Senior class shatters fundraising record

Normand Duquette
Contributing Writer

The Senior Class Gift Committee held their kick-off event Thursday, October 30th. The event was in N-Block parking lot, with an autumn theme. The committee worked hard to promote the event and 182 seniors were in attendance. Over the course of the night the committee raised $12,155.09, which not only shattered the event goal of $7,000, but also shattered the school record for the most money raised on a kick-off night. Of the 182 in attendance, 87 seniors donated, marking 10% participation.

It was President Machtyte who stole the show. He made the promise that he would jump in the pond if the senior class could reach 30% participation. This is a goal that co-chairs Normand Duquette, Hannah Jorgensen, and Anne Koskey believe is possible.

“We had such a great opening night and we believe the energy will be contagious,” Duquette said.

The committee is aiming for a final number of $35,000, with a participation of 50%. The class of 2008 raised approximately $31,000 and reached approximately 30% participation.

Tying into the election year, all donors get the opportunity to vote on which gift they would like. The three class gift options are: Bulldogs to complete the football stadium, an MBA program, or a volleyball court for the new townhouse block. The committee encourages all seniors to donate! You can see one of the co-chairs or any committee member to obtain a pledge form.

Hate crime is under investigation

By Brigit Clancy

Variety Editor

On Tuesday, October 29th, an on-campus Resident Assistant discovered the word “fag” burned into the door of the student’s dorm room. The Smithfield Police Department is now involved in the investigation process and is working diligently as they pursue several leads. The vandalism has been categorized by Smithfield Police to be a hate crime.

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) is also involved in the investigation. Chief George Coronado, the Director of Public Safety, has a responsibility to help challenge and stop acts of discrimination and hate. All members of our community are experiencing such incidents. These situations, generally the actions of a small minority, are widening and violating the standards of civility so vital to our learning community.

Hate crimes should not occur on our campus. The reality is that people of intolerance exist. They are in our community and in our society. We must take every opportunity to educate them. The Department of Public Safety is committed to helping in any way we can.

At Bryant, we have adopted strong principles on respect, civility, and accountability as part of our Bryant Pledge and as the basic standard of what we expect as we live and work together. Despite this commitment, there are occasions where members of our community are experiencing such incidents. The Bryant community is standing up against these crimes.

“I am happy to see the people of Bryant Pride, said, “I am disappointed that an incident of this magnitude would occur on our campus. I hope that this will compel students if they know anything that they will let the university know. That is how we get better—we know about [an incident] and we follow up on it.”

Both Kawamoto and Sorbera are glad to see the people of the Bryant community responding in a positive way to the incident. Kawamoto said, “I am happy to see that students are responding and giving their support to the student.” Sorbera said, “I am happy to see that the Bryant community is standing up against these serious criminal acts.”

On Friday, November 7th, Bryant Pride and Student Senate, along with the support of many other student organizations, will be holding a “March for Acceptance.” The march will be held outside between Koffler and the Unistructure, rain or shine, at 3:15pm. Refreshments will be served courtesy of Sodexo. President Machtyte or Dr. Eakin will be speaking, to address this hate crime. The speaker will also make note of any similar behavior that violates the Bryant Pledge, and such behavior will not be tolerated on our campus. Students, faculty, and staff will march together around the perimeter of the campus to demonstrate that all members of the Bryant community must accept all individuals for who they are as a person.

Dr. Eakin concluded his message to the Bryant community by saying, “Each of us, as citizens of this community, has a responsibility to challenge and stop acts of discrimination and hate. Be alert for opportunities to support efforts to extinguish this type of desplicable behavior. All members of our community deserve to live and learn in a safe and tolerant community.”
Faculty engages students on election campaign realities

Michael Yakovonis
Editorial Assistant/Staff Writer

Although America elected a new president this week, matters were still very much up in the air Tuesday, October 28, when under a week remained in the race for the White House.

Political Science professors John Diextrich and Rich Holtzman joined Communication professor Stanley Cristine Cox
Staff Writer

The Student Arts and Speaker Series hosted yet another spectacular event. On Friday, October 27, political satire troupe, The Capitol Steps performed several comedic skits that had the audience laughing and applauding the entire time, be sure to visit the Capitol Steps website for more information! The Capitol Steps performed several comedic skits that had the audience laughing and applauding the entire time. If you missed their performance, you can still view it on YouTube.

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Bryant University Cries “Wolf!”

Bryant University will welcome the Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem, NY and their six-year-old Arctic gray wolf, Atka, today, November 7th at 12 noon. The program will include an awe-inspiring, up-close encounter with this important but misunderstood predator. Guests will learn about the history of wolves in the United States, the importance of wolves in a healthy ecosystem and the efforts to save these magnificent creatures for future generations.

Co-Sponsored by Science & Technology Department & College of Arts & Sciences, Bryant University

Time: Today!
Location: Janikies Auditorium
Tickets: Bryant Center Info Desk 232-6245

Machtley honored for business excellence

Brigit Clancy
Variety Editor

President Ronald Machtley was named the winner of Business Excellence Award in Business Leadership in Providence Business News. This is PBN’s eighth annual Business Awards competition. According to the publication, “the award for Business Leadership goes to a leader who not only has shown outstanding business results, but also has made a serious contribution to the community.”

President Machtley, the seventh president of Bryant, was selected as the Business Leader of the Year by PBN for his many successes. These include “his success in transforming the school from a business college to a university comprising both a College of Business and a College of Arts and Sciences, with about 3,750 undergraduates and graduate students. During his tenure, Machtley also has more than doubled the institution’s revenue; taken Bryant from running a deficit to being in the black; and nearly doubled its endowment to $170 million.”

Since his arrival at Bryant in 1996, President Machtley has accomplished a great deal for the school. Under President Machtley, Bryant has ranked number 16 in the U.S. News & World Report’s list of leading universities in the United States. Bryant is also among the “Best 368 Colleges and Universities” in The Princeton Review. Bryant’s MBA program in its Graduate School has, for the second year in a row, been included in the “Best 296 Business Schools” by The Princeton Review.

Bryant has also expanded in terms of the number of students in the College of Arts and Sciences, as well as new facilities. The approximate number of students enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences, with about 3,750 undergraduates and graduate students. During his tenure, Machtley has accomplishing a great deal for the school. Under President Machtley, Bryant has ranked number 16 in the U.S. News & World Report’s list of leading universities in the United States. Bryant is also among the “Best 368 Colleges and Universities” in The Princeton Review. Bryant’s MBA program in its Graduate School has, for the second year in a row, been included in the “Best 296 Business Schools” by The Princeton Review.

Students have many options when it comes to reporting a bias incident. The report goes to the Bias Incident Committee, which reviews the report and sends a letter to each person involved to explain how the claim will be investigated. From there the report is sent to the Department of Public Safety because, “they have the expertise and personnel to investigate the incident,” Judy explains. Once the investigation is complete, the Committee is informed and a final letter is sent to the victim and other parties involved explaining the action to be taken. Each report is confidential.

To report a bias incident or hate crime:
-Call the 24-hour Bias Incident Hotline at (401) 232-6920.
-Complete the form available at web.bryant.edu/bias, and put it in the box in front of Box 67, or attach the completed form to an e-mail addressed to bias@bryant.edu.
-Pick up a copy of the form at Public Safety, the Intercultural Center, Student Affairs, Resident Life, or Human Resources. Complete it and return it through interoffice mail to Box 67.

For more information, refer to the student handbook or check out http://web.bryant.edu/bias.
Going Green: Eco-friendly dating

Marisa Bono
Staff Writer

Relationships can be a beautiful thing. All the handholding, dinners by candlelight ever just snuggling up for a movie night can be special. Since it is basically freezing outside at this point, most couples like to go out to stay in. Precious, right? Well, what you may not know is that even a simple date with your boyfriend or girlfriend can be a waste, unless it involves those three little words. I’m talking about reuse, recycle. Let’s save the planet, dating style.

So guys, I know a lot of you are dating girls that also live on campus, but that does not mean you can’t be a gentleman. Drive to her hall and pick her up! But when you do, make sure you shut your car off rather than let it idle. An idling vehicle emits twenty times more pollution than one traveling thirty-two miles an hour. Turning the engine off saves gas, too. That means extra money for dessert.

Yummy! So now you have the girl. Let’s say that you are going out to dinner in Providence. Although you may be very anxious to have a Salmo-free dinner, and not to mention very hungry, don’t drive like a maniac to get there. Your car’s miles per gallon rapidly decrease at speeds above sixty miles per hour. Each five miles per hour you drive over 60 is like paying an extra $0.24 per gallon for gas. That’s a lot less dessert money. A little tip if you haven’t already noticed: girls love dessert.

Dinner was wonderful. The two of you have completely stuffed, but have managed to save room for dessert (finally) However, there is still a decent amount of food on your plate, enough for another Salmo-free meal. Now that’s exciting. Rather than letting that food go to waste, be sure to tell your server you would like to take the rest to-go. Since most containers used for leftovers are made from Styrofoam, take it one step further and ask for minimal packaging. If Styrofoam is not recycled, it will set in a landfill for an average of nine years since it is not biodegradable.

One last thing, and this one’s for the ladies: if you had a good time, let him know! Seeing you happy makes him happy. Shoot him a text or in a instant message back from your cell phone rather than from your computer. You will save time and conserve energy since messaging from a computer uses thirty times more electricity per message.

Go out and have a hot date. Eat well, stay warm, and enjoy yourself, but do your best not to be wasteful. Comments and suggestions are always welcome. Feel free to e-mail me to mbono@bryant.edu.

CSI SPOTLIGHT

Jordan Letendre

The Center for Student Involvement would like to announce the 2008-09 CSI Student Spotlight Award Honorees:

LEFENDRE, Jordan is currently a member of the Student Senate and has worked most recently helping to plan our extremely successful "Parties of the Past" Halloween Weekend. Jordan is also a member of the Ways and Means Committee and was a Bryant Experience Leader. Jordan’s balancing act of all of these commitments and still remain a stellar student makes him a very worthy recipient of this week’s Spotlight Award! The entire CSI staff would like to congratulate Jordan for being selected as the next 2008-09 Student Spotlight award recipient.

Be on the lookout for the next CSI Student Spotlight Award winner in just a few short weeks!!

SASS announces next event - BobDonPaul

Alison Duncan
Staff Writer

Bryant University may be a school with a strong focus on business, but the Students Arts and Speakers Series Committee (SASS) has been putting a great effort into meeting the needs and interests of every student at Bryant. To continue this effort, the committee will bring Bob and Don Manley of BobDonPaul, graphic designer and photographer to campus on Tuesday, November 18th at 7pm in South Cafe.

The SASS Committee is a new initiative created from the Student Involvement Fee. With this budget the committee is able to bring Bob and Don well-known speakers, performers, and artists in order to focus on topics that will interest every student and to encourage a cultural co-curriculum that has been a lasting goal on campus.

Bob and Don will be speaking about their experiences that have come from their pursuit of a career in graphic design and photography. They will also be sharing a case study and some other pieces of their work, and will end with a question and answer session in which each will have the opportunity to speak with them.

This experience is not just for skilled artists. Anyone who has an interest or just wants to learn more is encouraged to attend.

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Students who are interested in graphic design and photography also have the opportunity to participate in a poster contest for this event. The poster should display any past or current event using any program to create it, but must be on an 8.5” x11” paper.

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Spotlight on Interns: Hannah Jorgensen

Name: Hannah Jorgensen
Class of 2009
Concentration: Marketing
Minor: Political Science
Internship Site: Hill Holliday
Location: Boston, MA

How did you locate your internship?

Through BCC. I started looking during the fall semester and around Christmas, the posting came up and I applied. I didn’t hear about getting the internship until April. I had applied for internships through BCC and then a few more outside of BCC, but Hill Holliday was my first choice so I was anxious to hear back from them. I had applied to Target and was accepted by them, but I took a chance from them. I had applied to Target and was accepted by them, but I took a chance and turned it down because it wasn’t as focused on marketing as I’d hoped.

What did you learn about the profession?

It’s a lot more than the creative side – when you think of advertising you think about making a commercial. I was surprised to learn about all the different areas in an advertising firm such as account management, media planning, and media buying. It was very interesting to see all the little details that go into advertising. It’s a much younger industry than I realized – and a very fun atmosphere. I expected it to be very corporate but it was actually very casual, lots of fun, and relaxed. It turned out to be a young, hip and up-to-date atmosphere; not immature at all. It turned out to be a nice surprise to find out it’s not that corporate as I thought it would be.

What were your major responsibilities?

I was involved in an advertising campaign for a new product they’re launching in the spring. I learned to implement commercials and radio advertisements into the system, particularly for Dunkin Donuts.

What did you learn most rewarding about your internship?

It’s the people I worked with. I learned I really enjoy advertising – it can help me use my creative side because you have to know how to make a commercial attractive and create a catchy jingle. I learned I really enjoy advertising – it can help me use my creative side because you have to know how to make a commercial attractive and create a catchy jingle.

What was the most challenging part of your internship?

Getting out of the college environment and putting myself in a work environment was challenging. It was a real eye opener – working 8-5 everyday and being immersed in the corporate environment. This is a huge company so it was interesting to get away from college life and come to terms that I’ll be out of college in a year. This definitely helped prepare me – I got to live on my own, in a city and had an internship. I’m from the country so I’d never lived in a city before so that was great, and the internships helped me see how companies work and help prepare me for the next step.

What did you find most rewarding about your internship?

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Would you study abroad again?

Absolutely! With a semester abroad, you learn more than you can in any classroom. It forces you to grow, mature, and become independent. Studying abroad changes your life and you come back a different person.

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What would you bring with you go back a different person.

Rostowski takes the leap! Bungy jumping is a popular outdoor activity in Australia.

Name: Diana Rostkowski
Class of 2009
University: James Cook University
Location: Townsville, Australia
Partner: Arcadia
Duration: Early February-Late June
Reason for Going:

I have always loved travel and realized the importance in it. I hope to see most of the world. I wanted to do something extreme, to see what the furthest place from home was like. That meant traveling to the land down under.

Best Experience:

I went on an amazing trip backpacking down the entire East Coast of Australia with a friend I met from Minnesota. Each day was a new adventure. Living in Australia is like living in a post card. The beauty of that country is amazing.

We decided to travel south until we felt like heading back north to tropic townsville. What’s very unique about Australia is that there is a huge backpacking community. I met travelers from all over the world, roaming for the same reasons we were there. Each night was spent in a different hostel, and each day was spent with people we never met before. It was interesting to hear everyone’s story. You would literally become best friends with a person for a day or night, share a remarkable day and beautiful experience with them, and then you would both part ways, wish one another luck in his/her journey, and probably never see each other ever again.

Funny Cultural Experience:

I traveled to Southeast Asia while I was there with a couple of friends. I can go on for days about hilarious cultural experiences there, from locals asking us to take pictures with them, to the mystery foods we ate, staying in little India while in Singapore, and surviving squatting toilets. The most ridiculous experience however would have to be walking through the market streets of Asia. Walk ‘ten feet into Khao San Road in Bangkok and you will see vendors selling passports and other forms of identification as well as guns and drugs displayed for sale out in the open. Because we stood out so much we would constantly be hassled. At one point, a man started wrapping a fabric around me, convincing me that he was going to make me a beautiful dress. If we took a taxi or tuk-tuk (bicycle-like taxi) anywhere, we had to stop at least three different places before getting to our destination so they could show us their friend’s shops. They were so persistent that you could not prevent these detours from happening. They would do extremely bizarre things to get our attention and bartering became a fun sport. The entire trip through Asia was literally one large funny cultural experience.

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By Christi Parsons
Chicago Tribune
(MCT)

Rosa Parks sat down. Martin Luther King Jr. marched. Barack Obama ran.

And on Tuesday night, Obama's marathon reached an unprecedented place in American history.

The president-elect is an African-American, one whose race and politics _ especially if that is defined in terms of the Illinois senator's own life span. His parents' generation saw institutionalized racism become so generalized that Jim Crow laws were felled one by one by the Supreme Court.

But if racist laws were struck down in his first decade of life, Obama would grow up in a country and culture _ a country through the sweat and tears of its people. Still, when Obama was a child in Hawaii, the marriage of his parents _ a white woman and a black man _ was still in the minority in 16 other states. In some parts of the United States, encouraging blacks to vote could get a person killed. The Ku Klux Klan was in full force.

"It underscores the real historic break here," says Martha Borniolo, professor of African-American studies and history at Northwestern University. "When he was born, people who looked like him couldn't even go into the voting booth. Now he is about to go into the White House.

In many ways, Obama's life course is a study in the country's racial progress. Obama wasn't even in grade school when the Supreme Court banned the literacy tests, "and expressed its commitment to the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, guaranteeing all citizens equal protection under the law.

The court struck down one Southern state's "Racial Integrity Act" with a 1967 decision in the case of Loving v. Virginia. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 was passed to protect the rights of black voters. But if racist laws were struck down in his first decade of life, Obama would grow up in a country where de facto racism has been slower to die. He personally encountered the ugly reality as a young man on the South Side of Chicago, where he worked as a community organizer with poor people, many of them African-American.

Election turnout high, but not a record

By Maria Recio
McClatchy Newspapers
(MCT)

Voters turned out in record numbers for the historic presidential election, but the percentage of eligible voters fell short of predictions.

The long lines, early voting and enthusiastic response on election day is a sign that the country has come of age.

"Rosa Parks sat down. Martin Luther King could walk," Jay-Z told the crowd. "Martin Luther King walked so Obama could run.

An anonymous black man on the "L" in Chicago put his own spin on it when he said he saw a car full of strangers: "Rosa Parks sat down. Martin Luther King marched. Barack Obama ran. And my grandchildren will fly."

"It shows us something about the whole project of American politics," she said. "That we're embracing diversity, that we're embracing the world. It sends a message that there really is no barrier to what they can achieve.

"It shows us something about the country that is becoming a pluralistic nation."

"We can't discount the significance of symbolism," she said. "Having a black man in the White House sends a message that the U.S. is waking up, that we're embracing diversity, that we're embracing the world. It sends a message that diversity (are) there really is no barrier to what they can achieve.

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"While it's a huge symbolic transformation of American politics, it doesn't mean that racial disadvantage and disadvantage are going to disappear," Dawns said. "It means we have a new president, but that doesn't mean that racial conflict and racial disadvantage are going to disappear.

"Look no further than the U.S. Senate. When Barack Obama leaves it, it could once again be a white, all-white club.

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Bryant beats Dukes on Senior Day

Bryant honors 21 seniors prior to last Saturday’s game

By Casey Mulcare
Assistant Sports Editor

Thanks to another impressive performance by the running back duo of Jerell Smith and Lindsayy Gamble, the Bulldogs were able to send the seniors out with style, beating Duquesne 24 to 10 on Senior Day on Saturday at Bulldog Stadium. Duquesne got off to a quick start, moving down the field efficiently on the arm of quarterback Connor Dixon. The Ducks engineered a 10 play drive down to the Bulldogs 7 yard line, but that is as close as they would get as the Bulldog defense forced the Ducks to settle for a field goal. The Bulldogs got on the board just before the half with a 15 yard rush by sophomore running back Mike Canfora. After a failed extra point attempt by Chris Bird, the Bulldogs went into the locker rooms at halftime with a 6 to 3 lead.

The defenses took control in the 3rd quarter, with only Bryant bending to let up a 54 yard touchdown from Dixon to wide receiver Alex Roberson down the sideline that gave the Ducks the lead again, 9-6.

The fourth quarter, however, was all Bryant. Gamble took a handoff up the middle and scored from 29 yards out to put the Bulldogs ahead for good, 15 to 10. On Duquesne’s next drive, defensive end Don Smith forced Dixon to throw an errant pass that was intercepted by Chris Bird, the Bulldogs went on to score on the next play when running back duo of Jerell Smith and Lindsayy Gamble rushed for 129 yards and 1000 on the season. Quarterback Jay Graber looked 100% on Saturday, leaving behind any lingering doubts of the injury sustained at UMass last weekend. Graber completed 18 of 26 passes for 213 yards, orchestrating the offense to 445 total yards. Bryant’s win over Duquesne puts their record at 5 and 4, guaranteeing the Bulldogs finish the season at 500 in their first season as a D-1 program. I know that the Bulldogs exceeded my expectations and the expectations of many others. It will be interesting to see how the Bulldogs rebuild without this senior class that helped build the Bryant football program into what it is today.

The Bulldogs have one final game at Iona on November 15th after their bye week this weekend. The game can be heard on WOON 1240 AM.

Inside the Numbers

Take a look at how the numbers break down between the Bulldogs and the Dukes in last Saturday’s contest:

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The Bulldogs were very effective on the ground, rushing for 243 total yards. Gamble’s touchdown was the 20th of his career, moving into 3rd on the all time rushing list and leaving him a lone yard shy of 1,000 on the season.

Bryant’s win over Duquesne puts their record at 5 and 4, guaranteeing the Bulldogs finish the season at .500 in their first season as a D-1 program. I know that the Bulldogs exceeded my expectations and the expectations of many others. It will be interesting to see how the Bulldogs rebuild without this senior class that helped build the Bryant football program into what it is today.

The Bulldogs have one final game at Iona on November 15th after their bye week this weekend. The game can be heard on WOON 1240 AM.

Inside the Numbers

Take a look at how the numbers break down between the Bulldogs and the Dukes in last Saturday’s contest:

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Last Week’s Record

9-5
68-46
6-9
63-51

OVERALL RECORD

8-6
67-47
9-5
65-49

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The anatomy of a falling star

America’s Team is reaching a dangerous height of destruction – and its vilified owner has self-inflicted most of its wounds.

By David Giardino
Sports Editor

Jerry Jones left his Lincoln Town Car and walked into Texas Stadium on a dry October morning. He was met with a crowd of reporters and a blaze of flashes – but this was no ordinary morning for the Dallas Cowboys owner. No, just hours ago all major media outlets had announced that the Cowboys were involved in a trade for infamous Detroit Lions’ wide receiver Roy Williams. Williams had been malignantly (for his disorderly conduct) with the Lions, as well as his declining performance over the last three years. The receiver had just 17 receptions and 1 touchdown during his 2008 stint with Detroit. But Jones had had his eye on Williams for over two years. “He is a game-breaker who can make spectacular catches” Jones says. Through three games with Dallas in 2008 William’s has three catches, no touchdowns.

Just months before that, the captain of America’s Team was involved in another controversial signing. Adam (Pacman) Jones had been suspended from the NFL for his myriad run-ins with the law. In 2005, Pacman was arrested for felony vandalism and assault stemming from a nightclub altercation. The ex-Tennessee Titan reportedly climbed on stage during a stripper’s performance, drunken and enraged, and slammed her head to the stage. In 2006, Pacman was at the beginning of the 2008 season. Pacman Johnson, and has signed big name criminals like Pacman Jones and Tank Johnson, and has signed big name players with a history of doing very little (see Roy Williams, safety) to salary cap-crunching contracts. And to top it all off, Jones encourages the insane to run the asylum by hiring disinterested coaches with a history of defeat. Chan Gailey, Drew Phillips, these coaches have a combined record of 50-55 during their Dallas tenure. And why does he do this? Because the credible coaches, the ones that know how to run a football team, just get paid too much money.

On the night of the Cowboys 1993 Super Bowl victory, the second of Jones’ three titles since being owner, he publicly dismissed ball-of-fame coach Jimmy Johnson and commented “any one of 500 coaches could have won those Super Bowls.” Jones later dismissed the comments as “just the whiskey talking.” Shortly thereafter, Jones infamously forced Jimmy Johnson out.

Fourteen years later Jones was getting irritated with another ball of fame coach who was stealing his spotlight. Bill Parcells had over a faltering and embarrassing Cowboy franchise, one that had lost 11 games in each of the last three seasons. Cells transformed the team overnight to a playoff contender. Jones thanked him by consistently undermining his authority, culminating in another public feud and – yes, you guessed it – another force out.

Fast forward to 2008 with pro bowl starting quarterback Tony Romo down with a broken pinky, the Cowboys have stumbled to a 4-2 start. Backup quarterbacks Brad Johnson and Brooks Bollinger have thrown for under 300 yards passing and two interceptions combined – in three games. When asked about his pro bowl backup quarterback, the Cowboys owner said: “It’s something that we absolutely worked on in the off-season.” The lack of team chemistry – all signed off on by Jones – has rippled through the roster with a manageable backup quarterback – or veteran defensive backs? For goodness sake, even mediocre ones are a dime a dozen. Because Jones isn’t concerned with the long term success of the Dallas Cowboys – he is concerned with short-term success that will fill all those seats and buy up those overpriced pink ‘Romo’ jerseys.

Need even more evidence? Take the 1999 Cowboy season. Concussion-prone and aging quarterback Troy Aikman was heading towards the twilight of his hall-of-fame career. But instead of looking to the future and preparing for long term success, Jones traded two first round draft picks to the Seattle Seahawks to land the speedy, albeit concussive receiver Joey Galloway. Galloway’s seasons prior to the trade never included more than 72 receptions in a season. His four year Cowboy career ended with 33 touchdowns and an average of 38 catches per year – all in losing seasons for big D. Some trade.

The point? If you want to place blame on the fallen Dallas Cowboy franchise, place it squarely on the chest of their vilified owner and self-proclaimed captain. The lack of depth, the mediocres, the lack of team chemistry – all signed off on and endorsed by Jones. He has the tumultuous history to prove he knows a great deal about running a business and very little about running a football team. He is a man that never makes mistakes, and therefore can surely never learn from them.

The 2008 season will no doubt end in an ultimate implosion of this Dallas Cowboy team. Jones’ immediate response will be to fire the head coach – he will most likely hand over the coaching reigns to offensive coordinator Jason Garrett; the roster will remain much the same. The Cowboys will open their new state-of-the-art stadium to sell out crowds and record revenues. If the team improves under Garrett, Jones will take the credit; if Garrett gets too big, Jones will undoubtedly dismiss him.

Why? Because the cycle has repeated itself for twenty years. Because there is room for only one captain in America’s Team.
Students Speak Out

What is on your study playlist?

“Mmmbop”
Hanson
Josh Rosen ‘11

“I do (cherish you)”
98 Degrees
Todd Degnan ’11

“Mellow Mood”
Slightly Stoopid
Colleen Scanlon ‘11

“Liquid Dream”
OTown
Chris Sattowa ‘11

“Summer Girls”
LFO
Spencer Erikson ‘11

Compiled by Ashley McNamara and Amanda Dunn
By: Michael Adams

Opinion Editor

Most schools don't know how to interpret the current situation. They seem to think that is it a problem to have a black president. They think that will make a difference because he is black. They don't see the same. Athough I do not like President Obama's views, he has the backbone to go through with his proposed plans for change. I just find it funny that he is even allowed to run for the presidency. He acts the same way as the President as he did in the State of Georgia 7 years ago.

Obama told Joe the Plumber that he wants to spread the wealth be-cause he has no record of change and bi-partisan-politics. The things they talked about were hit the principal day. The punish-ment they got was "Hit a Jew Day." Next there was "Hit a Tall Person Day" and, finally, a Friend Day." Then there was "High Five Day." These are probably your younger brother's or other secret government organizations because of his radical as-sessment. They are a new hope for the country in Barack Obama, even though he has no record of change and bi-partisan-politics.

The exit polls and earlier tracking and primary polls showed that the people of each state were sup-posed to decide which presidential candidate they wanted as a whole and then cast a col-lection vote. But the Electoral College is somewhat antiquated. It serves to hear what each candidate has to say and it is somewhat inconve-nient. But the candidates spend a vast majority of their time campaigning in swing states such as Florida, Ohio, and Indiana. An overwhel-ming amount of campaign funds were spent on rallies in swing states of the fifty states whereas the others were virtually ignored. In some contested states, the people of each state were sup-posed to decide which presidential candidate they wanted as a whole and then cast a col-lection vote. In the United States, Barack Obama will un-doubtedly bring change to this country. One change that has been overlooked for many years is that the less popular president, George W. Bush, was inaugurated. The Electoral College was heavily criticized for giving a president who wins the election. The candidate who wins the election. The candidate who wins the election.

By: Matt Vincunas

Staff Writer

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We take an awful lot for granted

By Toby Simon
Staff Columnist

Last Sunday I joined a delegate of about seventy-five Rhode Islanders and several Bryant faculty who traveled to New Hampshire to canvas for Barack Obama. It was a cold and blustery morning but you could feel the energy in the air.

We were sent to Hampton, New Hampshire, a small town not far from the Massachusetts state border. Two Bryant faculty members were in our car and as we turned off the highway, we were instantly greeted with McCain/Palin signs. They were everywhere, in lots of sizes. There were even “De mocrats for McCain” signs all around. At that point, it was real clear to us that we had our work cut out for us.

At the modest make-shift Obama headquarters in Hampton, we were greeted by lovely New Hampshire-ites who were thrilled to see us. For the past six weeks, bus loads of Rhode Islanders had been going up to New Hampshire and this was the last Sunday. We were ushered into to another room where we received our 15 minute training on how to canvass, what to say, and what not to say. And then we were dispatched in to the town armed with maps, information on the local candidates and lots of households we were to approach.

My husband and I worked as a duo. We had trouble finding our area to canvass because, judging from the information on the sheets we were given, we were looking for an apartment complex. We eventually found the area and it turned out to be a trailer complex. Much to our surprise, we made the rounds of all the trailers on our list, talking to people.

“My name is Toby and this is my husband Peter. We’re volunteering for the Obama campaign this afternoon. We’re wondering if Senator Obama has earned your vote.”

Sometimes, we didn’t get any farther than the word “Obama” and people said angrily, “I’m all for Obama, but what’s he done?”

Other times we didn’t even get to say “Hi” since as soon as they noticed the Obama pin on my jacket, they just closed the door on us. Once we asked someone for information on my jacket, they just closed the door on us. Once we asked someone for information on my jacket, they just closed the door on us.

“Can I get a hug? I’m for Obama too!”

We did meet some friendlier people in the trailer park who told us they were voting for Obama but that they didn’t talk about it with some of their neighbors who were McCain supporters. One retired man, with a slew of health problems, was undeterred. A Vietnam vet, he originally thought he should vote for McCain out of solidarity with a fellow vet, but then McCain picked Sarah Palin. He didn’t like that decision. Still he was “unsure” about Obama.

The biggest eye opener and sober moment came from a woman in her 60’s. Her name was Rosemary. Her trailer was in bad shape and looked like no one had paid too much attention to its upkeep. When she opened the door, the inside of her trailer was dark and cluttered looking. She appeared totally overwhelmed. We introduced ourselves and gave our schpiel. She said she “wanted Obama” but was pretty distracted at the moment and wasn’t sure she could talk to us. We said we were sorry to hear that but then she opened up. She said she had just finished paying her bills and was looking at the balance in her check book. There actually wasn’t enough money in her account to pay the bills she had just written checks for and wasn’t sure where she was going to find the money. Her husband had had a heart attack, is not working and she has bad knees and is unable to work. She kept repeating “You know what you give is just not enough money to live on. We have electric heat here and the bill is so high each month. I just don’t know what I’m going to do, I just don’t know what’s going to happen to us.”

It was a moment to reflect on. Her story gets told and repeated countless times in our country for what she’s experiencing is happening everywhere. It’s difficult to bear witness to how difficult so many lives are and to know that for her, getting to the polls to vote may not be a priority in the midst of despair, fear, and a constant feeling of being overwhelmed.

After all months of the campaign I was familiar with Rosemary’s story. It was through the newspaper or television that I learned about people’s dire economic conditions. This was up close and personal, and my husband and I felt helpless. I wanted to talk to her about hope, about a change she can believe in, and perhaps a brighter future. It is after all, what Obama has been talking about and what inspires many of us. But somehow, on that chilly November afternoon, standing on a cracked stoop outside Rosemary’s dilapidated trailer, I couldn’t muster those words. And it felt lousy.
Today’s Bear Market: What does it mean for students?

By Ashley Palmer
SIEF Project Manager

I am sure that most of us have heard the term “Bear Market” used frequently over the past month or so. The downturn in our economy has continued to worsen. How many of us, however, actually understand the term and know the repercussions it may have on us as students? This past July, 100+ Bryant students asked me each of them what the term “bear market” meant and what was the economy was; only 45 of the 100 students asked could give a response as to how it might relate to each of us. To me this was pretty shocking - I explained that, startups of an elite business school to know and understand a little bit more about the financial situation as a nation. In order to clear this, a market is characterized by a consistent upward trend in the economy. Seems quite basic, huh?

A bear market is brought about through the pessimism and a lack of confidence within the market. Where investors anticipate a downturn in the economy and are motivated to sell. Although prices do fluctuate regularly, within a bear market stock prices do not simply decline, they suffer a significant drop of 20% or more within a maximum two month period. Although we currently are experiencing the effects of a bear market, the Great Depression is an example of another period. The result of people being less likely to invest, and customers informed.

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Bulldog Flicks: Zack and Miri Make a Porno

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Staff Writer

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Top 10 Halloween Costumes: see if you made the cut!

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Every year, Bryant students do their best to create original, cute, crazy and outright insane costumes to prance around in on Halloween weekend. I have to commend the students this year on their originality. We did have the classic promiscuous referees, nurses, doctors, and angels and devils, but there were some costumes that I thought deserved to be mentioned.

I’ve created a list of my ten favorite times that the Bryant students rocked. Consider this a look into next year, and start brainstorming about what kind of theme YOU can rock next year!

1. The Ninja Turtles: True Halloween fans, this group of boys made an effort to create the exact look of a turtle shell on their chest, and covered their entire bodies with green body paint! What’s a ninja turtle without the color-coordinated head masks? The four friends were spotted all over campus, spreading turtle love to all Bryant Students!

2. Jumping Mario & Luigi: This dy-no-matic duo, dressed in blue sweat and face paint, and green vests, moved around leaving clues of their whereabouts all around campus, never leaving each other’s sides!

3. Heath Ledger: A true tribute to the beloved character of The Dark Knight, the white paint and green suits went far as the spirit of the Joker was alive and well on campus.

4. Gladiators: The American Gladiators were out for a night of fun this past Halloween! Complete with jousting equipment, the Gladiators roamed through the townhouses, making Hulk Hogan proud!

5. M&Ms: Who doesn’t love the sexy twist on everyone’s favorite candies? The ever-popular snack food was found sprinkled sporadically throughout the campus; melting only in the mouth, not in the hand.

6. Quailman: Though Doug Funnie was nowhere to be found, his favorite superhero, Quailman, made his presence known on Bryant’s campus. It’s assumed that many a pant was falling down without the help of a brown belt, which was instead tied snugly around the heads of a few choice students!

7. Jonas & Luke: Jonas, the world’s greatest pop singer, made his presence known throughout the campus; melt- ing the golden coins all over mushrooms and gathering the ever-popular snack food was found sprinkled sporadically throughout the campus, never leaving each other’s sides!

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10. Where’s Waldo?: Break out the striped red turtle necks and the large-framed glasses; Waldo was everywhere—where we spotted him at the townhouses, around Middle Village, and everywhere the fun was had!

Steve & Blue: This dynamic duo, dressed in blue sweats and face paint, and green vests, moved around leaving clues of their whereabouts all around campus, never leaving each other’s sides!

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