A look back at Bryant's past

By Brigit Clancy and Jenna Morris
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In the mid-1800s, it was difficult to begin a career in business. Two young Midwesterners, Henry Bryant and Henry Straton, decided that a school with a short, intensive training period in business school would give the necessary preparation for a career. Bryant and Straton figured that the demand for commercial education would greatly increase. In 1853, they secured a penmanship teacher, James Lusk, as partner and backer, and the three opened Bryant and Lusk College in Cleveland. Within a few months Lusk dropped out, but Bryant and Straton were still dreaming of expanding and building a chain of colleges across the country. Within two years, they set up a business school in Buffalo, New York.

In the 1860s, people flocked to these colleges. Bryant and Straton used the profits to found more colleges and ended up with forty-four altogether. Among these was the Bryant and Straton National Business College in Providence, Rhode Island, founded in 1863.

By Alison Duncan
Staff Writer

When is a better time for a week of scary events than the week of Halloween? The Student Programming Board has focused their energy most recently on creating a week full of events based on the theme of Halloween. SPB at Bryant is a group of students who make things happen on campus. These members strive to provide the Bryant community with diverse events to get students more actively involved on campus and to provide a break from the work aspect of college. Those events are planned over the entire semester and constantly offer college. These events are planned over the entire semester and constantly offer an opportunity with diverse events to get students more actively involved on campus and to provide a break from the work aspect of college. Those events are planned over the entire semester and constantly offer college.

This Halloween week began this past weekend, on Saturday, October 25, with a trip to Six Flags New England for their annual Fright Fest. This event brought 48 Bryant students to Massachusetts to experience the transformation of Six Flags into a full-out Halloween event. This trip was a huge success as it was a sell-out.

Last night was SPB’s Murder Mystery Dinner event, which allowed students to sign away a meal and attend a Sodexo-sponsored Dinner event, which allowed students to sell-out. This trip was a huge success as it was a trip to Six Flags New England for their weekend, on Saturday, October 25, with a tour of the college. The students visited the Providence campus, which served as the backdrop for this event. SPB at Bryant during a four- and-a-half-year period.

After the end of their college careers, students had help finding a job. Jacobs hired a full-time director of student welfare and placement. Jacobs kept alive the tradition of cultivating contacts with business people with the aim of placing graduates in jobs. In the mid-1920s, Bryant and Stratton were already half a century old. New organizations began appearing on campus. A student newspaper entitled, the Bryant-Stratton News began in the 1930s; each issue cost five cents. Sororities and fraternities also began in the 1930s; each issue cost five cents. Sororities and fraternities also began the 1930s; each issue cost five cents.

The motto during this time was “from campus to career in two years,” which strongly appealed to those who wanted to have a career. In 1927, Bryant and Stratton and the Rhode Island College of Education (now Rhode Island College) cooperated in training students to teach commercial subjects: the students went two years at RIC, then two years at Bryant. In 1937, however, students started to take all of their courses at Bryant during a four- and-a-half-year program.

In the mid-1930s, students were coming to the colleges in increasing numbers. Despite limitations on enrollment, Bryant’s facilities did not have enough space. Jacobs decided to look for another site for the college in Providence. He decided to move it to College Hill, the site of present-day Rhode Island School of Design. In 1935, Jacobs moved the college again to the East Side of Providence. He spent $3,000 converting an old hospital and its grounds to a college.

Jacobs decided that the college should have a new identity. The name “Bryant and Stratton” was associated with an old-time business. See “History of Bryant” page 3
Going Green: Election ‘08 sustainability initiatives

By Marisa Bono
Staff Writer

With Election Day right around the corner, you have undoubtedly heard talk of the Red states and Blue states. However, it seems as though the plans to make these states a bit greener has become lost somewhere between the heated debates about the war in Iraq and Sarah Palin skits featured on Saturday Night Live. Barack Obama and John McCain are the two most prominent figures in the upcoming election. Here is a brief summary of Obama’s and McCain’s sustainability initiatives:

Barack Obama has proposed the “New Energy for America” plan. It can be found on www.BarackObama.com and includes implementing the following points:
- Provide short-term relief to American families facing pain at the pump.
- Help create five million new jobs by strategically investing $150 billion over the next ten years to catalyze private efforts to build a clean energy future.
- Within 10 years save more oil than we currently import from the Middle East and Venezuela combined.
- Put 1 million Plug-In Hybrid cars – that can get up to 150 miles per gallon – on the road by 2015.
- Implement an economy-wide cap-and-trade program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 80% by 2050.

John McCain has proposed his plan, “The Lexington Project.” It can be found on www.JohnMcCain.com and includes implementing the following points:
- Expanding domestic oil and natural gas exploration and production.
- Taking action now to break our dependency on foreign oil by reforming our transportation sector.
- Investing in clean, alternative sources of energy.
- Protecting our environment by addressing climate change.
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Both candidates were interviewed by Amanda Griscom Little for Grist.org. She posed the questions, “Why should voters consider you the strongest green candidate? What sets your platform on energy and the environment apart from the others?”

Obama responded, “I’m proud of the fact that one of the first sets of endorsements I received in my race for the U.S. Senate was from the Sierra Club and the League of Conservation Voters. I’ve since cast tough votes on behalf of the environment. For example, I voted against the “Clear Skies” bill that George Bush was promoting, despite the fact that the administration had heated up support for the bill in southern Illinois, which you know is a coal area of the country. So I think people can feel confident that I don’t just talk the talk, I walk the walk.”

McCain’s response was as follows: “My clear record of environmental advocacy and activism, ranging from my efforts to protect the Grand Canyon to working with [Connecticut Sen.] Joe Lieberman to get a cap-and-trade proposal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through the United States Senate.”

So now it is up to you to decide which candidate is more prepared to take on America’s energy crisis. November 4th is Election Day. If you would like to know more about how green your candidate is, check out their campaign websites or Grist.org. No matter what color state you are from, make sure you get out and vote! Comments and suggestions are always welcome. Feel free to e-mail them to mbono@bryant.edu.

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Ben Zander leaves mark on E-pitch competition

By Lauren Amarante  Staff Writer

On Tuesday of last week, Bryant hosted some of the world’s elite. The closest assistant to Queen Elizabeth II, the world’s elite – 1,200 kings, queens, and CEOs of corporations like Microsoft. Zander is a sought-after leadership expert and has spoken at over two thirds of Fortune 500 companies. He quotes this side of corporate America.” This conversation, he explained to Bryant on Tuesday, lives in two worlds (or realms) – one of that being the world of “downward spirals” where everything an individual says results in money. Not enough resources. Not enough time. Not enough money. Not enough resources. Not enough time. Economically stressed? Well, over the past two months, the name Zander is sold. Ford and Letendre, with the help of the Center for Student Involvement and Student Senate, with senior co-chairs. Ford and Letendre says, “I loved every part of the weekend. and everyone else involved in the weekend. Likely to Succeed” and $300. Ray Haddad and Danny Waugh went crowdsourcing as well. However, there is another world, he said. This was the world of “radiating possibilities,” where you can be “quieting the voice in your head that says you can’t do it.”

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Bryant hosted just over 2900 guests, a new school record, for Parents and Family Weekend this year. “Bryant’s Happy Days” took place October 17 through October 19 and included a fabulous fifties theme. The weekend was run by the Center for Student Involvement and Student Senate, with senior Brian Ford and junior Jordan Letendre as the event co-chairs. Ford and Letendre, with the help of the CSI staff, worked tirelessly over the summer and the beginning of first semester to plan one of Bryant’s major annual events. “Every last detail has to be de- cided, from the overall theme of the weekend, to the colors of the napkins on the dinner tables. That can all get stressful at times and learning to deal with those pressures was definitely something I took away from this experience,” Letendre says.

Family and friends began arriveing and checking in on Friday afternoon. At 7pm, guests and students were invited to Janikies Theatre to enjoy the comedic play, The Perfect Idol, put on by the Bryant Players. Repeated performances continued on Saturday night and Sunday afternoon. Guests were cheered on the men’s and women’s basketball teams as they held their annual Midnight Madness kick-off celebration. Host Steve MacDonald of WHJJ introduced the coaches and the team seniors addressed the crowd about their upcoming seasons. The celebration continued with shooting contests and prize give-away’s. Also on Friday night there was 50’s Family Bingo and an ice cream sundae, served by the friendly Salmanson staff.

More guests arrived on Saturday morning and afternoon and attended a continental breakfast in Stepan Grand Hall. Following a delicious fifties themed meal for registered guests. The MAC was decked out with fabulous decorations. Servers and Servers running the event were adorned in fifties fashion while the sweet sounds of an Elvis impersonator played in the background. Following the last dinner seating was a show by Damian the Hypnotist, a famous performer of illusion.

Sunday featured a jazz brunch with music by The Monks of Funk Band in Stepan Grand Hall. Overall, the weekend was an immense success and attracted a large crowd of families and friends to Bryant. It was extremely rewarding for Ford and Letendre to see hours of work amount to something so successful, and they attribute the efforts of the Center for Student Involvement, Student Senate, and everyone else involved in the weekend. Letendre says, “This weekend was truly a weekend to remember. Seeing four months worth of hard work unfold in front of your eyes is always a great feeling.”

Record numbers attend Bryant’s ‘Happy Days’

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Bryant honors loss of two professors

By Brigit Clancy Variety Editor

The Department of History & Social Sciences and the Bryant Faculty Federation invited the entire Bryant community to a memorial service for two departed colleagues, Professors Julia Gladstone and Marsha Posusney. The service was held on Wednesday, October 29th at 4:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Mary Lyons, a Professor of Communication and Literary Studies, said, “They were both such accomplished women and they both died so tragically young.”

Professor Posusney was a Professor of Political Science. Professor Gladstone was an Associate Professor of Liberal Studies, as well as the Legal Studies Coordinator.

David Lux, the Dean for the College of Arts and Sciences, remembered Professor Posusney, a close friend. “Marsha Posusney was an amazing person. She was a top flight academic with an international reputation for her scholarship and publications. She was a careful and considerate instructor who gave her best to every student. She kept in regular contact with many Bryant alumni, and inspired more than one future graduate student in her graduate program in international studies or political science. [Her] vision and work in curriculum development was key in our ability to develop the political science program. [Her] contributions to the Global Studies concentration and major, and the politics and law minor. She left a legacy to every Bryant student in the courses, programs, and standards she helped establish, as well as in the hiring of every faculty member currently involved in the political science and global studies program.”

Dean Lux also remembered Professor Gladstone, with whom he had a close relationship as well. “Professor Gladstone, before her husband laid down a foundation for the legal studies minor, but it was Julia Gladstone who put everything together and carried that program through the curriculum committee and into the course catalogue,” said Dean Lux. “In the process, she became one of my favorite students, and she served many years on the curriculum committee and for the last several years of her life she chaired that committee. She was passionate in caring about how the university and its students work.”

A good many senior faculty will remember that she was the chair of the committee that established our current grading system of + and - grades. She was also seriously involved in the curriculum work on every one of the Arts and Sciences majors created in recent years, as well as programs such as the International Business degree and the Modern Language program. Julia Gladstone was also passionate about her research and teaching. Her research made her an internationally recognized authority on the law of the internet. For many years she served on ABA committees involved in professional ethics, and in recent years she had begun a very productive research and publication program dealing with legal and ethical questions following from the development of the human genome project, cloning, and biotechnology.”

Dr. Gregg Carter, a Professor of Sociology and the Chair of the Department of History and Social Sciences, said, “Professors Gladstone and Posusney had many fine qualities in common: ‘They both loved their work. They both were dedicated to their students, and over the years received consistent high praise on their student perception forms (the VIPP forms).’ They both were dedicated to their scholarship—and consistently published articles in first-rate scholarly journals; Professor Posusney also had an award winning book on the Middle East published by Columbia University Press. They both were devoted to serving their community, their professions, and the greater good. For example, they served on some of the toughest committees for any faculty member at Bryant to serve on, including the faculty collective negotiation team (they were both leaders in Bryant’s Faculty Federation, one of the best known in the country because it led the way for the AFT’s unionization of college faculty back in the 1960s). The Curriculum Committee, and the Committee on University Organization.”

The Department of History and Social Sciences has recently created the Julia Gladstone and Marsha Posusney Endowed Professorship of Political Science. The annual salary, that includes a research and publication stipend, provides for the creation of a full-time endowed chair in political science, a position that will be dedicated to producing scholarship that makes a significant contribution to the discipline and is a model for young scholars and graduate students.

One of the perks of attending a school like Bryant is the number of diverse clubs and societies that have been established on campus, ranging from academic clubs to special interest clubs. In an effort to promote the Liberal Arts Department on campus and increase the opportunities for liberal arts students, the Communication Society and Shelia Guay are sponsoring informational sessions Wednesday, November 19, 2008 at 5pm for the International Special Events Society (ISES). This society’s mission is aimed towards educating, promoting, and advancing the special events industry and its network of professionals. The Communication Society and Shelia Guay are hosting the President of the Johnson and Whales Chapter of ISES to come speak to any interested persons about creating an ISES chapter here at Bryant. It is through these efforts that both the Liberal Arts Department and the Communication Society hopes to increase the opportunities that are presented for Bryant Students.

In becoming an active member of the society, you are given a network of connections in the Special Events and Event Planning industry. The Special Events industry is constantly growing and the hope of the people involved is to create a professional society on campus to provide students of any major with the resources necessary to learn more about such career fields. This up and coming society will provide a plethora of connections and skills to develop in the Event Planning industry. If you are of any major and are interested in attending an information session on a brand new society coming to your campus, please stop by Nick’s Place in the Bryant Center on Wednesday, November 19, 2008 at 5:00pm. Show your support and help increase the number of opportunities that Bryant students are given in new and exciting fields!

“[Julia Gladstone] was the first hire for the Political Science Department chair,” said Dean Lux. “I have never known anyone who liked her job more than Julia Gladstone. She celebrated every day that she got a chance to do what she had been trained to do.”

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Professor Marsha Posusney, Political Science

Memorial Scholarship for the Study of History and the Social Sciences to honor their service and commitment to the Bryant community. This scholarship will be given to a student in good academic standing with financial need that will be majoring in Political Science, History, or Sociology.

Professor Carter commented, “[Professors Gladstone and Posusney] were both full of charm, humor, and integrity—and both had the absolute respect of their peers. They will be missed!”

Dean Lux said, “I knew Marsha Posusney from the time of her interview on campus (1992). I was her department chair from 1996 until 2002 and her dean since. I consider her among my closest friends on campus.”

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ISES Speaker

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In 1963, Bryant College celebrated its one-hundredth birthday. The community began to feel the need for better classroom facilities, a gymnasium, faculty offices, and a modern library. Sites for the new college were suggested, but each had serious drawbacks. The college had little money in reserve—it had only served as Smithfield’s after-school center. The estate was a large 220-acre farm. Tupper asked for a price of $75,000 to $100,000 and decided to sell. Tupper called Jacobs six months later to speak with Jacobs about his property. Tupper had met at a hotel in Providence. Jacobs brought with him a college catalog and talked to Tupper about what the college was doing. Tupper was so impressed with Bryant that he decided to donate his farm to the college instead of selling it. Officials at the East Side campus decided to sell the East Side campus to fund its new campus in Smithfield, which would cost around $5 million. One prospective buyer was Brown. Brown had been looking to expand and decided to purchase the campus.

The college Administrators and the Board of Trustees met to hear architects’ plans for the new campus. Robert Hillier had done the initial drawings. The architects, decided to make a scale model of the land and the building he would construct.

Hillier had constructed buildings at East Long Island University. So, Cobs sent a delegation to see what Hillier had done. The delegation liked the building, but decided that they would be large enough to be efficient, but not so large that a student would be deprived of the feeling of a home. Each suite had three bedrooms. Hillier and a team of seven people decided to make a scale model of the land and the building he would construct.

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Over the past decade, Bryant University has become more diverse, attracting more female students, students outside of New England, and students in the College of Arts and Sciences. Many of the names in Bryant history appear in the college today. Guskli Dining Room, Koffler, and our mascot Tupper the Bulldog, to name a few.

Bryant has continued to expand and pursue excellence through the 1980s and 1990s. It has evolved to better itself as a university in all aspects—aesthetic, athletic, and extracurricular activities.

In 2002, the Bellco Center opened and completely reconfigured the Bryant campus. This academic center holds the Douglas and Judith Krupp Library and the C.A. Starr Financial Management center, which is where students simulate real stock trading scenarios. Bryant became a university in 2004.

Pumpkin Fest raises money for Camp Sunshine

By Jackie Lemieux

On Friday, October 17th, The Collegiate Entrepreneurs’ Organization held its annual charitable event—Pumpkin Fest. The event raised over 1,100 dollars and was a huge success. When students arrived, they were asked to make a donation to Camp Sunshine. They could use cash or their dining dollars. Students moved along the assembly-line style event that included the Cutting section, then to the Gutting section, and finally to the Carving section. Students also had the option to skip over the decapitating and gutting sections and pick up a pre-gutted pumpkin. Also, they could paint a pumpkin. Many faculty members donated to Camp Sunshine, and some participated. CEO board members were also “pied” in the face with a mixture of pumpkin guts and whipped cream for a donation of three to five dollars. Also, many students, parents, and faculty members decided to donate money without carving a complimentary pumpkin.

The day resulted in many creative pumpkins that were all lined up along the pond. At the lighting ceremony, at 6pm, the pumpkins were lit. Bryant’s lawn, the founder’s lawn, and the Smithfield campus. Team danced at 6:15, and the prizes were announced shortly afterwards. The top four pumpkins were awarded various gift cards, including a 150 dollar cash prize, a 25 dollar gift card to the Bookstore, and a 15 dollar Starbucks card.

Pumpkin Fest also got a lot of press, including the local NBC television station, The Providence Journal, Smithfield Times, and The Breeze. The event was coordinated by student Entrepreneur Emily Murphy and Haley Trenholn.

The Collegiate Entrepreneurs’ Organization is always looking for dynamic, creative people to join. They meet on Tuesday at 5pm in Papitto.
Close-up with Senate E-board

By Cristina Cox

Staff Writer

The five individuals who represent the Student Senate as Executive Board members all share one thing in common: the passion and desire to make a difference at Bryant. For each, the position found them, and they have moved on to become leaders among their peers.

The delightful face of Senate President Whitney Blatsos (‘09) greets the Senators as their meeting is ready to be brought to order. “I was involved with Senate in high school and loved the outlet it provided as a sounding board for students and myself,” she says. “It is vital to say that Blatsos has found her outlet here at Bryant as the liaison to the administration and the student body. Her decision to run for President was rooted in her desire to have an even greater impact. ‘I felt as though it was my time to step up and work on a different level to help implement change for the organization in a positive way,” she says. With the many responsibilities of Student Senate President, Blatsos does not have as much time for other clubs and organizations; however, this does not mean that her ear isn’t to the ground. She recognizes the importance of community to Bryant and asks her peers to keep that in mind and help continue to build the sense of community so that Bryant can remain as a great place to live and learn.

Like his peers, Secretary Ryan Letourneau (‘11) relishes in his ability to voice any and every concern he has, and have it actually be heard. “I did Student Government Association (SGA) in high school, but we really had no say because administration was pretty much the voice. I joined Senate because I like the idea of proposing bills. I love to meet you. New and approach a Senator? They would have an answer for anything you’re interested in,” Harvey quotes, “… my favorite thing about working on Senate is the potential to make an impact on the community.” Harvey states. It is safe to say that Blatsos has found her outlet here at Bryant as the liaison to the administration and the student body.

“Based on my past experiences in leadership roles, I felt that I would offer an effective and organized approach concerning the new initiative (SIF).” Harvey said, but he would also like to help people understand the role of the Treasurer better. “When you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change.” Harvey quotes, and he as well as the Senate executive board as a whole are working on changing the way Senate is seen by the student body.

Danielle Malatesta also walked a different route to becoming a Student Senator. “My class actually wrote me in for an open junior seat last year, and I served as the Historian and Community Service Committee Co-Chair.” The position “found me,” she said, but she’s still passionate about her role. “Any position you hold should be passionate about... my favorite thing about working on Senate is the potential to make an impact on the community. It is a great thing for students, not many feel they can do that.”

As the Speaker of the Council, a unique role in itself, she is doing just that. She serves as a liaison between the legislative body of Senators and the executive board, she is also available to the rest of us, (as are the rest of the Senators) because if there isn’t a committee for an issue, it is her responsibility to find out more about the issue. When she felt that she and Senate as a whole were making a difference, her answer was “Absolutely!” However, she recognizes that it is not always a transparent job, and her fellow executive boards can agree.

“Both of us.” Blatsos tells me.

“We’re normal human beings too. I make the same mistakes you do,” Diquette says. The bottom line is this: don’t be intimidated by the suits, the gavel, or the podium, because our Senators are here for us, they are for the students by the students. But how can they do for the students if we don’t convey to them what we want? We voted for them, so let’s work to make that happen!”

Bryant Cries “Wolf!”

Bryant University will welcome the Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem, NY and their six-year-old Arctic gray wolf, Atka, on November 7 at 12 noon.

The program will include an awe-inspiring, up-close encounter with this important but misunderstood predator.

Guests will learn about the history of wolves in the United States, the importance of wolves in a healthy ecosystem and the efforts to save these magnificent creatures for future generations.

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| EMT CALL | Medical Services Rendered | OCT 21 2008- Tuesday at 07:22 |
| Location: | RESIDENCE HALL |
| Summary: | A report of a person that had fallen in the shower. EMS was activated. |

| VANDALISM (AUTO) | OCT 21 2008-Tuesday at 15:03 |
| Location: | SENIOR APARTMENT LOT |
| Summary: | A report that a vehicle was vandalized. |

| EMT CALL | Medical Services Rendered | OCT 21 2008- Tuesday at 21:20 |
| Location: | UNSTRUCTURE |
| Summary: | A report of an unconscious person. EMS was activated. |

| MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT | OCT 22 2008-Wednesday at 21:45 |
| Location: | BELLO CENTER LOT |
| Summary: | A report of front end damage to a vehicle. |

| VANDALISM | OCT 25 2008-Saturday at 00:10 |
| Location: | TOWNHOUSE |
| Summary: | A vandalized light pole in the townhouse area. |

| EMT CALL | Medical Services Rendered | OCT 25 2008-Saturday at 00:50 |
| Location: | RESIDENCE HALL |
| Summary: | A report of an intoxicated male. EMS was activated. |

| VANDALISM | OCT 25 2008-Saturday at 01:52 |
| Location: | TOWNHOUSE |
| Summary: | A report of a broken window. |

| EMT CALL | Medical Services Rendered | OCT 25 2008-Saturday at 02:25 |
| Location: | ENTRY CONTROL STATION |
| Summary: | A report of an intoxicated male. EMS was activated. |

| EMT CALL | Medical Services Rendered | OCT 25 2008-Saturday at 21:57 |
| Location: | GEORGE E BELLO CENTER |
| Summary: | A report of a female who has fallen. EMS was activated. |

BIAS INCIDENTS: None reported.

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Bias related incident – a threatened, attempted, or completed action that is motivated by bigotry and bias regarding a person’s real or perceived race, religion, national origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, or gender status. Examples of these incidents include name calling, offensive language/actions, and graffiti/behavior.

The DPS Crime Prevention Officers: “TIP OF THE WEEK”

Remember there is safety in numbers. Walk with friends when you can. If you can’t, remember you can call DPS at 232-6001 to get a security escort.

Always try to look alert and confident when walking alone on campus!

www.bryantarchway.com
Spotlight on Interns: Christopher Andrukonis

Name: Christopher Andrukonis
Class of: 2009
Concentration: Computer Information Systems
Minor: Accounting
Internship Site: Fidelity Investments
Location: Marlborough, MA

How did you locate your internship? I went through fidelity/careers.com. Ever since sophomore year I had been working with one contact at Fidelity and she set me up with some interviews. This is the one that came through. I got an e-mail saying an opportunity was available, so I e-mailed the hiring manager about it and she contacted me for a phone interview. We set up a first day interview and it was kind of tough. There were some awkward silences, but I asked a lot of questions about tools they use and she asked about me why I was interested in the job, so it ended up going well.

What did you learn about the profile? It’s very interesting – both the CIS part of the profession and also how Fidelity works. Fidelity works so their many divisions are broken up. Their IT area is unlike so many – it’s broken up into several divisions, so I was working in one of the most diverse divisions of any corporation. I wasn’t as into the financial industry as I thought I would be, but I learned a lot about 401k’s and how people invest their money – we’d use databases with social security numbers in the test environment. I really learned how to work in a corporate environment and become comfortable in it, but also how much your communications skills are developed there. I learned stuff you can’t learn in the classroom. The people in the profession are a little older and people were older than me at the internship and I couldn’t connect all the time with them, but then you have to be very comfortable communicating with you. It was kind of hard leaving on the last day because it had been fun and because of all the people I met and networked. I did.

What were your major responsibilities? I was a tester for the Net Benefits website where people put money into their 401k; I worked on a CCW Project – setting up a call center. Fidelity wanted to reach out to customers – and the CCW Project was geared towards providing better customer service for them. The developers had a test plan strategy document, which was a code and I tested it – it was exploratory testing, not scripted, but we’d go in and actually try and break the system; I always thought of myself as shy so I thought my communication skills were better than I thought they’d be. My manager told me my skills were very good on the job, when I was there I joined the golf league so it was fun to network and that’s something I won’t always make myself do – I was surprised with myself in how much I actually liked the job and how much fun I actually had there. Definitely built up my self-confidence in the corporate environment. I learned this is something I want to do – you might find the complete opposite – I think it’s better to find that out during an internship than in a job. You build a lot of character and you learn stuff you’re not going to learn in the classroom.

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Spotlight on Study Abroad: Colby Banks

Name: Colby T. Banks
Class of: 2008
University: University of New South Wales (UNSW)
Location: Bondi Beach—Sydney, Australia
Partner: Arcadia
Semester Abroad: Spring 2008
Duration: February – June (not nearly long enough!)

Reason for Going: Choosing to go abroad was the hardest decision I have ever made but it was easily the best one! I thought it would be extremely difficult to be away from my family for an entire semester so I made sure to take part in the Sophomore International Experience Program (SIEP) to gain some international traveling. My two week experience with SIEP in London, Rome & Paris left a traveling bug in me. I knew I had to go abroad again. After I spoke with many graduates who stated that their only regret of their college years was not going abroad. The next day after hearing that statement I submitted my paperwork for Australia!

Best Experience/Memory: One week after classes started we had a week off for “Spring Break.” I took part in a trip to the Great Barrier Reef with fellow Bryant students where we went to the Great Barrier Reef, whitewater rafting on the Tully River, bungee jumping, skydiving, snorkeling, scuba diving, jungle surfing, hiking, swimming in gorges and a three day boat adventure. We learned a lot of new material and socialized with students from different places. It was a great experience and I learned so much about my position and want to stay in touch with them so that when something comes up they can let me know!...that was very rewarding.

What did you learn about yourself? I always thought of myself as shy so I thought my communication skills were better than I thought they’d be. My manager told me my skills were very good on the job, when I was there I joined the golf league so it was fun to network and that’s something I won’t always make myself do – I was surprised with myself in how much I actually liked the job and how much fun I actually had there. Definitely built up my self-confidence in the corporate environment. I learned this is something I want to do – you might find the complete opposite – I think it’s better to find that out during an internship than in a job. You build a lot of character and you learn stuff you’re not going to learn in the classroom.

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Funky Cultural Experience: My roommate and I had decided to visit Surfers Paradise, a very famous beach with the city built on top of it. We had made a last minute decision to cancel our hostel arrangements and rent a “Wicked Camper” which we were told was a white van that came with a kitchen, bed and other amenities. Since we made the arrangement the night before we were flying into Surfers Paradise, there was only one camper available two hours away from where we landed. We took a train to get there and when we finally arrived at the camper place, we were horrified.

The campers had dirty statements all over them and had graffiti head to toe of superheroes. Needless to say, they were as loud as boldness as was the owner who mentioned that it was a standard. I didn’t know how to drive one at the time and the driver licence was on the other side of the road in Australia! Talk about a panic attack! It was scary but very fulfilling experience at the end of our trip. This experience was able to find who I am as a person and realize that quality of life is extremely important. I have a new career path and a new set of goals in my life that I know will ensure a lifetime of happiness. Would you study abroad again given the opportunity? U MYES! I’d leave tomorrow if I could...
The pros and cons of solar energy

Maddie Archambeau
Staff Writer

Solar Energy is inextricable, having minimal environmental impacts, is less complex and hazardous than other sources, saves money on electricity, and would reduce the amount of waste produced, all in the same way. It is costly to initially set up a system, requiring a lengthy amount of time. The use of nonrenewable materials in the construction, can be unreliable because of varying amounts of sunlight, is inefficient, is prone to vandalism, and could possibly contaminate water and buildings in the area.

To construct a sufficient solar energy system for the United States, 150 thousand square kilometers of desert would be necessary, as well as the costs of processing the fuels, trucks, wells, etcetera harm the wildlife in the area, as well as the infrastructure contaminating in so many areas. Fluids used for energy in areas that can produce up to 1 kilowatt of power per hour, but by the individual consumer this does not make the investment worthwhile as the cost of electricity is small enough to affect the cost of solar power as well as the concept of free electricity.

The extraction of fossil fuels results in contamination in so many areas. Fluids used for lubricating the fuels, trucks, and are often pumped nearby as well as seeping into the ground nearby. The infrastructure required to transport the fuels, trucks, and is the latest addition to the Archway Business section, featuring entrepreneurial ideas from all members of the Bryant community.

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Bryant outmatched by #17 UMass

By Casey Mulcare
Asst. Sports Editor

Everyone knows that the Bryant football program was going to go through their growing pains in their transition to Division I-AA, and Bryant went through a lot of pain Saturday at McGuirk Stadium in Amherst, MA against the #17 ranked Minutemen of Massachusetts, falling to the #17 ranked Minutemen 42 to 7.

UMass quarterback Liam Coen, a product of Rhode Island’s LaSalle Academy, executed his offense quickly and precisely, leading UMass to three quick scores with touchdowns passes to Jeremy Home, Victor Cruz and Matt Silver. Home had an especially good game, hauling in three touchdowns on the day. To make matters worse, starting quarterback Jay Graber was sidelined with an injury and the Bulldogs took the field with junior backup Kurt Speer under center for the first time this year.

Spear was calm under pressure however, going 3 for 4 on the drive. The Bulldogs ate up almost seven minutes of the drive, the longest drive of the season and capped it off with a touchdown run by junior Lindsey Gamble, closing the gap to 21 to 7 in the closing minutes of the first quarter.

That would unfortunately be the last time the Bulldogs saw the end zone, as UMass showed why they were the reigning CAA Conference champs and National Finalist last season and shut down the Bulldogs for the rest of the game. Spear continued to play well, orchestrating the offense to a couple of decent drives before having to punt the ball away each time. UMass put up over 100 yards of 100 yard drives and capitalized, closing out the half up 35 to 7. The Minutemen coasted through the rest of the game, with Coen finishing 11 for 18 for 389 yards and five scores. Running back Tony Nelson also ran in a score for UMass.

Gamble and fellow junior Jereil Smith combined for 108 of Bryant’s 126 rushing yards while Spear went 7 for 17 for 70 yards.

The defense was led by sophomore safety Addison Lynch, who had a career best 12 tackles and junior linebacker Paul Polomski, who put in another stellar performance with 10 tackles. The Bulldogs were able to force and recover three fumbles, all of which came in the second half. Unfortunately the Bulldogs couldn’t capitalize on any of the Minutemen misues.

While the outcome was obviously not what Bryant had hoped for, this game was a huge step in the right direction for the Bulldogs. They took on one of the biggest kids on the block, took their lumps, and came back stronger from the experience. Bryant showed inklings of success against one of the best teams in the nation in their first year out of Division II, a feat the Bulldogs can definitely build upon in the coming years. Expect Bryant to be well prepared for their Senior Day matchup against Duquesne.

Bryant looks to avenge the loss this Saturday against Duquesne on Senior Day at 12 noon at Bulldog Stadium. The game can be heard on WOON 1240 AM or WJMF 88.7 FM.

Bryant hosts Second Bench Press Competition

Dustin Cabral, a student at Bryant, will host Bryant University’s second bench press competition on November 15, 2008, at 4:30pm in the MAC.

There will be over $400 in prizes, said Mr. Cabral. Last semester’s competitors were awarded prizes like t-shirts, hats, and ribbons. In addition, staff, facility, and DPS will be allowed to compete in their own division.

The entry fee for the competition is five dollars. The competition will be judged by AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) judges.

Tim Brien, Director of the Bryant University Fitness Center, is a national judge, and he will supervise the event as well.

Bryant University held its first bench press competition in April 2008. Mr. Cabral organized the event with great success.

The competition turned out “better than predicted,” said Mr. Cabral. “We expected maybe 20 people at most but there ended up being over 40 competitors and even more spectators.”

Two women competed in last semester’s competition, “hopefully there will be more this semester,” said Mr. Cabral.

The women fell under the 123 and 148 weight classes. They lifted up to 110 and 120 pounds respectively, and both placed first in their own weight class.

“Although this competition means a lot to people who are into weight lifting, they don’t get many chances to compete,” said Mr. Cabral.

Mr. Cabral encourages all weight lifters on campus to compete. “Odds are you have a good shot to win something. The competition gets you pumped and you will be able to lift more than you would have with the adrenaline,” said Mr. Cabral.

Tim Brian (tbrin@bryant.edu) or Dustin Cabral will provide additional information about the competition and rules. Or visit “Bryant Bench Competition” on Facebook.

Impressive start set tone for Men’s Golf season

By David Nelligan
Staff Writer

Bryant University’s golf team is off to another great start this season already taking the Dartmouth Invitational out of six teams, finishing fourth out of the Hawks’ Invitational out of twenty three teams, and coming in third at Yale during the MacDonald Cup out of fifteen teams.

These tournaments have featured many of the country’s top golfers including Baylor University, North Carolina State, and Oklahoma University. Lead by senior captain Scott Congdon, the team has made a smooth transition into division one competition.

Bryant, who used to play fifty percent of their schedule against division two teams, and the other fifty percent against division one, has competed against all division one teams this season without any trouble. Congdon attributes much of this success to the young, talented team Bryant has put together.

Mostly sophomores and juniors, the level of play has risen throughout the entire team over the past years competing against both division one and division two teams. “Everyone on the team has been playing well, not just one or two people,” said Congdon.

The team has finished five of six tournaments for the fall season and moved on to the New England Regionals October 20th and 21st to finish up their schedule. Due to the division one rules the team will not be able to compete for Nationals, but will be able to receive individual bids depending on how well they finish. They will also be getting ready for another competitive season next spring.

Steph Del Mistro
Year: Sophomore
Sport: Soccer

Del Mistro scored the game-winner against Cornell to lift the Bulldogs to 1-0 victory on Friday senior day. The goal was the third of her career and helped head coach Chris Flint to his 100th career win.

Addison Lynch
Year: Sophomore
Sport: Football

The sophomore safely led the team with 12 tackles (4 solo, 8 assisted) in a 42-7 loss against UMass. The Braintree, MA native also added a forced fumble in the second half.
Men’s Soccer concludes inaugural D-1 season

The Bryant University men’s soccer team concluded its inaugural Division I season Sunday with a 4-0 victory over University of New Hampshire Saturday, 5-41. The squad this year that featured 14 freshmen and seven sophomores.

Freshman defender Cuinn Nevins (Massapequa, N.Y.) became a staple on the defense, appearing in 21 games while starting the final six. Outside back Ben Lawrence (Amherst, N.H.) improved many with his aggressive play, starting 14 games for the season while appearing in 15. Keeper Andrew Smith (South Salem, N.Y.) led the team in goals average, surrendering 2.68 goals per game while making 33 saves in eight appearances.

Midfielder Tom Nelan (East Huntingdon, Pa.) improved every game this season, and was a main target in the middle, winning the majority of headers.

Sophomore Norbert Zrey (Andover, Mass.) made the change from forward to sweeper after last season’s games went well for an injury and did a solid job at the position.

Rodriguez also made the switch to defensive center midfield to help sure up the Bulldogs defense.

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Field Hockey falls to #20 ranked Rutgers

Despite tough defense and hard work Sunday afternoon, the Bulldogs were ranked #20 in the nation, falling short, losing 3-0 to Rutgers, 6-0, at Providence College in their second-to-last game of the season. The Bulldogs had a tough time getting adjusted to the quick play of the Scarlet Knights out of the gates, giving up a trio of scores in the first seven minutes of play. Leveska Hoh got the scoring started just 3:39 into the game when Amy Lewis fed the ball to the right post where Hoh was waiting to put it past junior goalkeeper Kundayi Mello.

Senior Tom Ferrigno won the 200 yard backstroke, while junior goalkeeper Andrew Purcell had the task of replacing senior Matt Brown in goal.

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A late goal by steph Del Mistro against Cornell on Saturday afternoon helped the Bulldogs to a 1-0 victory, and gave head coach Chris Flint his 100th career win with the Bryant soccer program in just his ninth season. The Colby College graduate started with the program back in the 2000 season. Since that time, the women’s soccer program has amassed a record of 100 wins, 64 losses, and 18 ties. Since taking over the program, Flint has had just two seasons of fewer than 10 wins.

The squad has qualified for the Northeast-10 tournament in six of his eight seasons, while earning a bid in the NCAA tournament three times. Last season, Flint led the Bulldogs to their highest ever national ranking, finishing 13th in the national polls and reaching as high as second at one point during the season. The 2007 Bulldogs won a school record 17 games. In his tenure, Flint has recognized with two Northeast-10 Coach of the Year awards and as the NEWISA Coach of the Year in 2001, after turning around a three-win team in 2000 into a 13-win team in 2001. This season, the Bulldogs began a new challenge as they worked on their first season of Division I play. Flint, by far the most successful coach in program history, has led his team to a record of 4-9-3, with wins over Northern Col- lone (Loudonville, N.Y.) and Providence. Both Brown and Colville, while playing a rigorous travel schedule that featured just one home game.

Bulldog Bites

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Hockey Club starts season strong

Freshman Mike Brown and Joe Fusco are proving to be positive assets on Bryant’s Club Ice Hockey team this season. The two are the only freshmen to dress for games, and will have to take a big step to contribute to the Bulldogs team for the National Tournament for the team. Both Brown and Fusco scored in the team’s first game of the season, helping the Bulldogs to clinch a victory against Westfield State on Friday night.

Fusco, 427, scored a goal and had an assist, while Brown, 426, also had a goal, leading Bryant to the 1-0 win. The two seem to be playing great with the team, and Bryant is looking at a year of great success.

The hockey team is 2-0, after beating Westfield State on Friday 13-5, and University of New Hampshire Saturday, 5-4.

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No experience necessary.
NBA season opens amid economic concerns

By David Boyce
MCT Campus

Just the NBA's luck. As the new season opens without any of the image-tainting controversies that has plagued the league in past years, something more ominous, the nation's flagging economy, looms overhead.

The 2008-09 NBA season opens Tuesday night with three games. All of them will cost fans $20 or less to see.

LeBron James' Cleveland Cavaliers play at Boston, the defending champions. Top pick Derrick Rose makes his debut for Chicago at home against Milwaukee. And Portland travels to Los Angeles to take on the defending Western Conference champion Lakers.

Those are intriguing openers, but fans will find a few extra $20s to pay for their seats.

But the way the economy is declining, will enough NBA fans find those $20s to pay for $30, $50, $60 or $150 seats to see Milwaukee at Atlanta on Jan. 23?

There is a real possibility that many NBA arenas will be half-empty if the economy stays in its present state or gets worse. It's something of a concern.

In his annual preseason teleconference, NBA commissioner David Stern addressed the economic concerns.

"We did spend a fair amount of time sharing ideas and talking about the state of the economy, looking for ways we could be more relevant," Stern said.

"What the economy could do to erode the resurgence of the NBA, makes preseason issues of the previous three years seem almost trivial.

Before the start of the 2005-06 season, Stern expressed concerns.

The economic viability of the NBA was definitely at stake last year, but the league got through it just fine and ended with a dream finals matchup between two storied franchises.

The economy is a far scarier issue for the NBA. If basketball fans are struggling to pay for basic needs like food, gas and a home mortgage, they certainly won't have money for NBA tickets.

Stern said about 1,000 tickets per team will cost $10 or less for every game. As the season progresses, the $10 note becomes a very effective tool to keep fans from dropping out.

When Portland played Atlanta in a preseason game at the Sprint Center the several hundred $10 tickets were quickly snatched up. There were plenty of $50 and $90 tickets available.

It proved there was a market for NBA basketball in Kansas City for $10, but at $50? Stern is optimistic the current economic climate will not hurt the NBA too much.

"For a business perspective, we are going to be flat in attendance, which is good news, and our sponsor renewals and presentations are very strong," he said.

Stern, though, is not taking a Pollyanna view of the upcoming season.

"I think that if you are alive in this world and you have access to that ancient form of communication, the newspaper, you can't but read the headlines of what's going on," Stern said.

"Company after company is announcing large layoffs. So if you're having a business discussion you just have to understand what's going on in the world around you, and we did that.

LeBron James and the rest of the star-studded NBA kicked off the new season after a very successful 2007. But amidst financial difficulties and a faltering economy, will the NBA build on their breakout season? (MCT Campus)

forced a dress code, in part, to clean up the image of NBA players. The following season the NBA was quicker to call technical fouls on players for complaining about fouls.

And last year, Stern had to assure the public that referee Tim Donaghy was the only one involved in a point-shaving scam to cover his betting on NBA games.

Club Spotlight:
Men's Rugby

By Matthew Kane
Staff Writer

The Bryant Men's Rugby Club (2-2) has looked to Co-captain Jameson Antonowicz, narrowly defeated the visiting Roger Williams University Hawks (2-2) 24-22 in the final minutes of regulation, keeping their playoff chances alive.

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After a series of defensive standoffs, the Hawks put their first points on the board, closing the gap at halftime to 12-7.

Antonowicz scored the first of his three tries. With momentum in their favor, the Bulldogs capitalized on the lead and sustained the possibility of a playoff berth into regulation, keeping their playoff chances alive.

Mediocrity at its best

By David Niles
Staff Writer

Last week I wrote about the possible end of the Patriots reign over the NFL. They established themselves as the NFL's equivalent of a dynasty this decade, winning 3 Super Bowls, and no other franchise was able to win 2.

While the Patriots may not be able to dominate the league anymore, it isn't as if another team has stepped up to take their place. Take a look around. I find it hard to pronounce a single NFL team as dominant. Coming into the season, the Patriots, Colts, Chargers, Giants, and Cowboys were widely considered to be the top 5 teams in the NFL. The Patriots lost Brady and their defense has been giving up points to mediocre offenses. The Colts have struggled to get their offense in sync and couldn't stop you or me from running on them.

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The Giants lost Merrell and LaDainian Tomlinson is beginning to look like he is approaching that 30-year old running back decline. The Giants looked like the defending Super Bowl champs for their first four games but then dropped a game to the lowly Browns.

The Cowboys lost their Pro Bowl quarterback and then their pride after a blowout loss the winless Rams this past weekend.

The Bills and Steelers are both 5-2 and the Titans are undefeated at 7-0. But do the Titans really scare you? Their defense has been outstanding, allowing 11 points per game, and the offense has unquestionably benefited from benching Vince Young in favor of the veteran Kerry Collins. Do you know what these three teams have in common? They have yet to play a game against a winning team. They have beaten up on teams like the Bengals, Raiders, Broncos, Ravens, and Jaguars.

This season, more than any other, might come down to health. Is Ben Roethlisberger going to play? Tim Tebow and the Jaguars were healthy and active? All the teams at the top of their divisions have been able to escape injury thus far. But if Ben Roethlisberger goes down I don't think the Steelers make any noise in the playoffs. Which teams will be able to stay healthy is anyone's guess.

Another problem is that we don't know the identity of many of the top teams. For instance, the Broncos averaged 38 points per game in their first 3 games and then failed to score 20 in their next three. Among the contenders in the NFC, the Eagles, Giants, Redskins and Falcons all have the look of a Super Bowl contender.

Can journeyman Kerry Collins lead the Bills to a Super Bowl in 2008? (MCT Campus)
What is your favorite Halloween costume?

“A few friends and I are going to be the BlueMan-group.”
Robert Stewart ’09

“I’m going to be a hippie.”
Alyssa Rollins ’12

“My costume is a 1930’s flapper girl.”
Emily Hoodlet ’12

“I am dressing as a schoolgirl.”
Shaina Gamache ’12

“Seeing Doug Francis-Berman dressed up in a gorilla suit.”
Brian Murphy ’11

“One time when I was little, my mom dressed me and my brother and cousin up as labrador retrievers and we roamed around the neighborhood barking.”
Ian Ross ’11

“When I was younger my dad dressed up me and my three sisters as household appliances. I was a stove and my sisters were a washer, a dryer and a refrigerator.”
Bri Lefebvre ’11

“Brendan King as a man riding an ostrich.”
Doug Berman ’11

Compiled by Ashley McNamara and Amanda Dunn
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**Guns are Good**

By Matt Vincunas

Staff Writer

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed. This is perhaps one of the most important statements our founding fathers crafted, not only for the security of the country, but for the freedom of the people. As a hunter and someone who enjoys firearms, the right of the 2nd amendment is one that as it says, should not be infringed. Over the summer the United States Supreme Court upheld the decision of the Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit that it was a person's individual right to own firearms, such as handguns, and that it is not the government's right to do so. Generally only five justices with our founding fathers, leaving the other four, likely four of whom support this idea, in all seriousness, the right of the 2nd amendment is necessary for the safety of our citizens, even though some people do abuse their right, like drugs and murderers. For Washington D.C. to even think about banning the purchasing and use of handguns for personal safety is absurd. Sure there are gang members who are killing people, but don't go ban one of the tools of the trade.

The gang members and thugs that use the guns are the ones who should suffer, not the law abiding citizens who go about their daily lives. It is a fact that in this country already and the legislation passed about gun control, annihilation of illegal transactions, and hope that a background check. Selling guns in stores regulated by the Department of Defense is the only major issue I have with the "right to bear arms" is that last line that says, "If it is necessary, one is enough, and will go as far to say that profanity is a distinct protection that it gives the holder. We should not get lost and think that since there is a law allowing citizens to own a gun that it can be for the purpose of acquiring a collection. It is important to remember the time period this law was created. The reason behind needing a law allowing the ownership of guns was so the individual could protect himself, not to have a collection. So why is that people need to have more guns than they have hands? You cannot use more than two at once for protection, so why would anyone be foolish enough to try to protect yourself then there should be a limit on how much protection a person needs.

As for what type of gun a person should own is another issue. I highly doubt that a semi-automatic or assault weapon is necessary to protect an individual from harm. If anything, having and using a gun like that on a perpetrator will probably cause more harm than the perpetrator originally intended. They are too powerful for protection when death is going to be the outcome one way or another, which is why people in the army use such weapons. Civilians do not face the same threat and should not be allowed to own those types of weapons. I believe it is almost impossible to have a gun in your household or car. It has to be locked in a case while in the house, and they even want them to be disassembled with a trigger lock. If someone does break into your house maybe they'll give you a few minutes to unlock the gun case and assemble the gun. Of course the lawmakers don't have to worry about owning guns because they have people who protect them, unlike normal citizens.
A Secular Perspective: Teach Religion in Public Schools

By: Brandon Dobro  
Staff Writer

It goes without saying that each individual probably thinks long and hard about which religion to choose, if any. So why is it that the world is completely Balkanized by different religions? In many parts of the world, a person is almost certain to follow a particular religious doctrine as a mere result of their geographic location. This doesn’t make any sense when you consider that there are thousands of equally plausible religions to believe in. Undoubtedly, you recognize the astonishing lack of theological education around the world and in our own country.

I am not suggesting that we teach religious values, but religious facts in an impertial, objective manner. Religion is just too important to avoid in the classroom. It has been the root of some of the world’s greatest wars and the cause of some of the world’s greatest achievements. It has shaped not only the world’s most influential leaders, but entire cultures. Just about the entire world today sees their religion not just as a spiritual guide, but as a way of life. In an educational system that is supposed to teach multi-disciplinary facts about the world, there is simply no avoiding religion.

I would be willing to bet that most college students could not write more than a thousand words about the world’s major religions. Most of this knowledge probably comes from parents or churches, and is only about one particular religion. From a very young age, many children are conditioned into believing that one particular religion is true and that the rest are nonsense. There is no escaping the urge of parents to want their children to believe the truth about anything, particularly when it comes to choosing a spiritual path. But there is a fine line between teaching and brainwashing. It doesn’t seem right that parents can call their son or daughter a “Christian child” or a “Jewish child,” just like it doesn’t make any sense to call your child a Republican or Democrat. Do children really know about the world’s religions when they are old enough to be taught? Children are the reason we like “impressionable” exist and they will believe long past the age of ten.

Children should instead learn about all kinds of religions and the transformation that each religion has gone through. What is religion? How did each religion form and how do they each evolve? What effect has religion had on the world’s communities, music, art, and architecture? What causes a religion to spread? Why is it that some religions still exist while others have been eradicated? These are all very important questions that most adults would likely have difficulty answering. This is extremely troubling.

So, why is it that teaching about religion is shunned from public schools, even if all teaching and biases are excluded? Personally, I think it comes down to the narcissistic, but mainstream view that if you don’t believe in the jolly old man, you were even- tually led to deny his existence, hopefully. Now imagine that Santa wasn’t actually a tangible person delivering gifts, but rather the spiritual creator of the entire Universe, who, by definition, there is no proof of nonexistence. Add a few heart-warming stories that happened a few thousand years ago (some that are true and some that are not—you get to choose), a weekly gathering with members of your community to discuss and sing about this belief, and the confirmation that millions of others also hold this belief, and it might have something to do with people will believe long past the age of ten.

Observations

Compiled by Michael Adams, Mike Yakovlevics and Livsey Morse

Just in Time

We love the new clocks—now it’s not perpetually 9:42 in every classroom in the Unistructure!

Sorry, wrong number!

The list of clubs and organizations on the Bryant website are outdated—some by two years. Can some- one please update the listings, before we call a Bryant Alum?

Congratulations President Machtley!

Last week, President Machtley was awarded the Business Mastery Award in Business Administration. We look forward to a bright future for the Univer- sity.

Legends of the Hidden Commuter Lockers

We have heard some rumblings about new lockers for commuters near the Commuter Connection. It’s not like we’re jealous or anything, but they do bring back some lovely high school memories. Can we stuff the nerdy kids into these lockers too? (Kid- ding)

Bryant Said What?!

"What the hell is ‘Funfetti’?"

“So basically, all you have to do is take a piece of printer paper, put it under a goose, wait for it to poop, and go hand it in.”

“If Stephen Hawking can do it, you can do it too.”

“I can see a school bus from my house!”

“This looks like Miss Frizzle having sex with Fabio.”

“How much does your pound of bologna weigh?”

“So I fell down the stairs this morning...like, the whole entire flight of stairs.”

“I felt like a stripper, because everyone was throwing singles at me all day.”

“Park your car in the Harvard Yard.”

“No. you can’t. You’ll get a ticket.”

Parents Said What!

Mother: She was walking around with boobs sticking out

Father: That’s what boobs usually do.

Mother: I was at the beauty salon for eight hours! Father: You should have gotten your money back.
Dear Editor,

I want to respond to the article “Gay Marriage is Useless.” M. Vincunas wrote in his article, “Why are [homosexuals] fighting for something they already have?” I would like to oppose his argument that gay marriage is not a priority. Let me be clear that homosexual marriage focuses on civil marriage and legal rights, unrelated to a religious marriage. We all remember that called marriage “a piece of paper.” It has much more value than that. Experts have looked into the meaning of marriage and that between two people of the same gender. In theory, there are more than 1,400 benefits that marriage give to married couples. M. Vincunas states that “marriage license is just a title. If homosexuals are marrying for benefits instead of love or faith, then the marriage license is not for homosexuals to visit their partner in the hospital. Tell me that is not a benefit of love.

Additionally, “married” couple does not have to prove ownership of every item inside their home after a spouse dies. Civil marriage provides many fi nal benefits that married couples are unaware of until they need use them. Homosexuals are not trying to obtain, “special rights” as M. Vincunas says, but are seeking equal rights. Here is my favorite part. M. Vincunas also said, “The point of heterosexism is that people are unqualified to get married.” Really? M. Vincunas states that “we do not need gay people in the U.S. who are unable to conceive children.” Please don’t leave that off your resume, M. Vincunas. For more information on homosexual marriage benefits visit www.bryant.edu. I also want to thank the Bryant University for clearly not searching the issues and writing an informed article.

A.J. Sorbera

Dear Editor,

This past week, I was appalled by both the title and content of the article “Gay Marriage is Useless” by M. Vincunas. I am in full support of gay marriage. However, as anyone who knows me well will tell you, I am not one to jump on a bandwagon without much thought or discussion with the opposition side. The conclusion of the article completely factually unsupported statements in this article. It seems like Vincunas’ article seems to be a mixture of his personal feelings and his perception of the position of the heterosexuals. As a result, the article as a whole seems to be defensive rather than informative.

It seems like Vincunas supports the idea that if marriage is based on love, then he is perfectly fine with the idea of gay couples marrying. However, if marriage is based on procreation, then gay couples are not allowed to marry. This is not acceptable.

Furthermore, the article suggests that gay couples are not worthy of marriage because they want the same benefits as heterosexual couples. This is a false assumption. Gay couples do want the same benefits as heterosexual couples. The only difference is that they cannot reproduce on their own.

Dear Editor,

In a recent edition of the Archway I noticed one of the entries in the “Observations” column was about the interfaith web-cam. The entry asked if someone could set up an interfaith web-cam and have a pointed discussion in the setup and would like to take a moment to briefly highlight its purpose and significance to the Bryant Community.

I would love to see a web-cam that streams images to the Bryant University website. These images give our site dynamic content and show the world how proud we are of our growing institution. The building’s progress can be viewed by interested faculty, staff, students, parents, alumni, and homosexuals by extending these rights only to heterosexual couples in 49 states. Homosexual rights activists are not “fighting for what [homosexuals] already have”; they are fighting for the right to have the same rights and privileges as heterosexual married couples.

After conflating love and baseball and providing a plethora of other stinging comments, Vincunas returns to his initial argument that he is fine with gay people as long as they “don’t try to push it on society.” Gay couples are allowed to be together, according to Vincunas, so long as they do not dare to ask to be on “the same level” as heterosexual couples and ask for equal rights such as visas in hospitals or joint tax filing benefits. If Vincunas must ask why “it is so important for gay people to have a right to become married,” then I encourage him to research the issue. Along with many others, Vincunas would be happy to discuss the issue. The conversation about gay marriage is not simply controversy-seeking as Vincunas suggests. It is a fight for equal rights for equal human beings and one that I plan to continue conversing about and start practicing what we preach: liberty and justice for all.

-Kim Cole

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Letters to the Editor

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Bulldog Flicks: Flash of Genius

Luke Stankiewicz
Staff Writer

Flash of Genius is the kind of movie you go see if you want something interesting, funny, and dramatic. This is what I expected from the film, and it's exactly what I got. I didn't have tremendously high expectations, so not surprisingly I left the theater with more than I thought I would. This is because with most biopics, the story is either irrelevant or uninteresting, or the main character is of no real importance and is therefore not worth making a movie about. Flash of Genius, however, is none of these things. It is a solid movie with great performances, a great script, and one that (most surprisingly) breaks free from the type of formula feel-good Disney-made movies and actually gives us an accurate picture of the story it is telling.

The movie is about Robert Kearns (Greg Kinnear), or Bob to his friends. Driving home from work one day, he wonders why his windshield wipers can only go at one speed, and not adjust for the intensity of the rain outside. Either it's not quick enough, he thinks, or it's too slow and impairs his vision. Being an inventor, he doesn't just dismiss the quandary, instead he goes to his basement workshop and comes up with a device he calls the “Blinking Eye Wiper” so called for the way it clears water the way your eyes clear tears, only when necessary.

Recognizing the opportunity for massive profit from this device, he takes it to the Ford motor company to see if they're interested in putting it in their cars. As it turns out, every major car company had been working on an “improvement” of what they call it, and Bob beat them all to the punch. At first Ford is skeptical, but after a working demo, they essentially tell Bob he has a deal (after the legal stuff etc.).

It was the '50s, it was a simpler time, one with less accountability from companies who could more easily hide their inner doings. For Bob Kearns, this non transparency allows Ford to steal his idea after taking a prototype he built, copying it, and then terminating the deal they had with him. Bob meanwhile, is unable to believe this idea, and only realizes this years later when he sees a car with wipers using his design. Instead of letting this go however, Bob determines that it isn’t right for Ford to take credit for his work, and is determined to sue them for his rights. The design of the movie tells of how the lawsuit, which lasts from average to extraordinary. Go see it, be involved.

Robert's tenacity in pursuing the Ford motor company in his lawsuit is genuinely engaging, and doesn’t even turn Bob into a ridiculous underdog. Instead, it shows his trouble, shows his pain, and evinces all of his hard work and the costs of what he went through. I like this kind of stuff in a movie a lot, a very lot, because I want realism from a film, not some story full of Hollywood clichés. I want to feel good. This movie doesn’t have a fairy tale ending; it has exactly the kind of ending you would expect if you were seeing the case as it was happening in the 1950s. And yet, Bob returns to normal after the trial is over, his life is still as imperfect as it was before the hearings, and exactly the way it should be. You leave the theater with a sense of justice being served, but not a feeling of Hollywood dewiness or good feel good. The underdog won, but it was a pyrrhic victory (save the twenty-eight million he eventually got paid).

This is a great film, with an excellent performance by Kinnear who elevates the film from average to extraordinary. Go see it, be inspired, and watch the little guy win. But also think about what happened, what you would do, what Bob did, and how you feel about it. These questions are raised in the movie, but not answered. The movie is about the importance and is therefore not worth predicting what will happen. This is what I expected from the film, and it's exactly what I got. I didn't have tremendously high expectations, so not surprisingly I left the theater with more than I thought I would. This is because with most biopics, the story is either irrelevant or uninteresting, or the main character is of no real importance and is therefore not worth making a movie about. Flash of Genius, however, is none of these things. It is a solid movie with great performances, a great script, and one that (most surprisingly) breaks free from the type of formula feel-good Disney-made movies and actually gives us an accurate picture of the story it is telling.

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Flash of Genius 4 out of 5 Bulldogs.

Movie Recommendation: This week I’m recommending the film for its solid and compelling story. Four stars John Cusack in one of his best performances as a teenager in love with the smartest and prettiest girl at school, and his interactions with her disapproving father. This is the quintessential romantic comedy and is still the best one ever made. It’s unconventional and formulaic (since it set the bar at the same time). Even the most unlikely one should see this film because it’s one of the best of all time.

This movie earned 4 out of 5 bulldogs

Horoscopes

Don’t let your enthusiasm for life and enjoy-ment tempt you to overspend. You will have fun even if you are careful about expenses.

There’s something really spooky going on and you can’t help thinking like that. You’re more sensitive to atmosphere and there may be one or two moments this Halloween when you will be convince you’ve seen a real ghost.

You might get together with co-workers who are also friends at a Halloween party. Just be-cause you like someone is no reason to let them make your decisions for you. Something you’ve been aiming for is almost within reach. You can see the light at the end of the tunnel.

Change challenges you. You’re never at ease when circumstances are shifting and some impor-tant things are going on in your life now. It won’t be easy and there are a few changes you will have to climb but you have the energy and stamina to cope.

Some interesting days are ahead. At Hal-loween, some exciting extragenital things will go a little bizarre will make for a more mysterious evening. You get the chance to make some in-teresting new advances and Cupid could also be involved.

You’re feeling lucky at this time. Dreams are vivid around Halloween. People visit you in your dreams; some faces you will recognise, others will be unfamiliar. Your outlook will im-prove after a message received and new areas of your personal life are opening up for you.

You always want to look your best and you might meet someone around this time who in-troduces you to a new diet or exercise pro-gram. It might sound like you will get fit the easy way but there’s probably more to it than others are making out.

A friend or neighbor appreciates your practical and careful personality. They might be plan-ning a special event for this evening and with your help all will come together perfectly. You have a great way of keeping things calm and orderly when chaos threatens.

Some strong magnetism exists between you and someone you meet this Halloween. You’re expected to join in with social events. If you aren’t in the mood, you feel obliged to partici-pate.

You might feel it’s time for a change. A series of events will make you realise if it is time to take on new long-term commitments probably of the professional kind. This will put you on a new career path and you will start to feel more optimistic for the future.

Someone is up to some imaginative fun and frolics. Could that someone be you? The more flexible your plans at this time, the more you will enjoy yourself. A friend is grateful for a tip you’re willing to give them.

Creativity flows and there’s a lot of passion in the air this Halloween. A friend or loved-one’s reaction to a question or proposal you put to them might surprise you. Be sure to keep your promises.
**Bon Appetit: Rocco Osteria**

By Jessica Komoroski
Assistant Editor-in-Chief

One of the newest eateries in Rhode Island, Rocco Italian Osteria, offers delicious and original Italian dishes at a price that is not going to leave a hole in your wallet. With filling pastas, chicken and seafood dishes priced no higher than twenty-eight dollars, a simple dinner for two can be ordered for only fifty dollars. The service ranges from an eight- to twelve-dollar appetizer and a scrumptious dessert that their personal pastry chefs, and you may be lucky enough to order through, check upwards of one hundred dollars. Of course, it’s not all social food and one of the reason you are paying for. Rocco holds true to its name bringing its customers the quality of the meal you are paying for. Rocco Osteria... Simply put, the service you get at Rocco Osteria is sure to make your evening unforgettable. The question, though, is how comfortable is too comfortable?

Walking up to this barn-like structure from your car (which you hopefully found a spot to park it in their certain designated parking lot), you may start to wonder whether this is a restaurant or a cow-milking site. Once you step into the door, however, the cows will be gone, the stall wall and sensitonal wall scarces allow for a relaxed environment. The restaurant goes to be a huge relief of sight. Given the fact that you called ahead and made a reservation. (which, by the way, is a good idea unless you enjoy eating a scrumptious meal at 11pm), a cheery hostess will bring you around the wall into the dining area which is sure to in-still memories of family gatherings past.

Pictured: Grandma’s living room. A light carpet covers the floor wall to flesh-colored wall, and small candles light each table covered with simple white table clothes. Although there are tables fit to seat four people, along the walls, the restaurant also seats larger parties upwards of 10 people right in the center of the dining floor. The largest table even has two black couches on either of the longer sides of the oval table, a system that I found difficult to wrap my head around. After all, what if little cousin was at one end of the couch struggling with Papa long legs to decide just how far this coach should be from the table? That aside, the location of the tables made the guests feel comfortable as if they were on display - I know I did! The “cozy” seating arrangements may overdo the idea of comfort, but the ideas and themes of the restaurant are spot on.

Of course, it wouldn't be fair to downplay the quality of food given the environment of the new Osteria. Taking things from the top, the calamari appetizer was one of the best I’ve had in years. The squid was light and well cooked nicely by a light, crispy, batter that wasn’t swimming in grease, served with sauce and banana peppers on the side. As for the main entrée, the chicken ravioli is a delicious choice that isn’t your everyday pasta and sauce. As promised by the menu description, tender homemade pasta is stuffed with finely pulled chicken and hints of sun-dried tomatoes and had bathed in a rich gorgonzola sauce that, to my happy surprise, was not too thick or too watery. The scalletti al frutti di mare and rigatoni alla boccaiola also come highly recommended from my dining colleagues. In order to complete this meal, a fresh dessert from the pastry chef seemed fitting. Along with a stunning hot cup of their coffee served from a genuine Italian coffee press, the pumpkin cheesecake was better than anything the Cheesecake Factory can throw at you. The portion was fully generous and the cake had a rich consistency that was paired beautifully with a hint of that friendly fall flavor of pumpkin. For the final touch, the dessert was served with a raspberry and served on a plate that included taste-full and artistic chocolate syrup designs, the dessert dishes have taken the cake for the osteria.

So where does that leave you, the amateur restaurant connoisseur who’s dying for a meal that is different yet satisfying? Rocco Italian Osteria can give you just that at a price that isn’t mind-boggling. The fish-in-a-bowl atmos- phere the restaurant seems to have overlooked considering the quality of the meal you are sure to enjoy dining at Rocco. So gentlemen, grab your lady and treat her to a meal that is sure to fill her for days (or at least until lunch tomorrow!).

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**Delicious Murder**

By Brigitt Clancy
Variety Editor

It was mysterious and deliciously entertaining, so began the night of dinner and murder solving. On Thursday October 30th, the Bryant Players and the Student Programming Board co-sponsored an event entitled “Dinner & a Mystery”. Students had the chance to try to solve a mystery while being served dinner. Kristen Aucoin, the President of Bryant Players, said that “Dinner & a Mystery” was a night where a hired group of professionals perform a murder mystery show while everyone eats dinner and tries to solve the mystery.

This event was perfectly scheduled for the autumnal date. The dinner lasted from 8pm until 11pm.

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**The Perfect Idiot': A Perfect Success**

By Katie Watts
Staff Writer

The Bryant Players have once again astounded us with their wonderful acting skills. This past weekend was their first show of the 2008-2009 school year. “The Perfect Idiot” by Eugene and Grace Atkinson brought in huge audiences and broke all former attendance records for the Bryant Players. The cast, made up of some returning members and lots of new faces left nothing to the imagination with their pheno-menal interpretation of the show.

The show tells the story of the young Dan Tennyson (Kevin Durnin, ’12) who is trying to convince his parents about the activities he was involved in. His parents quickly become very reluctant when Dan has recently all that he was involved in. When Dan realizes that there is no way his parents are going to let him go to college until he can become a “socially happy” person, he turns to his brother Jackie (Coburn Childs, ’12) who is clearly a ladies’ man. Jackie’s friends Carla (Jara Calnan, ’12), Linda (Jenny Morris, ’12) and his girlfriend Jeannie (Jenna Morris, ’12) have agreed to tutor Puff as long as everyone helps him to become the most popular kid in school, and help him get back on the television show that is sponsored by a local business-man, Mr. Latherby (Ryan Smith, ’09). Of course stealing the show with her great antics is the Tennyson’s maid, Rhodorah (Krisye Aucin, ’10). And when the plot that Dan has thought up begins to unravel itself to the adults, they are joined by a reporter (Car-llos Ramos, ’10) and a police officer (Matthew Tivnan, ’10). Finally as we conclude the show, a doctor (Kevin Javie, ’12) shows up thinking of Dan as the “Perfect Idiot” because he got a perfect zero on his I.Q. test. When they realize that Dan intentionally failed his I.Q. test because he really liked Linda and didn’t want to leave her behind when he went to college, the doctor lets Dan take his I.Q. test and all is well again, and Dan and Linda can go to college to-gether.

This brilliant cast was lead by Director Amber De Angelis (’09) and Assistant Director Mandie Dev (’10). The show was captivating with its humor, and taught the audi-ence a little bit of a life lesson. For the first show of this year, “The Perfect Idiot” re-ally sets the bar for the Play-ers this year. It should be both entertaining and interesting to see the next show of the year.

Charles Dickens’ “A Christ-mas Carol” as adapted by Brian Way, December 5th, 6th, and 7th.

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**The Cast of 'The Perfect Idiot' poses after one of three performances. (Photo courtesy of Mark Laslo)**

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**Variety Editor**

By Jessica Komoroski
Assistant Editor-in-Chief

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**Word Vomit**

By Blair Worthington
Staff Columnist

“Good can come”

Going forward with no light at the end. Is this good or does this mean I’m trapped? The walls are closing in but then they stop. The entire ceiling then begins to bend. One thing stops and another thing starts. When is it going to end and get easy? Then comes the open door where the light is. Finally the uncertainty parts.

Ways with my mind and I know I am free. Why did this challenge me so? I was so worried and concerned and now All this wants to do is let me be me.

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**Tune-In to WMJF**

A note from General Manager, A.J. Toto

WMJF First Ever Politics Night! Tuesday November 4th at 8pm

Join WMJF for our first ever politics night at 8pm on Tuesday November 4th for nonstop coverage of the 2008 presidential election. We will have guests from several Bryant university groups that will discuss the political climate along with predictions of the election stopping by. WMJF will be in the Rotunda giving out free cookies as well as 10am-2pm to promote the big night. So call in or stop by to give us your input on the presidential election. Get ready for an exciting night Bryant University!
History of Halloween

By Sue Nowiki
MCT Campus

Halloween. The name comes from an early Christian festival on November 1st—All Hallowmas or All Saints Day—and thus, the night before is Hallow’s Eve or Hallow Even, as it is called in Ireland.

In old English, the word “Hallow” meant “sanctify.” It’s the same word used in the familiar Lord’s Prayer: “Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.”

Like some other holidays, this one contains a mix of Christian and pagan rituals, marking the end of the harvest season and the initiation of winter. But unlike other holidays, this one draws the ire of many evangelical Christians because of the overwhelming emphasis on costumes of witches, ghouls, ghosts, bloody and violent masks and other fierce characters. In “Star Wars” language, it would be all about the “dark side of the force.”

In the United States, it is definitely a big business today, with costumes for adults on the rise. BillGreer search found that consumers spent $4.96 billion on Halloween-related goods in 2006, up significantly from $3.29 billion the previous year.

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In old English, the word “Hallow” meant “sanctify.” It’s the same word used in the familiar Lord’s Prayer: “Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.”

Like some other holidays, this one contains a mix of Christian and pagan rituals, marking the end of the harvest season and the initiation of winter. But unlike other holidays, this one draws the ire of many evangelical Christians because of the overwhelming emphasis on costumes of witches, ghouls, ghosts, bloody and violent masks and other fierce characters. In “Star Wars” language, it would be all about the “dark side of the force.”

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