New policy tackles poor writing, prepares students

By Christina Hein
Assistant Campus News Editor

As upperclassmen transition to campus this year and as freshmen arrive for the first time, students become aware of a new policy being implemented across the university—the Fatal Flaw Policy. This policy places new pressure on students’ writing ability because the Fatal Flaw Policy adds a much greater deal of pressure in reviewing our papers than we have ever experienced before. In fact, research has found that within five years of receiving their diplomas, 85% of college graduates have changed their career field, not just their job title (source: career.kent.edu). So what if you’re an accounting major right now? In 10 years, statistics show you’ll likely be in a job that you could never consider right now.

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The Fatal Flaw Policy covers such errors as misspelled words, fragment or run-on sentences, punctuation, and incorrect grammar. This list of common mistakes is probably longer than the requirements surrounding the Fatal Flaw Policy, which was the purpose of the assignment in the first place. For example, in one management class, the policy is that any paper with more than three fatal flaws on a page, ten in an entire document, or handwritten or unprofessional papers will not be accepted. In fact, the professor will not continue reading the paper after the paper has exceeded the limit of fatal flaws. In a communications class, the rule is the same, but, if a paper surpasses the number of mistakes allowed, it can be resubmitted with a 10% or one letter reduction to the final grade.

Most students believe that the F.F.P. is nothing but beneficial for us students. Although it adds a much greater deal of pressure in reviewing our papers than we have ever experienced before. In fact, research has found that within five years of receiving their diplomas, 85% of college graduates have changed their career field, not just their job title (source: career.kent.edu). So what if you’re an accounting major right now? In 10 years, statistics show you’ll likely be in a job that you could never consider right now.

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Students: Alexander Turgeon and Kimberly Vo, Class of 2009
Internship Site: TJX Companies, Framingham, MA

How did you locate your internship?

Kim Vo (Marketing/Management with a Communications Minor)
I had been applying there since freshman year – I initially learned of the internship from an email through the ICC – I kept applying each year. They remembered me each time I applied! My interview was more of a conversation then an interview; they wanted to know about me: they knew I traveled to Italy so we talked a lot about that and they made me feel really comfortable.

Alex Turgeon (Marketing with a Communications Minor)
I learned of it through a career fair on campus during my sophomore year. I was interested at the time but they told me you had to be a junior so knowing that when junior year came it was the only thing I applied to. I interviewed on campus and the interviewer was really nice: then I went to TJX Headquarters for the interview – that process was long, almost a full day. They interview you the same as they would a job and the human resources people are much more serious then the first interview. It was a little nerve wracking but it could have been worse.

What did you learn about the profession?

Kim Vo
It’s really different. Before I was just a consumer so I only saw what was on the floor - interning made me realize how much it takes to get merchandise to the floor, how important relationships with vendors are so that they send products on time to get it to the store on time. It was very fast paced. We were always one step ahead of everything.

Alex Turgeon
It’s definitely always interesting, always changing from week to week. You deal with a lot of numbers but since it’s the product you like that you’re thinking about it never gets boring. You’re always thinking a season in advance. I think the people who are most successful in the field are those who really, really enjoy the department they were assigned - you have to be really interested in your aspect of the business. The classroom is good for preparing your foundation of concepts but it was my experience this summer that helped me learn the actual skills that will be helpful to me when looking for a job.

What were your major responsibilities?

Kim Vo
My biggest tasks occurred as a result of being down an analyst in the department I was in so I took on more responsibilities – I had categories (coordinates in sports teams in ladies fashion). I had to check when merchandise would hit the warehouse, then plan/allocate where I wanted the merchandise to go before it hit the warehouse. So I’d pull data when orders had been made by buyers, I planned strategy, saw what the top stores were for sales in coordinates, figured out how much would go to each store. It was frustrating sometimes because you want to make it right – you want to ensure the products will be bought. I did a lot of store visits to see how what was planned for merchandise was actually presented in the store to see if the employees followed instructions for being displayed.

At first I wasn’t really sure what to expect from my internship. I was just hoping that I wouldn’t be running mindless tasks for my department all day. Instead, my department made me feel as important as the other workers. The work that I accomplished on a daily basis was not tedious work to keep me busy.

Alex Turgeon
I originally thought I would have some responsibilities but that I was going to be performing the small tasks and only getting exposure to the real

Rather it was problem solving and helping with projects that made an impact on my department, and in turn the company. This internship definitely exceeded my expectations because I didn’t think I was going to have as much responsibility as I did.
### Going Green

**Eco-friendly fashion!**

By Marisa Bono

Most people enjoy drinking an iced cold bottle of water on a hot summer day. Even more people enjoy wearing that same bottle on a chilly fall day. You see, plastic bottles are made from a resin called polyethylene terephthalate (PET). Some clothing companies are now utilizing a new polyester fiber in their products known as EcoSpun, which is made from recycled PET. This fiber is being used in all sorts of products, including bandanas, car pets, blankets, socks, and the Polartec fleece we all love so much when the cold weather comes along.

Alternative materials are increasing in popularity when it comes to clothing and shoes. Chaco makes many of their products out of organic cotton. They even use bamboo in their t-shirts! IPATH specializes in using alternative materials in their shoes such as hemp, organic cotton, and coconuts husk.

When you support companies that utilize alternative materials, you help preserve the earth’s natural resources. For instance, buying fleece made from EcoSpun helps keep over 3 million plastic bottles out of landfills each year. This in turn saves over a half million barrels of oil and eliminates 400,000 tons of harmful air emissions.

Growners of conventional cotton use unbelievable amounts of chemicals and pesticides; 20,000 deaths occur around the world each year from pesticide poisoning. It takes ½ of a pound of chemicals to produce enough cotton for those jeans you are wearing right now. Organic cotton completely eliminates the use of these chemicals and by doing so increases the sustainability of the land that crop is grown on. There is no chance of harmful pesticides seeping into the water supply or depleting the health of the workers that pick the cotton.

Check out some organic clothing and shoes at Chacos.com, IPATH.com, and Polartec.com. Look good, stay warm, and recycle those bottles. Be a greener student!

- Reduce the amount of paper, plastic, and Styrofoam waste by buying reusable plates and utensils. This applies especially to freshman and seniors who have access to dishwashers! Make sure they are filled to capacity before running them.
- Unplug your power strip when it is not being used.
- Use compact fluorescent light bulbs to reduce energy consumption by 75%.
- Buy used textbooks whenever possible. You will save money and reduce the amount of paper used to produce brand new textbooks.

Comments and suggestions are always welcome. Feel free to e-mail them to mbono@bryant.edu.

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### Omicron Delta Kappa

#### 2008 Induction List

Juniors

- Nicole R. Archambault
- Meredith E. Archambault
- Aimee K. Bennett
- Bright K. Clancy
- Cristina L. Connor
- Christopher S. Corry
- Geoffrey R. Ennsby
- Alissa K. Foley
- Deidre L. A. Fraser
- Andrew J. Green
- Jillian F. Grobnowicz
- Daniel P. Hackenson
- Christine M. Hayden
- Allyson E. Lagasse
- Tiago G. Machado
- Emiliano Omeri
- Cailin A. Rocco
- Jeffrey A. Steacie II

Senior

- Nikole A. Such

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### Another Reason Not to Share Cups

Submitted by Susan Curran

**Director of Health Services**

The CDC announced today that Herpes Simplex 1, a common virus among college age students, has risen 230% since 2007. This number reflects reported cases; there could be many more cases. These numbers are blamed on the sharing of cups in such ways as the “beer pong game”, shared water bottles, or pass the cup traditions among college students. Other concerns we have been aware of such as slipping unknown substances into cups or the spread of viruses, and mono are still a worry. Now you have this other reason Herpes Simplex 1.

Herpes Simplex is a virus that enters the body through a break in the skin around your lips or mouth. The first symptoms may be tingling, itchiness, or fluid on the lips. The virus can be spread. You can spread this to other areas of your body or to others if they come into contact with the infected fluid from the lesion. The first symptoms may be tingling, itching, burning, or pain to the lip. Then redness, swelling and tiny blisters develop in a cluster. The blisters may break, allowing a clear fluid to leak then scab over. Thus the cold sore you are familiar with. This process may last up to two weeks.

This virus remains in your body and may cause recurrent outbreaks. Numerous outbreaks may warrant a pill to prevent outbreaks. The virus can be spread. You can spread this to other areas of your body or to others if they come into contact with the infected fluid from the lesion.

Treatment is available in the form of creams, ointments, or pills. The treatment may lessen the discomfort or shorten the length by two or three days.

As the virus lies dormant in your system things like stress, illnesses, sun exposure, poor nutrition all can trigger an outbreak. Avoid sharing cups, razors, toothbrushes or towels.

So here we have another reason not to share cups.
WNAC FOX Providence Searches for TV Host

Think you could host a television show? Well, here's your chance. The search is on for a host of The Rhode Show! A brand new morning show will be coming to FOX Providence. Come out to Twin River in Lincoln, Rhode Island, on Thursday, October 23, 2008 from 11am to 6pm to audition to win a job on the show. The winner will receive one year’s employment at WNAC FOX Providence and be named a host on The Rhode Show airing in January 2009. The Rhode Show is Rhode Island's first and only local news, lifestyle and entertainment program.

"To win a job on TV for one year is an incredible opportunity," says Susan Tracy-Durant, Director of Creative Services for WPRI 12 & FOX Providence. "We're looking for a candidate with enthusiasm and creativity. Top candidates will be energetic, fun-to-watch personalities who can represent FOX Providence on-air and online."

In addition, candidates will also be efficient with web and mobile communications systems, including blogging and/or texting, uploading video, as well as shooting video and still pictures. An expert panel of judges will make its decision based on personality, on-camera performance, and originality.

For more information, log onto foxprovidence.com. This audition made possible by 92 PRO-FM, Twin River, The Rhode Island Lottery, and WNAC FOX Providence.

CSI SPOTLIGHT

Michael Adams

The Center for Student Involvement would like to announce the 2008-09 Parry Student Spotlight Award Recipient, Michael Adams. Michael is a member of the newly formed Student Arts and Speaker Series and has been involved in many incredible events that this committee has done this year. Michael is also the Opinion Editor of the Archway and has served as an Event Manager for Bryant @ Night for the past two years. Michael’s ability to balance 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 Michael as being selected as the first 2008-09 Student Spotlight award recipient.

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

Let your voice be heard!
Weekly Senate coverage

By Erin Devito
Staff Writer

At Wednesday’s Senate meeting, President Machtley was pleased to welcome students, faculty and staff back to Bryant for another wonderful year. He addressed the community about the busy summer Bryant has had, especially with all of the ongoing construction. This is due to the implementation of a fire suppression system in the Unistructure and the construction of the Interfaith Center. The tentative goal for completion of the Interfaith Center is May 2009. Future plans for campus development include new faculty suites to be built next fall for the 2009-2010 semester and plans for a new freshman residence hall.

Machtley also expressed his optimism about Bryant athletics now being Division 1, and is proud of how the sports teams have been performing so far this year. In conclusion, President Machtley stressed the importance of developing character in life, for financial success only goes so far. He also encourages everyone, students especially, to get out and vote this upcoming election, as it is an important,” he said.

The following list briefly states what was discussed and brought to the Senate’s attention at the meeting on October 8, 2008.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

-SPAC will be meeting Thursday, October 23 at 3:00pm in MRBC4 (location tentative). All club presidents are encouraged to attend. Rich Hurley will be speaking at the meeting.

-Parents and Family Weekend is this weekend, October 17-19.

-There will be two wellness events coming up in November! On November 5, there will be a Men’s Wellness Clinic, and on November 19, there will be free STD testing. Look for more information on both of these exciting new events.

-The September ‘Senators of the Month’ are: Brian Ford and Jordan Letendre. Parents and Family Weekend Co-Chairs. Congratulations!
Interns

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duties but that was not the case. I was given much more responsibility than I thought I would get. My biggest job was to analyze sales and then ship the sweaters according to their performance.

As an intern they gave me my own category (I worked in the Ladies Sportswear department for TJMaxx and was given my own category, fine gauge sweaters) and I had to pull information on how well it was doing, its sales, and how it was doing in certain zones of the country and then notice any trends – was it selling better or quicker with a certain group of people by pulling demographics. That was a typical Monday – pulling the info and analyzing it.

On Tuesdays you’d provide all your information and descriptive sheets of selling and merchandise information based on past sales. Sometimes I would go on store visits to see what was out on the floor, how did certain stores see what was out on the floor, how did certain stores

The school couldn’t be more different. The campus was much larger but still manageable and defined at the same time. The architecture was very traditional and beautiful Victorian style buildings, the lively city of Dunedin was a 5 minute walk, 23,000 students attend the university, most classes are in lecture halls, there was an astounding international student body, and there was a beautiful Victorian style buildings, the lively city of Dunedin was a 5 minute walk, 23,000 students attend the university, most classes are in lecture halls, there was an astounding international student body, and there was a sweet jazz bar on campus. Also, many students there live in “colleges,” our equivalent to resident halls. The difference is that most students get accepted to the actual university, it is university, it is a great teacher because she wouldn’t just ramble on, rather she would ask me questions to see if I could make reasoned to why I was doing what I was doing. She was a very good listener...always asking me and grew from it – just because you’re new that initiative and speak out – which I’m like in everyday life and opened my eyes to things I had been missing.

Funny Cultural Experience

Before heading back to the U.S I flew to the small Polynesian island of New Zealand every weekend, seeing the very famous and culturally important Maori war dance the “Haka” performed in Australia, and basking in the tropics of Samoa were all decent as well.

Kim Vo

I had a hard time asking questions when I was first there, I didn’t have a little introvert in me. A lot of times I would get stuck and hesitate to ask questions. My manager helped me get over that and taught me to look out for myself and even ask a little silly question to ask because you should always know why you’re doing a specific task and how it will help the company.

By asking lots of question it shows that you want to learn more about the job. It shows that you are not doing a task just to complete it, but that you want to know WHY you are doing it. For me, going abroad enabled me to step outside of every aspect of my life back at home and forced me to draw comparisons and gain valuable insights that will shape my character forever.

Would you study abroad again? Studying abroad should be mandatory.

Kim Vo

I have always been involved and speak my mind but in a corporate setting I held myself back a lot which is not good for moving up in the career path because when you do that you’re blocking yourself off from doing your job to the full potential and pretending to be not as great as you could be. I grew as a person because I never realized I would be so quiet – I learned to take initiative and speak out – which I’m like in everyday life but when I’m in a new environment I get hesitant. I’ve learned from what my supervisor told me and grew from it – just because you’re new that doesn’t mean you hold - back you give it your all.

ASK QUESTIONS! Never be afraid to ask questions or that any question is a silly question. This was the biggest thing that I learned in this internship. There is no right or wrong answer like the classroom. By asking lots of question it shows that you want to know more about the job. I don’t know exactly what I want to do now but I’m very glad I did this because it was a great experience; I learned a lot in the corporate world, it’s a great opportunity for a college student to have, and I can say I walked away with a lot more knowledge of the working world then I had before.

Alex Turgeon

I don’t think I want to work in that industry – it takes 6-8 years to become a buyer and until you become a buyer there is a lot of computer work. I learned that I can’t sit behind a computer that many hours a day for 6-8 years before I can get to where I want to be. I learned the people around you really make a difference in your day to day work experience – the people were great and positive and that made a big difference for me personally – it affects how you do your work. I don’t know exactly what I want to do now but I’m very glad I did this because it was a great experience: I learned a lot in the corporate world, it’s a great opportunity for a college student to have, and I can say I walked away with a lot more knowledge of the working world then I had before.

The Amica Center for Career Education will be open during winter break and students are welcome to use the Career Library and/or meet with a career counselor during this time to discuss other internship opportunities. To make an appointment or call 410-232-6090.
A discussion of the financial crisis with insight from the last week's financial symposium

By Joe Pelletier
Online and Business Editor

With the Dow Jones industrial average spiking 936 points over the last week, following a week of record losses on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), it is easy to forget the worst of the financial crisis is behind us, yet for many, the financial crisis continues to prove arduous. While the volatility of the market has improved, and the Dow Jones has pushed above the triple-A and secure. For many, the Dow Jones has pushed above 10,000, many are finding it in the cover of their October 13th issue, we are witnessing the start of the financial crisis. As Time magazine put it, “it’s a new world, and we are now and will be experiencing a series of “New Hard Times.” As consumers find credit increasingly difficult to come by, the collateral backing mortgages — their houses — have begun to depreciate. The belief that home ownership is the key to financial security that property will forever create equity for homeowners is being questioned. Many have overextended and overleveraged themselves using precarious financial products created by Wall Street. Investors blindly bought into this system, under the impression that such investments were triple-A and secure.

Now the bubble has burst. After many years of growth and economic prosperity, we’ve lost the light at the end of the tunnel. With no light in sight, we lost our confidence, and turned to those who help instigate some of the chaos employed by Wall Street. Investors can now blame many investment banks, hedge funds, and individuals for the collapse of the financial system. The ultimate cause of the financial crisis was the failure of Wall Street to do its job and to risk while stimulating the progression of structured finance.

What we now have is a $700 billion “bailout” package passed by Congress nearly three weeks ago to help our economy regain confidence (and capital) during these unprecedented, most normally known as the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (EESA), adds to what is already years of unrestrained spending and debt accumulation, bringing our national debt to somewhere above $11 trillion.

Originally, the rescue plan allowed the government to purchase troubled assets held by financial firms using a price discovery mechanism known as reverse auctions. Doubts over the effectiveness of reverse auctions have caused many to question whether or not the government would be able to purchase assets for pennies on the dollar. Many of the bad 3 assets held by banks are highly complex and difficult to value, making it difficult to determine if the government will be paying a fair price for the securities.

However, this week the Treasury has released details about a more comprehensive financial rescue program, focused on spending $250 billion of EESA funds in the hopes of stabilizing financial markets. By recapitalizing banks, the Treasury believes these institutions will have the funds available to begin their normal lending activities. This new course of action follows developments over the weekend by many European banks, which have felt the effects of this global credit crunch as well.

Still, the Treasury plan leaves opportunities for the government to provide loans without bank assets on a case-by-case basis. At this point, measuring success is more about minimizing the situations that impact taxpayers. According to The Economist, the average financial crisis costs approximately 16% of GDP. At face value, the EESA plan currently measures 6%. But do not be swayed into thinking we are better off this time; many of the fixes associated with the current credit crunch have yet to be determined and the extent to which taxpayers will be impacted continues to lie in the hands of an ever-changing Federal Reserve.

On October 6th, Bryant professors M. Cary Collins and Peter Nigro presented their research and expertise at the financial symposium. The discussion included some key points about how our economy has arrived to the state it is in today. Firstly, over the years, the manufacturers of such crises have abandoned their basic fundamentals of loan origination. Many loans were issued with little or no borrower background investigation work prepared. For example, during the symposium Professor Nico referred to a type of mortgage called “NINJA” loans, which gave credit to those with no income, job, or assets. Even worse, many of these mortgages carried the required down payment into a secondary loan known as a “piggyback.” Instead of banks and lenders assuming the risks of such loans, they would sell them to institutions like Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, who then, in turn, receive payment for “securitizing” the debt of borrowers.

The process of securitization packages loans into financial instruments for which investors can buy into, thus spreading risk across the marketplace. As one may guess, securitization is a technically lucrative process, making it difficult for investors to understand the risks involved. Subprime loans became the perfect conduits for such collateralized debt obligations. Between 2000 and 2006, subprime loan origination grew at a compounded annual growth rate of 37%. Professor Collins believes that the current financial crisis has affected all Americans. The credit flexibility continues to have an impact on many European banks, which have felt the effects of this global credit crunch as well.

The Financial Crisis: Who's to blame?
Credit rating agencies are, along with several other parties, a major contributor to the subprime fallout plaguing our economy today. Check out www.bryantarchway.com this week for a republication of “Changes in the Wind” an article originally written by 2006 SIFE student Matthew Ad�� The Archway detailing conflicts-of-interest found in the credit rating system.

The Student Entrepreneur: Press Kits are Essential to PR Success

By Michael Adams
Staff Writer
I have a paper and electronic version of my press kit for Eddie’s Energy Bars because I have learned that press kits do just that; they get you great press on a constant basis, and they need to be available for the media all the time. This press could be TV, radio, magazine, etc.

Before I get into my suggestions as to why presse kits are effective, I would like to point out that negative press can also give your company an incredible amount of buzz. Recently, BurtonTonight, a company located in Burlington, VT, has come under fire for their partnership with the Burton Textiles, a company which designs snowboards with images of retro images of PlayBoy bunnies. Some people love the idea, and others, like parents, are up in arms, but Burton back in the spotlight, which companies ultimately win? The votes are in and with that out of the way, here are three suggestions to make your press kit the anchor of your media relations.

1.Make It Flow With Your Other Marketing Material: There is nothing worse than not knowing where your press kit from is. Keep your press kit simple including the fonts, type and size the same. This will help your customers and the media associate the kit with your company.

2.Make One Kit for Every Media Outlet: It’s a waste of time to keep on making a kit for everyone that asks for one. You need to spend your time better. I created one kit for every media contact. With this approach, I could send it out to every media contact that I have when there is something newsworthy. By creating one kit, it can be easily attached to an e-mail, or printed ahead of time for old-fashioned snail mail, which saves you time and money.

3. Please Proof Read: It’s the worst when the media files a spelling error, a run-on sentence, or even the wrong web address. These mistakes may be detrimental to your credibility as an organization. Read over what you have written at least once, and have another member of your team look over it as well. This will help alleviate any mistakes you might have missed on your re-read.

Writing a press kit can be a daunting job, and you may think that you are not ready to do it, yet it is not the entire project of making a press kit. It’s time consuming, but if you are into designing something new, your press kit, you will be jumping for joy when the media starts knocking on your front door eager to do a story on your growing company.

Writer’s note: This column will become a bi-weekly column starting this week. Thank you for your continued readership.

Michael Adams is owner of Eddie’s Energy Bars in Barre, Vermont.
It was over when: Trailing 13-0 in the third quarter, the Bulldogs play 49 yard drive culminates in a missed field goal; the Red Foxes proceed to drive down the field for a back-break- ing touchdown and a 20-0 lead.

Player of the game: Marist quarterback Chris Debowksi threw for 4 touchdowns and 321 yards; Bulldogs tailback Lindsey Gamble ran for 100 yards in a losing effort.

Turning point: The Bulldogs moved the ball well but could never capitalize in the first half. Marist drove over 70 yards in the final five minutes of the first half to give themselves a 13-0 lead.

Up next: vs. Robert Morris, Saturday @ 1:00 p.m.

It is official: The New York Bulldogs trampled by Marist

By Mike Cronin Jr.
Staff Writer

On Saturday night, the Bryant Bulldogs football team (3-3) traveled to Poughkeepsie, N.Y. to play the Marist Red Foxes (2-4). After beating Wagner (2-4) two weeks ago by a score of 24-14 for Bryant's first Division I victory, the Bulldogs had a bye last weekend. They had a lot of momentum coming into this matchup with Marist, but the Red Foxes offensive proved to be deadly in the 34-7 loss.

The big story for Marist was their quarterback, Chris Debowksi, who completed 15 of 28 passes for 321 yards and tied a school record with 4 touchdowns passes. Receiver James LaMacchia caught 4 of Debowksi's passes for 154 yards and 2 touchdowns. The combination of Debowksi and LaMacchia produced the two big plays of the day. On Marist's first offensive play of the game, the quarterback and receiver hooked up for an 80 yard touchdown. In the third quarter, they connected again for a 56 yard score.

The Bulldogs did a good job of putting together some productive drives, but could not finish. A Rory Foley goal line interception of a Jay Graber pass and a 35 yard missed field goal by Chris Grager were costly for Bryant. Graber finished by going 11-15 for 119 yards in the air. The lone Bulldog touchdown was a 7 yard run by Lindsey Gamble with just under 11 minutes in the play in the fourth quarter.

Gamble and Jerell Smith performed very well on the ground for Bryant. Gamble rushed 20 times for 100 yards and Smith carried the ball 11 times for 94 yards. On the defensive end, Paul Polomski recorded 8 tackles, Jason Riffe had 7 and a sack, and Don Smith had 6.

This Saturday is Parents & Family Weekend. The upcoming football game will be a battle between the Bulldogs and the Robert Morris Colonials (2-4). The game can be heard on WOON-AM 1240 and WJMF 88.7 FM.
Bulldog Bites

The Decline of Empires

By David Niles  Staff Writer

It was quite odd a few weekends back when the New York Yankees finished 37-31 after a final three game series. With the Yankees already eliminated and the Boston running out a line-up with Pav Sox than Red Sox fans found other things to do. This is the time in 33 years that the Yankees did not make the playoffs, ending an impressive run. This seems to be a culmination point in a decline that has seen the Yankees lose four of their titles in 2000. The Yankees run started in the mid 90s when they were able to develop a group of players and even made their own draft picks to be the foundation of their franchise. (Derek Jeter, Bernie Williams, Mariano Rivera, Tino Martinez, Andy Pettite, Mike Gartner) But the Yankees are more than they look in the through the clutch and made those championship postures pay off. O’Neil, Tino Martinez, Scott Brosius, Andy Pettite, Mike Gartner. Ask the Yankees whether dynasties can last forever.

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What is your favorite part about parents weekend?

“Showing my mom all my cool posters.”
Mike Warner ‘11

“Checking out all the hot moms.”
Paul Perez ‘11

“Reconnecting with my family after not being able to see them for a while.”
Mallory Rousseau ‘11

“I like meeting other people’s parents.”
Rachael Karpman ‘11

“The football game with all the parents is really enjoyable.”
Danny Waugh ‘12

“The rubber ducky race.”
Brian Foley ‘11

“The variety of activities that Bryant offers on campus.”
James Ryan ‘11

“Just getting to see my family because I live far from home and I’m really busy as an athlete.”
Lindsey Hudspeth ‘11

Compiled by Ashley McNamara and Amanda Dunn
Stop Rubbernecking

By: Michael Adams
Opinion Editor

So, I had a wonderful get-away back to Vermont this past weekend. I saw stunning fall foliage, and had plenty of apple cider related treats (cider donut rules). Anyway, the reason I am writing this article is to discuss what I experienced coming back to Bryant, driv-

ing on lovely New Hamp-
shire, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island highways: the desire to engage in rubbernecking, and it drives me borkers.

Now, what is rubbernecking, you might ask? Well, I'll give you an example during my travels, and you might understand. Rubbernecking is when you suddenly experience traffic for no reason. A couple of miles down the highway, you witness a car accident on the side of the road, or some guy taking a leak in the woods. But wait! The traffic has been backed up five miles because some random person feels the need to slow down, turn their head, and stare at what is going on across the road. This simply means traffic pils up, and a whole bunch of pesky people stop.

If it's perfectly fine to look at the accident, say, "Oh, crap. I am glad that wasn't me" and drive on at regu-
lar highway driving speed (75 mph for you ya-hoos). Then why do you not pay attention to where you are going, slow down to 40 mph to try and see what is happening? If you know the person being transported into the ambulance that is completely unnecessary. I've got places to go, and people to see.

The last thing I want is to be behind congested traffic only to find out that it has been backed up five miles because some
tiny's child can't wait for the restroom so they have to stop on the side of the road.

There should be some kind of lane on the high-
way where you can blow by these drivers, because frankly, most of the time the cars will not be in a
mangled mess. I think this lane is actually called the
carpool lane—you know the one that people use even if there is no one in the car?

It's just an accident people! Accidents happen. Do you need to slow down and look at each and every one to see if you know anyone in the acci-
dent? Is it kind of the way you would care about the person on the highway, after they have pulled someone over, instead of just giving them the speed of light to open the cop some room, but that doesn't mean you need to slow down to 50 mph. He's not going to pull you over. He's not going to slow you down. He's just trying to get over, and it is always likely to be the dude in the SUV blazing by at 90 mph. I always laugh when I see that happen—serves you right, buddy.

In the end, I ask you, that next time you are on some major highway, please do not rubberneck. It is not the most fun to be stuck in traffic because of some accident that happened that wasn't even your major. I know we're never going to get that perfect instance when everyone drives the same speed limit, and we go on with our lives. It's a constant battle with the old women who goes 40 mph and the young professional lawyer for a man who goes 100 and fails your rear until you move over to the middle lane. Maybe I am just venting about my ex-
periences on the highway system, but I hope that I am not the only one that this kind of stuff happens to. Happy driving!

Multipartisan Hackery: Marriage Rights

Gay Marriage is Useless

By Matt Vincunas
Staff Writer

The total has now reached three. It is not enough, but it is continuing a saga that started with Massachusetts four years ago. In this generation's equiva-
 lent of the civil rights movement there has been, and will continue to be, much 

to any special rights or the same quality as the majority represents. It is a 
total of reforms that have tested the will and strength of those who are consid-

erized as married. After all, it is only a title. Unless they are marrying for the benefits, which would not be a marriage based on love.

The point of heterosexual couples being married is to pro-create and raise children together. The children these parents raise usually look up to their parents as role models. The last time I checked two gay people could not create life. And if they do procreate, I do not know about, and it should stay like that. We do not need gay people being la-

erized as "married" and have the same legal rights as the traditionally hetero-

sexual marriage. There is a sacred aspect of marriage, not the religious 
sacred, but the foundation of our society, mom and dad, nuclear family sa-
cred. Facts or statistics are not necessary to decide whether two men or 
two women can raise children better than heterosexual couples. The fact is 
that homosexual people should only be allowed to be a couple, not categor-

tized as married. After all, it is only a title. Unless they are marrying for the benefits, which would not be a marriage based on love.

Then there is the question as to whether you are born with homosexual-
ity or if it develops over time in your personality. I personally believe that it is developed over time through influences of your surroundings and other things you are exposed to in your life. However, I am not a sci-

entist and even they do not know for sure. All I know is that I do not want this law to make laws or legalize every little aspect of people's lives if it is so important to gay people to have a right to become married, then I would sure like to hear the reason why.

Making Marriage Equal

By Drew Green
Staff Writer

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As a country we cannot continue a match of prejudice over gay pride marches everywhere. As a country we question the morality of same sex mar-
rriages, but why? Why is someone living the life that they were born to live, or chosen to follow hate and fear? Is it really so far-fetched? We should not look for differences based on who a person chooses to spend their life with and sleep with on a nightly basis? We all share this small planet, we are all people, yet through thousands of years of hatred we cannot agree that as people on this planet our pref-
dences are meaningless when compared to the fact that we are all humans; a
test that no matter your religion, race, or creed, can be taken away. Yet we always come back to this question of whether separate is equal. Well, to put it plainly, you cannot separate a person from the definition of being human, so you cannot separate a person that is human from being a human. This includes a person's right to marry whomever they wish.
Ella Bitman
Staff Columnist

Parent-Student Communication

I was about ready to e-mail the Archway, apologizing for my inability to write a PC version of my column in honor of Parents and Family weekend, when a brilliant discovery was bestowed upon me. The idea was given to me by my friend’s lovely boyfriend, who figured that it might be a reasonable time to address both students and parents in their communication, and perhaps lack thereof, as it applies to sexuality.

Most of the students I spoke with claimed that they lacked proper communication with their parents about sex, and that those who were sexually active concluded that their parents had no idea whether or not they engaged in any horizontal (or vertical if you can manage it) banky parody. Many of us don’t want our parents to imagine this, nor do we want to imagine them. According to some of you, that’s where your sex talks came from. One female, a junior, recalled the closest she came to talking with her parents about sex was when she walked in on her parents gaging in it. As an embedded visual is not enough, it happened to her again. Goodness, do you people not lock your doors anymore? Regardless, I commend all parties involved for sustaining normalcy throughout such an excruciating state of affairs.

Another female confessed that her parents learned about her sexual activities when her doctor’s records were sent home with all the just-in-case information doctors always inquire about. My ex-boyfriend’s communication with his parents about sex consisted of his mother assuring him that “more than a mouthful is never enough…start. No judgment added.” In all seriousness, remember, whether you’re a parent or a student, that the most important part of communication is not the talking, but the listening. In any given situation, we all just want someone to listen to us with impartial judgment. Listen to your son when he is trying to explain to you his condom brand preference. Do people ever talk to their parents about condom brand preference? In conclusion, what if you, as parents or guardians, talked, not preached, to your offspring about their budding sexualities. If you make yourselves more available and less judgmental, perhaps we will feel comfortable enough coming to you either for information, counsel, or for help. It’s never too late to become closer with family.

Another female confessed that her parents were sexually active concluded that their parents are available for “adult conversations,” but that they still feel as though their parents will become uncomfortable or preach against all of the erotic things we long to do. Parental preaching aside, there are many different places where students can get their facts here on campus; the Women’s Center and Health Services are a great place to start. No judgment added.

Motherly and fatherly preaching is not communication; we’re just going to get drunk and make bad decisions again next weekend. Lecturing abstinence to a sexually eager college student simply doesn’t always work, and on the fun spectrum, abstinence rates are at an approximate twenty five-thousand-seventeen. Unless of course you’re already satisfying sex with yourself, in which case you might be at a two or a four if you’re lucky. Five if you’re doing it right.

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Observations

Compiled by Michael Adams and Linsey Morse

Exciting! New Interfaith Web Cam!!

Of course, we’re being sarcastic. Can someone please explain the point of the Interfaith Center web cam, with unnecessary updates every 3 seconds? Instead, we suggest a weekly blog posting with construction updates. But FYI, we’re not going to read that either.

CEOs Graffiti on Campus

We applaud the guerrilla marketing efforts of CEO, and their chalk displays, but there should be a fine for excessive chalk use.

Parents and Family Weekend Preparation

The newly installed benches in the suite village have been beautifully mulched; however, future families has mulched the trees lining the walkway to 17. We think that’s a little counter-intuitive.

Joe Got Three Black Tee Shirts

We feel that Joe should be sharing his wealth of black tee shirts with the rest of the Bryant community.

Bryant Said What!?

“Hey, let’s make up a song called ‘Blue Moon’. Yeah—that’s already a song.”

“This doesn’t belong between my legs”

“My spoon broke in my ice cream…that sucks.”

“I think goose poop should be glow-in-the-dark, so that it is easier to see.”

“I just…you spoke, and it all went over my head.”

“Can I play you a prostitute on my whoremonica?”

“One size fits all…easy to inflate…That’s dirty.”

“That’s what someone like me thinks of…making a perfectly good dinner and twisting it in a sexual way.”

“If this was alcohol, I would be an alcoholic. But, since it’s cider, I’m just a weird guy drinking cider out of a jug.”

“Nerdo-ticism—yeah—that’s where nerds rot away, slowly but surely.”

Heard a funny quote? E-mail it to madams@bryant.edu.

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Bulldog Flicks: What Just Happened?

By Roger Moore
MCT Campus

Say what you will about the guy, but nobody, nobody, is better at playing Bruce Willis than Bruce Willis. As a partly bored, tantrum-throwing, chair- tossing version of the movie star “Bruce Willis,” “Die Hard dude all but walks off with What Just Happened? Watch Willis blow his fuse in front of the producer of his new picture (Robert DeNiro), and you’d swear you can see the Oscar-winning tough guy not just flinch at the mock violence. Bobby De (giggling behind those eyes).

Movies about Hollywood are as common as Jolie babies, and there have been broader, funnier, meaner takes on the business than this. But his star, the man whose presence enlivens previews, going through test screenings. It’s of other films, finally shows us what a “real” movie-savvy than any of them. Linson, who producer Art Linson’s memoir is more cynical, meaner takes on the business than this. Jolie babies, and there have been broader, funnier, meaner takes on the business than this.utterly mean and absurd in the best Hollywood tradition — the guy, not the movie-mogul-as-monster we’ve seen in “Swimming with Sharks” and other Hollywood romans a clefs. He’s just a guy who multi-tasks, charms, lies and stalks his latest ex-wife because he has to.

This movie earned 4 out of 5 bulldogs.

What Just Happened? follows Ben through two weeks of his life, bending over backward at every turn, stroking his mad first director (Michael Winnicot, a slitch), nagging Bruce’s ulcious agent (John Turturro, hilarious) into making his client shave, yielding to the will of the iron-lady studio boss (Catherine Keener, doing a perfect Sherry Lansing), trying to please everyone, pleasing almost no one, and knowing that all this effort is just running in place, paying alimony, child support and over-head while watching his status on Vanity Fair’s Hollywood phar ladder slip by the hour.

DeNiro is the best he’s been in years as this master negotiator who somehow can’t seem to get anyone to do things his way, an unflappable operator who handles revelations about his kids and a brazen come-on by a starlet in a men’s room as business as usual, nothing to lose your cool over. Linson, producing the film, and director Levinson see to it that Ben is not the movie-mogul-as-monster we’ve seen in “Swimming with Sharks” and other Hollywood romans a clefs. He’s just a guy who multi-tasks, lies and stalks his latest ex-wife because he has to.

It’s Hollywood, and everyone’s into yoga, this movie about a florist. Is that really what you want, but there will be at least one setback before that happens. Or maybe it’s a detour. Proceed with caution.

The work you do now will attract the attention of very important people. This could lead to more authority for you, and maybe more money. Or, if that’s not happening where you are, get a better job.

As you write up your shopping list, don’t get too outrageous. Better pay a couple of bills before you visit the malls. Sure, you’d like a new wardrobe, but you might also fix up what you have.

You’re more confident now, but you’re still facing opposition. This is one argument that could end in a standoff. Explain as well as you can, but don’t be surprised if you can’t get agreement. Be patient.

Go through your closets now. You’re quite likely to find things that have gone all the way around and come back into style. You’ll be glad you kept ‘em.

Appearances are important, but they aren’t everything. Your fans love you because of your heart, not your shiny outer shell. Follow your inner passion, but only if it’s legal.

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It’s starting to look like you can get what you want, but there will be at least one setback before that happens. Or maybe it’s a detour. Proceed with caution.

You have nothing against criticism, although you’d just as soon avoid it. You’re not really big on hassles, no matter where they come from. Ignore a heckler.

The work has stacked up, but that’s OK. You’re in the mood to do it now. You’ll whittle down that pile in no time at all. Don’t spend the check before it clears.

Horoscopes

Aquarius
1/20 - 2/18

You’re lucky and getting luckier. This is a wonderful thing. Your group activities will start flowing more effortlessly too, especially anything involving foreigners. Start planning your next trip.

Household chores are starting to grab at your ankles as you walk by. Pizza boxes and empty soda cans may be encroaching on your living space. Better not have company over until you regain control.

Plan your route before you take off on your next shopping trip. Don’t spend more on gas than you’ll save by going to the sale. If what you want is far away, have it delivered.

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Aries
3/21 - 4/19

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Celebity Round-Up

By Carlos Ramos  
Staff Writer

Some weeks are better than others for celebrity news. This week was on the slower side. The Presley family has two new additions; as Lisa Marie Presley, daughter of Elvis Presley, gave birth to twin girls last Tuesday. Presley is 40 and has two other kids from previous marriages. The father of the twins is musician Michael Lockwood.

Everyone seems to be in love with “Saturday Night Live” this season with fresh new faces and new skits to parody, but one actor who is not laughing is Boston native Mark Wahlberg. In a sketch that aired two weeks ago called “Mark Wahlberg Talks to Animals”, Andy Samberg played the “Entourage” producer, and when asked about the sketch, Wahlberg said, “I didn’t think it was really funny. It could have been better. I compared to Tina Fey doing Sarah Palin.”

Wahlberg will play boxer ‘Irish’ Micky Ward in the upcoming film “The Fighter”. Wahlberg co-produced and directed the film, which is based on the life of the real-life fighter. Wahlberg has two other kids from previous marriages. The family has two new additions as David and Victoria Beckham, wife of soccer star David Beckham, welcomed their twin girls. The couple married in 1999 and have two other children. The family has two other kids from previous marriages. The couple married in 1999 and have two other children.

Bulldog Reviews:

New Moon

By Corinne O’Neill  
Staff Writer

In the novel, Twilight Bella and Edward discover not only how beautiful and dangerous they are to one another. When Bella discovers Edward’s secret, she is already too far involved with this boy. She does not care if he were evil, a murderer, a werewolf. She accepts that Edward is a vampire and continues to live with him. How important but how dangerous they are to one another.

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For me to be happy what the hell is the cost!  
I’m broken inside and all hope is lost

Word Vomit

By Blair Worthington  
Staff Columnist

Forgotten in the wind like a misplaced thought  
You walk away even though we just fought  
Without a care in your mind that things really went bad  
You turn and look at me and don’t realize I’m sad  
I’m broken inside and all hope is lost  
For me to be happy what the hell is the cost!  
I’m so sick of not knowing I need an answer now  
I’m over all of the who, what and how!  
Just stay here and settle this with me.  
It’s the one thing you could do since I’m having your baby.

courtesy of MCT campus

DiCaprio and Crowe bring in $12 million with Body of Lies.

Two in housekeepers have been arrested on suspicion of theft after family members of Victoria Beckham, wife of soccer star, David Beckham, noticed the auction of personal items on eBay. David Beckham, wife of soccer star, David Beckham, no-
Bryant Players Spotlight:
Tara Calnan

Who inspired you to become a Bryant Player?
I actually moonlighted at Bryant last year and met Steve Ali-brandi, the Bryant Players secretary. He told me about the group and what they do. Once I came to campus I looked for more information.

How long have you been acting?
I've done school-theater since I was in the fifth grade, so this is my ninth year.

What is the most challenging part of being an actress?
The most challenging part of being an actress is becoming your character. For the entirety of the play I need to be a different person and understand how that person would react to a situation, not how I would.

Are you considering performing in another production?
Yes, most definitely. I've had a lot of fun doing "A Perfect Idiot" and want to continue.

What can people expect from "A Perfect Idiot"?
People can expect laughs, some romance, and a lot of crazy antics. It'll be a good show to go to.

BullDog Reviews: Clapton

By Brigit Clancy
Variety Editor

Eric Clapton may be best known as a guitarist from the 1960s, but he is still an influential artist in today’s music industry. Clapton has lived a storied past that may interest guitar aficionados from all styles of music.

Clapton’s autobiography details his personal life and relationships along with an in-depth account of his personal journey thus far as a musician for all ages.

Eric Patrick Clapton was born on March 30, 1945 in Surrey, England. His parents were Patricia Clapton and Edward Fryer. Clapton, who grew up with his grandparents, thought Patricia (his mother) was his sister until he was nine years old. He relates how he was traumatized when he found out his true parentage.

On his thirteenth birthday, Clapton received his first acoustic guitar. Through dedicated practice and determination the self-taught guitar virtuoso has become an acclaimed member of several bands with the influence of Rhythm and Blues as well as Rock.

Clapton later earned the nickname “Slow Hand” because he played his guitar so fiercely that the strings would break during his concerts. Clapton would then proceed to change the strings as the crowd clapped slowly. He was also given adulation by graffiti artists in a London subway where they wrote “Clapton is God.” A book reviewer quoted Clapton, referring to the aforementioned accolade, saying Clapton was ambivalent about the phrase but then added “it was really quite nice.”

Clapton’s muse for some of his most commercially famous songs was model Pattie Boyd, his now ex-wife. In the 1970s, he wrote “Layla”, “Wonderful Tonight”, and “Bell Bottom Blues” for Boyd.

Clapton described in the book how he has been plagued by drugs and alcohol for a good part of his life. He also details his road to spiritual enlightenment via transcendental philosophy and lifestyle changes. He has suffered tragedy with the loss of his young son in an accident. Clapton has at times had a tumultuous life that could rival his successes as an artist.

Clapton is the only artist to be a triple inductee into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. He entered into the Hall of Fame as a member of The Yardbirds, Cream, and as a solo artist. Eric Clapton: The Autobiography is forthright and exposes every aspect of his illustrious career and private life.

Blundergrads

by phil flickinger (www.blundergrads.com)

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