By Arielle Langlais
Contributing Writer

University officials have announced that Bryant’s very own Tupper the Bulldog is MISSING! Though he made brief appearances during the first month of the Bulldog’s inaugural Division I season, our school mascot has yet to be seen again. He was last seen reentering to the locker room after the Bulldog’s game against Albany on Monday of this week. There is much speculation in regards to his whereabouts but no concrete evidence has been uncovered. Authorities have released neither evidence nor suspects, but the Bryant community remains hopeful for Tupper’s safe return.

In the face of this tragedy, ten of Bryant University’s finest have stepped forward to assure the school of Tupper’s safe return. These brave men include Steven Branch, Mike Brown, Cory Cloutier, Brian Ford, Jarrod Gibbons, Dexter King, Brian Marseglia, Dan Nadeau, Gergely “Nemo” Nemeth, and A.J. Papa.

Who will save Tupper?

Steven Branch is a member of Bryant Football, the Multicultural Student Union, and a co-chair of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. Steven believes his reliability and dependability as well as his well-known personality make him Bryant’s superhero and will help him save Tupper.

Mike Brown believes he stands for the students that are not involved with a million things on campus – the average Joe. His appeal is to those who may not be involved will surely help him in his battle against Tupper’s captor.

Cory Cloutier’s involvement in five organizations including Student Programming Board, Student Senate, the Finance Association, Helping Hands, and Toastmasters make him a prominent freshman on campus. His young age and other attributes will help him save our school.

Brian Ford believes his piercing blue eyes and involvement on campus make him Bryant’s superhero. As a member of Student Senate, Leadership Council, Special Olympics, Colleges Against Cancer, Student Finance Association, Helping Hands, BOAC, Communications Society, and Sophomore Class Tutor, he has made a name for himself on campus and affects many students’ daily lives. His involvement in multifaceted organizations on campus including SFB, MSU, ISO, Ambassadors, Helping Hands, BOAC, Communications Society, and Sophomore Class Committee make him one of the better known sophomores on campus, which will help him save Tupper.

Jarrod Gibbons was the runner-up in Mr. Bryant 2007 and hopes to show more of his talents to this year’s audience and judges and take home the big prize. Jarrod is involved with Student Senate and Health Education Awareness, Jarrod’s involvements and previous Mr. Bryant experience makes him a promising contestant as people’s choice.

Dexter King’s ability to contribute to the overall happiness on campus outweighs the fact that he is not flashy about his special skills and abilities which he uses to enhance people’s daily lives. His involvement in multifaceted organizations on campus including SFB, MSU, ISO, Ambassadors, Helping Hands, BOAC, Communications Society, and Sophomore Class Committee make him one of the better known sophomores on campus, which will help him save Tupper.

Brian Marseglia has Mr. Bryant in his blood. Brian’s father won the Mr. Bryant competition in the 1980’s. He believes his ability, humility, trustworthiness, and ability to put others before himself as well as his involvement in SHRM, the Arts and Culture Club, and TiLL will help him to achieve his goal of defeating Tupper’s captor and becoming Mr. Bryant 2008. Dan Nadeau likes to keep up a low profile and makes it a point to not make a name for himself. Although he is actively involved in the Accounting Association, SFB, and intramural sports, he believes he can help save Tupper because of his willingness to lend a helping hand.

Gergely “Nemo” Nemeth believes he is the one who was destined to be Bryant University.” As a member of Greek Life, the Senior Advisory Council, intramurals, and the Orientation staff he has acquired many leadership qualities that will help him and his ability to save the day when it comes to having a good time while performing regular student duties will help him save Tupper and become Mr. Bryant 2008.

A.J. Papa is the well known Resident Assistant in Hall I. Being a prominent figure in Residence Life and intramural sports give him a foundation in the leadership that it will take to overcome Tupper’s captor. He believes he is Bryant’s superhero because he helps students on campus and affects many students’ activities. A.J.’s projects authority will help him save Tupper.

Each of these men will battle in front of Bryant University on stage TONIGHT, in the MAC beginning at 8 p.m. to prove themselves to be our hero. Tickets will be on sale at the door for $5 and all proceeds will be donated to City Year’s Young Heroes Program and the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Also, put your money where your mouth is and vote for your favorite contestant. The winner will receive the title of Mr. Bryant 2008. The “Unsung Hero” of the competition. Hope to see you there!

Going Green: Students make a difference

By Marisa Bono
Staff Writer

With the close of the fall semester quickly approaching many Management 200 groups are finally finishing up their semester-long service projects. The group that calls themselves Team Big Green took on the daunting task of improving the way the Bryant community recycles. Team Big Green is made up of six sophomores: Leah Gallicchio, Erik Lekstrom, Elba Monteiro, Joshua Roy, Stephanie Rund, and team leader, Ian Ross.

The main goal of the team was to find out if having a different color trash bag for recyclables would increase the amount of material that was being recycled. A proposal was written to and passed by Ken Person, the Vice President and Environmental Advisor. Also, put your money where your mouth is and vote for your favorite contestant. The winner will receive the title of Mr. Bryant 2008. The “Unsung Hero” of the competition. Hope to see you there!

Who will rescue Tupper?? Find out at Mr. Bryant tonight! (Courtesy SPB)
Festival Of Lights
By Katarina Rosales
Contributing Writer

Bryant University recently reaped a $24K reward as part of NATIONAL GRID’s energy savings incentive program. As the Bryant community is well aware, this was the result of replacing the glass (aka glazing system) on the exterior of the Unistructure building. The new glass used is a far more efficient glass system than the system originally installed in 1971, thus reducing energy consumption with the campus’ largest building. The Unistructure contains more than 39,000 square feet of glass on its exterior. The window wall system was originally insulated with an air gap between 2 panes of glass. To date, we’ve replaced 24,608 square feet (or 63%) of the glass during the past three summers. In an effort to save energy, we selected an argon-filled glass product with reduced emissivity values resulting in an anticipated savings of over $20,000 dollars annually. As a function of our pro-active effort to reduce energy consumption, NATIONAL GRID awarded Bryant University $24,000. A “Hat’s OFF” to Mr. Greg Carney (Facilities Engineer) for advocating the potential for energy savings resulting from the project to NATIONAL GRID, and a “Hat’s OFF” to Mr. Kevin Diomene (Capitol Projects Department) for systematically tracking the engineering characteristics of the window wall system, and maintaining the data associated with the multi-year project.

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Randomly selected students would be more likely to recycle if they were educated and updated on the recycling policies at Bryant.

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Comments and suggestions are always welcome. Feel free to e-mail them to mbono@bryant.edu.
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**Lend A Helping Hand**

Every year Helping Hands hosts their annual holiday party. Helping Hands is a sub-committee of Bryant Helps. Its sole purpose is to organize and run a holiday party for underprivileged children living in the surrounding area.

All clubs and organizations are asked to participate by hostinga table with a particular craft for the children to do. This event aims to give the children a fun, holiday-filled day which they may not receive at home.

**Holidays Tip:** Keep packages out of sight while shopping this holiday season. It is best to lock your purchases and

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Spotlight on Interns: A.J. Toto

Arthur Toto, Class of 2010
Concentration: Marketing
Minor: Communication
Internship: Sirius XM Satellite Radio
Location: New York, NY

How did you locate your internship?
I’ve been involved at Bryant’s radio station so I had friends interested in trying out the field in an internship and wanted to get a head start on finding one so I just started looking early. I applied to one in NJ, one in NYC, and then I applied on my own at Sirius. I got the call back from Sirius human resources saying that they were interested in me and that there were a couple of opportunities I could consider. I thought talk programming would be cool, and they said there was an opening with the Howard Stern show. I sent my resume to the executive producer and heard back a week later. They liked my resume and asked me a few questions on the phone, and I talked about my experiences. I got a call back, and was told I got the job, which took immediately.

What did you learn about the profession?
You really have to love radio if you want to make it your career. People came to talk to me (Vice Presidents, engineers, etc), and they all said if you want to get to have a job, you have to truly love it because you won’t get paid a lot of money for awhile so you need to have the passion to stick with it. I found you have to be professional at all times even though you’re joking with co-workers.

I really enjoyed my job. Getting up at 6:30 every morning and taking the train in was like being a real employee. Before I knew it, it was time to go home. I could see myself working there one day. They hire a lot of interns to be full-time employees when they’re done so it felt like a career there was possible – for me to get to be a part of Sirius would be something special. If students can do it and it doesn’t put them behind, I think you really live away from home because it is such a great experience to learn how to do it.

What were your major responsibilities?
I got in at 9:30 am, and spent time dubbing and digitizing cassette tapes from Stern shows, then transferring them to a computer and burning them to disk for the production assistants to give to the editors. I had to pull certain moments from show logs and listen to them and then give them to staff to fit in script. I also transferred some of the shows, took videos and entered them into the computer, and took audio from them for the scripts. I did some show logging from old shows which is listening to shows and typing down what went on in detail. I did some organizing of interviews and wrote tape lists. It was a really great experience.

What did you find most challenging about your internship?
The work was challenging at first but I caught on pretty quickly. I had to feel out what production wanted from me when I was pulling out clips. I was given a lot of freedom to make my own judgments, find clips, listen, and get all the parts they wanted. It was a little nerve wracking at first because I wanted to do a good job. Making sure everyone got what they needed was the most fun and most challenging part because I wanted to do a good job. The worst part was the commute back home at the end of the day because I’d get back late!

What did you find most rewarding about your internship?
Seeing what it takes to produce something like The History of Howard Stern – it was amazing to see all the work that went into it – you had to do a year of production for 5 days of programming. Just to get 5 minutes you have to transcribe, get the moment, get so many things just to get a little bit – to know how much help I was, knowing there was a deadline. I know they took me to lunch to thank me for doing such a good job. I felt like I was part of a team and they depended on me as much as I depended on them.

What did you learn about yourself?
A career in the communications industry is something I can strongly consider as a marketing major. I found out what I like to do – I know I really liked the environment of Sirius and enjoyed going to work every day.

Winter break is an excellent time to do research on summer internships and jobs. The Amica Center for Career 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 401-232-6090.

Study Abroad Spotlight

Name: Rachel Cohen
Class of: 2009
University: Lorenzo de’ Medici
Location: Florence, Italy
Partner: API
Semester Abroad: Spring 2008
Duration: 4 months

Reason for going:
I’ve always known I wanted to study abroad, and when it came down to it, I was trying to decide between Australia and Italy. I chose Italy because I wanted to be able to travel around Europe, and in Florence almost everyone speaks English, and I didn’t know any Italian. Plus the food is just way too good.

Best experience/memory:
One of the first days that it started to get warmer, we took a blanket and went to one of the famous gardens in Florence. The park is huge and it overlooks the entire city. We brought bottles of wine and my friend brought his guitar and we sat there for hours.

Funny cultural experience:
When we were in Amsterdam, we went to a live show, and I just wanted to take a picture of the funny Dutch “actor” on stage wearing really small cutoff jean shorts and cowboy boots, because he looked ridiculous. For some reason when I took the picture though, everyone freaked out. The “actors” on stage started pointing in my direction and then the lights came on and one of the bouncers in the yells asking who the hell took the picture. Nobody said anything, and I definitely didn’t either, so the bouncer left, the lights went back out, and the couple on stage went back to their business. The show must go on I guess.

How was the school different from Bryant University?
Besides everything? I think the biggest difference was that our school’s wireless internet was the slowest and most unreliable internet ever. Bryant’s the most wired campus in the history of the world or something like that, but at the school in Florence you were lucky if it took less than 5 minutes for a page to load. It was a little frustrating, but it’s hard to get too angry when you’re in Italy. Also the classrooms were all in random places in the city, like on the corner of a busy street and down a big alleyway.

How did this experience change you?
I really learned a lot about myself. I think I learned that I like to make some of the choices I do and how I handle certain situations. I think realizing that and figuring that out made me grow up a little bit. And I also made some of the best friends I’ve ever had, and they’ll be a part of my life forever. This all sounds incredibly corny, but it’s true.

Would you study abroad again given the opportunity? Definitely. I’d live abroad if I could!

Brian Duffy

Brian is currently a member of Bryant’s student run radio station, WMFJ, helping his fellow student DJ’s and the radio station as a whole. Brian also is serving on the newly formed Special Initiatives Committee. Brian is also a member of the Accounting Association. Brian’s ability to balance all of these commitments and still remain a good student makes him a very worthy recipient of this week’s Spotlight Award.
Get in the spirit with a free holiday concert

The Bryant Singers and the Bottom Line will perform a free holiday concert on Saturday, December 6th at 3pm in the Bello Grand Hall followed by a reception.

Christine Lorefice, the President of Bryant Singers, said, “The Bryant Singers start practicing (and rehearsing) beginning in the Fall with various performances throughout the semester including Parents & Family Weekend, a joint performance with Salve Regina (University), and at the upcoming Festival of Lights. At the culmination of the semester we perform a winter concert for those who wish to enjoy a mixture of classical pieces and holiday favorites.”

“Our goal is to express our love of singing and entertaining to the Bryant community and other aficionados of music,” said Lorefice. “We encourage family and friends to attend so we can demonstrate our musical achievements thus far. Our repertoire is timeless. Our audience can be entertained no matter their age or knowledge of music. Also performing at the winter concert is The Bottom Line (TBL). They are a student-directed organization with an a cappella style. They have a trendier, edgier selection that mainstream music listeners can appreciate.”

Lorefice commented, “We believe in the arts and the joy of performing which should be free for all to embrace and to attend, yet we always have an optional donation for the concert.” All donations will go to the American Cancer Society.

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Get in the spirit with a free holiday concert

By Brigit Clancy
Variety Editor

The Archway would like to thank all our readers for another great semester. Best of luck on your exams and happy holidays. The next issue of The Archway will be on stands Friday, February 6, 2008.

“Bryant Senior Seeks Your Family Photographs for Honors Capstone Project” EASY MONEY!!!

For my Senior Honors Project I am comparing family photographs to gender advertisements found in magazines. In order to complete my project I need your help! As you head home for winter vacation, please go through your family photographs for candid or un-posed photographs. In exchange for any photograph given to me and used in my project, you will be rewarded with $3.00 and an invitation to my presentation and reception. Thank you for your help and have a great holiday!

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Thank you in advance and have a great holiday!!

Presenting The Callahan House, the new President’s Residence

The Archway
NEC: A Transitioning Conference

By Stephen Demers
Staff Writer

The road to Division I has already provided plenty of highs and lows for the Bryant University athletic department. The Bulldogs have faced numerous challenges in the first few months of a four-year transition period to Division I status. Growing pains are to be expected as the Bulldogs have gone from facing-off against the likes of Bentley and Stonehill to some of the country’s top Division I programs.

While football games against UMass and basketball contests against UConn certainly help to promote the Bryant brand on a national stage, they are not necessarily representative of the competition that the Bulldogs will face when they become members of the Northeast Conference in 2012.

Bryant fans should continue to look forward to early-season match-ups against high caliber Division I programs, but the bulk of all Bryant athletic schedules will be against Robert Morris, Sacred Heart, Quinnipiac and other NEC foes.

Everyone is familiar with major Division I conferences such as the Big East, ACC or Pac-10, but the NEC is not yet a household name. The conference has transformed into a growing 12-member, only ECAC-Metro Conference. Today, the conference in 2012.

The NEC already offers football and basketball packages to many of the regional sports networks throughout the Northeast, but conference officials were also able to secure a partnership with ESPNU last season. As everyone knows, ESPN holds the power of the sports media. A partnership with the worldwide sports leader can only help as the NEC looks to gain greater national recognition.

Despite all of the growth and progress the NEC has achieved over the course of the last couple of years, the conference still has a lot to accomplish if it hopes to build its national brand. The commissioner needs to instill tougher standards in regards to coaching salaries, facilities and scheduling. Quinnipiac has invested millions into a new sports arena and pays its men's basketball coach more than $200,000 per year (double that of most NEC schools), but St. Francis (N.Y.) plays in what some say cannot even be considered a top high school gym. Where is the parity?

There is no question that Bryant is joining the NEC at an exciting time. The conference has never been more competitive and been surrounded by so much buzz. While the Bulldogs face challenges of transitioning into Division I, the NEC is also facing similar challenges as they attempt to expand their national footprint. It should be exciting to watch as both Bryant and the NEC enter a new era.

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By Stephen Demers
Staff Writer

The addition of Bryant has helped the NEC expand its geographic footprint to six states, and the conference has gained access to major media markets such as New York City, Baltimore, Hartford, Pittsburgh and Providence. This type of geographic reach is not only crucial for recruiting, but it also helps in gaining national television broadcasts and other media coverage.

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The national television platform will help the NEC build stronger brand recognition, but the conference cannot rely on only on media coverage to attract high-level student athletes. State-of-the-art facilities are a hallmark of all successful athletic conferences.

As a result, many NEC members have been spending millions of dollars upgrading their athletic facilities. Quinnipiac's $52 million TD Banknorth Sports Center may be the most drastic upgrade, but Central Connecticut State, Fairleigh Dickinson, Long Island, Monmouth and Sacred Heart all either recently upgraded their athletic facilities, or are in the process of upgrading.

The NEC member schools are all banking on the athletic conference's future to attract high caliber students both in and out of the classroom. NEC officials have also been working hard over the past year to ensure that all NEC student-athletes have an opportunity to play for a national championship. Both the men's and women's basketball programs have automatic bids to the NCAA tournament. Earlier this year, it was announced that the NEC would receive automatic access into the Division I Football Championship Subdivision post-season beginning in 2010. The FCS recently expanded their playoffs from a 16 to 20-team format. During the 2010-11 season, the NEC will also begin to sponsor men's lacrosse. The conference will encompass six schools, Bryant, Mount St. Mary's, Quinnipiac, Robert Morris, Sacred Heart and Wagner. The Bulldogs chose to utilize the NCAA's Fast Track Reclassification program so they would be ready to compete for a championship by the 2010-11 season.

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Kelsey O'Keefe
Year: Junior
Sport: Basketball

O'Keefe helped the women's basketball team to a 53-50 win over St. Francis (N.Y.) in the season opener on Saturday night with 15 points and 8 rebounds, surpassing the 1,000 point mark in her career.

Cecil Gresham
Year: Junior
Sport: Basketball

Gresham, averaging a team high 16.6 ppg, led the team with 19 points against St. Francis (N.Y.) plays in what some say cannot even be considered a top high school gym. Where is the parity?

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**Bulldog Bites**

Soccer program announces dates for winter tournaments. Bryant University soccer program has announced that it will hold two 7 v 7 soccer tournaments this spring. The tournaments will be held at the Bryant Athletic Complex and will be open to teams u12-u19 while the Cupper Turn will be for college age players. Games will be 20 minutes long, and each team will play a minimum three games. The fee will be $150/Team per tournament. Please visit www.bryantbulldogs.com for more information on times, dates and registration information.

O’Keeffe scores 1,000th point as Bryant tops St. Francis. Lead by junior co-captain Kelsey O’Keeffe (Warren, N.J.), who with her first basket of the night became the 19th player in women’s basketball program history to reach 1,000 career points, the Bryant University women’s basketball team topped Northeast Conference opponent St. Francis (NY), 53-38, to stay in its first-ever Division I home stretch at the Chase Athletic Center. O’Keeffe’s layup, fed by junior Courtney Schermerhorn (Lowell, Mass.), fell in 43 seconds into Monday night’s contest to vault her into the 1,000-point club and make the score 5-1 in the home team’s favor. Bryant would keep the lead - thanks in part to four three-pointers, two from feshman Shonan Wood (Coham, Maine) - through the end of the frame, going up by as many as 10 before taking a 30-25 advantage into the locker room at the half. Another shot from long distance with 18:38 to go after the break gave the Bulldogs (3-4) back the 10-point edge, 35-25, before St. Francis (0-6) cut that lead back up to five on a Kara Ayers trey. O’Keeffe’s 15 points led the game while Wood chipped in 11 of her own in a career-high 36 minutes of play. The rookie also dished out a game-high seven assists with four steals and perfect 3-for-3 shooting from beyond the arc. Wood would go 4-for-6 on the day. O’Keeffe and sophomore Stani mom Bennett (Newbury, N.Y.) each collected a team-best eight boards on the night.

Bulldogs fall to #2 UConn Saturday, November 30. The Bulldogs fell to second ranked UConn 88-58 last Saturday in Hartford. Bryant’s effort was a testament to a fighting Bulldog team that was able to find scoring from Brian Connelly, with a team-high 16 points and was the only player to put the junior on the bench with 12:15 to go in the half. Gresham was held to 0-for-3 shooting and zero points in the half for the first time this season. Barry Latham (Taunton, Mass. / Cathedral) scored the opening basket for Bryant through the first 20 minutes, scoring 10 points on 4-for-8 shooting, including a thur- derous dunk on a breakaway to pull the Bul- dongs within two at 15-13 with just over seven minutes in the half. Latham finished with 17 points and was the only Bulldog in double-figures for the night. The Great Danes were able to find scoring from Brian Connelly, who recorded 12 points in the first frame in- cluding 10 straight on a four minute span from the field with a quick mark until five minutes left in the half. Connelly finished with 13 for the game. O’Keeffe’s 15 points led the game while Wood continued to get the ball in the basket despite full court pressure from Albany; but could not get the shot to fall, going 8-for-27 from the floor and 1-for-11 from behind the arc. The Great Danes 67-53 win marked the sixth straight win, 57-47, over Bryant in the first half.

**Bryan Falls to Albany**

The Great Danes got 17 points from fresh- man guard Autrey Lampley and their fifth straight win, 57-47, over Bryant Monday afternoon at the SEFCU Center. Defense was the story of the first half, as a strong 2-3 zone by the Bul- dongs held the Great Danes to just 33 percent shooting from the floor in the first half. Bryant hung tough for the first three-point arc, but Bryant still trailed, 3-2. On the break.

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No experience necessary.
Plaxico Burress' lack of judgment is nothing to laugh about

By Shannon J. Owens
MCT Campus

Maybe the joke about the NFL star who accidentally shot himself at a nightclub would be funny another weekend. But when Plaxico Burress picked the wrong time to be the butt of bar-room stories, it rang hollow.

"He called me laughing and grinning," Burress' New York agent, Mitchell L. Katz, told reporters after the 23-7 victory against Washington Sunday.

"He is doing fine. He is feeling good. I called him Wednesday morning," said Katz. "He called me laughing and grinning. "I realized Burress probably wasn't thinking about the consequences of this weekend when the bullet struck. But if he had any compassion, it would have crossed his mind at some point. It's more than inappropriate to laugh about such matters."

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Some coaches and athletes have their issues with the system. Some coaches and athletes have their issues with the system.

In the 50 seasons between 1942 and '91, The Associated Press No. 1 team met No. 2 just eight times in a bowl game, about once every six seasons. The BCS, of course, is a perfect 10 for 10 matching up No. 1 vs. No. 2 since its creation. The outrage is over who most deserves those rankings and why a play-

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By: Michael Adams
Opinion Editor

A quick survey of my fellow classmates told me that people either love Black Friday or they hate it. I obviously love it, or I wouldn’t be writing about it for you. For those of you who have never been to Black Friday, it’s the day after Thanksgiving where retailers slash prices on hot products and hope to pull in shoppers and turn a profit (or transition into the black).

My Second Annual Black Friday Experience

December 05, 2008

It’s the shopping day I look forward to, almost more than the killer chocolate fudge pie my mom makes every year. OK—here we go. My day started out at 7:30 am. I found no reason to get up early on Black Friday, as the parking lot was jammed, there definitely was not the same amount of people walking into the road without even looking or forty-something moms walking right into the busiest of schedules. Increas- ing other dessert choices. Opt out of a slice (1/8) of pecan pie. You’re looking at close to 480 calories for that indulgence already screwed up once. Don’t make it worse.

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Making the Holidays Happy

By: Drew Green

For my last article of the semester, I thought it should change the pace a little and move away from my politically motivated stance. Instead, I will discuss something that has a more tangible impact on peoples’ lives. The holiday season is upon us, up anyone, anywhere on Black Friday could tell you. While the economy is still suffering, I think it is important that we have a different perspective while we bemoan this difficult period we are going through. Although people are suffering, Bryant are all friends from backgrounds there is one common thread we have, and that is that we are privileged enough to be able to afford an education. It may not seem like a gift to us, but for the holidays, especially after finals have just ended, but all in it and it will continue to give as we live past our time here at Bryant.

The point I am coming to is that here at Bryant, we all have something we can give to make other people’s lives better during this holiday season. This is the time for giving, so give is what the privileged should do. Now I realize that not everyone has money to give during this holiday season, but I hope this article can help you realize that giving should be out of love and respect, not pity. With that being said I would like to wish you all a Happy Holiday season.

Building a Cabinet

MCT Campus

Two of the most important jobs in any administration are secretary of state and attorney general. The officials charged with overseeing our foreign relations and our system of justice. The ideal candidate for either job would have a combination of outstanding experience, knowledge, intelligence and judgment. When it comes to the Justice Department, President-elect Barack Obama apparently found someone who meets that standard. But the State Department may be a different story.

The choice of attorney general is the president-elect is reported to be giving serious thought to naming Hillary Clinton, a former secretary of state and attorney general, to that post. She may be the right choice, but she also has significant shortcomings as well. Despite all the foreign travels she undertook while living in the White House, she has only modest experience in international issues. As Chicago Tribune reporters Mike Dornin and Chris Parsons noted in a March 7 story, “While Hillary Clinton represented the U.S. on the world stage at important moments while she was first lady, there is scant evidence that she played a pivotal role in major foreign policy decisions or in managing global crises.”

During her time in the Senate, she hasn’t been focused more on herself during the holiday season, and hope- less. The best you can do is to find a way to offer some relief to those less fortunate than ourselves. I will be finding some way to give to others during this holiday season, and hope- less, to help those less fortunate than ourselves. The act of giving should be out of love and respect, not pity. With that being said, I would like to wish you all a Happy Holiday season.

Lights out again!—Rumor has it that the F-block is perturbed by the two-minute warning they received before the power went out. Energy saving technique? Probably.

Not so secret... We highly recommend that SPF hold Mr. Bryant re- hearsal in a less trafficked area than South Cafe. The opening dance number was fantastic, and we can’t wait to see the swimmers competition.

Well, spray me sideways! The fountain has been left on into the winter months. It’s no longer refreshing when the spray turns to ice and whips you in the face on the way to the library— that’s probably a sign to turn it off!

Global Warming We can tell its going on because it was 55 degrees on December 1st. And not that we’re complaining, because we get to wear our shorts again, but we would love to see a little snow!

Yield! Pedestrians crossing! So if you find yourself driving through the suite village as you pack your car for winter break, please be aware that innocent people are traversing the campus. But there are 10 points in it for you if you can hit a goose... Just kidding!

Got an observation? Send it to madams@bryant.edu.

*The Archway does not condone the murder of Bryant Geese.

Bryant Said What?!?

“It will be just like we’re doing it... but without the frustration.”

“I’m going to go waste another meal at Salmo.”

“I feel like I should be wearing a cowboy hat right now!”

“I can’t battle now... I have to pee.”

Happy Holidays from the Opinion Section!

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Credit Craze: Average Student Debt

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As college students, most of us have the unfortunate responsibility of paying off numerous student loans, all beginning within 6-months of graduation. For most of our lives, especially as students, we have worked hard and strived to be above-average academically, socially, and within our extra-curricular activities. But the average student loan debt, both nationally and within our home states, is one average that I am sure we all do not want to surpass. Did you know that the average student debt in the U.S. increased by 8% in 2008, but the average salary only increased by 4%? This week I wish to simply educate all readers about the various upon-graduation nation-wide averages for student debt, including public and private universities combined. The charts below display averages for the states in which the majority of Bryant University students reside:

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National Average: 66.4%

Governors urge Obama to spend on infrastructure

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The nation's governors got to work on Tuesday, taking their case for a $136 billion infrastructure spending program to the president-elect. The governors hope the plan will funnel immeasurable government money toward roads, bridges, rail lines, creating jobs and digging the economy out of recession.

It's not a handout or a bailout, insisted the host of the economic forum, Democratic Gov. Ed Rendell of Pennsylvania, the chairman of the National Governors Association. Rather, it's the 'best remedy for getting America back to work.'

"We think that we can create literally millions of new jobs and at the same time lots of orders for concrete and steel companies and asphalt companies and lumber companies and the like," Rendell said. "None of the bailouts have created one new job. Infrastructure can create, the economists say, 40,000 jobs for every $1 billion of infrastructure spending. Well, that's a huge lift."

At least 41 states are expected to face budget shortfalls this year, in part because the slowing economy has decreased tax revenue states depend on for their annual spending plans.

Those shrinking state coffers come even as hard times and layoffs force more people to apply for unemployment and other state-administered benefits, including Medicaid. And declining property tax revenue in states with high foreclosure rates has hurt local governments, which depend on that money to provide local services.

Obama on Tuesday pledged to move as quickly as possible on a stimulus package that could hasten an economic turnaround, beginning at the state level.

"I recognize that every single one of you is struggling to come up with a budget at a time when you're facing great and growing needs," said Obama, who asked the governors for the meeting. "More and more people are turning to you for help for health care, for affordable housing, to prevent foreclosures even as the credit markets are tightening and tax revenues are making it more difficult to provide that help."

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I saw Quantum of Solace twice because I wanted to make sure I gave it a fair review. After all, what’s bigger than a new James Bond movie? He’s the most revered secret agent in the world and has a long history of excellent films (with some recent exceptions). The most recent entry is not a bad film, but I didn’t find it particularly good either, especially when compared to its predecessor, Casino Royale.

Daniel Craig is back as MI6 agent James Bond, or 007 as he is known. For those of you who don’t know, MI6 is the British equivalent of the CIA. This time, Bond is up against a worldwide crime organization that (literally) has people everywhere. They have people in MI6, in the Canadian Secret Service, and probably even in CIA, though we all know that isn’t easily corrupted.

The movie opens with Bond behind the wheel of an Aston Martin DB9 chasing some dudes in a piddling Jaguar XE. The shots of the Aston are some of the best in the movie. Then the movie cuts to an interrogation scene, where Bond pulls a gun on his gun from his trunk and hands him over to M (Judi Dench). Bond’s boss at MI6. After extensive questioning from M, the man reveals his identity. He is a member of an organization called Quantum that “has people everywhere.” And he’s not kidding, as one of the MI6 agents suddenly turns on M and starts shooting. Shaken up by this betrayal, M tells Bond to get to the bottom of this seemingly omnipotent organization. As any Bond fan would expect, this sends the agent on a journey across the world, with more twists and turns than you can keep track of.

Daniel Craig’s Bond isn’t much like Connery, and is even further away from Pierce Brosnan. While this may be a, Bond aficionado friends of mine pointed out something worth mentioning in this article. Ian Fleming’s Bond was a brutal killer, not a suave Englishman that would spend his time charming ladies and ordering martinis. So certainly Craig is a divergence from the Bond we’ve come to know and love from the films, but as a direct lift from the books, he apparently does it well.

For the hardcore movie buffs, however, don’t expect a Connery imitation. Craig plays the role of a brute - a savage - much like his CIA counterpart, Jason Bourne. They are both motivated primarily by their mission, and in Bond’s case, a little by revenge and anger over the assassination of his girlfriend Vesper Lynd (Eva Green) in Casino Royale. I personally prefer the Bond of old - the one that was notorious for sexual escapades and drinking martinis while shirking his duties.

Judi Dench has a pretty minor role in this film, and does well with what she gets. The mother son relationship that seems to develop between her and Bond gets irritating though, as she spends the whole movie telling Bond to come home, and like a rebellious teenager Bond refuses.

The only other major characters in this movie are Camille Montes (Olga Kurylenko), the Bond Girl, and Dominic Greene (Mathieu Amalric), one of the most pathetic Bond villains ever conceived. These two characters are huge letdowns; Camille is the weakest name for a Bond girl I’ve ever heard, and Greene looks like a 10 year old could knock him out. Sure the girl’s hot and the guy’s evil, but they lack the sort of presence that makes them at all believable.

Another major flaw in this movie is that Bond never has sex with Camille. The very definition of a Bond Girl is that they are, at least in part, Bond’s love interest. Not the case in this movie, a letdown for any Bond fan. The locales are all right in this movie, but most of the movie takes place in South America, offering little in terms of exotic flair.

As mentioned before, many of the Bond fundamentals are missing in this movie, the villains, the Bond Girls, the gadgets, and neither do much for the film. Bond isn’t the suave gadget wielding agent we all love, but assumes the role of a mercenary spy instead. This is fine if you like it, but I miss the way it used to be.

Even more problems arise in this film than just the basics. The actions shots are too choppy and quick, leaving the audience partially unaware of what is happening on screen. The movie has a Bourne feel to it as well, and even though those movies were excellent, Jason Bourne is not James Bond. Yet somehow it seems as though he is slowly turning into the rogue CIA agent. This would be a travesty for the series, because James Bond was always such a unique interesting character. Overall the film is pretty good, but it’s on a slippery slope. The character of Bond risks becoming somewhat of a cliché, as does the film’s extravagant plot. Most of the characters were static throughout, Bond being the only one who we got real insight into. I liked this movie, but it is miles away from Casino Royale. For this and all of the reasons listed above, I sadly give Quantum of Solace 3 out of 5 Bulldogs.

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Your best source of income now is from stuff you already have. Sell things you don’t need anymore, and finish work that you’ve promised. It’s also a good time to collect old debts.

Your friends come through for you, just in the nick of time. Don’t worry about a person who has a hot temper. Don’t get your feelings hurt. It has nothing to do with you.

The trouble you’re facing now is that a lot of your ideas just don’t seem to work on the first try. Knowing this ahead of time gives you an advantage. Be careful.

You love your friends dearly, but that doesn’t mean you let them make your decisions, especially in financial matters, as if you didn’t know. Have fun, but don’t get stuck paying more than you should.

Stay out of an argument between a hothead and a dreamer. Stay calm, cool and collected, and you’ll win them over without saying a word.

New experiences and new faces help you appreciate the old, familiar ones you’ve had around for years. Share a laugh over something that temporarily had you baffled.

Keep pushing the time clock and doing the job. You’re building up your reserves. Pass on the after-work beer with the boys; you need every cent you can save.

Do what needs to be done and get home as soon as you can. Your frustrations will be eased by the comforts of your own heart. Everything will turn out fine.

The deadline is approaching, so pick up the pace. You’re doing this on speculation. You don’t know what you’ll get back. Do your best. That always makes you feel better.

It’s not a good day to gamble, or even to go shopping. Don’t add to the confusion. Coach the younger people on budgets, but not in public, at the mall.

You can add to your income in the privacy of your own home. There are lots of ways to do this now, and now’s a good time to start. Bring in some extra cash.

Listen as someone else unloads his or her anxieties and fears. Resist the urge to make suggestions, if you possibly can. The other person just needs to vent.

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Jack is back!

By Brigit Clancy
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The following takes place on the upcoming sea- son of 24.

On Sunday, November 23rd Jack Bauer returned for a two-hour movie event entitled 24: Redemption. In the plot, a young boy is kidnapped at night and coerced into becoming a child soldier. He is then forced to kill a man for a rogue militia, a prologue that foreshadows what is to come. To avoid a United States Senate subpoena regarding the tortur- ing of political prisoners, the show’s main character, Jack Bauer, is hiding in [the fictional] African coun- try of Sangala. He is at the Okavango school help- ing Carl Benton (Robert Carlyle) with missionary work. Knowing that the United Nations will cut Benton’s funding for his new school if he does not turn himself in, Bauer decides once again to flee to anonymity.

While Jack packs, a group of the school’s students decides to play soccer in a nearby field, where they are later round up by a rebel leader, Juma (Tony Todd), who is searching for new soldiers for an army that is aided by a secret illicit organization within the United States government. Two of the boys try to run, but both are shot by soldiers; one of the boys is killed.

After hearing that young boys are being forcibly enlisted as soldiers, Benton decides to go to the soccer field to see if his charges are safe. When he arrives, he enlists as soldiers, Benton decides to go to the soccer field to see if his charges are safe. When he arrives, Benton discovers one of the boys was killed. Jack and the children are able to make it to the Embassy, but Benton is forced to stay behind when he accidentally steps on a land mine.

Jack and the children arrive at the gate where the last helicopter is waiting. Jack is forced to surrender to authorities for a trial in the United States in order for the children to be safely evacuated. He leaves with the children by helicopter, where they see hun- dreds of Sangalans left behind, ending the episode with a silent close.

Redemption serves as a precursor for the seventh season of 24. It connects season six to seven by showing Jack’s life after he leaves the United States in Season Six.

Day 7 opens with the Counter-Terrorist Unit discovering that the Taliban’s newly elected President Tel- lant leads the country with his Chief of Staff Ethan Karn (Keon Alexander). Jack’s day takes an unex- pected turn when Tony Almeida (Carlos Bernard), a former colleague, returns. After he is erro- neoously pronounced dead, Tony comes back as Jack’s foe.

A national security crisis prompts an investiga- tion by FBI agents including Janis Gold (Janeane Garofalo), Renee Walker (Annie Wersching), Larry Moss (Jeffrey Nordling), and Sean Hillinger (Rhys Coiro). Although CTU is not an organized agency, Chloe O’Brian (Mary Lynn Rajskub) and Bill Buchanan (James Morrison) are back for another monumental moment of daily shooting events.

The longest day of Jack’s life is set for a two-day, four-hour premiere on Sunday, January 11th and Monday, January 12th.

Celebrity Round-Up

By Carlos Ramos
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With so many celebrity stories out there in the media, it is difficult to choose the most in- teresting one each week, the weekly Celebrity Round-Up brings you the most cur- rent and substantial news in the entertainment world.

Leading the week in review of news is Brit- ney Spears and the media blitz she has put on her latest album Circus now being played in stores. Spears started her holiday season by head- ing to Europe where she had three performances in each of the following countries: Germany, France, and England. While there she contin- ued her promotion by heading back to the U.S. to perform in New York City for Good Morning America (GMA). Spears will continue her exciting comeback trail by per- forming on various television shows and then a circus-themed show in March.

Spears can add the honor of being number one in Yahoo’s list of top searched topics of 2008. Second on the list was WWE (World Wrestling Entertainment), and third runner up was president elect Barack Obama. Sticking to the “year end best list” topic, ac- cording to iTunes, Coldplay’s Viva la Vida album was the most downloaded of the year. While British native Leona Lewis’ single

Britney Spears is in Yahoo’s list of top searched topics of 2008. (MC/Campus)

“Bleeding Love” has sold over 3.2 million digital copies. Other artists in the top ten include Rihanna with her single “Disturbia,” Katie Perry’s “I Kissed a Girl,” and Flo Rida with his “Single.”

Switching focus to the television and movie front, NBC’s critically acclaimed drama Lip- stick Jungle is struggling to stay alive. The net- work has not ordered any new episodes of Jungle or the Christian Slater drama My Own Worst Enemy. The shows will finish out what the networks have already filmed. Jungle has 12 new episodes left and Enemy has 9 left.

The lipstick jungle set has not been taken down, and executives say that for the show to remain in the lineup it must prove that viewers are watching on television, not including online viewers. In the end, it comes down to advertisers. Even I would be sad to see the show go.

Over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, Four- Christmas took the top spot at the box office with 11.1 million dollars. Dis- ney’s animated movie Bolt took second in taking in 2.6 million dollars, and the teen vampire hit Twilight rounded up the top three at a close 26.3 million dollars.

Some movies out this weekend and this winter break that have a lot of buzz include: Cadilliac Records, The Day the Earth Stood Still, The Curious Case of Benjamin Button, and Valkyrie. Expect more reviews over the next few weeks as winter settles in.

Happy Holidays!

Identity

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What makes me so different from you? What makes you criticize all the things that I do? Should I pretend to be someone that I am not within, so you can feel you are in power time and time again? Why can’t I make a mistake without being judged? Doesn’t it matter to you the way I feel inside? I shouldn’t have to fear that the color of my skin or the style of my hair will have me perceived as something I don’t want to be. I want to be myself but there is very little difference between you and me.
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