sponsored trip, please be sure to contact Emily Coutu at ecoutu@bryant.edu or Megan Sage at msage@bryant.edu.

It’s Bryant Night at Friday Night Live

Take a trip to see an improv comedy troupe at the Everett Dance Theatre Carriage House in Providence Friday, November 6

The bus leaves Bryant at 6pm for the show beginning at 7pm

Tickets are available beginning Thursday, October 22

$5 deposit refunded on the bus

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Location: UNISTRUCTURE
Summary: A reported lost set of keys. Keys were recovered.

LOC PROBLEM  Key / Lock Problem
OCT 5 2009-Monday at 10:53
Location: BRYANT CENTER
Summary: A report of a lost key.

VANDALISM (AUTO)
OCT 5 2009-Monday at 16:48
Location: SENIOR APARTMENT LOT
Summary: A student reported vandalism to a vehicle.

DISORDERLY Dispute
OCT 6 2009-Tuesday at 12:00
Location: COMMUTER PARKING LOT
Summary: A report of a two people fighting in the parking lot near the Gym.

EMT CALL  Medical Services Rendered
OCT 6 2009-Tuesday at 20:03
Location: CHASE ATHLETIC CENTER / GYM / MAC
Summary: A report of a person with a bloody nose. EMS was activated.

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OCT 8 2009-Thursday at 13:23
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OCT 9 2009-Friday at 02:55
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A report of an intoxicated person with head injury. EMS was activated.

EMT CALL  Medical Services Rendered
OCT 9 2009-Friday at 22:40
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Summary: A report of a student with a head injury. EMS was activated.

VANGLASSM (AUTO)
OCT 9 2009-Thursday at 14:00
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A student reported being harassed.

EMT CALL  Medical Services Rendered
OCT 10 2009-Saturday at 16:45
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Summary: A report of a broken window in a townhouse.

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Reason for going
I decided to study abroad in Rome, Italy for the Spring 2009 semester because I felt that a drastic cultural change could only benefit my life and growth into a mature adult. Although it was difficult at first to leave my lifestyle, family, and friends behind, I came back feeling a lot more independent and with a lot of new friends.

Best experience/memory
My best memory while studying abroad was when my father came to visit for a week. He had always wanted to go to Italy, and with me studying there for a semester he had no choice but to visit me. While he was visiting we were able to take a day trip to Bari, Italy where his grandparents, my great-grandparents, were originally from.

How was the school different from Bryant University?
The university I attended in Rome, John Cabot, was actually very similar to Bryant University. It reminded me of Bryant because it was a small-knit community in which everyone knew one another.

How did this experience change you?
This experience has changed me tremendously because it allowed me to broaden my horizon in terms of different cultures and lifestyles. I also came back feeling more mature and independent.

Would you study abroad again given the opportunity?
If I were given the opportunity to study abroad again I would do it in a heartbeat. This past semester studying abroad in Rome was the best time of my life, and I wouldn’t pass it up for anything in the world.
The Student Entrepreneur: Personal Strengths and Weaknesses

By Michael Adams
Assistant Editor in Chief

As I pondered these last few weeks about the direction of my company, I really got me thinking about what I want to do. I know, some of you may be confused right now: “But, you own a business, don’t you? You surely know what you want to do!” It’s not that simple: Yes, I own a business and can check that off my bucket list, but more importantly, beyond owning a business, what do I want to do? What am I good at, and where does my passion lie?

There are many aspects to a business, from finance to operations, marketing to management. I’m going to confess and say that I don’t like all of them. There, I said it. Right now, I wear just about every hat in my company. I’ve sold products, I’ve done the invoicing, delivered to retailers, work on the packaging of our bars, made business cards, analyzed months of Quicklooks data, and even managed my parents (OK, the last one is a little weird—it’s more like they manage me). Regardless, you can clearly tell that I am the chief cook and bottle washer. But, it was this position that I am in that got me thinking about which of those things I’m really good at.

I’m a marketing major, so naturally, I love marketing and branding. I could do product samplings every day of the week, interacting with customers and seeing their reactions after just tasting one of my products, but at the same time, design business cards, sell sheets, and our website. I love sales, too. Landing new accounts and working alongside them to create a mutually beneficial relationship is very exciting to me. I love working down to the very second, cranking out numbers and looking for ways to get rid of waste and become more efficient. Lastly, I love owner, those numbers don’t mean much unless I can package up the results and hop out of the red—good thing I have my brother to outsource to for all number crunching and analysis needs! I’m not going to lie, there are some numbers off on my brother. This is a weakness that I realize I need to work on. As an entrepreneur, you need to be good with numbers, or at least understand it. I’m still in 21 years old—this stuff takes time.

Roberto Roundings: The Netflix Prize

By Michael Roberto
Faculty Columnist

Fortune had a great article on the Netflix prize and it’s tie to our course competition for the $1 million prize. The competition entailed the development of an improvement in the movie recommendation engine at Netflix. Why is this so valuable to Netflix? The business model at Netflix entails being able to predict what a customer will want to stock huge numbers of a title when it hits new releases. A focus on new releases re-enjoy, with a particular focus away from the accurately help predict what a customer will business model at Netflix entails being able to Flix. Why is this so valuable to Netflix? The in the movie recommendation engine at Net-flix. Why is this so valuable to Netflix? The business model at Netflix entails being able to

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You may be wondering why I just poured my strengths and weaknesses out to the world. I did it because it’s a good exercise. You may not own a business (although, I am an underclassman and I do have students on this campus that do run the shows), but you still have strengths and weaknesses. Play to your strengths and away from your weaknesses (just like in a job interview). You may be horrible at something, but you are definitely really good at something else. In any case, personal brand’s sake do this live interview. It will really help you see what you need to work on, and you might even find that you don’t need to work on any thing—Jah! Who am I kid- ing?

Michael Adams is a Senior Marketing major at Bryant University and Owner of Eddie’s Energy Bars in Richmond, Vermont.

Steve Swasey, Vice President of Corporate Communications for Netflix (MCT Campus)

An employee at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing inspects sheets of the new twenty dollar bill (MCT Campus)

Cash Is King: Preserving Your Wealth in Uncertain Times

By Chris Wallace
Staff Writer

A well-known quote from some financial advisors during tough economic times is “Cash is King.” In other words, keeping your wealth in cash or cash equivalents is the safest bet. Examples include CD’s, bonds, and treasury notes. A Certificate of Deposit in a bank is a deposit to the bank made by an ac-count holder in which the bank pays a specified interest rate. The bank will outline the interest rate they pay for each CD. There are different types of CD’s, varying by time and interest rate, with a maturity anywhere from 6-months to 10+ years. Usually, the longer the maturity of the CD, the higher the interest rate paid. Although CD’s are safe, always find the highest known bank in your area with a good reputation, and make sure the deposits are guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). If the bank goes under, the FDIC will reimburse the saver for the money deposited in the account. Being picky in this scenario is essential given the number of bank failures in recent times. Another way to store your wealth is in corporate or municipal bonds, as well as government debt, or T-bills. Bonds are simply a promise to pay by the bond issuer to the bond holder. When you buy a corporate bond, you are “buying their debt,” or in layman’s terms lending the company or government in some way shape or form. It is a long-term investment which will provide a steady stream of income. The longer the maturity of the bond, the higher the interest rate paid. By Chris Wallace (MCT Campus)

In the coming months and years, it can never hurt to stay away from risky assets in uncertain times such as these. If risky assets such as stocks start to fall again, not only will you have the peace of mind knowing your money is safe, but when the stock market reaches its bottom, the investing opportunity of a lifetime will be there in stocks, and you will have the capi-tal to invest for a better tomorrow. In the meantime, “Cash is King.”
Football team wins homecoming battle over Wagner; falls to Fordham

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And the real season begins

By David Niles  
Staff Writer

After months of waiting and sheer boredom, Thursday we were finally able to watch some NHL hockey. Just kidding! I am talking about the beginning of the MLB play-offs (hopefully you continued reading after the first sentence). I refer to it as the “Real Season” because it seems as if we have deviated the regular season in almost all our professional sports.

Before we look at the MLB, I first must address the NHL and NBA and their regular and postseason formats are borderline absurd. Consider that over half the teams in each league make the play-offs. The NBA and NHL regular seasons include 81 and over 100 games, respectively, and span about seven months. After all those games and all that time how is the best team in the league rewarded? Well, they get a chance to play in the playoffs, even though one team may have won 30 more games over the course of seven months.

At least with baseball it is an accomplishment to reach the playoffs. Instead of allowing mediocrity to be enough to earn a postseason bid, only a few of thirty teams make the playoffs. But again, the regular season is 162 games and lasts over half the year. A wild card team can get hot over the course of a short five game series and take out an opponent that established themselves as clearly the better team over the course of 162 games. What is a better determinant of excellence, a 162 game sample or a three to five game sample? Obviously what makes the playoffs great is the exact same chance to win the league championship.

By Eva Mahan  
Staff Writer

Double Overtime Thrillers in Big Soccer Weekend

Despite a career day for freshman keeper Kelsi Jacob, St. Mary’s was able to score the game winning goal in the 103rd minute of play. (Courtesy of BryantBulldogs)

By David Niles  
Staff Writer

As many teams do, the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim celebrate their American League Division Series sweep of the Boston Red Sox by showering themselves in beer and champagne. The Angels swept the Red Sox in three games to advance to the American League Championship Series against the New York Yankees. (MCT Campus)

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By Jackie Ammirato
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By Tim Brien
Staff Columnist

The Bulldogs head to upstate New York this weekend to take on the Great Danes of the University of Albany. Bryant looks to defend its 2-0 record in the series when the Bulldogs defeat Monmouth 5-2 in front of a good size home crowd. Bryant started off strong, winning all three doubles matches. Juniors Morganne Downing and Katie Francuzo won at number one doubles, 6-4, Junior Valeria Cuervo and freshman Irina Rodriguez teamed up for the 8-2 victory at number 2 doubles. Senior Chelsea Downing and junior Dana Tauske completed the Bryant sweep, winning number 3 doubles, 6-4.

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The Bulldogs look to improve on their 1-3 record, when they travel to Connecticut this weekend for the New England Championships, hosted by Sacred Heart and Fairfield.

Coach’s Corner

By Tim Brien
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The Bulldogs return home on October 24 to take on Central Danes looks to continue its streak of 16-straight NEC wins. Looks to defend its 2-0 record in NEC play, while the Great Danes are one of only five teams in the NEC to have defeated Bryant.

Sarah’s the NEC Player of the Week

Women’s Tennis

Morganne Downing

Women’s tennis player, junior Morganne Downing became the first Bulldog ever to receive the NEC Commissioner’s Award when she was named the NEC Player of the Week this week. Downing led the Bulldogs to an NEC victory over Monmouth with wins at No. 1 double and No. 1 singles.

The women’s tennis team picked up its first Northeast Conference win of the season this weekend. For the first time in a very long time in SAC, the Bulldogs defeated Monmouth 5-2 in front of a good size home crowd.

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Students Speak Out

“If you could be anyone of the opposite sex, who would it be and why?”

“Gloria Estefan because she sings Everlasting Love.”
-Ryan Phillips ’12

“Ben Bryant because he’s the wittiest person ever.”
-Emily Swaine ’12

“I’d be Beyoncé because of Venus Vs. Mars.”
-Steve Branch ’10

“I’d be Jay-Z because I’m in the empire state of mind.”
-Jasmine Lewis ’11

“I’d be Serena Williams ’cause she’s ferocious and competitive.”
-Rob Sinewick ’12

“Ellen Degeneres because she’s married to Portia De Rossi.”
-Matt Goody ’12

“Denzel Washington ’cause he’s amazing.”
-Fatima Rizvan ’13
Simon Says: Can you teach an old dog new tricks?

By Drew Green

Opinion Editor

Maybe the two American Nobel Prize winners in Economics can tell us the worth of President Obama's Nobel Peace Prize? My guess is that even those two laureates are probably as befuddled as anyone one of the others that awarded President Obama said distinction. While it is obvious – at least from my view – that this award is not completely based on accomplishments, but rather accomplishments in waiting, I think it would have been better if those who voted for President Obama had waited to give him this prestigious award. Granted, Obama is not the first sitting president to win the award. Teddy Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson also won the award in office for their various efforts. The question is whether Obama’s “extraordinary efforts to strengthen international diplomacy and co-operation between peoples” will result in accomplishments, or if they will remain efforts. This is going back a ways, but it could be akin to Wilson winning because of his efforts in establishing the League of Nations – a solid reason indeed to win the Nobel Peace Prize, that’s after ninety years of hindsight though. I look at this award and personally ask myself what Obama has done to deserve it. Now, while he has worked extremely hard on the international diplomacy and at a mission of supporting – and espousing – world peace through his various speeches, he has yet to show a distinct finality in any of his actions. Some may say I am being rough on him as they would likely point out the fact that diplomacy is not a means of establishing peace overnight, but it is the most peaceful way of reaching that goal. With that, I agree. However, Obama has continued and escalated a war, something that rarely leads to actually achieving peace for everyone. So there is a little conflict here, his actions, on one hand; display and promote peace, while on the other they counteract peace – or at least would appear to.

Surprise, prize

By Toby Simon

Staff Columnist

I have an absolutely wonderful mother in law. She really is. And, I know how lucky I am. She’s been in my life for over forty years now and have a very close and loyal relationship.

In my daughter Lizzie’s book Detour she describes her grandmother (my mother in law) this way: “My father’s mother is a wonderful mother in law (my mother in law) this way.”

Nana and Hard Hat

By draw green

Professor

October 16, 2009

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.
The Ant Thomas Corner
We should feel responsible?

By Anthony Thomas

Staff Writer

Feel free to look up these accounts yourself to hold me accountable. In 1999, 23 year old Amadou Diallo, a black immigrant was shot at 41 times to his death on his doorstep because his wallet was mistaken for a gun. In 2006, 23 year old Sean Bell, a black man was shot at 50 times to his death in his car on his wedding day; the defendents claimed self defense, but no gun was found in the car.

In 2008, 22 year old Oscar Grant, was killed execution like, one shot to his head while he was face down on the ground. September 24, 2009, Derron Albert, a sixteen year old black youth was caught in a brawl and was brutally beat to death with kicks and sticks.

There are a lot of commonalities in each situation. The first three killings were committed by officers, the officers in Diallo and Bell's case were acquitted, and the second two are videos on YouTube. Before you look at the videos please prepare yourself to watch these brutal acts and to feel responsible for these situations as a human being. I myself have done this, and it is extremely difficult not to let my emotions overpower me and sensibly write an article. I know I lost a friend and a cousin to violence. Growing up in what everyone calls "the hood", I have a special relation to these situations. My appearance and presentation of myself makes it very hard to tell, but with slight variation I have been in each of the situations that are presented in this article. I have been in countless note interactions with the police, countless fights, and a few brawls. I never thought about them being life and death situations, especially in fights; being harassed by police in getting into fights were normal. Was it normal for you? Whether it was or was not you should feel responsible as a human for the police abuse and violent streets flooding the major cities of your United States of America.

The reason you should feel responsible is that your tax dollars employ police and fund violent police initiatives or the lack thereof. It is easy to chalk it up and say the parents need to do a better job at home. Which I do feel is very valid, but a parent and their household are completely out of the realm of a single person's control. In a perfect world parents are supposed to be at work from nine to five, which means eight to ten of those hours (depending upon the commute of the parent from their workplace) is spent away from their children. The worst of which is while in school for six or hours, and either in another school program or engaged with two to four hours. These precious moments could be used for the progress or the destruction of a child and we have a responsibility to every child at the very least within this country. Even if the cheaper school programs are dually funded by tax dollars and private donations, I can only speak for myself, but I think it also applies to the vast majority when I say most of the negativity that occurred in my life happened outside of the supervision of an adult. What can we do? Instead of ignoring, being oblivious, and/or ignorant to the Amadou Diallos, Sean Bell's, Oscar Grant's, and Derron Albert's pay attention to where we are putting our money and what it is going to. Play a part in funding programs, sit on boards, and enforce better practices for the police so we do not have the guilt as a human being for these frequent occurrences. If you are interested in giving your own perspective or have questions for me, my articles I encourage you to visit my website where all my articles are posted at:

www.theantthomascorner.blogspot.com

Don't judge me by facebook

By David Nelligan

Staff Writer

I all know by now that social networking is a necessity to stay up to date with information in the world. Between Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, LinkedIn, Skype, and Flickr, just to mention a few, the world is cluttered with information that most people probably don't really care about. They are merely acceptable ways to brag about oneself. But I am not here to bash these sites (except Twixter), as I do spend to brag about oneself. But I am not here to bash these sites (except Twixter), as I do spend

normal work week is from 9-5

Monday through Friday. What I do outside of that time should not concern my employer in the least bit. So if I enjoy getting black out drunk, taking random pictures with clown costumes, because for some odd reason we thought it would be a good idea to go to the gym, and posting them for the world to see? As long as I show up on time and work hard my employer should not care what I do in my free time. I mean we have all learned throughout many of our classes here at Bryant that business is a numbers game, and it's the people who can produce that retain their jobs and move up the corporate ladder; and if the help the company grow and become more profitable isn't that more important than my private life?

Now my problem with Twitter. It seemed like all of a sudden this pointless use of messaging came into the world like a whirlwind, and to my hopes was going to leave just as fast, but unfortunately it has taken over the media. Everyone and everything is now tweeting about absolutely nothing. Lance Armstrong, whose time in the media needs to come to a close as well. Just landed back in ATX. Landed to the North which can never be a bad thing this time of the year. -J

A week ago tonight I was sitting in a crowded restaurant waiting for the omelet lady that used to work the omelet bar on the weekends and is now sadly having her superb omelette to start the day.

Bryant Said What?

By Anthony Thomas

Staff Writer

"Guy 1: I predict that I will die on January 7, 19...

Guy 2: Umm...

Guy 1: Wait, what did I just say?"

"Guy 1: It's just a circuit.

Guy 2: I don't know, I didn't go to Devry. I'm not an HVAC technician."

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That sounded like a crisis hotline call.

"I wish I had a better vagina."

"I'm going for a headshot because I don't want to put pants on."

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Observations

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Congratulations Toby Simon

For those of you who do not know, Toby Simon was honored last week as one of the Rhode Island Commission on Women of the Year, with her distinction in Advocacy. Way to go and keep up to outstanding work, Toby!

It is Getting Cold Again, so Turn up the AC?

One of the best things about fall is when the leaves turn colors. Thankfully you can have a campus where we can take in autumn's beauty.

Weekly Goose Report

The geese are back over the at library and they are louder and angrier than ever. There was even an account of a missopit taking place.Cross their path with caution

Omelette Lady Update

If you remember the omlet lady that used to work the omelette bar on the weekends and is now sadly gone, go to the Starbucks at the Lincoln mall and let her know the weekends are not the same without having her superb omelette to start the day.

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This adventure has heart, but needs brains

By Coburn Childs
Staff Writer

A teenage girl from small-town Texas gets an opportunity to turn her life around and “be her own hero” in Whip It, actress Drew Barrymore’s directorial debut. As a comedy, Whip It pretty much falls flat. However, that is not to say the movie is bad, for it succeeds as a feel-good story with a lot more depth and heart to it than meets the eye.

The story centers around Bliss Cavendar (Ellen Page, who you probably remember as Juno), a shy high-school student living a boring life in a middle-of-nowhere town with an overbearing mother, a dead-end waitressing job, and only her best friend Pash to keep her company. Her life turns around when she at-tends an underground roller-derby league, she subse-quentlly begins to grow in confidence and spirit, making new friends and finding her passion along the way. The only problem is that Bliss’ stern mother knows nothing of her secret hobby, in fact, she strongly wants Bliss to compete in beauty pageants and be on SATs. She would certainly be aghast if she were to find out that her daughter is competing in something as scandalous and dangerous as the rough-and-tumble roller-derby league!

From this basic premise, the movie plays out in your typical fashion. Try out for the team. Lie to the parents. Suffer a few setbacks in train-ing. Start to succeed. Along the way, Bliss comes out of her shell and finds new possibilities—including a budding romance with the lead singer of a hip, young band—start-ing to open up for her. She is a roller-derby star, gain-ing the friendship, support, and confidence of her “Flirt Scout” skating team pals. The plot is really nothing we haven’t already seen numerous times, but what makes this movie different is the ap-proach that it takes in the secon-d half, specifically in Bliss’ relationships with her parents and best friend.

While it is plenty of heart, unfortunately, it could have used more brains. The script tries to be original, but it feels like a forced indie-type film that should have come out around the time of other similar movies, such as Napoleon Dynamite, Little Miss Sun-rise, or Juno. With the ex-ception of Napoleon, those were also much better movies. Because of this “forced originality” factor, the movie seems very familiar and is only average until the second half, when it takes a few turns that give the film’s credibility a much-needed boost. These second half’s plot advancements make for a number of poignant, human moments between Bliss and Pash, as well as Bliss and her teammates; and there are some unexpected twists to the inevitable confrontation Bliss has with her mom.

The strongest part of this movie is the cast, mostly all of whom rise above the so-so material they are given to work with. Ellen Page turns in a great performance as Bliss, playing the timid girl who begins to find her inner strength that she never knew she had. Page brings a genuine and brutal honesty to the role, while still not abandoning that same wry wit we fell in love with in Juno. The sup-porting cast consists of Mae-cia Gay Harden—who seems to thrive on always playing the uptight and stern charac-ters—as Bliss’ disapproving mother, as well as Drew Barrymore, SNL’s Kristen Wiig, and Juliette Lewis as some of the tough-chick skaters who guide Bliss throughout her journey. Also noteworthy is Alia Shawkat (“Maeby” from TV’s critically praised but pre-maturely cancelled Arrested Development) as Pash, who provides a handful of the movie’s few funny moments. Oh, and Jimmy Fallon also makes an (unnecessary) ap-pearance as the derby an-nouncer. His scenes are barely even worth a mention.

Overall, even though this type of story has been told countless times before, Whip It is still better than your aver-age feel-good movie. Al-though the film has flaws, Barrymore has done a solid job for her directing debut. Whip It is buoyed by a strong cast and an ending that goes beyond the usual Disney-fied “follow your heart” message that we are so used to seeing in films of this type. It is with just a few reservations that I recommend this light-hearted and encouraging story about overcoming obstacles and pursuing your dreams—it makes for a pleasant way to spend a couple of hours on a cold autumn day.

I give Whip It 3.5 out of 5 Bulldogs.

30 Rock returns in top form

By Verne Gay
MCT Campus

REASON TO WATCH: Fourth season begins.

CATCHING UP: Desperately seeking his birth dad, Jack Donaghy (Alec Baldwin) had finally landed on a semi-tal¬kyloo suspect who was teaching at Bennington College and was working on a three-volume biography of Jimmy Carter titled “From Peanut to President.” But Milton Green (Alan Alda) also needed a new kidney, and, reluctant to parcel out one of his own, Jack threw a star-studded television benefit and got people like Elvis Costello, Mary J. Blige and Clay Aiken to perform. (Clay? Jack had some damage control infor-mation on him, too.) Meanwhile, Liz (Tina Fey) had become convinced that “TGS With Tracy Jor-dan” had only a couple seasons left, so decided to segue to a new career as author and self-help TV guru. Her one-line catch phrase “I’m a dec¬al-breaker,” originally crafted for Jenna (Jane Krakowski) — was always preceded by pithy quotes about relationships (rough examples: “If your boyfriend has three ears it’s a porn addict / vampire / it’s a deal-breaker”).

PREMIERE (AND NEXT WEEK): In the months separating Season 3 from 4, much has happened in the real world of GE and in the fake “30 Rock”-sized world of GE. Donaghy remains vice president of East Coast Television and Microwave Oven Pro-gramming, but he’s worried about the state of the economy and TV. He fears “TGS” has lost touch with America and its roots — a reason he has every-one eating “cheesy blaster” hot dogs, and has or¬dered Pete (Scott Adsit) and Liz to start looking for two talented new Writers. This is because Jenna and Tracy (Tracy Morgan) don’t test well in Middle America. But GE’s fixation on cutting costs has led to adju-stments in the product line — a new mam-mogram model is called “Citterdone 2000” — and Jack also has begun work on a new microwave.

These machines, he hopes, will be heavier, with four doors and wheels, and break down frequently — built on obsolescence! He also refuses to take govern-ment handouts, especially after learning former rival Devon Banks (Will Arnett) has joined the Obama administration’s efforts to bail out troubled corporate giants. Jenna and Tracy are making efforts to meet up with Middle America. NBC page Ken-neth Picelli (Jack McBrayer) leads a fight to win back overtime pay — which Jack has cut.

BOTTOM LINE: When a show gets too full of itself after a long run of Emmy victories ... it’s a deal-breaker. When a show starts to rely endlessly on stent-casting just to mix things up ... it’s a deal-breaker. (When a critic can no longer think of any fresh new way to praise a great show ... al-together, now ... it’s a deal-breaker. When a show starts to rely endlessly on stent-casting just to mix things up ... it’s a deal-breaker. (When a critic can no longer think of any fresh new way to praise a great show ... al-together, now ... it’s a deal-breaker. No deal-breakers this week. “30 Rock” is just fine. This was the best comedy on TV last season. So far, a mere one episode in, “Rock” remains the best comedy — though probably dead-even with “Curb Your En-thusiasm.” There’s no shame in this two-way tie.

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Drew Barrymore, Ellen Page, and Kristen Wiig race to the finish. (MCT Campus)
Two buds and a microbrew

A review of Gritty’s Halloween Ale (ABV: 6.0%, 6pk: $7.99)

By Bryan Regele and Justin Andrews

Staff Writers

Good beer is something that should not be ignored. That being said, we decided to review Ryan and Joe’s old college column on specialty beers from a few years back. Though like them we sometimes find ourselves dreaming pitchers of “Gnossip 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 beer, we rate our picks on five criteria – appearance, aroma, taste, feel, and drinkability. For the rest of you who simply go for the cheap brews, we hope that we can encourage you to branch out and enjoy what the real brew masters are creating right here in New England. Everyone should appreciate good beer, but be 21 or older, and please do it responsibly.

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