Class of 2009 announces class gift

By Joe Pelletier
Business and Web Editor

Every year seniors are given an opportunity to leave their mark on campus while providing Bryant with a gift that benefits the University for years to come. Seniors champion this responsibility through the “Senior Class Gift Committee,” a group challenged with enrolling fellow classmates and planning fundraising and participation efforts across the class. For many past classes, the Senior Class Gift has meant Archway benches, or a volleyball court – all of which have connected the donating class to a particular facet of Bryant.

In keeping with tradition, this year’s Senior Class Gift committee has pledged support for the installation of two Bulldog statues outside the football stadium. With Bryant’s move to Division I athletics, it is hoped the Bulldog statues will distinguish the Class of 2009 as the first to graduate in an era of new athletic competition for the University.

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Students enrolled in College Leadership RI ‘09

By Brigit Clancy
Variety Editor

College Leadership Rhode Island (CLRI) is a program sponsored by Fidelity Investments for college students that are approaching graduation. Judy Clare, the Director of Career Services, said, “CLRI is designed to help these students make the transition from college to civic engagement by providing information and learning about Rhode Island history, issues facing the state, nonprofit sector, public service and government and community service in the workplace.”

CLRI is based on Leadership Rhode Island’s 25-year-old core program for career professionals in the state. Clare said, “I was part of the group of Leadership Rhode Island graduates who created this program six years ago. I am delighted to see that this terrific program has been so successful.”

With an orientation as well as four half-day sessions, the program helps college students transition from being student leaders to civically-engaged citizens and employees. Students meet one day a month for four months at sites related to the topics discussed. They will have the opportunity to engage in discussion with key leaders in the state.

All colleges and universities are encouraged to nominate students into the CLRI program. Participants are approaching graduation that have demonstrated student leadership, interest in enhancing their leadership skills, and strong interest in being part of any Senior Class Gift is its permanence on campus. As seniors begin to plan their next steps this semester and expand their horizons, the bulldog statues will serve as a lifelong reminder of the timeless memories that touched the Class of 2009 over the past four years.

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Spring 2009 Calendar

Tuesday, February 17
Lamim Toure and Group Saloum - Saloum Drumming Group
7pm, Jankies Auditorium

Monday, February 23
Speaker: Teddy Bruschi, New England Patriots Football Player
7:30pm, Main Gym

Thursday, March 11
Speaker: Nikki Giovanni, poet and faculty member at Virginia Tech
7pm, Jankies Auditorium
Co-sponsored by the Women’s Center

Monday, March 23
Lil Phunk & Phunk Phenomenon Dance Troupes
8pm, Jankies Auditorium
Masters dance class taught by Phunk Phenomenon at 5pm
Sign-ups required

Sunday, March 29
Trip to Boston’s Institute of Contemporary Art
Buses leave Bryant @ 8am
Sign-ups required

Friday, April 3
Building Film Festival
7pm, Jankies Auditorium
Co-sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Literary and Cultural Studies, and Department of Communications

Wednesday, April 15
Speaker: Ishmael Beah, Author of A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier
7pm, Bella Grand Hall

Monday, April 20, 2009
The King’s Sicks A Cappella Group
7:30pm, Main Gym

All events sponsored by the Student Arts and Speaker Series.
Tickets are required for all events and are available in the Center for Student Involvement.
Ticket availability will be announced before each event.
Matt Ross: The Character of Success

By Morgan Buell

Staff Writer

When I first approached senior, Matt Ross, about this article his response was, “Who me?” His humble demeanor hides his many accomplishments, including his most recent, being the first student in Bryn Mawr’s history to pass the first of three exams for the Chartered Financial Analyst, CFA, before graduation.

The CFA is recognized worldwide as the gold standard among investment analysts. It was first proposed by Benjamin Graham in 1942 as a member of the New York Society of Securities Analysts (NYSSA). The program is a rigorous self-study curriculum conducted every five years. There are three levels of exams; each level demands a minimum of 250 hours of study.

Matt worked hard to pass the test. He began studying in June and the test was administered on December 28th. He was notified of his triumph, passing the first of three exams while still an undergraduate, a rarity in the finance world.

Ross, who is also a member of Order of Omega, a Greek Leadership Honor Society, keeps busy with his many activities including Tau Kappa Epsilon, the Finance Association, and the ski and snowboard club.

With so many activities to juggle, Ross admits his good time management skills, diligence, and work ethic have increased his ability to keep up his busy lifestyle.

“If I were informed on the results for the exam, I celebrated for a few days but realized the importance of keeping my energy for the next one.”

Ross has interned at State Street Corporation, a company that does custodial and accounting work for mutual funds. His ideal job is, in approximately ten to fifteen years, to become an analyst for an investment bank on Wall Street. However, due to the current economic condition he is researching realistic possibilities, as he feels that his graduating class will be facing the worst economy since the Great Depression. All things aside, Matt Ross strives to achieve the impossible. Through his studies, extracurricular activities and strong friendships he makes the most of every day and continues to live out Bryant’s mission: The Character of Success.

SEAC expands its reach

Bryan Regele

Staff Writer

One of the newest organizations on campus, the Student Experiences Abroad Club (SEAC), has achieved great success since its inception last May. The club’s mission is to provide an atmosphere where student travelers can share their individual stories about international cultures through a mixture of casual conversation, guest speakers, and sponsored events. The large number of returning students from the fall semester has significantly increased the participation in SEAC and all students who have traveled abroad for study, for leisure, or for the Sophomore International Experience are encouraged to join.

The first general meeting of the semester was held on Monday, February 2nd, and attracted over 20 people.

The e-board creatively began the meeting with a customized version of human bingo in which members were challenged to fill their bingo cards with names of people who satisfied certain travel-related standards. The interaction and excitement that arose from this simple task reflected both in the unique experiences that each possessed and the enthusiasm for the interesting quirks of going abroad.

The meeting continued with a presentation by guest speaker, Donna Tawse, a nurse practitioner in Health Services. Tawse has spent much of her time volunteering abroad in Africa, Central America, and South America. Beyond simply sharing her impressive stories with the group, Tawse was able to convey several lessons she drew from her experiences. She emphasized the importance of global connectivity in today’s society, suggesting that the best way to truly understand the world is not by learning through second-hand sources, but by becoming immersed in other cultures.

The observation that undoubtedly resonated most with the group was that each member must keep their memories alive. Tawse stressed the importance of these experiences in the educational and employment spheres, but also noted that everyone’s mind loses the details slowly over time if one does not recall them frequently. Subsequently, Tawse therefore applauded the organization for its role in ensuring this; does not occur by providing a forum for students to share and keep their memories vivid and living.

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Bryant kicks off 7th Annual Relay For Life

Bryant University gathered recently to kickoff plans for the Relay For Life of Bryant University. The kick off celebration helped the community to learn more about the Relay For Life and how to get involved. Pictures from left to right; David R. Strong, PhD. of Warwick, is an American Cancer Society funded researcher at Butler Hospital, Katherine Shea and Bridget McNulty, members of this year’s relay committee from Bryant University, and guest survivor speaker Peter Amoriggi of Smithfield.

Relay For Life is a community event, which honors cancer survivors, anyone who has been diagnosed with cancer, and their caregivers. The relay also pays tribute to those who have lost their battle with cancer. The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is an overnight community celebration where individuals and teams camp out, barbecue, dance, and take turns walking around a track to raise funds to fight cancer. Last year’s event raised $60,000 for the fight against cancer. This is the 7th year of the Relay For Life at Bryant University. This year in Rhode Island there are 19 Relay For Life events that will be taking place. The Relay For Life of Bryant University will be held on April 17-18, 4 p.m.- 8 a.m. For more information about how to get involved please call 1-800-227-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

Courtesy of the American Cancer Society

Bryant kicks off 7th Annual Relay For Life
Study Abroad Spotlight: Jenna Marzec

Name: Jenna Marzec
Class of: 2010
University: Suffolk University
Location: Madrid, Spain
Partner: API
Duration: Sept. 1, 2008-Dec. 18, 2008

Reason for going:
Before going to Spain for a semester, I had been to Europe on three occasions and absolutely loved it. I knew that studying abroad and traveling around Europe for four months would be a dream come true. I also wanted to complete my Spanish minor and thought that studying in the capital of Spain would be a great finish.

Best experience/memory:
My best experience occurred while on a school trip to the Canary Islands, which are a Spanish archipelago. For my Astronomy class we spent four nights in the Canary Islands observing the stars. On one of the days we had the opportunity to climb the Teide Volcano. The terrain was very rocky and with the cold wind blowing in your face you felt your adrenaline rush as you neared the top. Once I reached the top, I saw one of the best panoramic views I had ever seen. I was standing on the highest point in the Atlantic Ocean, overlooking the ocean, the clouds, and the rest of the island.

Funny cultural experience:
Within the first two days of being in Spain, I learned that slang in Spain was not exactly the same as in the United States. In high school and all throughout college I learned that “¿Qué tal?” was slang for “What’s up?” When a Spaniard asked me “¿Qué tal?”, I responded with “nada” (nothing), not realizing that he was asking me “How are you?” He was very confused with my response and it was really awkward, and from that moment on, I answered the actual question I was asked.

How was the school different from Bryant University?
The school was similar to Bryant in that all the classrooms were in one building. The only big difference was there were only five classrooms. Essentially, the whole school was in one building; the administrative offices, the computer labs, and the classrooms. There was a very small circle of students, but that made it very easy to get to know everyone in a short period of time.

How did this experience change you?
I definitely became more independent and learned to adapt to customs that were different from what I was used to. Over four months I learned so much about myself and realized that anything is possible. I think I left Madrid with a more global view of the world.

Would you study abroad again given the opportunity?
I would absolutely study abroad again given the opportunity. It was an experience that cannot be fully described in words or through pictures and videos. I miss it every day but I am grateful that I made the most of my time while I was there.

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Amazon debuts new Kindle device at same price

By Jeff Burtash

MCT Campus

Amazon.com on Monday unveiled a slimmer, lighter version of the Kindle, its electronic book reader, with a host of new features but the same price as its predecessor. At a news conference at the Morgan Library & Museum in New York, Chief executive Jeff Bezos demonstrated the new device, which will be available for shipping Feb. 24. Dubbed the Kindle 2, it's easier to read, half as thick as the original and thinner than Apple Inc.'s popular 3G iPhone.

The Kindle 2's newest feature is a high-quality text-to-speech function enabling the Kindle to read books out loud. It also has additional memory and can store 2,500 books, with 25 percent more battery life compared to the original version.

"It's a very digital. It appeals to the heavy reader," said Ari Greenberg, research director of mobile devices at Current Analysis. He said the original version had a "goofy" design and other flaws that Amazon appears to have fixed.

The new device comes barely a year after Amazon launched the original Kindle, which has been sold out for much of that time. The Seattle-based company has never disclosed specific sales figures for the device, though analysts guess as many as 500,000 units have been bought.

"We've been selling e-books for years, and guess what? It didn't work, until 14 months ago," Bezos said. He said Kindle books now account for 10 percent of all sales.

The Kindle 2, originally launched in December 2007, is the first reading device that allows customers to buy books from a download store without a connection to a computer. The goal of Amazon, the nation's largest online retailer, is to use the Kindle to remake the book market for the digital age.

"Our vision is every book ever printed in any language is available, available, available," Bezos noted. Bezos said 230,000 books can now be purchased with just 200 books for the original version.

Amazon says its extended battery life will allow Kindle 2 users to read for four to five days on a single charge if the device's wireless service is turned on, up to two weeks with wireless off. The Kindle 2 downloads books via the high-speed wireless network run by Sprint Nextel Corp., though no wireless service is apply.

Amazon kept the price of the device at $359. A price cut for the original Kindle was implemented last fall.

Several analysts had speculated that the Kindle 2 would drop to under $250.

Even with an improved design, the Kindle is likely to remain a niche product until consumer acceptance comes down, analysts say. Greenberg, for one, said the cost could discourage buyers, especially in light of the deepening U.S. recession.

"It fits into the "niche" category and not necessarily a needed category," he said.

The use of electronic readers, however, is almost certain to grow. Younger people increasingly get their news and other information from the Internet and are more often connected to the Web with electronic devices, wireless phones, Blackberrys and such. In the near future, Amazon plans to allow customers to use certain smartphone and other devices to download books online to the Kindle's Internet page.

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Bernie Madoff: The $50 Billion Dollar Man

By Jeff Steacie

SIFE Contributor

What happened?

As by now, most of you have heard the name Bernard Madoff, if not, he was a well-known investment company that led to what may be the biggest single investment fraud scam in history. After confiding in some of his clients he told them that losses from his Ponzi scheme may reach $50 billion dollars.

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Men’s Lax Face #1 Ranked UVA for Season Opener

By Benjamin Rich  
Staff Writer

The bus for Charlottesville, Virginia, home to the University of Virginia Cavaliers, leaves this afternoon. The Bryant men’s lacrosse team will travel over 12 hours to open the season against the presea

son number one ranked team in Division I on Mon-

day, February 16th. Does this intimidate head coach Mike Pressler? Not quite. Instead, the word he used to describe it was “excited.”

After an impressive season in 2009, boasting 14 wins and a bid to the NCAA Division II final four, the Bulldogs have officially left the NE-10 conference. Their game on the 16th will begin the first season ever in the Northeast Conference at a Division I level, although they will not be eligible to compete for a title until the 2011 season. Virginia is just one of the many daunting teams the Bulldogs will face this spring, including Army, Dartmouth, Maryland and Brown. The schedule, hand-picked by Coach Pressler, was made this way for a reason. “Because of our ineligibility, I want to give these kids something to hang their hats on at the end of the day,” said Pressler, who was able to use his contacts in the NCAA to put together the 2009 schedule. This spring will mark the third season for Pressler at Bryant, where he holds an 18-1 conference record and an overall record of 27-7 in the regular season. Among those who will not be returning this season, goalie Mike Kennedy and former team captain Corey MacDougall will be most missed. To fill this void, the freshman class for the 2009 season is represented by 14 new members of the team found on the Bulldog’s roster. Most notably, Max Weisberg and Travis Harrington will prove to be helpful assets to the offensive spectrum of the team, while Tim Clinton and Jameson Love, both from Duren, Connecticut, will put up the defense. Also, three other new players will be seen on the roster, each of whom transferred to Bryant to join the transition to Division I. Harrisson Tull, a sophomore, and Zach Greer, leader in all-time goals in Division I and Duke University All-American. After completing his four years with Duke, Greer chose to reunite with Coach Pressler to both assist in the Division I transition but more importantly, to take advantage of the MBA program at Bryant. “Zach has elevated our skill level,” said Pressler, who feels Greer will benefit the team in terms of not only talent, but leadership as well. Greer will be a captain for the team this season, along with returning offensive players Bryan Kaufman, Kevin Hoagland and Matt McAllister.

Along with new players, the Bulldogs will now be sporting Brine equipment due to an agreement signed back in October of 2008. The players and the coaches are thrilled for this new partnership with Brine. “Their equipment is the best of the best,” said Coach Pressler, noting that the new partnership is just another step on their road to Division I.

The most exciting part of the new season might be the familiar faces that will be returning to help make their presence known on the field in Division I, Junior Matt Murnane, along with sophomores Joe Rauchett and Ryan Mahoney will prove to stand out for the defense of the Bulldogs. In the mid-field, Jim Long, Matt Tynski, Corey Crowley and Matt Larson will certainly make their mark. The primary attackers include Bryan Kaufman, Kevin Hoagland, Matt McKeefrey and Zach Greer, who will post up the goals for the team. Also, face-off specialist Andrew Hennessey will be returning for his senior year with the Bulldogs.

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By Tim Cowlishaw  
MCT Campus

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Rodriguez admitted he took banned substances while playing for the Texas Rangers. “I had just signed this enormous contract,” Rodriguez said of the 10-year, $252 million contract he signed before the 2001 season. That would still be the largest contract in baseball had Rodriguez not opted out after the 2007 season and signed a 10-year, $270 million deal to stay with the Yankees. “I felt I needed to perform and perform at a high level every day,” Rodriguez said. While his decision to talk was a good one, Rodriguez didn’t come completely clean.

He said he didn’t remember exactly what banned substances he took, although the report that he was one of 104 major leaguers who tested positive in 2003 – his three Texas years – Rodriguez called it “pretty accurate.”

A-Rod’s home run totals were larger for those three years, when he averaged 52, as compared to 49 for his other 10 seasons, when he averaged 26. But he was playing in a much friendlier hitters’ park in Arlington than he did in Seattle or New York. I think Rodriguez’s willingness to admit he took steroids will encourage his chances of reaching the Hall of Fame. But it won’t be easy. There’s no question he will finish his career with Hall of Fame numbers. Heck, he has them already – 553 home runs, three Most Valuable Player awards, 12 All-Star Game appearances – and he won’t turn 34 until midseason. But there’s also no question that a lot of the writers who have Hall of Fame votes didn’t like his personality already and will jump at the chance to say his steroids use should expel him from any Hall consideration.

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MLB's dark shadows loom larger than ever

Have you been watching the latest major league baseball steroid saga?

Write to archway@bryant.edu with your comments. Some contributions may be posted in next week’s section.
Here’s a plethora of reasons, from the Pink Panther to Pepto-Bismol, to love this shocking color

By Heather Speck and Ira Stezins
McCreadie Newspapers

ON, poor pink pig!

So fun, so lovely, so chirper, so cheery. Yet as far as Valentine’s Day goes, pink has been relegated to the second seat in the Crayola box. It always seems to be lingering along behind Big Red, struggling to catch up, clutching at its wild carnation.

But not this year. We’re not going to let that happen. We’re going to celebrate our rosy little underdog until it’s wrenched into a lead role in the world of romance. We want red to pale in comparison.

This is our valentine to the color pink.

ETSYMOLOGY

■ Before the color. The word “pink” probably wasn’t used to describe a color until the 17th century, when it was used to describe the light red flowers of peas, or places in the groin. diaper. The edges of their petals appeared to have been “pilled,” or cut, with pinking shears. This led to our modern definition of pink—to slab lightly with a pinking tool, or to play, to decorate with a perforated pattern. From the Middle English paling, paling, which means to pail or pink, which ultimately goes back to the Latin paliare.

■ Pinkie finger.

This oddity may come from the Dutch paling, which is the diminutive of paling, or little finger.

■ In the pink. To be “in the pink” means to be “at the height of is health,” or the organs are.” What you’d think. It comes from the French for “several years ago for hunting. The French word was “paling” and was called pinkie or the color, but not the other name of the 18th-century British tailor. Thomas Pink made only for men who were clad in pink were said to be in the pink, according to the dictionary. About set out to gallop your home across the nursery.

TO THINK ONE’S CANDY HEART BE TRUE

■ Pink candy hearts. They come in all manner of pastel, but nothing beats the pink best that means. Biege. Kiss Me. Sweet Talk. You know those neon candies at Sweethearts. Confectionery Hearts. The concept dates back to the late 19th century. More often “Kissing Hearts,” but the modern version started in the early 1900s. They weren’t just heart-shaped, but cut in various forms, such as princesses, baseballs, or butterflies. Back then, they had room for longer messages, such as “Please and a lock of your hair by return only.” Another way I could say him, I longed to share, but that the sweethearts are No. 1-selling candy in the U.S. Day candy.

■ POP CULTURE PINK

■ The Pink Panther. The original film, the cartoon cartoon, on the overly Henry Mancini music theme—we love the whole pink scheme. The name comes from a fictional dis- mission whose face makes it look as though a father springs from the 1950s. The term衍生 is a popular after the debut of the original 1963 cartoon that he won his own inflated morning cartoon show and, in 1983, would become the official mascot of insulation manufacturer—Ornament Company. Since 2001, the panther has been known as "Pink Panther Studios." Pink love.

■ The Pink Panther: The not-so-cute dancer (from Alicia Moore) even managed to escape partly thanks to her fleshless complexion. The young star one day at summer camp, a boy who did pull it to her in movie stars (which is the pink Star of David was used to mark Jews). In the 1950s, the ornamental symbol the sym- bol, torn to the right side by the Aids crisis in the 1980s, it has become a symbol of mourning and HIV/Aids, accepted by the American Psychiatric Association, at A.C.T.U. New York.

■ Pink Floyd. The origin of the band name isn’t as far-fetched as one might think: It’s taken from the first name of two old preachers, a man and his Ford. Before settling on the pink, they experimented with several other names, including Signum Dei, the Stringers, The Screaming Abbeys, The Maggots and 7-8.

■ Pink Cadillac. The only car strong enough for a man (Bruce Springsteen song, Clive Eastwood movie), but made for a woman (Mary Kay.&

■ Pink Flowers. What gift of the ‘80s would not want to be a Pink Lady? The Attitude. The tough, the sassy, the chic. The Stiletto. A Pink Lady knows how to keep a fit figure in line. Too many times, she’s felled into the latest fashion, and seems beloved the spirit was taken by boy children. They try to stay in the picture by passing over their boys, parents would dress their boys in the more flashy blue. Over time, the blue-stone cereals became standard, one other reason red (and pink) fall out of favor with men is that by the 18th century, female royalty began to adopt the color. “Once females began to adopt the red, men began to back away from it,” Moe said.

■ Pink Lemonade. Also called confections, it’s an old-fashioned flavor of the eye. Wow. We don’t want that.

■ Pepto-Bismol. Created in the early 20th century, Pepto-Bismol was colored pink by its inventors, probably because it was first introduced as a formula that used the symptoms of “cholera,” a deadly disease of infections. Today it seems the symptoms of “brainache overseas,” which is why—despite its name—bismuth-containing medications are...
Students Speak Out

“How do you feel about Ronzios closing at midnight?”

“I think its ridiculous.”
Kat Buck ‘11

“They are going to lose a lot of business. It’s the busiest time.”
Toby Maltz and Elise lossonneau ‘11

“Its absurd, there is nowhere to eat after 12. Its so much less efficient.”
Jake Eddy ‘11

“They should stay open later, the majority of profit comes after midnight.”
Mike Petrocelli and Peter Morile ‘12

“I think its terrible because the night starts at 12.”
Rishawn Person ‘10
In this issue, we will discuss the case of Hallmark Creek, Ohio, where a doctor has been indicted for allegedly committing medical malpractice in a series of cases involving the delivery of octuplets. The case has raised questions about the ethics of reproductive technology and the responsibilities of parents and medical professionals in cases involving multiple births.

The Medical Board of California recently announced that it would be investigating the case of Dr. John Lee, the founder of Santa Monica Fertility Specialists, for allegedly having performed multiple births on infertile women without their consent or knowledge. The board has also been reviewing the case of Dr. Richard Paulson, the director of the fertility program at the clinic, who has been accused of performing unnecessary and risky procedures on infertile women.

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By: Drew Green
Staff Writer
This seems familiar. I am sitting in front of my TV and President Obama is asking me to convince him that what he is trying to do is best for the country. This sounds a lot like what you hear four years ago and now President Obama is running for office. Granted, not much has changed between the dental floss and push-ups. Obama is trying to take with the pushing of his agenda. It looks the same and sounds the same. However, there are one important thing that we notice when he tours the country asking for our support and to pressure congress, and that is that this matters.

Not to say the election did not matter, but it is more to point out that instead of fighting to get a chance to govern, Obama is actually trying to get re-elected. Ironically enough as he was speaking in front of the crowd again and telling them that the reason he was elected was to get things accomplished, something actually gets accomplished.

With a 61-37 vote on Tuesday the Senate passes the stimulus bill and if now needs to be debated the House and Senate to work out the differences between the two plans. The problem is that the Senate is dealing with the financial short comings that are vastly affecting the country. As this bill was passed Obama was still in front of the crowd in Florida. What we saw here was a man in a suit speaking, to the people, gaining their confidence through honesty, hope and a little humor. The speech in Florida and in Indiana the day before should probably prove one thing to Obama and that is that the general public is a lot more willing to listen to Congress. Obama’s approval rating has done very little to sway the opinions of the Republicans who have planted themselves in a position of opposition to the President. What Obama needs approval ratings cannot do that the general public can do is write and complain.

When the general public is not happy then someone will inevitably bring up Obama in this case Congress. It seems that Obama has learned an important lesson in being President. The lesson is that he needs to use your popularity to get things moving.

In the end this lesson may pay more dividends in a latter part in time when Congress continues to move slower. But did the responsibility piece fly out of the window in the past decade? Are people ready to take that new baby? In the first major task that Obama set out to accomplish has been accomplished and he will need to set his sights on other topics, while still aggressively monitoring the on goings of the economy to make sure that the plans are being made. He will also need to continue to force the issue that the plan will not solve everything and that the public will take a while to achieve success. If he does this it might help the general public from seeing his first major act as a failure.

This all boils down to Obama is that he has arrived in a situation that has left him with no honeymoon whether it be in Brazil or in the Senate despite democratic majorities – is not giving him any the support he is looking for. If this pace continues it does not bode well for his administration in accomplishing some of the more dramatic changes that are planned. Obama needs success and support to have more success in office and achieve reforms in education and the possibility of universal healthcare. If Obama wants these changes he needs to make it a foregone conclusion that his campaign style speeches will continue to work in the hopes that he can gain further support. It has been a struggle and with partisanship alive and well Obama will need to maintain all the support he can gain if he wishes to accomplish much of any year or two down the road.

For the Love of Children
Cristine Cox
MCT Campus
One of my favorite shows is Jon and Kate Plus Eight (now shown on TLC) but I cannot imagine having more than four children. I am not trying to say I want just two --a decision we had to convince my husband to have the third --a decision we made that was free of regret and happy with an even ratio of parent to kid. Most parents will admit it’s hard job giving your kids the love and attention and care they need and deserve. I hope this mom is pondering life before the few years. There will be gymnastics recitals, sci- ence fairs, cub scouts, soccer, holidays, school – the list is endless. And the scary part? She’s going to have a dozen teenagers all under one roof some day. If she thinks battling with her kids about what they wear to school is a big deal, wait till the octuplets ask for the keys to the car!

Eight Babies
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potential or possible problems that these octuplets may face when they’re a little older: learning disabilities, hearing problems, visual problems, cardiac difficulties, cerebral palsy and asthma, to name a few. Imagine taking care of one child with special needs about six or seven.

Good parenting is a challenge. We have three kids but I had to convince my husband to have the third --a decision we both agree was phenomenal. We love the idea of being happy and the love that it brings. An octuplets (and god willing they will) will bring double joy. The joy of being happy and the love that it brings. An octuplets (and god willing they will) will bring double joy.

Observations
Compiled by Bryant Students
Scientists don’t read Braille
The “Braille” on the room signs in the new science wing is not raised, therefore defeating the purpose for any students or faculty who need the raised lettering to find their respective classrooms.

Not-omatic...
Once again we bring to your attention the state of the automatic doors in the Understructure, specifically those closest to the Amica Center. Please do whatever it takes to get them working again.

No more late night Ronzio’s runs?
No longer can we get our fix of cheesy breadsticks and barbecue chicken pizza at 2 in the morning on the weekends. Until further notice, Ronzio’s is closing at midnight. Let us shed a tear for our losses.

Have an observation? Send it to MADams@bryant.edu.

Bryant Said What!?
Compiled by Bryant Students
“When I was little, I once thought I saw a planet, but then I realized it was just the inside of a street light.”
“I just spewed my nuts all over your floor.”
“Oh, you spelled it right! ...I spelled it wrong.”
“Dude, check out my jello!” “Oh my god! It’s so jiggly!”

Send funny quotes to MADams@bryant.edu.
By Luke Stankiewicz

**Staff Writer**

I enjoy movies like family reunions for several reasons. The uncomplicated plot leaves room for good character development and puts extra focus on things such as dialogue. Also, you don’t have to waste all of your time trying to figure out what’s going on, compared to a movie like *Easy A*. What’s more, *Gran Torino* has characters that are interesting, real, and real. They aren’t out of some storybook or fairytale, but it’s not all doom and gloom either. It’s a lot like, well, real life (imagine that.). Clint Eastwood plays Walt Kowalski, an ex Ford assembly line worker, Korean War Veteran, and full on racist. His racism isn’t subtle either; it’s out in the open. He’s a racist. He tells crude slurs like “They’re every day sayings, which left me wondering about his true motivation. Maybe Walt isn’t racist, but just a product of a different time. Maybe he doesn’t actually hate foreigners; he just is accustomed to calling them various names and is too stuck in his ways to change. I believe that Eastwood has created a character that at first seems hateful and isolated, but is actually quite the opposite, however unwilling he is to show it. He is a man living in a time unlike the one he remembers and is comfortable with, and rather than change with the times, he remains the same as a barrier against a frightening world.

Or perhaps he’s just a racist, it’s up to you. In either case, Walt’s neighborhood is quickly filling up with Hispanic and Asian families from areas such as Lao and Thailand. Walt inevitably mistakes them for Koreans and not surprisingly wants nothing to do with them. When attacked by his gangster cousins to try and steal Walt’s prized 72 Grand Torino, the even older man almost turns to gunfire, but luckily he escapes before getting shot. At first Walt’s instinct is to tell the boy never to come near him again. But soon Walt notices a much persistence from Thao and his family. Walt agrees to let him do work around his house for a couple weeks to pay back the “dishonor on his family.” In the end, as one would suspect, the boy’s hard work and congenial nature win Walt over (mostly) and the two form a sort of father-son relationship. Walt gives Thao girl advice and gets him a job with a construction company, and even tries to teach him to talk like a man. None of this scene can be reproduced in any sort of newspaper, but it is hilarious.

At this point, Walt has broken down his barrier to work with the boy, which begins to like them even more than his own who he sees as selfish, lazy, and materialistic. One day as Walt is driving along, he sees Thao’s sister been being harassed by some local thugs, not surprising as he lives in Detroit. The old Walt would have kept going, but the new Walt stops and helps her out. He pulls out a large gun and threatens the thugs, tells Sue’s date to scarm, and gives her a ride home. Subsequently, they also form a relationship between the one between him and Thao.

Mostly, things go smoothly between Walt and his neighbors, however Thao has problems with his cousins. They are common thugs who want Thao to join them, but Thao wants no part of it. He’s the aca- demia person, but Thao knows you have to do both ways. Severingly though, there’s nothing Thao can do, he’s outnumbered six to one. So Walt takes it upon himself to help the boy out, by beating one of them up and telling him to leave Thao alone. This sets off a series of events that lead to Sue getting badly beaten by the gang, mostly as a message to Thao and the family (that Walt is able to drive by shooting on the house). Upon seeing the badly battered Sue, the family looks at Walt, who is partly responsible after all, to retaliate. Walt now must choose between helping out the family, and again isolating himself from the world.

There are a lot of great scenes in this movie, the finale being the best, so I won’t blow it for you. Clint Eastwood wrote, directed, and starred in this movie, a staggering feat. The basics are all right, packing, setting etc. and the rest is well done. I would have liked to have seen more about the relationship with his family, and especially with his recently deceased wife. Maybe this will be in a future director.

But I want to talk about the best part of the movie last, that is the relationship between Walt and his Priest. The Priest is a young man, under 30, who promised Walt’s wife before she died that he would talk to Walt in an attempt to console and ease their pain. Little Walt doesn’t want to hear anything, mostly because of the fact that he doesn’t believe someone less than half his age could give him any wisdom for him. However, ever since, all of Walt’s relationships, this one changes over the course of the movie. What the Priest (Father Janovich) wants to offer is consolation to the subject of death. But Walt knows about death, in ways he says the Priest never could. He has seen death, he has killed, and he knows that he will never be able to let it go. The Priest then asks Walt what he knows about life, what it means about living and respecting the gift that it is.

This is a major turning point in the movie and for the character of Walt, and this scene alone makes the whole movie worth watching. I can’t express how much I liked this movie, other than by giving it 5 out of 5 bulldogs. Every- one should see this movie; we all have something to learn from this movie. No matter how old and wise as Eastwood, maybe even some- thing about ourselves.

This movie earned 5 out of 5 bulldogs.

By Nicole Murphy

**Contributing Writer**

Economically, times are tough on everyone. And it’s getting down to the nines. Father’s Day is the 14th of February for those of you who haven’t managed to learn that in the past 20 years. If you still need ideas for inexpensive Valen- tine’s Day gifts, listen up. Despite anyone saying that he doesn’t want a gift, every- one wants a little show of appreciation. The present doesn’t have to be expensive, it just has to be thoughtful.

If you and your significant other decide not to exchange gifts, I suggest still making a card. Write down your thoughts and add a little color. Make sure you spell his or her name right! For girls, little stuffed animals are always treas- ured. Build-A-Bear has bears very reasonably priced, and any effort on your part will show just how much you care. If that doesn’t appeal to you, re-

Horoscopes

Aquarius

2/20 - 2/18

Don’t race off on a wild goose chase. Find out more before you go. You may decide to join that mission. Think long before you act. There’s no good reasons why not.

Bullod Flicks: Gran Torino

Bulldog Flicks: Gran Torino

Cancer

6/22 - 7/22

It’s a lot like, well, real life (imagine that.).

Pisces

2/19 - 3/20

Don’t postpone your excursions until after the chores are done. They’re taking longer than ex-

Aries

3/21 - 4/19

pected, but that’s the way it is. Get somebody to help.

Taurus

4/20 - 5/20

Harsh words can hurt, especially when they come from somebody you love. Don’t make too big a deal of it, though. Forgiveness is the key. You get to do it first.

Gemin

5/21 - 6/21

You’re getting into a more favor-

Cancer

6/22 - 7/22

able position, but don’t drop your guard. You don’t believe every rumor you hear, either. Commu-

Leo

7/23 - 8/22

nications are apt to be garbled.

Virgo

8/23 - 9/22

The more you realize, the more you realize that you don’t know enough. It’s like that now. Pro-

Libra

9/23 - 10/22

ceed with caution, but definitely proceed. This is the exciting part.

Scorpio

10/23 - 11/21

It’s hard to turn down a request, especially from someone you love. You’ll have to do it, though, for their own good. They might not understand, but they will later.

Sagittarius

11/22 - 12/21

Now that you know what you want, figure out how to produce it for less money than it would cost people who don’t have your imagination. That’s the challenge.

Capricorn

12/22 - 1/19

Complications continue to arise in the next few days. Proceed with caution. Check and double-

Good idea to think before you speak. Be completely honest is your standard, of course. You don’t know exactly what that is, so don’t offer comments. First, assess the situation further.

You’re walking on the edge of the sword. You must be vigilant, yet relaxed and confident. Get as far

MCT Campus

6/20 - 6/26

Another inexpensive idea is making a mix CD. Put a little thought into it. Add some love songs, a few

Theseus

6/26 - 7/26

songs that you guys have heard to-

gether and make sure you include

Libra

9/23 - 10/22

something that has never existed

Libra

9/23 - 10/22

priorities set and know what

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Get cultured at Cuban Revolution

By Bryan Regele

Contribute to a movement by dining out at one of Providence's most culturally significant and varied restaurants, the Cuban Revolution. Originally started in 2001 as a small 26-seat diner in Providence, the restaurant itself is a historical gem. It's located inside a historically renovated 1773 paper mill known as "The Plant," the west side of the complex is undoubtedly the towering sculpture "Graffiti," a vividly colored metal wall adorned with pigments of vines and other natural objects. This wall, which serves as the canvas for the "Cuba" sculpture, is one of the most striking features of the building. The restaurant is named after the Cuban Revolution and is dedicated to the memory of those who lost their lives fighting for freedom. The food is a fusion of traditional Cuban cuisine and contemporary American flavors. The atmosphere is casual and welcoming, with a focus on fresh, locally sourced ingredients. The menu features a variety of dishes, including sandwiches, wraps, and a selection of tapas. The coffee is also a highlight, with a variety of espresso drinks and other beverages. The restaurant is open for lunch and dinner, and reservations are recommended. The Cuban Revolution is a true up-and-coming gem in Providence, and it's a must-visit for anyone interested in experiencing the rich culture and history of Cuba.
In our own backyard: Love is in the air

By Erin Madore
Staff Writer

Okay, okay, so I know that Valentine’s Day is supposed to be a Hallmark holiday just meant to have people out spending money on cards, candy, flowers and expensive dinners. But I say, “so what”?! If once a year you are expected to be extra nice and sweet for your sweetheart so be it. Anyway, you do like him or her, right? So, isn’t this a great reason to do something romantic and cozy without your roommates giving you a hard time? I think so...

Now that we’re on the same page and you’ve decided to celebrate your love (or like) on Valentine’s Day, where do you begin? Hopefully, your mind is not wandering towards Ronzios, Salmo or Parentes. Whether you are a couple that has spent many Valentine’s Days together or a new couple looking for a night of casual fun, Providence has something for all of you!

Fresh and New
So, you’ve only been together a few months and you’re not even sure if you should celebrate Valentine’s Day together. You do like each other but you’re not at that mushy, lovey-dovey stage yet, so what does that mean? Lols! For the new couple that doesn’t want to break the bank but still wants to enjoy a night out you don’t have to look far at all. Starting off the night a bit early at the Bank of America Skating Rink in the middle of downtown Providence is perfect to get off on the right foot. For skating with your sweetie, watching the stars and lights twinkle while holding hands is a great way to start your exciting evening! Enjoying light conversation (and somelaughs) as you maneuver around the rink and simply being together makes ice skating the best way to signal that you’re not looking for any sappy moments of “I love you” in each other’s eyes – you just want to have fun! To warm up and refuel you’ll want to head up the hill to Thayer Street where you may have to search for parking, but trust me it’s worth it. Thayer Street’s upbeat and lively atmosphere makes it a great next stop for your night of entertainment. You can window shop along the popular street until you find the popular restaurant, Kartabar (284 Thayer St.). Their romantic yet trendy ambience, and unbelievable value for your food and drink. Let’s keep the night going, you’ve got a wonderful evening right in front of you! If you’re not wandering towards Ronzi’s, Salmo or Parentes. Cided to celebrate your love (or like) on Valentine’s Day together or a new couple looking for all of you!

Valentine’s Days together or a new couple looking for any sappy moments of gazing in each other’s eyes – you just want to have fun! Do enjoy the best way to signal that you’re not looking for any sappy moments of “I love you” in each other’s eyes – you just want to have fun! So be it. Anyway, you do enjoy the best way to signal that you’re not looking for any sappy moments of “I love you” in each other’s eyes – you just want to have fun!

Love Birds
Valentine’s Day isn’t an awkward situation and the two of you are at that lovey-dovey stage there’s lots of options for you to share in each other’s eyes and have a wonderfully romantic evening right down the road in Providence’s very own Little Italy. Historic Federal Hill is always teeming with life and has a perpetual romantic vibe. The Italian section of town has some of the most romantic restaurants in the city. St. Anthony’s, a favorite of mine, is known for its warm and stylish atmosphere and delicious dinner options. Allow the cozy surroundings, friendly wait staff, and flavorful dishes to transport you to the sunny country side of Tuscany while you enjoy one another’s company. For prices not wanting to worry about but don’t fill up on their tasty entrees because dessert is going to be amazing. Located only a skip and a jump down the road, Pastiche Fine Desserts is one of the best dessert stops in town. The walk to Pastiche is the perfect time to hold hands and whisper tokens of love as you pass through the center of Federal Hill where a large fountain and twinkling lights from surrounding restaurants paint the picture of romance. When you finally arrive at Pastiche although the line may be long, it’s more than worth the wait because each bite of their award-winning desserts will have you begging for more. Classics like Torte Di Cioccolata, Fresh Fruit Tart and Italian Maccaroni Torte will have you and your sweetie closing your eyes to savor each and every bite. It’s the perfect way to end your romantic night – snuggled up close to each other enjoying decadent sweets.

I understand many of you probably have reservations already or previously decided to stay in but don’t just discard the excitement, romantic and different plans laid out for you. Rather, plan to celebrate your love (or like) again in the next couple weeks or months – you don’t need Hallmark telling you when your love (or like) again in the next couple weeks or months – you don’t need Hallmark telling you when.

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John is a Legend

By Brigit Clancy
Variety Editor

John Legend headlined at the MGM Grand Theatre at Foxwoods on Friday, February 6. John is a five-time Grammy Award winning artist. Discov- ered by Kanye West, Legend was the first artist to sign with West’s new music label, GOOD Music. He is not only a singer and pianist but also an accomplished songwriter.

John Legend’s stage presence is undeniable. To start the concert, Legend walked through the audience and slowly stepped stage as the crowd roared. He then performed a lengthy set of songs which included “Every- body Knows,” “If You’re Out There,” and “Slow Dance” (with the accompa- niment of a female singing) audience participation. Legend concluded the concert with an amaz- ing performance of his latest hit, “Mornin’ Light” that had everyone in the audience on their feet.

After a long moment of Valentine’s au- dience’s cheer for an encore, Legend returned to the stage in a tuxedo. Accom- companying himself at the piano he began playing his first hit, “Ordinary People.” Throughout the song, he en- couraged the audience to sing with him. Legend closed the show with “Love,” which he had written as an anthem to work to- wards ending poverty around the world. Legend is not only a singer but also a philanthropist. He is actively involved with the Show Me Campaign, an effort to “raise money, raise awareness, and join the struggle to end poverty.” Legend’s talent and lyrics have been praised by Kanye West, who is the owner of Legend’s record label, GOOD Music. He is not only a talented singer and pianist but also an accomplished songwriter.

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