Campus welcomes the heart and soul of Family Guy

By Jessica Miles
Campus News Editor

This past Wednesday, Bryant University welcomed Danny Smith to the campus for a full day of interaction with students and faculty. Smith traveled to Bryant from Los Angeles where he is the Executive Producer and Writer for Family Guy, an animated series based in the fictional town of Quahog, Rhode Island.

Originally from Smithfield, Danny Smith got his first editing and writing experience on the local show, PM Magazine, where he worked with future Today Show host, Matt Lauer. Smith then moved to California and joined the improvisational group, the Groundlings. He later became a sitcom writer and worked for a variety of shows, including Head of the Class, Third Rock from the Sun, In the House, Nurses, Soul Man, and Yes Dear. In 1998, he became one of the original writers for Family Guy.

The Communication Department, Student Affairs, and the College of Arts and Sciences sponsored Smith’s visit. However, professors Susan and Stanley Baran, who had a connection to Smith developed the initial idea. Susan revealed that she worked with Danny Smith years ago at the Channel 10 studio. She and her husband are close friends of Stanley Baran, who had a connection to Smith developed the initial idea. Susan revealed that she worked with Danny Smith years ago at the Channel 10 studio. She and her husband are close friends of Stanley Baran, who had a connection to Smith.

Smith acknowledged the show’s appeal to college students as well as the efforts being made to introduce wind efficiency or conservation, or energy. It is time for people to make use of renewable energy. As far as Climate Change and Energy goes, Bryant also received an “F” with the administration category, making the claim that the university “has no known policy relating to campus-wide sustainability initiatives.” Ken Person, the Director of Campus and Environmental Management explains, “Although there is no direct written policy, the school adheres to state guidelines at all times.” That as well as the efforts being made to introduce wind power to campus must count for something.

Going Green: Making the grade

By Marisa Bono
Staff Writer

It is only natural to dread seeing your report card, especially with the anticipation of a bad grade. Not only was it hard enough hiding poor marks from your parents back in middle school but imagine having them published on the Internet for the world to see.

Well, this is what happened to Bryant University and unjustifiably so. For those of you who have not heard of the College Sustainability Report Card, it is a system designed by the Sustainable Endowment Institute in Massachusetts and is used to rank a school’s ability to develop economically while preserving its environment. Each school is graded in nine different areas: Administration, Climate Change and Energy, Food and Recycling, Green Building, Student Involvement, Transportation, Enrollment Transparency, Investment Priorities, and Shareholder Engagement. It ranks the 500 schools in the United States and Canada with the largest enrollments. Bryant was 1 of 6 schools to receive an overall grade of “F” failing in all categories but one.

The Report Card failed Bryant in the Administration category, making the claim that the university “has no known policy relating to campus-wide sustainability initiatives.” Ken Person, the Director of Campus and Environmental Management explains, “Although there is no direct written policy, the school adheres to state guidelines at all times.” That as well as the efforts being made to introduce wind power to campus must count for something.

As far as Climate Change and Energy goes, Bryant also received an “F” with the assertion that no steps are being taken to reduce carbon emissions, increase energy efficiency or conservation, or make use of renewable energy. It is time for people to start doing their homework. In 2007, Bryant University and IBM joined forces to build an energy-efficient data center that is estimated by Arthur Glaston, CEO of IBM, to be “30% more efficient in power and cooling terms alone.” Glaston went on to say that this solution “should also enable the University to reduce its energy consumption and carbon footprint.”

The HVAC system in the library includes copper-wound transformers and high efficiency motors that cut costs and more importantly reduce energy consumption.

The Report Card also claims that there is no known recycling program at Bryant. They can’t be serious. Mr. Person is again very reassuring when he explains that “Here at Bryant, we aim to recycle as much as possible.” There are bins on every floor in freshman housing, in every suite, and in every townhouse, not to mention the ones in the library and the Unsublicate. Every bag is sorted by facilities. As far as dining services go, representatives from Sodexo could not be reached for comment on the claim that it has made no local or sustainable food initiatives.

You may have heard talk about the construction of a new residence hall, Hall 18. There has also been talk of this building being accredited by Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED). Talk of this building being accredited by Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED).

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Let your voice be heard! Vote 2008!

By Alexa Marino
Staff Writer

As November is approaching, so is the 2008 Presidential Election. For many of you, this will be the first time that you have the privilege to vote. As ridiculous as it may seem, some election is extremely tight, and we could be deciding the next President. It is obvious that students at Bryant University are extremely busy with sports, club activities, and work. It is also obvious that voting is a responsibility that all eligible United States citizens should not ignore. It is our future as the future of our nation.

It is our duty to become informed voters. By voting, you will have a say in who our next President will be. It is important to realize that voting is not something that should be taken lightly. Remembering your rights is crucial in order to make a well informed decision. We can all make a difference if we are informed voters.

Where to Vote
If you are a first-time voter, you should contact the Registrar of Voters. If you have already registered to vote, you should be receiving your voting ballot by mail. Your ballot should be available three weeks before an election occurs.

Types of Voting
There are four types of voting: Absentee, Early, Express, and Mail-in voting.

Absentee Voting: An absentee ballot is a vote cast by someone who is unable to vote in person on Election Day. Absentee ballots can be voted by those who are away from their home on Election Day, those who are unable to vote because of an illness, those with a physical disability, those who are in the military, and anyone who is absent because of their job or school. Absentee ballots should be mailed three weeks before an election and should be mailed back to the Registrar of Voters. Absentee voting is a great way for students who are unable to get back home to vote. Absentee ballots can be requested by phone, mail, or in person.

Express Voting: Express voting involves voting at an early voting site. Early voting sites are open several days before an election occurs. Express voting is a great way to vote if you are a college student as you will be able to vote as soon as you get your ballot.

Mail-in Voting: Mail-in voting involves voting through the mail. You can mail in a vote as long as you are away from your home on Election Day. Mail-in voting is a great way to vote if you are a college student as you will be able to vote as soon as you get your ballot.

Where to Vote
In order to vote, you should be registered to vote in your state. In order to register to vote, you should contact the Registrar of Voters. In order to vote in person, you should visit your polling place. In order to vote absentee, you should contact the Registrar of Voters.

What to Vote on
The November ballot includes several topics. Some of these topics include Proposition 101, Proposition 102, and Proposition 103. Proposition 101 is a proposition that would eliminate the sales tax on food. Proposition 102 is a proposition that would eliminate the state gas tax. Proposition 103 is a proposition that would eliminate the state income tax. These propositions are all very important, so it is important to understand what they mean.

Conclusion
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Johnny ‘Cupcakes’ shares his tips for success

By John Crisafulli
Editor-in-Chief

On Wednesday, October 8, Bryant students got the opportunity to hear from a real life entrepreneur. Johnny Earle, CEO and founder of the popular Johnny Cupcakes brand, shared his personal success story and shared tips on how to start a successful business.

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As a part of this team, Mancuso put into action the first freshman integration program that helps eighth-graders integrate from middle school to high school. As a part of Senate, he co-chairs the Faculty Liaison Academic Committee (FLAC) with Jose Batista (’10) and is also a part of the Special Olympics committee, which is dear to his heart because he has a brother with special needs.

He was a budding entrepreneur. He had a vision for his own store, so much so that the store pushed to have him selling them to classmates to make a profit. After nearly being expelled for selling ridiculing powder, he started selling candy. Even at such a young age, he knew how to work the market and turn a profit. He sold better candy and a lower price than the school store, so much so that the store pushed him to reprimand him. He was a budding entrepreneur.

Knowing that school was not for him and after working at a fast-food restaurant, he decided to make a “Johnny Cupcakes” t-shirt for himself just for fun. Little did he know that it would be the start of a multi-million dollar company.

His shirt was a hit and soon total strangers were asking him how they could get one. He started making more, selling them out of the trunk of his car. He would sell out of shirts before he had the chance to make new ones. He continued to put his profits back into the company, to help it grow.

Soon, he had established a website and was selling t-shirts online. He started selling t-shirts featuring cupcakes and poking fun at popular culture gained an almost cult following.

As the business grew so did the customer base and soon he outgrew the attic in his parents’ home and set up shop down the street in his hometown of Hull, Mass. As time passed, he learned the “ins and outs” of owning a business: how to present a professional image, how to spread the word, how to keep the customer wanting more, and how to produce a quality product.

On the eve of opening his first store in Boston, on Newbury Street, more than 400 people were lined up outside the store, anxious to get inside. The store, designed like a bakery, was a hit and this day continues to draw thousands of customers a year. Many asking “where’s the cupcakes?”

This is one of the reasons that Johnny Cupcakes has been so successful. It is a quirky brand that not everyone knows about, and that gets people talking. Johnny has put 110% into building his company and brand and says, “I wouldn’t sell it for all the money in the world.” Johnny has turned down offers from a number of investors as well as department stores like Nordstrom, Macy’s, and Urban Outfitters. “I want to keep the brand small... going to the store is an experience, I don’t want to be the brand that everyone has,” he says.

Johnny now operates stores on both the east coast, in Boston, and his new store on the west coast, in Los Angeles. The store in L.A. was a risk, Johnny said, “but without taking risks you can’t have success. You need to take the risk.”

When it came to advice for budding entrepreneurs, Johnny credits his success to remaining a “personal” brand. He has not sold out to department stores and continues to work to build his brand. It is not only his job; it is his life, his hobby.

Johnny wrapped up his presentation by taking questions from the audience. Students also had the chance to purchase his signature t-shirts at a generous discount. Johnny plans to return to Bryant in the future to continue to share the story of his success.

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New Senators

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Jason Fortin of Pomfret, CT was very involved at Woodstock Academy and has brought that spirit to Bryant. He served on the Student Council, as Treasurer of his graduating class and President of the Model UN Club while serving as a member of both the National Honor Society and the French National Honor Society. Now, as a member of the Student Alumni Association, Honors Program, plays intramural sports, and is part of the Student Programming Board (SPB). His involvements in high school were the reasons why he chose to run for Senate.

Fortin says he “enjoyed being a liaison between my student body and school as a part of Student Council. It was a unique position where [he] was able to meet the faculty and be an influence, affecting [his] school in a positive way.”

The networking skills he gained are surely going to come in handy in communication with his fellow classmates. Within Senate, Fortin is the Co-Chair for Community Service and the IT Chair, working on wireless connection problems dorms and study lounges. Fortin’s goals are simple, to let the student body know that they have the opportunity to do something to affect change, unlike in high school where many students were not able to do so.

“I want [the students] to see me as an asset. I want I want to work with my class to do what they think is best. I am a representative,” he says, “and I want to portray the best that I can. [The Senators] work for you.”

With that he has one more message for his fellow students. “I want you to explore new opportunities, meet new people, and effect change – Senate is a good way to get involved on campus,” he notes, and as the Historian Chair and Food Operations co-chair with Jarrod Gibbons (‘11) he is getting involved. She recognizes that food is a big issue on this campus and wants to “make noticeable changes in Salomanson for the students.”

While she is taking advantage of everything Bryant has to offer, she feels her classmates are as well.

“I appreciate all that you have. Bryant is a great institution that is admired and respected and it has a lot to offer.”

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Sustainability Report

Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) for the Green Building category. By working towards this goal, they hope to improve the quality of campus life and increase the campus’ sustainability rating in the Green Building category. Perhaps this could also be used to appeal to prospective and existing students, faculty, and staff.

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dents, there is less incentive for each student to take his or her own car. Especially since with high gas prices, public transportation and carpooling are very popular options. We are doing our part to reduce air pollution by utilizing these options. We are doing our part to reduce air pollution by utilizing these options.

But here is where you should really start to worry. Bryant received an “F” because there are no known active programs to involve students in campus sustainability activities. When the University was evaluated, there existed the Environmental Conservation Organization (ECO). Advised by Dr. Gaytha Lan-

bardo, this student organization aimed to raise environmental awareness and implement change on not only a student but an administrative level as well. Unfortunately, the organization dissolved last semester.

So what now? It is our responsibility as members of the Bryant community to speak up about the time out of your day to write a letter or make a phone call to the Sustainable Endowments Institute: contact information can be found at www.greenreport.org.

Let them know that not only are we proud of our black and gold tradition, but our green one as well. Would you allow an undeserved fail-

grade to tarnish your GPA without taking action? I don’t think so. Do you! And of course, here are a few tips on how to make a difference everyday:

Wash your clothes in cold water! 90% of the energy consumed by doing laundry is used to heat up the water. Unless you have really tough stains, be sure to change the temperature setting on the washer to cold before you wash your clothes.

Speaking of laundry, save energy and an average of $6.05 a month by investing in a drying rack.

Rather than taking multiple trips to the Library to purchase books or water bottles, buy a pitcher with a filter and a reusable water bottle. In the long run, it is much cheaper and you will reduce the amount of plastic waste.

Comments and suggestions are always welcome. Feel free to email them to mbhuno@bryant.edu.
Study Abroad Spotlight: Christopher Desmarais

Name: Christopher Desmarais
Class of: 2009
University: University of Edinburgh
Location: Edinburgh, Scotland
Partner: Arcadia University
Semester: Spring, 2008
Duration: 5 months

Reason for going:
I took part in the Sophomore Internship Program going to Russia in 2007, and once I came back I had a whole new global perspective on things. Spending a semester abroad just seemed to make sense when I thought about the path I wanted to take in life.

Best experience/memory:
We had about six weeks of free time between classes ending and finals starting, so we took a backpacking trip through Europe. 16 cities, 5 currencies, and thousands of pictures later we had a fast paced glimpse of a majority of Europe. The only downside, it just made a bigger list of places I need to go the next time I’m backpacking!

Funny cultural experience:
Scotland is well known for two things: its love of golf and its love of pubs. So one night we were introduced to pub golf! Everyone needed to dress in full golf attire and go from pub to pub trying to “make par” at each “hole”. In the beginning we were a bit skeptical walking through the city streets at night wearing bright purple sweater vests. You fill in the details on your own, but by the end of the night, we were having too much fun to care!

How was the school different from Bryant University?
The UK school system is set up very differently. On top of being placed in classes with full-time students, we were treated as students there to study, not as single semester visitors. The Scottish also teach almost entirely in lectures, and an immense amount of outside preparation was required. And our final exams were worth 80% of our grade!

How did this experience change you?
Living and traveling abroad gave me a different perspective on life. America is called a cultural mixing pot but you don’t really realize just what culture is being thrown at you. The differences occur in such a small area, and at the same time trying to understand the immense amount of history and pride behind each. As a result, my ambitions, career choice, and even entire view on life has been greatly influenced by my experiences abroad.

Would you study abroad again given the opportunity?
I always reminisce with friends from overseas, as it’s always easy to think back and say if we were there, it was like a dream; all the pieces of a puzzle fitting together perfectly if you will. Absolutely I would do it again.

Spotlight on Interns: Michael Mullane

Intern: Michael Mullane
Classification: Concentration: Management Minor: International Relations Internship Site: 6th District Court of RI Location: Providence, RI, Summer 2009

How did you locate your internship?
I found the RI State Internship Program just through an internet search – I was looking for a state internship, the link came up and I read it and then just took initiative to follow through in applying for it and then went for an interview. Originally I wanted something more related to management but there were few; I did look at the RI Economic Development Corporation but after reviewing it didn’t think I’d like that so I pursued more legal opportunities. Once I got into the process I was told about a Judge Higgins in Criminal Arraignment who was offering an internship.

I would recommend this experience to anyone who’d like to know about legal career and the options available to them. I’m President of Legal Society and this experience will also help the association in the upcoming months.

What did you learn about the profession?
Law and order doesn’t always equal justice. You could have husband and wife with a dispute and they have a no contest, the husband and wife with a dispute and they have a no contest?

What were your major responsibilities?
My role was observational analysis of the different cases that came in. I dealt with arraignment calendar – an event that can be very stressful from a judge’s standpoint – I have to start day in and day out at 100 cases and have to get them all out by a certain time – they also see repeat offenders everyday. Judges may seem discouraged with the way the country is going and the crime rates and can’t give correct ‘justice’ all the time because prisons are so over crowded so may have to give suspended sentences.

Sufficers worry about their safety everyday – especially in arraignment court; someone could be arrested one night and be free the next day. I have to have the charges brought up against them– so a sheriff may worry about personal attacks, even when just walking outside to get lunch!

In terms of careers, I’ve always wanted to be an attorney but by seeing the criminal court for the summer I learned I would prefer to do corporate and/or litigation law then criminal because I want to co-mingle my business education with my legal education and by pursuing corporate law I can have the best of both. However, law is definitely the direction I want to head in and this was a steppingstone in getting there.

Did you receive compensation for your Academic internship?
Yes.

Who was your faculty supervisor and what were your academic requirements?
Dr. Boggio in the Management department. I emailed Professor Boggio regularly and had to do a weekly analysis and keep a cumulative portion and final evaluation section that is 45 pages.

Winter break is an excellent time to do research on summer internships and jobs. The Amica Career Center for Education will be open during the break and students are welcome to use the Career Library and/or meet with a career counselor during this time. Stop in to make an appointment or give us a call at 401-232-6000.
Credit Craze: Credit Score? Important? Heck Yes!

By Michael Maieli  Staff Writer

ev erybody has heard the popular jingles including a pirate in a restaurant, an unhappy married man, or a young man in his used subcompact. Those are the catchy FreeCreditReport.com commercials, and many people, including myself, find myself humming or even singing them in the shower. But what is the importance of these advertisements, so I will answer the question.

Credit Records – All of your bank accounts, payments, and penalties are as follows: your credit-card accounts and loans, with the corresponding balances, payments, and penal-

Do not spend over your credit limit – Going over your credit limit will cause you to not just lower your credit score, but also the credit card company will tack you for overage costs that will put you more in debt.

Public Information – Any court records which include bankruptcy or money setbacks.

Recent Requests – All those who have recently obtained copies of your credit report within the past year.

Businesses today are dealing with the rising price of our non-renewable resources like oil and coal, and the result of this is a heavier burden on the consumer’s pocket in an unstable market. There is a clear increase in the last few years, and it is still spending the majority of its energy research funds on non-renewable resources, $427 million dollars in 2004, and $259 million dollars spent researching what is our most valuable energy source, the sun. In a single day enough energy can be harvested from the sun to provide the entire world with more than enough energy to last an entire year. These are as follows: the effects of a typical adult life.

There is a project taking place to create organic solar cells and Japan is currently producing half of our world’s solar power. Technological improvements like these are making solar energy more and more realistic and affordable. The worldwide shipment of solar cells has increased by 35% annually for more than five years consecutively. There is a clear increase in the market for solar energy overseas that is bound to find its way to the United States sooner rather than later with financial troubles becoming more prevalent daily. While initial costs seem great for installing and developing solar energy as technology is improving these costs are dropping, and by using solar energy, one is underwriting ourselves the opportunity to invest in an unlimited energy source for the future, rather than energy sources that can’t last.

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Credit reports are compiled by a Consumer Reporting Agency. These companies store all of your credit information in a database and charge a fee to access the information. The report not only shows just credit information but other personal information as well. The four main parts of your credit report are as follows:

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From your credit report, a credit rating is drawn, which is seen by banks, employers, insurance companies, governments, and anybody who has a business need to see your information, such as a landlord or a cell phone company. Your credit score directly affects your ability to take out loans, to apply for credit cards, purchase a cell phone plan or car, and even to rent an apartment. Your credit is very important as it will be carried with you for the rest of your life. A good credit score will help you receive loans, be approved for credit, and be trusted more financially. However, a poor credit score will limit many of your financial opportunities. A poor credit score may impede you from numerous aspects of a typical adult life.

There are some tips here to build and maintain a good credit rating:

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- Do not take out extra credit cards – We are all all for the free gifts and discounts you can get if you apply for a credit card, do not have credit cards that you do not plan on using.

- Obtain a credit report – You are entitled to receive a free credit report every 12 months from the major nationwide consumer credit reporting companies, such as Equifax, Experian, and Trans Union. Use these to make sure your credit report is accurate and to maintain your credit. If you discover an error, be sure to contact the consumer credit reporting agency immediately, as there are sometimes mistakes on credit reports.

Remember to take responsibility for and manage your credit for it is a direct reflection of you as a consumer.
The season of a lifetime

While the storm of criticism surrounding Bryant’s move to Division I Athletics circled, the 2008 Women’s Volleyball team was busy putting together the most influential season in program history.

By David Giardino
Sports Editor

When Bryant University first announced the transition to Division I Athletics about one year ago, controversy arose over many of the programs’ readiness to compete at the next level. But through the speculation and condemnation, the women’s volleyball team quietly has put together the most complete season in Division I athletics of any Bryant program.

In 2008, the squad finished 18-2 down the stretch against tough Division II opponents. The Bulldogs hosted at Bryant in mid-November, will be the defining event of a successful season. The Bulldogs have made nine straight tournament appearances in Division II play. Yet amongst all the accomplishments, including over 700 victories in her storied career, perhaps the biggest success has been the ultimate success story.

A key to the team’s 2008 success has been the performance of its newcomers. Freshmen Maria Scocca and Hilary Andrews lead the Bulldogs in kills, with nearly 400 combined. Sophomore seyther Miranda Kolb was instrumental to her team’s victory in the Crusader Classic. Kolb’s 43 assists and 13 digs against Holy Cross in the second contest of that tournament earned her all-tournament accolades. Freshman Jazmin Stoner and sophomore Adrienne Boss have also been key components to the Bulldogs’ 12-9 overall record thus far.

And that’s exactly what they did. The scoring was frequent, as Bryant controlled the tempo and methodically moved the ball inside Mass Maritime territory, preventing the Buccaneers from running an effective offense. Little more than five minutes into the game, Jameson Antonowicz, inside center and current co-captain, scored the game’s first try on a crash play on Mass Maritime’s goal line. The Buccaneers从 running an effective offense.

Sophomore Miranda Kolb and the 2008 women’s volleyball squad has survived a storm of criticism and put together one of the most influential seasons in program history.

By Mike Cronin Jr.
Staff Writer

The Bryant University Men’s Soccer team (1-1-3) has not played at Bulldog Stadium that often this year. In fact, they have only played one game at home this year; a 2-0 loss in a hard fought battle against Long Island University (5-4). The 2008 season has been a rough one for the Bulldogs, who have played 12 games on the road so far against tough Division I opponents. The lone win was a 2-0 win versus the University of Richmond, in which senior captain Manny Rodriguez and freshman Ben Black each scored a goal. The Bulldogs have been led this year by the two senior captains: Manny Rodriguez and Matthew Brown.

Rodriguez, the Midfielder from North Branford, C.T., has started in all 13 games and have kept the team together and spirits high on the road. Currently, Rodriguez has 14 goals and 30 points, and Brown has 11 goals and 25 points in their respective careers. Brown led the Bulldogs in points in the 2007 season with 15 points and 7 goals, and the Bulldogs finished with a record of 11-7-1. In front of the net, Junior Noel Black has started 18 games and has 33 saves and one shut-out.

Looking ahead, the Bulldogs face fierce competition this week in their final three games of the season. The road against Brown, Providence College, and University at Albany. Bryant hopes to finish off their Division I season strong, and next year will heavily rely on the 14 freshmen who are on the team this year. Through veteran leadership, the guidance of head coach Seamus Purcell, and the promise of another excellent recruiting class, look for the Bryant Bulldogs to make a comeback next year.

The 2008 season has been fraught with challenges and opportunities for the men’s soccer team.

Club Spotlight: Men’s Rugby

By Matthew Kane
Staff Writer

The Bryant Men’s Rugby Club (1-2) posted its first win of the season against Providence College, winning by a score of 12-9. The Bulldogs face fierce competition this week in their final three games of the season. The road against Brown, Providence College, and University at Albany. Bryant hopes to finish off their Division II season strong, and next year will heavily rely on the 14 freshmen who are on the team this year. Through veteran leadership, the guidance of head coach Seamus Purcell, and the promise of another excellent recruiting class, look for the Bryant Bulldogs to make a comeback next year.

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Field Hockey drops Senior Day heartbreaker to Rider

Despite a surge early in the second half and a goal from sophomore Elise Boissonneault (Ashburnham, Mass.), the Bryant University field hockey team wasn't able to pull out a win on Senior Day, falling to Rider University, 2-1, at the Bryant Turf Complex. The Broncos (6-5) came out fast in the first half, scoring just eight minutes in a re-bounding the opening minutes of the second frame and getting a goal just two minutes in from Boissonneault - her fourth of the year - who put the ball past Rider goalkeeper Lyndsay Johnson off a dish from teammate Julie Kuchy (Hatfield, Mass.). But the Bulldogs couldn't find net again, falling in their final home game of 2008. The Bulldogs now take the field, Saturday, Oct. 11, when they travel to Cornell University for a 1 p.m. matchup.

The Bryant University men's tennis team lost just two matches as they defeated Hofstra 5-2 Saturday afternoon at DeGol Arena. Andrews's 16 kills led the game for the Bulldogs (12-9), who saw its two other rookies - Jazmin Stoner (Durango, Colo.) and Maria Scocca (Melrose, Mass.) - also register double-digit kills, with 13 and 15, respectively. Sophomore setter Miranda Kolb (Holt, Mich.) also recorded a double-double, with 30 digs to complement 30 assists. Andrews readied 16 digs to complete her double-double. Brown came out strong against the Red Flash (6-14), winning the first game, 25-20, before Saint Francis evened the match with a 25-23 win in game two. The Red Flash took the third set, 25-21, before it was Bryant's turn to knot it at 2-2 with a 25-21 victory of its own. But the Bulldogs continued their struggles in five-set matches, falling in the deciding game, 15-13. Saint Francis's Kristin Butler led the game with 24 kills, while Bryant senior co-captain Delia Glover (Marston Mills, Mass.) led the day with 23 digs.

Fresh off their first Division I victory, receiver Vinton South and the Bulldogs look to continue their impressive start against Marist. South leads the team in receiving yards.

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Bulldog Bites

Volleyball falls to St. Francis (PA)

Freshman Hilary Andrews (Tipp City, Ohio) again led the Bulldogs with her fifth double-double of the season Sunday afternoon, but it wouldn't be enough, as the 11-8 university volleyball team fell, 3-2, to future Northeast Conference rival Saint Francis (Pa.) in a closely contested match at the DeGol Arena. Andrews's 16 kills fed the game for the Bulldogs (12-9), who saw its two other rookies - Jazmin Stoner (Durango, Colo.) and Maria Scocca (Melrose, Mass.) - also register double-digit kills, with 13 and 15, respectively. Sophomore setter Miranda Kolb (Holt, Mich.) also recorded a double-double, with 30 digs to complement 30 assists. Andrews readied 16 digs to complete her double-double. Brown came out strong against the Red Flash (6-14), winning the first game, 25-20, before Saint Francis evened the match with a 25-23 win in game two. The Red Flash took the third set, 25-21, before it was Bryant's turn to knot it at 2-2 with a 25-21 victory of its own. But the Bulldogs continued their struggles in five-set matches, falling in the deciding game, 15-13. Saint Francis's Kristin Butler led the game with 24 kills, while Bryant senior co-captain Delia Glover (Marston Mills, Mass.) led the day with 23 digs.

Women's Soccer edges Wagner, 3-2

Two second half goals by freshman forward Kaitlyn Hinck (Hatfield, Mass.) helped the Bryant University women's soccer team break a nine game winless streak, as they beat Wagner 24 – 14 two weeks ago. Marist in almost every statistical category. With this said, Bryant needs to be wary and not fall into a trap, for Marist will be looking to prove that Bryant is not yet ready to be a team. Bryant will then return to Bulldog Stadium for Parents & Family Weekend to take on a Marist team that is 0-4 at home and trails this said, Bryant needs to be wary and not fall into a trap, for Marist will be looking to prove that Bryant is not yet ready to be a team. Bryant will then return to Bulldog Stadium for Parents & Family Weekend to take on a Marist team that is 0-4 at home and trails

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A new breed of ignorance

Presenting the most controversial arguments in the NFL today - and their unpopulous truths

By David Giardino
Sports Editor

Marin Williams has been, and will be, a more valuable player than Reggie Bush. The Texans’ controversial move to name Williams their No.1 pick two seasons ago may seem like the wrong choice; what with the Saints making a championship game appearance in Bush’s first season and the Texans still searching for that elusive playoff appearance. But consider the facts. Bush’s rookie season produced few memorable highlight clips, 3 rushing touchdowns, and a longest run from scrimmage of 18 yards – hardly drastic. Bush’s size and inability to run between the tackles will forever hinder his usefulness in the league. No one questions his ability with the ball in open space – but these types of players are generally destined to be punt returners and 3rd down running backs – which Bush currently is. And of course there is the fact that a premiere running back is the most overrated “necessity” in pro football, but that’s an argument for a different time.

In 2008, on the other hand, transformed the Texans into a respectable, at times dominating, defense. Williams accounted for about half of his team’s total sacks last year, by far the biggest individual percentage in the league. The Texans’ 8-8 season marked the first non-losing season for the young franchise.

Just ask the Saints themselves the importance of drafting a game-changing defender. They elected to select running back George Rogers No.1 overall in the 1981 draft. Don’t remember him? Perhaps you’ve heard of the No.2 pick that year. Lawrence Taylor. Now this isn’t saying Williams is the next LT. But if the Texans perceived that his presence could transform the defense into a playoff-caliber unit, the pick is certainly justified.

The NFL’s east coast bias prevents west coast teams from winning. Need proof? Just look at the schedule. When an east coast team travels westward, the game is played either at 4:00 pm (1:00 EST) or at night. So why is it that when west coast teams travel eastward, the game is many times played at 1:00 pm (10:00 am PST)? Nothing like a Sunday morning game – talk about jet lag. In the last two weeks six west coast teams traveled to the opposite coast for 10:00 am PST games – all six lost.

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The best with no chance of winning a Super Bowl anytime soon: the Dallas Cowboys. Since when does the ‘most talented’ equate to a Super Bowl? Ask how the 1998 Vikings, the 2001 Rams, the 2004 Colts, or the 2007 Patriots feel about that argument. The Cowboys have seemingly found together the perfect recipe for 12+ win seasons with little to nothing to show for it. Key ingredients: a recovering core with a reputation of disappearing in big games, a quarterback with a knack for making timely mistakes, a coach with a history of dubious playoff exits, and a defense with a forgetfulness regarding the importance of tackling. Stir until frothy.

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Do you trust a coach with a history of dubious playoff losses? to lead his team to a Super Bowl? Would you hire a coach whose two previous stints of employment were failures? The NFL does not schedule games objectively – it is a system fraught on ratings, greed, and money.

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What is your favorite fall activity?

“Apple Picking.”
Nicole Cody ’11

“Football.”
Brian Balkam ’11

“Pumpkin Picking.”
Christy Talmont ’11

“Dressing up and trick or treating.”
Harry Poulos ’11

“Football!”
Jake Meyers ’09

“My favorite thing to do is apple picking.”
Michelle DiLuzio ’09

“I enjoy raking leaves in the fall.”
Troy DeMaio ’11

Compiled by Ashley McNamara and Amanda Dunn
 Nine Kids Abandoned at the Hospital

If you read the papers and pay attention to the news, you probably heard about the Nebraska man who wrote his nine kids off at a local hospital. He left them there, leaving his kids, ages 1 to 17, abandoned in the lobby.

Gary Staton's wife died 10 months ago, shortly after her newborn came into this world. Basically, the father craved the attention of parenting, and worried how he could do it himself. He had to quit his job which meant he could not pay rent or utilities. In the end, that's what led to the abandonment of the nine kids.

Their oldest daughter (as quoted in her high school yearbook) said about her father "he was aprototype of any loving parent, and was worried how he could do it. He had to quit his job which meant he could not pay rent or utilities."

Now, you might be wondering how this man was able to do this. Nebraska passed the Safe Haven Law in 2006, which allows parents to abandon unwanted newborns under the age of 3 months at a local hospital. However, it was not until the man's death that the kids were identified and could be taken into care.

Nine Krause abandoned at the Hospital by: Michael Adams

Multipartisan Hackery: Salary Caps

Republican 'Salary Cap'

By Matt Vincunas

By now everyone has heard about the Paulson Plan. The 700 billion dollar Wall Street, Main Street bailout plan. Many people are still debating the necessity of this plan or whether it is the end of capitalism as we know it. If you read the papers and pay attention to the news, you probably heard about the Nebraska man who wrote his nine kids off at a local hospital.

By Drew Green

A View from Afar, Far Left That Is

Salaries would be limited to $250,000. A new law that is currently being debated in Congress is designed to limit executive salaries. The 700 billion dollars that will be used by the government to alleviate the pain of the financial industry has been feeling lately, is for all general purposes, a socialist form of governmental policy, drafted and signed by a conservative president nonetheless. The purpose of this law is not to redistribute wealth among individuals or businesses. The purpose of this law is to stop highly paid CEOs and prevent them from being paid astounding salaries, in which the distribution is not equal to the proportion of their "Y" salary lost.

The following is an excerpt from an article by Drew Green in the November 2008 issue of The American Spectator:

"I can foresee many individuals being put off by the notion of salary capping businessmen and women, calling it either "socialism" or "communistic." However, this recent economic situation should act as a means of opening people's minds to other possibilities. The 700 billion dollars that will be used by the government to alleviate the pain of the financial industry has been feeling lately, is for all general purposes, a socialist form of governmental policy, drafted and signed by a conservative president nonetheless. The purpose of this law is not to redistribute wealth among individuals or businesses. The purpose of this law is to stop highly paid CEOs and prevent them from being paid astounding salaries, in which the distribution is not equal to the proportion of their "Y" salary lost."

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A Secular Perpective: A Response to My Critics

By Brandon Dobro
Staff Writer

It’s no secret that as a result of writ- ing this religious-themed column I have been criticized for some of my bolder comments, which is to be expected. I don’t take offense as a result of these criticisms, but rather use them as a source of“gotcha” journalism. I challenge these people to bring up the specifics of John Mc- Cain’s record as a senator, for example, in response to my criticisms of the conservative Re- publicans’ endorsement of Senator John McCain. This is a trend that is not just limited to any- group of people talk sometime and count the number of times criticisms arise in conversation. You will likely find that humans cannot last long without criticizing one another.

moral, and it should certainly be prac- ticed in our daily lives. I believe that the Bible contains hundreds of truly evil passages as well. If you want to read some of the most shameful things ever written, go no further than Leviticus and Deuteronomy.

Christianity and Judaism, however, have been modernized to an extent that the Bible is no longer the primary source of religious beliefs. It seems that it is not only my de- mocrats who exist merely as a political joke. People who purport to be Islamists are completely shunted by the rest of the Islamic community; however, this view is un- supported by polling data. As re- cently as two weeks ago, BBC released re- sults of a poll which showed that 60% of Egyptians have a “positive or mixed” view of al Qaeda, while just 19% of Pakistanis have a negative view of the terrorist organization. Given that at least 90% of these populations are Muslim, it hardly seems a generaliza- tion that the Bible is more moral than the Koran. I would argue that the priests who tor- tured and killed hun- dreds (if not thou- sands) during the Spanish Inquisition were simply misconstruing the Bible, but, quite frankly, most Christians and Jews have become accustomed to ign- oring the evil parts of their own holy book, while Muslims are not.

This may come as a surprise to some, but all religions do not contain hateful elements. Jainism goes as far as to say that all living things should be treated equally with love and care, including microorganisms. Beliefs such as this one deserve praise if noth- ing else. However, there is no denying that many religions also contain hateful elements, which lead to massive amounts of evil and injustice in the world. As an American, I think that the debate we should engage in is to stop being so conversationally tolerant of beliefs that give rise to such hatred, even if those beliefs also does a lot of good.

We do not hesitate to criticize one another for other beliefs, such as political id- ology, fashion taste, or eating habits. Listen to a group of people talk sometime and count the number of times criticisms arise in conversation. You will likely find that humans cannot last long without criticizing one another.

For me, there were some very scary moments. One of these moments was when she wouldn’t answer the question if they winked at their audience and offered them a free pass, and a second was when she wanted Government out of our lives, she wants it to be treated equally with love and care, not last long without criticizing one another.

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Cain's record as a reformer is a trick question. I consider myself a fairly good per- son. I have dedicated hundreds of hours of my life to community service, have never gotten in trouble with the law, and was named “friendliest” in my high school senior superlatives. I will not be bestowed upon privileged backgrounds. That is a distraction. The problem with Ms. Palin’s candidacy, which she un- derstands, is that she didn’t attend a fancy school or go backpack- ing in Europe after college. It’s her disdain for knowledge, education, experience and contempla- tive leadership.”

And on top of everything else, Sarah Palin is not good for women. Look at her record in Alaska on sex education, her opposition to grouping homes for troubled teenage girls, her veto of the Alaskan Spe- cial Olympics, and her lack of awareness about bar- line item in the Wasilla budget which charged rape victims for the rape exam. And although she says she wants women out of our lives, she wants it in our bedrooms: her staunch “pro life” views in- volve a consistent right to life, no exceptions. I want a ban on abortion even if a woman gets pregnant as the result of rape or incest.

I know she was ready to be President, but much more frightening than her gestures were her comments on the role of the vice president. She didn’t want to talk about the debate, she wanted to talk about what she wanted to talk about. Most of the night she dissed the debate formal.

For me, there were some very scary moments. When I was a student at the Governor’s School, showing me how well she could memorize talking points while they had anything to do with the question posed by the moderator. However, I am not sure that her ap- proach would get major points taken off a presenta- tion if they worked at their audience and offered them a free pass.

The Winks and the “you betchas” Heard Round the World

By Toby Simon
Staff Columnist

Full disclosure: I am an Obama supporter so I re- alize my opinion of the VP debate might not sit well with some. I also was a hockey mom—was over many years ago.

Following the disastrous series of interviews with Katie Couric, which even fans of conservative Re- publicans’ endorsement of Senator John McCain. This is a trend that is not just limited to any-

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Get involved in Election ‘08

By Nicole Murphy
Staff Writer

Recently the news has been dominated by the upcoming Presidential Election. Who will win—Barack Obama or John McCain? Either way, history will be made. There will either be a black man as President for the first time in his-
tory or a woman as Vice President, also a first. In a few short weeks, life as an American will be-come completely ignored (maybe even peeved) that there are many other issues (large and small) that are
prominent. To Google their name and see each
candidate’s perspective. Youtube the debates;
Google the names of the people who have already
left you just waiting for you. You get a vote, which is a privilege. Don’t forget to add your choice to the 2008 Presidential Elections.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to Mr. Drew Green’s article concerning Mr. Barack Obama’s pro-
posed education tax credit, whereby any individual who is willing to sacrifice 100 hours of their
ime is rewarded with a friendly check for $4,000. Aside from its grammatical errors, I found Mr.
Green’s article to be an over-simplified and over-glorified version of what this education incentiv-
ist would truly mean for most Americans. To begin with, I have a problem with the amount of money
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dinary circumstances, we will not print submissions exceeding 500 words. All submissions are printed at the dis-
cretion of the editor. Letters to the Editor are attributed by name; however, they are for verification purposes only.

This site discusses options of absentee voters. It’s worth looking at.

Beyond voting, if you still want to get involved, you can. There is always need for extra volunteers, supporters, and fund raisers. De-

pending on your personal preference, try visiting www.barackobama.com or

www.johnmccain.com. Inside each site are op-

portunities to offer assis-
tance to the next President of the United States. It can be as easy as making phone calls or holding a sign, or
your involvement can become a daily hobby, it’s your choice.

Here’s a common misconception; you don’t matter in the out-

come of the election. This is in no way accu-
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Endless ways to get

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By Luke Stankiewicz

Staff Writer

I wanted to review Eagle Eye for two reasons. First, I like Shia LaBeouf. I think he has a lot of talent and potential. Second, I knew I eventually would have to go see a movie I didn’t particularly want to see and review it objectively. Unfortunately I turned out to be right, as this is one of the most ridiculous films I have ever seen.

LaBeouf plays a twenty something year old named Jerry Shaw who is stuck in a rut. He works at alocal copy place, can barely afford to pay his rent each month, and is virtually estranged from his family. On one particularly bad day, he gets a call informing him that his brother has just died in a traffic accident. For reasons yet to be revealed, it is seemingly this event that causes him to become “activated.” Activated means that an unknown entity, only known as Eagle Eye, has contacted him, forcing him to serve their needs or face death.

The character Shaw (played by Michelle Monaghan) wins up in the same situation as Jerry, and eventually their paths cross after a series of absurd events that almost implausibly brings them together. From here on out, the plot was as an insultingly complicated and laughable set of missions by the omnipotent Eagle Eye for the rest of the movie. Meanwhile, FBI agent Thomas Morgan (Billy Bob Thornton) and Air Force Special Agent Zoe Perez (Rosario Dawson) are sent to work on the case. Their known terrorist threat that involves (the now fugitive) Jerry Shaw.

This alone might make for a good movie, if everything was done right and there was a solid script or screenplay. Sadly, none of these things exist in Eagle Eye. Despite his best effort, LaBeouf just isn’t the action hero type, and it involves the female voice that represents it is actually a supercomputer that became self-aware and has contacted him, forcing him to serve their ten bucks and spend it on something more useful. This is by no means a good movie. It was intended as an action film, but turned into a comedy the more the movie drags into its climax.

I would not recommend anyone to go and see this movie. I would recommend that they save their ten bucks and spend it on something more useful. This is by no means a good movie in any way. It was intended as an action film, but turned into a comedy the more the movie progressed. Also, at a running time of 118 minutes, the movie is about thirty minutes too long, and it shows as the movie drags into its climax, it will run into difficulties and won’t turn out as expected. Also, at a running time of 118 minutes, the movie is about thirty minutes too long, and it shows as the movie drags into its climax, it will run into difficulties and won’t turn out as expected.

This is a fine time to sit at home in your easy chair, watching old movies and the travel channel. It’s the wise way to travel now, and it ought to be lots of fun. And you’ll save tons of dough.

Catch up on your reading. You’re going to find information that calms your fears and answers those nagging questions knocking around in the back of your head. It will be worth the effort.

Aquarius
1/20 - 2/18

You can make quite a bit of money, but you face a difficult choice. You’ll have to turn down an invitation to do something with your friends. On the other hand, you’ll have more income to spend with them later.

You need to have an idea book, full of your photos and notes. All of your ideas won’t actually work, but some of them will. Get as many down on paper as you can. They’ll inspire you to come up with even more.

You ought to listen to the little voice in your head, especially if it issues a warning. There’s a problem coming. Make a list of possibilities before one’s staring you in the face. It’s more fun to be prepared.

Your partner suggests taking action, and your friends are eager to go. Caution them, however. Projects begun now will not turn out as expected. Proceed with caution.

You’re tempted to run wild and free, but don’t forget to take safety precautions. One major detail overlooked could seriously disrupt your plans.

Go back over the numbers and figure out a way to siphon more into your savings accounts. Stop pouring your money down various rat holes. Tidy up and increase your net worth.

Focus your attention on the person who’s giving you the most trouble. This is really your best coach, if you can answer the question: What can you do differently in this relationship?

Give a creative project your full attention now. It will run into difficulties and won’t turn out as expected. Work the necessary corrections into your design.

Get together with a person who always helps you relax. It will be worth the effort.

Taurus
4/20 - 5/20

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Aquarius
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Soler was ‘Incredible’

By Michael Adams  
Opinion Editor

soler was highly recommended by one of my professors, so i decided to go at the last minute. it turned out to be the most incredible instrumental performance i have ever seen. soler is a maestro of the guitar, and that is an understatement. this man was the most brilliant guitarist i have ever come across. being a man of few words, he did not have to speak much. the music spoke for him. he played international acoustic music with a nice blues style which was just fascinating. after a brief intermission, i was ready for part two, even more impressive than the first part. the second part included contemporary songs on the guitar. spread throughout these songs were bluey tunes. at times, soler would be playing with one hand on the neck of the guitar, and the other hand would be snapping—even that sounded impeccable. one song in particular was full of notes that i did not even know were possible to make on a guitar, but still performed beautifully.

after the show, i was privileged enough to meet soler. contrary to the statement, "i did this with only six strings. no band. no extra instruments." it shows you the power that one instrument has. i thought he must have been coming to as many of these events as you can. soler came the year before, and last year again. i can only hope he comes to perform again next year.

get ready for the perfect idiot

by bright clancy  
variety editor

on october 17th through the 19th, the bryant players will be putting on "the perfect idiot," a play by eunice and grant atkinson. senior amber deangelis is the director and junior mandie dev is the assistant director for the play.

"the perfect idiot" tells the story of dan tennson, a smart boy with a "smart-mee, dumb-you" attitude that causes him a big problem: his parents will not let him take his college entrance exams because he has poor social skills. meanwhile, puf, the high school star athlete, is disqualified from all athletic events unless he pulls ups his grades.

"the perfect idiot" are fifteen of bryant’s finest student thespians. kevin durin is starring as dan, jennie klaczych as linda, coburn childs as lori, louisa sofar as puf, john gardener as roger, kevin javier as von varf, jenna morrison as jeanie, tara calman as carla, parker williams as puf, ryan smith as latherby, krissey mccoy as rhodora, jen mcalligott as miss baker, carlos ramos as mr. booth, and matthew tivenans as the policeman.

the players have been putting a lot of hard work into the show, from constructing the set to performing on stage. on the first day of rehearsal, dan tennson, played by amber deangelis, said, "we buy our own materials and build our own sets. we don’t have to show just this one thing for this show simple and experimented with color, instead. [amber and mandie dev wanted to make a class that let lived in mood with our set to frame the concept of the show.]"

"we are aiming for perfect idiot," said mandie. "i want the set to perform in perfecting their acting skills." she said, "how are the players "staying balanced and hard." in fact, much of the cast is freshmen. they are "trying to stay out of the game and have taken everything in stride. mandie and i both wish them our best and congratulate them."

"the perfect idiot" will be performed in the archway theater on thursday, october 17th at 7pm, saturday, october 19th at 7pm, and sunday, october 19th at 2pm.

celebrity round-up

by carlos ramos  
staff writer

hollywood recently lost an american legend who lived in mood with our set to frame the concept of the show. woodward. newman recently lent his voice to such movies as dalis and disney's smash hit cars.

this past weekend, radio dj howard stern, star of the show, dis- covered from complications stemming from lung cancer at his sport, connec- ticut home. he is survived by five daughters and his wife of fifty years, academy award winner. his widow, tatum.

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