Beat the Wheat Bakery named this year’s E-pitch winners

Sara Larrabee
Staff Writer

“Do you hate baking?”

“Do you struggle to find gluten-free desserts that aren’t just a box mix?”

“ABSOLUTELY!”

“Well no need to worry, because The Beat the Wheat Bakery is here!”

Jacqueline Belknap, Jennifer DiLapi, Andre Aboudfhalah, Matthew Hunt, Kyle Dakpas, and Alexia Drapah are the newest team members of the Bryant E-pitch Business Competition winner’s circle. The Elevator Pitch Competition, also abbreviated as the E-Pitch Competition, is held every semester for all Business 101 groups. Threveit was run by the Global Entrepreneurship Program and Bryant CEO, it was sponsored by Hanover Insurance.

This year there were over 40 teams competing for the grand prize of $500 cash along with bragging rights and the respect of many major CEOs from around the local area. The purpose of the competition is to have students pitch their new business ideas in only 90 seconds, which is the time it takes to get from the bottom floor of an office building to the top floor in an elevator. (Hence, the name of the program)

In the first round of presentations, each group is assigned a time slot in front of a panel of 4 judges plus one member of Bryant’s student-run CEO organization. One or two students out of the group are allowed to present in the first round, and again, students have only 90 seconds to pitch their business plan to this panel.

Then, based upon their scores, the top 12 are admitted to the finals. In the final round, all the teams and the team members are called up on stage, and in front of over 200 people and 14 notable judges, each group again pitch their idea in 90 seconds and take 2 minutes of questioning from the judges after they are finished. Finally, after a long day, the winners are announced. In second place, and in the category of “most likely to succeed” was the “Greenman Green Team,” under the direction of student team leader Jeff Roscoe. In third place, under the heading “crowd favorite” was “Rollin Dough” led by student team leader Kevan Mullinax.

The Beat the Wheat Bakery, who took home the gold is the newest bakery in town. Located in Cumberland, Rhode Island, this bakery is specifically tailored to home-grown gluten-free dessert products. Inspired by her sister’s allergy to gluten, which is a protein found in wheat, rye, oats, flour, etc., team leader Jacqueline Belknap came up with the original idea to make a bakery specifically for people with this type of allergy called Celiac.

“We really wanted to make more options for people with this allergy as well as raise awareness and provide information about this very common disease,” Rhode Island is actually one of the biggest producers of gluten-free products, so for this young group of students there is a potentially very large industry out there for them.

According to the team’s research, one out of every 133 people has an allergy to gluten, making their target audience very widespread to begin with. “Even if you don’t have Celiac and are just looking for a way to shed some pounds, or are looking for something new to try, this bakery is perfect,” said other team member Jennifer DiLapi.

It is very evident that this team really knows their stuff and did their homework. They told me how celebrities are promoting these new gluten-free products because of their health benefits and also how new studies are being tested to show that children with Autism who use gluten-free products are improving with their symptoms of the learning disability.

“The Beat the Wheat Bakery” is also very concerned with cross contamination. “Our bakery is completely gluten-free,” Belknap said, “That means that no type of substance that contains gluten will be found inside our shop, which will guarantee the authenticity of our bakery products.”

When asked how they felt when their names were called as the winners, DiLapi said, “We were all holding hands, praying and hoping that our name would be called, but at the same time we didn’t want to trip up the stage or stumble on our words.” Belknap added, “It was a lot of pressure, but it was exhilarating and an awesome experience.”

The team’s future is focused on creating an advertisement for the next upcoming competition on November 11th. On this day in the Rotunda, all the same Business 101 student teams will again compete for a spot on the back of next year’s business text book. Additionally, the team is still working on finishing their entire business plan by November 30th. I asked DiLapi and Belknap if they would ever really start this business, and they both responded with an “Absolutely!” “We would have to see where we were all at in our studies and in our lives,” Belknap said, “But we both have experience in the restaurant business because of our families, so I think we could be very successful,” DiLapi added.

Congratulations again to “The Beat the Wheat Bakery” for its victory in the Fall 2009 Bryant E-pitch Competition, and also to the top 12 finalists and all of the other teams who have worked so hard up until this point. Also, be on the lookout for a “Beat the Wheat Bakery” near you!

In this week’s Archway

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How to be a better lover

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Staff Writer

This was the topic at last week’s meeting of the Sexuality Series hosted by the Bryant Women’s Center in collaboration with the Alliance for Women’s Awareness (AWA). The room was packed with students, both male and female, of all different races, ethnicities, and classes, to talk about one thing; how to become a better lover.

Toby Simon, director of the Women’s Center and advisor for AWA, started the gathering off with a very graphic and visual explanation of the male and female reproductive organs. It was very interesting to know how many the guys and the gals knew about each other’s physical attributes, and I have to say, the girls definitely kicked butt in this trivia section of the meeting.

After getting the social awkwardness of talking about sex out of the way, the group was split up by gender, and on the three signs that were posted on either side of the room, were asked to write adjectives that described a “good lover”, a “better lover”, and the “best lover”. The men were a little more reticent, but came up with some interesting answers about what they thought about what a lover should be. Under “good lover” they wrote, dead-fish, emotion-less, selfish, and I have to say, the guys definitely kicked butt in this trivia section of the meeting. And finally, the “best lover” they described a “best lover”, a “bexgidzflffer lover.

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As mentioned, the Sexuality Series is a four week program that runs once a year to raise awareness of sexuality issues. The topics are picked by the participating group and are agreed upon by everyone. The executive board of AWA is comprised of Star Hopkins, Carly Warland, Katie Logan, Jessica Reategui, Genevieve Dolce, Katrina Gorham, Cristine Cox, and Alesia Grant. The mission of the series, as described by Katie Logan who is the Treasurer of AWA, is “to educate students on the right and respectful ways to have intercourse. It is no secret that students have sex and are going to have sex, so we are trying to give them the information they need to make the right choices.”

The President of AWA, Star Hopkins, added that “these meetings are a great place to come together as a group, and make it easy to talk about those things that people usually don’t want to talk about... it’s also a safe place to talk about what everyone wants to say.”

For anyone interested in attending one of these series events, or joining the AWA members at their next meeting, the grand finale on Thursday November the 12th, at 5:30pm in room 2A of the Bryant Center, and the topic is Sexual Communication.

After the wrap-up of the series, AWA will hold their regular bi-weekly meetings on Thursdays at the same time and place. Be on the lookout for more emails from AWA on their upcoming holiday season meetings.

The Bryant Women’s Center is located on the 3rd floor of the Bryant Center, online off of the Bryant homepage, or by phone at 401-252-6854.

If you would like me to come to one of your meetings, and write a little something, something for your organization, just let me know, I would be happy to help spread the word and get more students involved around campus! Contact me, Sara Larrabee at slarrabe@bryant.edu for ideas.
Social enterprise RI summit and good marketplace come to Bryant

Brandon Dobro
Business Editor

Social entrepreneurs seek to change the world. Dedicating their lives to solving problems such as poverty, malnourishment, and homelessness, they do not measure their success by annual revenues, but by overall social impact. Possessed by their ideas to solve society’s most pressing issues, they do not stop until they have changed the system and initiated wide-scale change. Bill Drayton, known as the “godfather” of social entrepreneurship, has stated that social entrepreneurs “are not content just to give a fish or teach how to fish. They will not rest until they have revolutionized the fishing industry.” Bryant University, in conjunction with Social Venture Partners of Rhode Island (SVPRI), is proud to welcome about two hundred of these revolutionaries on campus on Thursday, November 12 for the first-annual Social Enterprise RI Summit.

Also sponsored by CEO and SIFE, the event will give Bryant students the opportunity to network with leaders like Diana Wells, President of Ashoka—a national organization with annual revenues of nearly $30 million and supporter of over 2,000 social entrepreneurs spanning 60 countries. Other attendees include Neil Steinberg, President of the Rhode Island Foundation and John Abrams, Cofounder and CEO of South Mountain Company. If being able to attend this conference and network with some of the country’s best innovators weren’t enough, students will also have the opportunity to take part in mentoring sessions with experts in feasibility, business planning, strategy, law, financial planning, and performance measurement.

Rounding out all-social entrepreneurship all-day at Bryant, the first-ever Rhode Island Good Marketplace will be taking place in the Rotunda from 12-6, concurrent to the SERI Summit. The Good Marketplace will provide the opportunity for students to meet and greet with twenty non-profit and double bottom line businesses, who will be selling their products/services in order to increase their exposure to the Bryant community and show how businesses don’t have to be purely profit driven in order to be successful. So be sure to come and get some early Christmas shopping out of the way and do some “good” while you’re at it! Students can register for the SERI Summit to take place at Bryant on Nov. 12 for a discounted price of $25 at socialenterpriseRI.org or by contacting Amy Healey at amy@svpri.org by Monday, Nov. 9.
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Greek Corner

Andrew Pantucoso
 Contributing Writer

Last Tuesday, Greek Life hosted their annual Halloween Party for the children of Bryant University's faculty and staff. Over 100 attendees trick-or-treated through hall 10, played games, ate food, and were entertained by a magician while wearing costumes and eating candy. It was a great evening for all!
Study Abroad Spotlight: Caitlin Fahey

Name: Caitlin Fahey  
University: Uniwersytet Jagielloński  
Location: Kraków, Poland  
Partner: Academic Programs International

Reason for going  
I had already been lucky enough to travel to Italy twice, London, and Paris. I felt I had seen Western Europe and wanted to see Eastern Europe. Also, I felt why I would want to do the same study abroad experience as anyone else? If I was going to take this adventure, why not go to a place rarely travelled by American students.

Best experience/memory  
This is so difficult to answer. I want to say travelling to all the countries (Scotland, Ireland, Spain, Greece, Hungary, Austria, Germany, Czech Republic) and experiencing each and everyone! But nothing was as amazing as Spring coming alive in Poland and Hungary, Austria, Germany, Czech Republic and experiencing each and everyone! It was the one who originally suggested Poland. Plus, Poland is centrally located and easy to travel by train and plane to all the places I wanted to travel.

Funny cultural experience  
There were far too many consider-ing the language barrier that was difficult at times. One of my favourites was at the doctors and trying to explain that Fahey was my last name not my first name, that Anne was my middle name, not my last name, and that Caitlin was not a title. My friend spoke Polish so I could not blame the language barrier, but it took three times of explaining it, then writing my name out twice.

How was the school different from Bryant University?  
It was not hard at all. I only did work the last week of classes, which was finals week. Also, the due dates were not set in stone, if you forgot to do the paper you got another week. Also, the classes were lecture based and no questions were allowed. So, completely different, but I did not travel abroad for the rich classes. I wanted to travel!

How did this experience change you?  
I have such a better understanding of how different cultures truly are, but how generous people can be, even when they have so little. I have ma-tured so much and know more about myself then I ever would have while living at home. Being put into such a scary situation of knowing no one, not understanding the language, and being so far from home pushed me out of my comfort zone. After the first week, I was not scared at all. It felt normal and safe and I loved being on my own and independent.

Would you study abroad again given the opportunity?  
Is this a serious question?? OBVIOUSLY!

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Murray’s Musings: What were you thinking, Antoine Walker?

By Brandon Dobro
Business Columnist

Whether for-profit or not-for-profit, organizations with social missions are recognized. ChangeMakers is a new column with the intent of shining a light on those people who do good.

Organization name: Equal Exchange
Location: West Bridgewater, MA
Founded: 1986
Type: For-profit
Website: www.equalexchange.coop
Product: 100% fairly-traded coffee, tea, sugar, cocoa, chocolate, and more

Problem: The profit model for coffee has always been the same: farmers grow and cultivate the beans, and then a large corporation purchases the beans, grinds them, packages them, and sells them to consumers. While this seems like both the farmer and corporation benefit, it is the corporation who reaps the reward. Because they have little leverage in the price corporations pay farmers, coffee farmers find themselves at the bottom of the chain and make just pennies on the dollar. Unfortunately, this trend appears to be getting worse, as over the past twenty years the coffee industry has doubled from $30 billion to $60 billion, whereas coffee-growing countries’ earnings have slashed in half from $10 billion to $5 billion.

Idea: One word: Cooperatives. Co-ops are democratically organized enterprises in which farmers band together to compete more of the coffee-producing process. This cuts out many of the middlemen and brings the farmers closer to you. Completing more processes in the chain, farmers disperse a larger percentage of the end revenues. By forming close relationships with these co-ops, Equal Exchange shows how a small cup of coffee can have a big impact on the lives of farmers, their families, and their communities.

Practically, what they preach, Equal Exchange is also formed as a worker-owned cooperative – one of the largest in the country. It’s a fairly elementary concept: each worker has the right to vote (one vote per employee, not per share), the right to serve as leader (i.e. board director), the right to information, and the right to speak if her or his mind. They also maintain that the top employees in the company can’t make more than four times more than the least compensated employee. This is in comparison to the CEO-to-average employee ratio of 301 to 1 in the US. Each employee also has an equal share in the company, so profits are dispersed equally among the workers. The workers are a Board of Directors, six of the nine of whom are also workers. This board is responsible for hiring and supervising management, forming a circle in which everyone is accountable to someone else.

By Michael Roberto
Faculty Contributor

The Wall Street Journal reported Monday on the upcoming December debut of Pixar’s newest animated feature film: The Princess and the Frog. The film’s box office results should be interesting to track, given that it represents a return to hand-drawn animation, something that Disney has not done for six years.

In recent years, Disney had tried to emulate Pixar’s success using computer-generated animation. However, the company did achieve the results that it had hoped for with very limited success. Eventually, Disney had relented and hired Pixar leaders – John Lasseter and Ed Catmull - to oversee Disney Animation. Now, in an ironic twist, Lasseter and Catmull have endorsed a return to hand-drawn animation. Lasseter explained in this Wall Street Journal article:

“...one of the key reasons why we started Pixar was because we couldn’t find the look that we wanted. We didn’t want to see hand-drawn animation...”

From this, it seems that Mr. Walker doesn’t have it figured out. Mr. Walker does point to the issue of growing countries difficult for a very long time – despite having earned an estimated $114M over the period of his prime professional basketball playing days with the Boston Celtics. Perhaps you are not among those familiar with Mr. Walker, he was most famous as the former star forward and team captain for Boston, among other NBA teams which include the Dallas Mavericks, Atlanta Hawks, Miami Heat, and the Minnesota Timberwolves.

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Business Editor

This week, Antoine Walker was reported in the press to be insolvent – he’s had financial difficulties for a very long time — despite having earned an estimated $114M over the period of his prime professional basketball playing days with the Boston Celtics. Perhaps you are not among those familiar with Mr. Walker, he was most famous as the former star forward and team captain for Boston, among other NBA teams which include the Dallas Mavericks, Atlanta Hawks, Miami Heat, and the Minnesota Timberwolves.

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Football falls to Monmouth, Smith moves up in sacks

The Bulldog football team got a pair of field goals from kicker Chris Bird but it was not enough as the Bulldogs came up short at Monmouth, 10-6 Saturday in Northeast Conference action. Jerell Smith rushed for 139 yards on 32 carries while sophomore quarterback Mike Croce completed 8 of 19 passes for 79 yards on a windy afternoon to lead the way.

Bryant moved the ball near midfield on its opening drive but ended as Croce was intercepted by Mike Avent on Monmouth 45 yard line. It was just the second interception throwing in 205 pass attempts this season by the Bulldog signal caller.

Bryant’s defense would make a stand on Monmouth’s ensuing drive, holding that fifteen-year senior running back David Sinisi, the NEC’s all-time career rushing leader, to just 10 yards on four carries during MU’s possession.

With the Hawks on Bryant’s 28 yard line, senior defensive end Justin Hargrave sacked junior quarterback Kyle Frazier for an eight-yard loss and Monmouth would have to punt. That’s when the Bulldog offense went to work. Behind the hard-running of senior running back Mike Cannon and junior running back Thomas Huynh (Malden, Mass.) the Bulldogs moved the ball down inside the Monmouth 20 yard line looking to capitalize with 1st and 10 from the Hawks’ 15 yard line. However, Smith was stopped for a loss on first down and just got most of the yards back on a 5-yard run on third down and the Bulldogs would have to settle for a 27-yard field goal as Bird split the uprights to give it a chance for the Bulldogs a 3-0 lead.

Neither team could put points on the board in the second as the Bulldogs kept their 3-0 lead going into the break. Monmouth (4-4, 3-2 NEC) would finally get into the end zone midway through the third as Frazier connected with Sinisi for an 11-yard touchdown pass with 6:51 remaining.

Bryant (3-5, 2-3 NEC) would pull to within one at the end of the third as Bird came through with his second field goal of the game, a 27-yarder with 1:05 left to make it a 7-4 game.

In the fourth, the Hawks added on a 28-yard field goal made by Jake Delvento to make it 10-6 and the hosts would hold on from there.

Sinisi would finish with 139 yards on 29 carries while Frazier completed 9 of 23 passes for 126 yards for Monmouth. Offensively, the game was even as Bryant had 255 yards of total offense on the afternoon with Monmouth gaining 262, but it was the Hawks defense coming through in the end, picking off three Bryant passes in the game and registering three sacks. Bryant came into the game with just one interception thrown all season.

For Bryant defensively, linebacker Jason Riffe had nine tackles (seven solo stops) while senior defensive end Don Smith had six tackles including two sacks, moving him into fourth all-time in school history with a total 17 sacks.

Bryant will look to get back in the win column next weekend when the Bulldogs travel to Sacred Heart University for a 1 pm game.

Don’t miss the Bulldogs last home game of the season...

Sat, 11/14 12:00 pm vs. St. Francis (Pa.)

Bulldog swimming falls to BC

Both teams return to the pool Nov. 13 when they host Sacred Heart University for the end of the season.

New Jersey native Mike Cannon rushed for 40 yards and caught three passes for 15 yards Saturday against Monmouth. (Courtesy of Bryant Athletics)

The Bulldog swimming team was defeated by Monmouth College Saturday as the Bulldogs fell to the Hawks, 128-76. The men also fell to Monmouth, 140-119.

The Bulldog men also took a win in the men’s closing race, with the team of McDonald, Thomas Huynh (Malden, Mass.), Nguyen and Kosenski winning the 200-yard freestyle relay in 1:30.96.

On the women’s side, freshman Casey Ostrander (Yarmouthport, Mass.) set new pool and school records while fellow rookie Molly Smith (Belmont, Mass.) set a pool record of her own.

Both a pool and school record fell in the 100-yard free, as Ostrander touched the wall in 1:00.02 to take first over the Eagles’ Kayla Roscano. Ostrander topped the record of current teammate Jill Squillante (Sayville, N.Y.) by just under three-fourths of a second to break the school mark. The rookie would also take first in the 50-yard freestyle, clocking in at 25.53, less than one-tenth of a second ahead of BC’s Shannon Landers, and anchored Bryant’s winning 200-yard freestyle relay. The Bulldog women saw another pool record fall in the 400 IM, when Smith won first with a time of 4:19.19, shattering the current record by nearly six seconds. Sophomore Abby Whitaker (Salisbury, Mass.) took second in the event in 4:20.07. Smith earned her second win of the day in the 200 breaststroke, finishing in a time of 2:31.54.

Other top women finishers included freshmen Brianna Dwyer (Hicksville, N.Y.), Kim Carballera (East Setauket, N.Y.) and Katie Unger (Orangebury, N.J.) and junior Amy Howell (Clifton Park, N.Y.).

Dwyer won the 50-yard freestyle, clocking in at 1:2.45 to finish ahead of three Eagle swimmers while Carballera, Unger and Howell took second, third and fourth, respectively, in the 1000-yard free. Carballera also took a second-place finish in the 500-yard freestyle for a time of 5:25.69.

Squillante, Carballera and Amy D’Olympia (Matapossett, Mass.) all teamed up with Ostrander to get the win in the 200 free relay.

Both teams return to the pool Nov. 13 when they host Providence College at 6:00 p.m.
Sports: In case you missed it

By David Niles
Staff Writer

In case you missed it…

-Throughout eight weeks the Cleveland Browns have an equal number of total offensive touchdowns for the season as Tom Brady had in the second quarter against the Titans.
-And there are 17 quarterback-backs with higher quarterback back ratings than Derek Anderson’s and James Russell’s combined.
-Who would have thought when the Jets added Josh打拼en and Mark Sanchez to their payroll this season that it would be Sanchez scoring down hot dogs on the sideline instead of Ryan?

Let me get this straight. The Eagles beat the Super Bowl favorite Giants by 23 but lost to the Raiders, who lost to the Bills, who lost to the Browns, who have been outscored 59-17 in five games this season. I guess the communicative property doesn’t always hold.

-The Lions played the Rams this past weekend and there is no truth to the rumor Vegas installed them both as underdogs. No truth to the rumor Vegas installed them both as underdogs.

And the scary part is that it isn’t from being cheap, as the Browns have the 2nd highest payroll in the NFL. It’s poor management that will scard Brownie from his hometown team. The Shag Experiment in Cleveland should be referred to as an observational study. The Suns already tried this experiment last year and it didn’t work.

-A recently published poll of NFL players said the Browns were the most hated team in the NFL. I really can’t blame anyone for thinking this, as I, a Browns fan, find myself working hard to root for this team. Kenderrick Perkins and Leon Powe are a perfect example.

Bulldogs average early season loss to Robert Morris

By Eva Mahan
Staff Writer

After dropping a heartbreaker in five sets to Saint Francis (Pa.) on Halloween, the women’s volleyball team got their revenge Sunday, avenging their 3-0 loss to the Robert Morris Colonials earlier in the season.

The Bulldogs dropped the first set before sailing to a 3-1 victory. The Bulldogs started out strong in the first set with the score tied throughout, but the Colonials were able to capitalize on six Bulldog attack errors to capture the set 25-19. The second set proved to work in the Bulldogs’ favor as they got fired up, never dropping another set on the way.

Facing a 5-4 deficit in the second set, Maria Soccola played a run of strong service to give the Bulldogs the edge. The Bulldogs would never look back as they led for the rest of the set and finally finished off the Colonials with a 25-23 win to even the match at 1-1.

Sophomore Jazzmin Stoner took the lead on offense in the third set with seven kills. The Bulldogs led early on before the Colonials worked their way back into a 14-11 lead. The Bulldogs were able to regain their composure though, and fought back to a 19-16 advantage before finishing off the match at 25-19.

The fourth set was no different than the previous three with a close score throughout and six tied scores. The Bulldogs and Colonials each had a hard time scoring against each other until Bryce Agnew was able to take advantage of several Colonials’ attack errors en route to a powerful kill from Stoner to give the Bulldogs the 25-20 advantage on the set and the 3-1 victory on the game.

Junior keeper Victor Tutino (Deer Park, N.Y.) recorded 12 saves in the contest as the Bulldogs ended their season on a high note Sunday afternoon as they defeated Northeast Conference foe Robert Morris on a game winning goal scored in the 39th minute by Matt Brown (South Easton, Mass.).

The Bulldogs, who made huge improvements in last year’s inaugural DI season, end the 2009 campaign with a 5-12-1 record overall and a 3-6-1 mark in the conference. Bryant may have been the most of one of its few first half opportunites when Nicholas Patsos (Hollbrook, N.Y.) played a swinging ball to the center of the box on a free kick from 25 yards out. Senior Neil Black (Roslyn Heights, N.Y.) was able to out-jump everyone in the box and direct his header back toward the near post, giving the Bulldogs a 1-0 lead in the 16th minute. It was Black’s second goal of the season.

The Bulldogs held the 1-0 lead until the 59th minute when the Colonials’ Neil Shaffer was taken down inside the Bryant box and awarded a penalty shot. Shaffer shot the ball low and into the left side of the goal for the equalizer.

At the end of 90 minutes the score remained the same. Bryant tallied the game-winner in the 109th minute when Sean Kauskas (Glastonbury, Conn.) played a short cross into the box where Brown was making his run. Brown shot into the wide open net to give the Bulldogs a thrilling double overtime victory. The goal was Brown’s third of the season and his second game winner.

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Sports: In case you missed it
Bulldog Bites

By Jackie Ammirato
Assistant Sports Editor

Field Hockey

The field hockey team celebrated its senior day on Friday against La Salle in its last game of the season. La Salle got the scoring started early with a goal in the seventh minute. Defense was the name of the game for the rest of the half with both teams going scoreless. In the 47th minute, junior Julie Kuchyt’s shot was deflected and put into the net by sophomore Courtney Landi. But with just under two minutes left in the game La Salle scored again and went on to win 2-1. Senior Kindy Mayema had eleven saves in the game. She finished the season with 124 saves and a .795 save percentage.

On the season, Landi led the team with eight goals followed by junior Elise Boisvenue with five and sophomore Ali Czerniak with four. Boisvenue and sophomore Kathy Andrusin led the team with three assists apiece.

The Bulldogs finished the season 4-4 against NEC opponents and 7-11 overall under first year head coach Shaunaessy Sauzier. The tenth bid farewell to seniors Colleen Wilson, Tia Pydynkowski, Danielle Moody, Kelly Frantz and Caitlin Johnson, and Kundayi Mawema.

Basketball impressive in exhibition

Brendan Heller
Staff Writer

The Bryant Men’s Basketball Team opened their 2009-2010 season by beating Concordia University 88-55 in an exhibition game at the Chase Center on Friday. The team was led by several new-comers, including freshmen Raphael Jordan (Bel Air, MD) who posted 18 points in his collegiate debut, shooting 7 of 8 from the field. Freshman Vladyslav Kondratiev (Canieville, RI) also added 16 points on a perfect night of shooting from the field.

Coach Tim O’Shie, in his second season at the helm for the Bulldogs, went deep into his bench early and often in the exhibition game, with every player in uniform getting playing time. Concordia University, located in Montreal, Quebec, went down 8-0 to start the game and the Bulldogs never let them any closer than that. The Bulldog’s starters were red-shirt sopho- more Papa Lo (Thesis, Sene- gal), senior Chris Birrell (Scituate, RI), senior Cecil gal), senior Chris Birrell (Scituate, RI), senior Cecil gal), senior Chris Birrell (Scituate, RI), senior Cecil gal), senior Chris Birrell (Scituate, RI), senior Cecil gal), senior Chris Birrell (Scituate, RI), senior Cecil gal), senior Chris Birrell (Scituate, RI), senior Cecil gal), senior Chris Birrell (Scituate, RI), senior Cecil gal), senior Chris Birrell (Scituate, RI), senior Cecil gal), senior Chris Birrell (Scituate, RI), senior Cecil gal), senior Chris Birrell (Scituate, RI), senior Cecil gal), senior Chris Birrell (Scituate, RI), senior Cecil gal), senior Chris Birrell (Scituate, RI), senior Cecil gal), senior Chris Birrell (Scituate, RI), senior Cecil gal), senior Chris Birrell (Scituate, RI), senior Cecil gal), senior Chris Birrell (Scituate, RI), senior Cecil gal), senior Chris Birrell (Scituate, RI), senior Cecil gal), senior Chris Birrell (Scituate, RI), senior Cecil gal), senior Chris Birrell (Scituate, RI), senior Cecil

Senior Cecil Gresham scored 12 points in the Bulldogs contest versus Concordia. Courtesy of Bryant Athletics.

A year’s leading scorer, scoring 12 points and posted a game-high 3 rebounds for the Bull- dogs.

Along with the five fresh- men who made their debut for Bryant was red-shirt sopho- more Papa Lo. After sitting out all of last season because of NCAA transfer rules, before transferring from the University of Massachusetts, Lo started the game at center for the Bulldogs, winning the opening tip-off. Coming off of three off-season knee surger- ries, Lo contributed 6 points and 3 rebounds, as well as a devastating blocked shot off the backboard that set the tone of the game early on in the first half.

Concordia, which is off to a 5-4 start to their season, will now travel to Vermont to take on the Vermont Catamounts before they return to Rhode Island to play the University of Rhode Island Rams.

Bryant’s next game will be their season opener on Friday November 13th at the Dunkin Donut’s Center in Providence where they tip off their official season against Big East opponent Providence College.

Coach’s Corner

Ask the Coach:

Question: I have seen signs that there are new programs being offered for Group Exerci- se. What are the new classes and when are they?

Answer: The new classes include a 9:00- 10:00 AM Pilates class on Tuesday and Thursday. You can join the Running Club, which meets every Wednesday at 7:00 AM, to get your mornings off to a great start. There is also a “Spin and Sculpt” class on Sunday evenings at 6:00 for spinning and abs and core training. Many of our familiar instructors are still on hand to keep you in shape and motivate you to even more physical fitness.

The addition of new staff members Tarah Martell, Brian Gosselin, and Geoff Farrell have added an even more intense method of physical training to our group exercise pro- grams.

Tarah offers “Spin and Sculpt” classes and “Flat Abs” classes on Wednesday nights, beginning at 7:00. She can really bring the in- tensity level up for those who want that in their workout,’ or she can help the beginner get the results they are looking for.

Brian is a spin and yoga instructor with 31 years experience in martial arts. He is also a professional mixed martial arts competitive fighter with over 18 year’s experience. Brian has his own studio in Cranston. He will be teaching a spin class on Tuesday from 7:30- 8:30 PM.

Geoff is the RTOC instructor at Bryant and is offering “Battle Focused Physical Fit- ness” on Tuesday and Thursday from 2:00- 3:00. This class will meet in the Group Exercise room and then head outside for some intense training. Some of the men and women in this group have been seen run- ning and carrying stones, doing pull-ups while hanging from tree branches, and crawling through the grass. Some are the next generation of leaders in the U.S. Army while others are novices looking for a change in their routine, or athletes seeking to find their inner warrior while training with our future warriors who are preparing to de- fend our nation. There is no obligation to join the Army but everyone is encouraged to join the exercise group and endure the physical challenges it takes to be an Ameri- can soldier.

Along with the classes for “Group Exerci- sе” everyone is encouraged to get free personal “membership” at the Fitness Center from any of our Fitness Assistants.

Please pick up a copy of the Group Exer- cise Classes at the Fitness Center desk or the main desk in the Chase Wellness Center or online at the Bryant Bulldog web site.

Thanks to Tim Brien for his contributions to The Archway.

Can’t make it to the game?

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Students Speak Out

“How has the H1N1 craze made you change your social behavior?”

“My vitamin C intake has pretty much quadrupled and Purell is always handy!”
-Anthony Franco ’12

“I try to stay clear of the sneezing kids in class.”
-Adriana Evangelista ’12

“I am an RA so H1N1 has caused me to wear a mask when talking to my sick residents, No swine for me!”
-Daniel Trapani ’10

“I wash my hands and use Purell more. I also make sure not to share drinks.”
-Meghan Aloisio ’10

“I go through hand sanitizer like it’s my job and I’m still flu free!”
-Gabriella Rossi ’12

“I’m not scared. I’m still pretty comfortable around everyone.”
-Jose Maldonado ’11

“I feel like the people that I hang out with have enough knowledge to take caution and be sanitary. I always take precaution; you can never be too safe.”
-Karina Evora ’12

“I’m much more health conscious - I clean my suite a lot more and always use antibacterial.”
-Katelyn O’Malley ’11

“I try to stay clear of the sneezing kids in class.”
-Adriana Evangelista ’12
Changing of the guard?

Republicans win two important Governor races

By Drew Green
Opinion Editor

So another first Tuesday of November has come and gone and more elections have been decided. That time around we did not have a new president – the disdain of many I am sure – but what we do have has been highly considered the first referendum on President Obama. Of course I am talking about the New Jersey and Virginia Gubernatorial races. Both of which were won by Republican candidates. The former was on the back of a promise to clean the state of corruption that had been a significant problem in New Jersey for some time. The latter was a more stable race won by an individual who had written in his master’s thesis that gays and feminists were harmful to this country and “mentally inferior” to the family – that’s just an aside, obviously it did not have enough of an impact to change the outcome.

As I mentioned some had projected these outcomes as a defeat for President Obama in the sense that it was incapable to maintain his political clout to keep Democrats in office in these states. Is this the case? I would have to disagree. What I will admit that the first major elections after the presidency has been decided are in essence a means of judging the types of policies that the president has enacted, let us not get carried away.

Gubernatorial elections are important, however, to claim that they are a strict interpretation of how the populace of the states feel about the president is somewhat naive. For instance, let us consider the New Jersey election. The Republican candidate essentially ran on the same platform that Obama had in his presidential election. Change. Change from what? Change from corruption that had engulfed the Jersey future. It has happened before and it will happen again against someone who has been involved in, and caught being involved in corruption, the election. However, I look at the individuals that lost and say, how could you lose that one? In lieu of that, I will give a pass on this election as it seems less like a mentality shift, and more like people generally want to create a new balance within their state government. It just so happens that usually this means electing the other guy and not the incumbent working through his various problems. Maybe, just maybe, the Virginia race can tell us that a shift has been made between last year and this year. However, is a shift in that a state that had a low percentage victory for Obama prove a lot has changed? Not a whole lot, but maybe.

If you want to talk real change then talk to me if the late Senator Kennedy’s seat goes to a Republican, then we can talk about change. In the meantime, I will say that this change in governor party affiliation does show a distinct trend away from Obama on a limited basis. Obviously it is not enough to claim that no one endorses his policies and that the country is really a majority of conservatives that were tricked into a false sense of comfort last November. There are some who present this claim. Is valid? Perhaps not. It is based in some truth? Of course.

No matter what the case may be, let the gloating begin. It will not stop until the mid-term Congressional elections. If history proves right, then more gloating will begin again as the Republicans are bound to gain a few more seats. As an aside, I think sweeping back five or six seats in the Senate is not out of the realm of possibility for the Republicans. Thus moving them closer, but not to, an even split between the parties. But I digress. So are these two outcomes – the elections this week and the possibility of more Republicans in the Senate – really that unexpected and to be touted as victories, or ridiculed as defeats? Hardly! It is the nature of people’s fickle ways in this country. We think we know what we want and vote for it, only to realize that it may not be what we thought it was. So we turn around and vote the other way. It happened last year after eight years of Bush, and will happen over and over again in the future. So how deep should we really read into these elections? First, we should realize that while all elections are important and have a profound impact on their constituents that is usually the main extent to which there are impacts. I do not like to read between the lines and say that ALL elections are referendums on the president. When the norm is that elections usually differ in outcome from what the last presidential election was, it is usually a common outcome can be profound in any way. Let’s wait till the next presidential election before we claim that an election is directly a response to the president’s policies.

The Ant Thomas Corner:
Are grades important?

By Anthony Thomas
Staff Writer

Are grades important? YES! I hope you did not think I was going to lie and tell you otherwise. As people become more educated, talent evaluation becomes more difficult. Particular requirements serve as a hammer and chisel to sculpt the “perfect” employee. Particular requirementsserve as a critical component to determine employment directly out of college. Professors are a major reason why I do not think grades serve as a fair factor. Just because a person has a PhD, has written a book, and is outright brilliant does not qualify them as a good teacher. I have been in too many classes where the professors are glossing over their former employees and talking about their personal lives, coupled with their boring lectures leaving me with no choices but to fall asleep. Classes with mandatory attendance should not exist, it is that they are hindering people’s grades. Class is a forum that should be beneficial to a person, and every class is a platform for a professor to add perspective and knowledge to students. Students along with professors should look forward to class, knowing many students did not attend certain classes and some professors make me wonder if they too dread class. Quizzes, exams, assignments, projects, and presentations should be more of a measure of how well the professor is transferring the material to students and how well students are receiving this information. Instead, grades are solely attached to students and hold the same if not more importance to how a person is perceived than their actual character and experience when it comes to applying for careers. Who grades professors? What profession gets graded semianuually is the better question. Off the top of my head I cannot think of any. People in careers are measured on results and bringing value to a particular company. Why should higher education be any different? School is so curriculum-driven, students are educating themselves and surviving. Making it from one quiz to the next can be a struggle, cramming information for a test today to forget it tomorrow. Striving from one semester to the next, so many classes is difficult to retain anything in memory. Leaving college remembering rough weekends more vivid than that 400 level course you took your senior year. A GPA does not account for extracurricular activities, family problems, bad professors, and personal issues. A resume should hold more weight and a five hour interview by six different people should. Many people can’t make it that far because of a minimum GPA requirement. My advice to students is: work hard and party hard, but also get good professors. They are out there, because these excuses will not get you far... just jobless.

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

By Kaleigh Durkin
PR Manager

"If you're a bird, then I'm a bird." A cursory glance at the newspaper will tell you that the answer is obvious. Everyone knows that a girl is a bird and that a guy is a frog. This simplistic distinction comes from the story of Hansel and Gretel, which is a tale beloved by millions of children around the world. The story of Hansel and Gretel is a classic fairy tale that has been told in many different ways, but it always centers around the theme of survival in a dangerous world. As such, it is not surprising that this story has been used to illustrate the differences between men and women, and it is this idea that I wish to challenge today.

The idea that men and women are fundamentally different is a stereotype that permeates our society, and it is one that I believe is harmful and damaging to both sexes. Men and women are not fundamentally different, and the differences that do exist are largely due to social and cultural factors. For example, the idea that men are naturally more aggressive than women is a myth that is based on the fact that men are generally larger and more muscular than women. This difference is largely due to biological factors and does not mean that men are inherently more aggressive.

The same can be said for the idea that women are naturally more emotional than men. While it is true that women tend to express their emotions more openly than men, this is largely due to social and cultural factors. In many cultures, women are encouraged to express their emotions, while men are discouraged from doing so. This cultural emphasis on emotional expression may be one reason why women tend to express their emotions more openly than men.

In conclusion, the idea that men and women are fundamentally different is a stereotype that is harmful and damaging to both sexes. Men and women are not fundamentally different, and the differences that do exist are largely due to social and cultural factors. It is time for us to stop perpetuating this harmful stereotype and to start recognizing the true complexity of human nature.

Observations

The Leaves are Everywhere

Can the leaves that are engulfing the townhouse pathways please be moved. No one can tell where the path begins and end. It’s not fun to walk into mud when you think it is concrete.

Party Van

Apparently one of the facilities workers really likes Biggief. Because a van was heard blasting his music outside of a townhouse.

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Geese Report

It’s time to say goodbye to the geese as it is getting colder to the time they leave for their winter break. Campus won’t feel the same, but at least there will be less goose droppings!

Oreo Overload

Cafe a la Carte must have had an excess of Oreos that were about to go bad because this past week it seemed like every item on their pastry rack had Oreos in them. Now, everyone loves Oreos, but not that much.

Send Observations to agreeen1@bryant.edu.

Bryant Said What?

"Just like straight up Chinatown."

"That’s like dirty bunny sex!"

"What, he broke up with his sister?"

"Person 1: I got a scholarship to Elmira College. But didn’t go because it was next to a maximum security prison."

"Person 2: Hey! We’re next to a maximum security prison too... Fidelity."

"If she can drive that big truck she probably can run a prison."

"That’s like dirty bunny sex!"

"Just like straight up Chinatown."

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Opinion

Compiled by Bryant Students

Dating: 2009 style

By David Nelligan
Staff Writer

Last time I checked the date on my driver’s license, it was 1995. This means, ladies, I am talking to you, the dating scene has drastically changed. Although nice in thought, is it really for the better? I will tell you why.

First, girls are fully capable of asking the guys out. It’s no longer acceptable for the men to make this promiscous to make the first move as a female. This then puts a lot of pressure on the girls, because girls seem to be the ones who get the short end of the stick. I think about all the times that I have been on a date and have been told that the guy paid for the entire date. I know that this may not be the case, but it is a trend that I have noticed.

One observation I would also have to make is that there are a lot of guys who don’t ask a girl out. A lot of the time, these guys are too scared to ask for a girl that a guy to shit down because it does not make them look good. Getting shut down sucks; so everyone is even on that level.

The second issue that has changed occurs when the classic dinner date does occur: paying for the check. It no longer falls solely upon the guy to pick up the tab. Now there may be a few technicalities, such as who asked who out, but ladies, at least make a motion for your purse, or make an attempt, as if you are willing to pay, and then let him tell you that he’s got it. But then I have to ask, why is the guy the only one that has to try and impress someone? Both people are basically on interview, so if it is the very first date, it could possibly be the last, so again, why should the males take the hit on paying for everything and the girls get a free meal, unless our society has changed to where a female is not considered equal, or at least half, does not strip the masculinity from the guy in the least amount of time.

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Every summer, all the girls I know go back home to be- come the cute waitresses, get- ting big tips from tourists, or babysit for their family to find that pay very well. Myself, along with all my guy friends, are stuck with manual labor jobs that only pay eight to ten dollars an hour. As far as I see it the majority of girls on this campus, who can work their way across the country probably have more money in their bank accounts than I do, and with should have no probably pay- ing for the date.

This is one reason why the "hang out" while not as rom- antic as some girls may want, is a great way to start a possible relationship with someone. It is free, you are not trapped somewhere with someone who you do not like, and it is more of a relaxed at- mosphere, one that you can truly be yourselves.

Wrapping up my remarks I will admit that chivalry may not be completely dead, but should no longer be the norm within the dating realm. Girls want equality, then let’s make sure that is what we offer. We cannot pick and choosing in order to reap the bene- fits. Some guys out there may still act in an old fashioned man- ner, and that is okay, but the ones who take a stand and put their sound down and let the hope bring the dating scene to an even playing field for future generations to come.

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Words of Wellness:
Keep fitness on your “to-do” list!

By Jen Diprete
Staff Columnist

As the days get shorter and the temperatures drop, our motivation to stay physically active mirrors the change in seasons. As our plans fill up with appointments, deadlines, exams, papers, etc., it is very easy to “for-get” to exercise.

It might appear easy to wait until the start of another year to get back on track or start from scratch. But why wait several months when you can do it now? What is happening is that you have now chosen to place your decision to exercise regularly on the back burner? Too much work? Not enough time? Too lazy? The list goes on and on. It’s the excuses list. You may want to look at plac-ing exercise on another list.

Your to-do list! Like all other important events that get scheduled into your day, exercise should be a regular part of your daily agenda. It is a personal commitment to you and your health. As the saying goes, “If you don’t use it, you lose it.” Exercise increases energy levels and helps with stress relief, which is something more and more people are discovering.

As the weather cools and we bundled up with scarves and hats, we feel more energized and alert. Exercise helps reduce stress hormones and can help you feel relaxed and energized.

The Archway Top Ten:
Facilities requests

1. I want to play a prank, can you change the locks on my suitmates doors?
2. Can I go for a ride in one of the golf carts?
3. Do you have a hazardous waste suit I can borrow?
4. Can you lock the doors to Salmo so no one has to experience that “food” anymore?
5. Can you cage all the geese?
6. I have a test tomorrow and I didn’t study for, can you pull the fire alarm right before my class?
7. Can you mow my name into the football field before the next home game?
8. I think the food I left in my sink is growing into some kind of new organism, can you try and kill it for me?
9. The person’s bed above my room makes a lot of noise when they have sex, can you fix that for me? PLEASE!
**Harem pants: Hair-raising or hot?**

*From MCT Campus*

Look, we’re only human, and sometimes we have (very) strong opinions on fashion. So when a slew of harem pants came billowing down the runway at Fashion Week in September (this means they are moving forward for spring), we groaned audibly, envisioning Barbara Eden colliding with M.C. Hammer.

“Not so fast,” said seatmate Jacqui Stafford, the executive style editor at Shape magazine. “Harem pants can be very seductive, and they’re easy to wear,” said Sarah thing, lady. Stafford says she brought harem pants into her office and ‘Look, we’re only human, and sometimes we have (very) strong opinions on fashion.’

“Everyone hated them initially, but they’re actually way more flattering than people think, just like cargo pants. They hide a multitude of sins, and most people can wear them. They’re a bad-girl’s best friend,” says, and she says, their popularity will continue to grow “like skinny jeans.”

Kiran Rai, the creative director of Indian clothing line Sir Al- istair Rai, loves ’em and produces a variety, including low-slung ‘jodhpuris’ and balloon-legged jobs in fanciful satins and sequins. “We are a very ethnically inspired hippie line,” she says, “but I think harem pants are really going mainstream.”

Stephanie Solomon, Bloomingdale’s fashion director, who saw Kiran Rai, which can “look a little Aladdin.”

“If you’re thinking about them, here are some style tips: Stay slim on top. “You definitely don’t want to have a voluminous let us stop you. This movie could have used some better editing; however, it is understandable that, given its budget and size, this film is still exponentially better than most typical Hollywood fright-flicks.”

**Bulldog flicks: Paranormal Activity**

What happens when you sleep?

By Coburn Childs

Staff Writer

What happens when you sleep? That’s the question that “little-film-that-could” Paranormal Activity seeks to answer in as frightening a way as possible. In the same way that Blair Witch Project purported to be a true story that used “real” footage, Paranormal relies on a hand-held camera—and not a bit of violence or computerized effects—to give the audience a sense that you are watching a completely real home-video documenting some pretty frightening events.

Made for a budget of less than $10,000, this genuinely scary film played the indie-festival circuit for a little while until word-of-mouth and an online “demand the film” campaign launched it to the top of the box office charts.

After over a million fans caught wind of it—and subsequently demanded it—the movie finally expanded to a couple of weeks ago, it has since grossed over $80 million in the U.S. alone, and it is still sitting at the top of the charts.

So what is all the hype about? Paranormal Activity is a very unique horror film. For one, it provides a captivating sense of tension, rather than cheap, jump-in-your-seat scares. Additionally, the movie barely relies on any sound effects, instead focusing on nuance—as shadows and low sounds—which to ratchet up our fear of what goes bump in the night. Filmed in just seven days in first-time director Oren Peli’s own home, Paranormal earns its R-rating simply for a few F-words—and for hardly a single drop of blood.

The movie focuses on Katie and Micah (unknown actors Katie Featherston and Micah Scoat used their real names for the film), a young couple who think they are being haunted by... err... some entity. Micah decides to purchase a new camera that he sets up at the foot of their bed and leaves running all night, in order to document just what is going on in their house during the pitch-black hours.

What does the camera capture? It starts off pretty weird, to say the least, and it grows progressively more disturbing from there. The first few nights bring a few doors opening and a flickering light or two. But soon enough Katie and Micah awaken to their chandelier swinging wildly and hitting the ceiling, loud performances of Katie and Micah, who essentially hold the screen for all of the film’s 85-minute running time. In addition to the ”reality” element of the footage, although done before, gets an entirely new approach, with the film all but relying on a script, either, as Katie and Micah were told to ad-lib each scene. The dialogue between the two is often witty and comes across as genuine, yet one can’t help but wonder if the film is simply a rip-off of an actual script. Indeed, my greatest complaint is that the film feels dragged out for the first half, working to build suspense, only to rapidly come across as boring until things actually start happening.

Although the two lead actors are quite good in performances, the few supporting characters who come in for just a few minutes (i.e. the best friend, the psychic they inevitably call, etc.) really feel out of place in the film. Actually, it is quite obvious that they are “acting,” and I really felt that their appearances took you out of the world of reality that the movie has going for it most of the time. Paranormal could have used some better editing; however, it is understandable that, given its budget and size, this film is still exponentially better than most typical Hollywood fright-flicks.

Just last week, Paranormal Activity became one of the single most profitable movies of all time, making a nearly 450,000,000 return in profit for the studio smart enough to invest in it. If you haven’t been a part of the harem pants trend, I urge you too late to catch a flick that succeeds in being quite suspenseful and downright terrifying for all the right reasons.

I give Paranormal Activity 4 out of 5 Bulldogs.
Celebrity round-up

By Carlos Ramos

Staff Writers

Leading the celebrity headlines this week is news about Rihanna. The “Umbrella” singer is breaking her silence about the incident with Chris Brown in the December issue of Glamour, revealing “I went to sleep as Rihanna and woke up as Britney Spears.” With the release of her albums later on this month, Rihanna will be making the media circuit to increase the hype.

‘Heroes’ fans may not want to read this, but TV Guide has confirmed that Adrian Pasdar’s character Nathan Petrelli will get the ax this season. What is worse is how Pasdar found out. Instead of the producers letting him know directly, he found out while reading the script for the upcoming season. What a low blow.

In an interview with Broadcasting & Cable magazine, Jay Leva reveals that he would have rather stayed hosting The Tonight Show and that it wasn’t his decision to make. He isn’t moping around missing the show, though. His feelings about his “sainted” show: “It is a challenge I find difficult but interesting.” They need to get rid of Conan and bring Leno back.

Azhuruddin Mohammed Ismail and Rubina Ali, kid stars of the Oscar winning movie Slumdog Millionaire, are at risk of losing their trust fund money if they don’t start attending school. Noshir Dadaivala, who organizes the trust established by the filmmakers, said that the two kids have school attendance rates of less than fifty percent. The children’s parents said the absences were due to deaths in the family and other problems, but promised to improve their attendance.

President of Venezuela Hugo Chavez gave Oscar-winning star Sean Penn the approval to film in his country. Penn is working on a film based on a novel The Last Steps by Cuban writer Alejo Carpentier.

Celebrities in Hollywood can now rest easy knowing that Nicholas Prugo and his five accomplices are in police custody. Prugo, the ringleader in the burglaries where celebrity houses were robbed, is facing seven counts of residential burglary. So far, police have recovered roughly $2 million in cash and property.

Madonna is not only a mother, the Queen of Pop, an actress, and dancer, but also a philanthropist. In her recent trip to [Mpharudalu] Malawi, the mother of four said, “I know you work in darkness. I will bring you electricity.” Madonna’s Raising Malawi charity has already donated $500,000 for a child care center in the village that feeds and educates 3,000 orphaned children.

Last week’s one number one scary movie Paranormal Activity slipped to number two, bringing in approximately $16.5 million at the box office. The Michael Jackson documentary style film This Is It topped the box office domestically taking an estimated $23 million, while worldwide it has made an impressive $103.9 million. Rounding up the top three was Law Abiding Citizen with $7.4 million.

To find out what’s happening in Hollywood, make sure to pick up next week’s copy of The Archway.

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Team Tax Rx victorious at PWC Competition

By Michael Lynch
Contributing Writer

The PricewaterhouseCoopers xTax 2009 Competition took place on the Bryant Campus on October 21, 2009. The PwC national case competition, called xTax, is designed to give students exposure to real world tax issues. This year's competition consisted of eight Bryant teams made up of five members. Each team has a student ambassador (a former student) and a PwC mentor (a current PwC tax employee in the Boston office). Each team was required to have two sophomores and one junior. The other two positions were open to all students. The teams were given two weeks to research a real world tax policy issue for a fictitious country. This year’s topic was national health care.

Because xTax is focused on policy and planning issues, it doesn’t require knowledge of detailed tax accounting policies and rules. Instead, it requires critical thinking, team building and presentation skills.

This year, over one-hundred and twenty-five students expressed an interest in competing. Faculty advisor Michael Lynch, a professor in the accounting department, felt that forty students would be a manageable number. Professor Lynch solicited and interviewed the students and put together eight competitive teams. The teams attended a kick-off event on October 7, 2009. Bob Calabro, a Bryant Alumnus, current member of the Board of Trustees and a tax partner in the Boston office of PwC, presented this year’s case and explained the guidelines and the expectations of the competition. The teams were then given two weeks to prepare their presentations.

On October 21, Mr. Calabro returned with three other PwC judges and each team was given fifteen minutes to argue their case on stage to the audience. As Mr. Calabro stated “it was extreme.” After each oral argument, the panel of judges questioned each team. The entire debate lasted over five hours, followed by a reception and an awards ceremony.

In the end, the winning group was team TAXAHOLICS led by junior Nicholas Denice. Team Tax Rx took first runner-up, while Team Cure Duan placed second runner-up.

A video of the winning team was sent to the PwC office in Washington, DC. Over 50 other colleges and universities have also submitted tapes of their teams. In late December, Nick and his teammates Jacquelyn Ammirato, Timothy Peabody, Kathleen Wiseman, and Kathleen Twarowski will find out if they are one of the top five teams in the nation that will be invited to the PwC office in Washington to compete nationally. Team TAXAHOLICS was paid $1,000 for winning the competition at Bryant. If they go to nationals and win they will receive an additional $10,000.

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About Bryant University

Bryant University is a private, coeducational school located in Smithfield, Rhode Island. Its small size allows for a personal learning environment that emphasizes small classes and faculty-student interaction.

Bryant University is consistently ranked among the nation’s top 250 business schools by U.S. News & World Report.

Bryant University is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. It has campuses in Smithfield, Rhode Island, and Luxembourg.

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