The next Sunday the PostSecret began. Megan Sage, the Assistant Director of the Center for Student Involvement and the co-chair for SASS, said, “The premise of the program is that Frank Warren created PostSecret as a way for people to get out this ‘secret’ of theirs without having to actually tell anyone what is bothering them. Thousands and millions of people send Frank their secrets on postcards every day of the week, and year, and he posts some of them online for others to see and appreciate.”

SASS is holding the event as a collaboration between a speaker and art event, which is at the core of the committee’s mission,” said Sage. “The committee really appreciates the purpose of the program as a creative way for people to let their stress out, help manage their mental health and wellness, and create art in a way that is both private and safe. We also hope that the community will both appreciate the event and learn from it, and that it will be something to bring the community together about an important topic.”

SASS is also coordinating Bryant’s own PostSecret. PostSecret boxes will be in different areas on campus, including Health Services, Residence Life, the Women’s Center, the Post Office, the Intersection, the main desk at Chase Athletic Center, the library, and the Bryant Center Info Desk. Students can pick up blank post cards at these locations and write their own secret on these boxes and then drop the secrets in these boxes. All secrets submitted will be shared (anonymously) at the Bryant Secret Gallery, which will be open before the event on December 4th from 6pm to 7pm.

Sage said that all students should be aware of PostSecret. “If students do not know what PostSecret is, they should check it out,” Sage commented. She described the impact this program had on her once she read more about it. “I did not know what it was right away, but once I educated myself on what the program was, I realized how truly impactful and important it is, and have become one of its biggest fans.”

For more information about PostSecret, visit www.postsecret.com.
Weekly Senate Coverage

By Cristine Cox
Staff Writer

Bryant University is a campus geared to-ward learning in and outside of the class-room. Students have access to numerous resources, however, a substantial portion of learning takes place outside of the class-room through lectures and events, much like those that have taken place during International Education Week (IEW).

Shontay Delaue King, Director of the Intercultural Center, notes that the goal of IEW is to celebrate the benefits of interna-tional education and prepare proponents for a global environment. This is in line with Bryant’s mission to “cultivate a global perspective for citizens and leaders who will engage the world.”

The Intercultural Center coordinates events at Bryant University that support the learning experience. Films, music, and dance by Moremi Cultural Group, a representative of Africa, kicked off the week-long celebration in Kenya, Italy, China, Cambod-Ia, and India. The Virgin-Tech tragedy also impacted this year’s events. On Wednesday, Piero Constantino, a student of the Inter-cultural Center, gave a presentation about the tragic event and how it affected students enrolled in the African Popular Culture course, in addition to other interested students.

The Student Programming Board (SPB) supports the school by coordinating events with the student-organized inter-cultural activities. The board is composed of students that are passionate about diversity and inclusiveness.

By Erin Devito
Staff Writer

At the Senate meeting last Wednesday, November 12, Chief George Coronado of DPS addressed the Senate and Bryant community as a whole. Chief Coronado began by thanking the senators who have worked with DPS over the past few years to improve the relationship between students and DPS officers. The second DPS Day was a great success, and many students and faculty were there to show their appreciation for the DPS officers, who are here on campus year-round, ensuring the safety of the Bryant community.

Chief Coronado also brought up the Virgina Tech tragedy, and how he believes that it was as important to higher education as 9/11 was to our country as a whole. Along with Chief Coronado, the DPS officers work tirelessly to ensure that every one is pre pared in the unfortunate event of a disaster like the Virgin-Tech shoot-ings. As Chief Coronado states, “Hope is never a strategy.” As part of Bryant’s strategy, DPS supports the initiative to get IP speaker outlets on campus in case of an emergency.

Chief Coronado finished by handing out certificates and mini DPS badges to the senators that recently partici-pated in a DPS Ride-along. The following list is a brief overview of what was discussed and brought to the Senate’s attention at the meeting on November 12, 2008:

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:***

- Look for week seven’s meeting with a “going green” tip of the week, courtesy of the Going Green tri-goal committee of Senate.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- No old business was brought up this week.

**INFORMATIONAL BUSINESS:**

- The amended Bowling Club Constitution was unanimously passed. The Badminton Club Constitution that was previously passed, therefore, the Badminton Club is now a recognized sports club on campus.

- In a Request for Additional Funding, $7,890.75 was granted to SPB for lighting, monitors, draping, and chairs for their Mr. Bryant event.

- In a Request for Additional Funding, $6,960 was granted to the Women’s Rugby team for hotel rooms and a coach bus for them to compete in the National Championship in Philadel-phia.

**INFORMAL NEW BUSINESS (to be addressed at a future meeting):***

- Why aren’t there any business classes during Winter session? There have been some issues getting toilet paper in the suite village; really long lines.

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- Club presidents need to be updated on the Senate website.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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Bryant’s ROTC trains for battle

By Geoffrey Ensby Contributing Writer

Over the weekend of October 24 to October 26 members from the Bryant University ROTC contingent headed to Providence College where they would embark on their semi-annual Battalion sized training event, called a Field Training Exercise (FTX). This training prepares all cadets of different levels for the optimal training for a three day period. Initial formation was at 1500 (3:00 PM) on Friday afternoon at Providence College. At this point, cadets from various Rhode Island and Massachusetts schools all came together to embark upon a weekend of training. We were broken up into four squads, and furthermore, two platoons of two squads each. We were issued five MREs, or Meals that are Ready to Eat. An MRE can consist of anything from a Veggie Omelet, to Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, or even Skittles. After receiving our meals for the next two days, we were issued our M16s and blank adapters. We piled into a bus, two to a seat, ruck-sacks on our lap and prepared to take off for Camp Edwards, M.A. We left Providence College at roughly 1700, and arrived at Camp Edwards at approximately 1900. Now, the training would begin. We set up tents, bolted our gear to couch that much easier. Trust me. It was tear down and the rifles formed up to begin the day’s training. A quick breakfast of MREs, or for those who had already eaten, granola bars and candy, and then a police call of the squad was all that remained. After dropping off the A-bags full of soaked sleeping bags, the two patrols loaded onto our vehicles and drive over the area for squad STX. Here, the two patrols broke into five STX lanes and cadets can experience one of the best simulations of combat and maneuvering while also having the chance to lead their peers and work on leadership skills. After a hot dinner, all the cadets went out on a night-light navigation course where the same skills were tested as during the day, while now trying to navigate through the dark woods. The night ended at 2300 by making hooch’s or tents to cover the cadets from the rain that would come later in the night. Saturday is the only full day on the FTX and is the most fun, as we are able to complete the most activities and learn as much as we can. After a tempestuous night, the Battalion woke up Sunday morning at 0545 to a light mist and a lot of wet equipment. The Hooch Init Express was torn down and the patrols formed up to begin the day’s training. A quick breakfast of MREs, or for those who had already eaten, granola bars and candy, and then a police call of the squad was all that remained. After dropping off the A-bags full of soaked sleeping bags, the two patrols loaded onto their vehicles and drive over the area for squad STX. Here, the two patrols broke into five STX lanes and marched off into the woods to kill the OpFor, or opposing force. A series of hasty ambushes were set and executed, and many OPF were mercilessly gunned down. Then, an elaborate bunker assualt was conducted, including a capture of the complex, a large, wide, sweeping flank, and a brutal and violent assault on the objective. The Battalion learned a great deal during these exercises, information on how to lay down effective suppressive fire, individual movement techniques, such as buddy rushes and crumbling, searching and securing an enemy prisoner of war, and also quickly clearing the objective. Following this fast paced training, the Battalion reformed and loaded onto the buses for the bus ride cum nap back to Providence. Upon returning to campus, the cleaning kits were broken out and the rifles were cleaned. Why clean the rifles, one may ask? Well, the rifle is one’s greatest tool, and to fail to keep the rifle clean may lead to the risk of a jam, which could lead to disastrous consequences in the heat of battle. Thus a thorough cleaning was conducted. After cleaning the rifles, the evaluation was called and several cadets were recognized for their achievements. After this came the well-earned dismissal, and the home return to sleep to the best night’s sleep in a long while.

By Marisa Bono Staff Writer

Holiday traditions are meant to be shared with friends and family. Since most of you have been reading this column for a few weeks now, I’ll go first. Whenever my family gathers for a large meal, we typically go down to eat I run upstairs and change into what I like to call my “eating pants.” They are royal blue pajama pants that just happen to be plastered with countless Pillsbury Doughboys. They stretch well and, more importantly, make the transition from dinner table to couch that much easier. Trust me. Another one of my favorite holiday pastimes is sharing leftovers. On special occasions like Thanksgiving, most people don’t even realize how wasteful they may be while they are preparing a feast for the whole family. There are plenty of things you can do with all that extra food! Now although most of us will be helping to get everything ready for Thanksgiving dinner, our parents are usually the ones who do most of the planning. Encourage them to follow the following steps to having a virtually waste-free Thanksgiving! If your family is inviting guests into your home, ask them to bring reusable containers. This way they can take home as many leftovers as they please and food is less likely to end up in the garbage. Have your relatives carpool if possible to reduce traffic and greenhouse gas emissions. Make sure they get the most mileage out of their car, too! This can be done by properly inflating tires and driving the speed limit. It may take a bit longer for them to arrive, but they will arrive safely. All of these tips also hold true if you and your family plan on making the trip for the turkey. When your family is on a road trip, urge them to lower the thermostat and put outside lights on timers. Thanksgiving can be expensive, but so are parents are sure to take advantage of any savings opportunity that comes along. And don’t worry about Fido or Fluffy getting cold. They have fur coats for a reason. Setting dishes in a glass napkin, reusable plates, glasses, and silverware is more pleasing, but it helps the environment by reducing plastic waste. When it is time to clean up, the dish washer is set for full capacity before a cycle begins. Also, be sure to pay attention to what is going down the garbage disposal, hard or waxy food waste can clog up the blades. As far as the napkins go, do not, repeat do not, run them through the wash. This will only save water and greenhouse gas. If your family is travelling, make the trip for the holidays from around the world, send them to:

Wine Cork Recycling
Yemm & Hart Ltd
425 North Chamber Dr
Fredericktown, MO 63645

Have a safe, pleasant, and green Thanksgiving!! Any tips and suggestions are always welcome. Feel free to e-mail them to nboni@bryant.edu.

Festival of Lights 2008

Wednesday, December 3, 2008

All members of the campus community invited

Reception with food and music!

7:30pm, Rotunda

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Music and sing-alongs

Candle lighting and procession

Tree and Menorah Lighting

Reservation with food and music!
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What exactly does Bryant CEO do that sets them apart from the rest? They host one of the world’s largest elevator pitch competitions that every freshman is required to compete in, and is one of the most highly anticipated events of the year. They have created CEO Consulting, a student-run, non-profit consulting firm that provides services to entrepreneurs and organizations outside of the Bryant University community. The firm currently has three clients, one of which is Barry Blair who has a TV infomercial kitchen product. He projects sales near $50 million and will be placing the Bryant CEO logo on all of the packaging. This past summer, Bryant CEO led a group of ten students to witness the re-birth of China during the Olympic Games. While there, students visited Chinese multinational corporations and networked with each other, as well as top leaders in business, government, and academia.

The group also hosts the annual Pumpkin Festival around Halloween, where students can buy pumpkins for one dollar and carve them on site. Students also buy “pumpkin pies” which they use to “pie” the executive board member of their choice. The proceeds go to Camp Sunshine, a camp for terminally ill children. This year the group raised $2,130. Other notable events that CEO has hosted include the Purple Cow Marketing Competition, Best Idea Challenge, and an annual entrepreneurial speaking series at general meetings. Aside from events, Bryant CEO also brings a number of speakers to campus, such as David Neelman, CEO of Jet Blue, Kenneth Cole, CEO of Kenneth Cole,Howard & John Jacobs, founders of Life is Good. Bryant CEO believes that every student with a passion for entrepreneurship and business should be a part of their organization. CEO provides students with experiences and opportunities that they cannot get anywhere else. Meetings are held in Papito Dining Hall every Thursday at five o’clock, and new members are always welcome.
Spotlight on Interns: Mallory Barber

Student: Mallory Barber
Class of 2009
Concentration: Management
Minor: Applied Psychology
Internship Site: MTV Network
Location: New York, NY

How did you locate your internship?

I have always been interested in the entertainment industry so I went straight to MTV.com to search for an internship and found one in human resources with a generalist in the senior recruiter.

What did you learn about the profession?

With the entertainment industry it’s always non-stop and you never know what’s going to happen next because there is so much going on. Everyone is always on their toes waiting for the next big thing - they always want to be a step ahead of other companies. The people are very diverse – I thought it was going to be very corporate, sort of a suit atmosphere, but because MTV covers so many types of brands it’s very flexible and relaxed. Everyone works very hard though, and they put in long hours even though they don’t have to. That’s because they love their work. Even though I wasn’t getting paid for the internship I was upset when I left at the end of the summer because I had such a great experience.

During my human resources internship I looked at termination analysis reports. Some employees would leave and you never knew who or why they would leave on good terms, and I found you can’t please everyone. The people at MTV work hard – one of my supervisors works on the weekends because she wants to go on in a Monday morning and have answers waiting for her employees. I had done two human resources internships before - one in a school and one in a marketing firm. This was different because the human resources department was broken up into so many subsets – HR, CM, etc – they can’t have just one human resource department for the whole company because it’s so huge. This makes sense because it gives more individual attention to employees for their needs.

What were your major responsibilities?

My biggest project was running a termination project – I had questions on the database and the HR team offered one – it’s an eye opener and helps you know what the next step would be.

The commute was very challenging because I was living in NY – it was a three day a week internship so I lived in CT for those three days and then I would go home to MA to work in Worcester so it was very challenging to balance work life issues that I had never had to balance before.

What did you find most rewarding about your internship?

I really learned a lot – this was always a dream job for me - I wasn’t sure what I’d do if I didn’t like it – the entertainment industry is very rewarding -- you get little perks – I got to go on TRL – I ran into Mariah Carey and that made up for pay. At the end of the internship I found out I was going to be part of the senior recruiter.

What did you learn about yourself?

I learned I was pretty determined, the experience was something I always wanted but didn’t expect – I applied in March and it was a shot in the dark. When I got the first interview I was so excited and when I got the email that I got it and I didn’t have even a place to live but I wanted to take it no matter what. I learned it says a lot about me to work in NYC three days a week and then commute to Worcester for my paying job to support myself in school.

Winter break is an excellent time to do research on summer internships and jobs. The Amica Career for Career Education will be open during the break and students are welcome to use the Career Library and/or meet with a career counselor during this time. Stop in to make an appointment or give us a call at 401-232-6090.
President-elect Obama’s strategy for job creation

By Ashley Palmer
SIE Project Manager

Last week’s article discussed President-elect Barack Obama’s tax policy and his hopes to relieve the affects of the current economic crisis. This week I would like to focus on Barack Obama’s platform for job creation. In the current economic climate job creation is first and foremost, there has been no
table job cuts across all sectors of the job market. For example, 350,000 employees have been laid off in companies on Monday, while Fidelity has laid off over 3,000
employees in the past month. Although these examples both highlight cuts within the private sector, all other sectors of the job market are also experiencing layoffs,
such as the United States Postal Service, who has recently let 1200 employees go.

As we are entering the midst of the holiday season, we are seeing an increase in the level of unemployment - although, during this time of year - there is significantly less activity and spending.

Recent graduates have been finding it increasingly more difficult to find jobs within their field. In hopes of providing new jobs to both the current working class and recent gradu
ates, Barack Obama has proposed the creation of 5 million new jobs through the manufacturing sector and green technology. Below note Obama’s proposals
for job creation and reducing the nation-wide unemployment rate in the year to come as found on the website: http://www.barackobama.com/issues/economy/fin
vest-for-jobs.

1. Invest in our Next Generation Innovators and Job Creators: Obama and Biden will create an Ad
anced Manufacturing Fund to identify and invest in the most compelling advanced manufacturing
strategies. The fund will have a peer-review selection and award process based on the Michigan 21st
Century Jobs Fund, a state-level initiative that has awarded over $125 million to Michigan businesses
with the most promising proposals to create new products and new jobs in the state.

2. Double Funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP): The Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) works with manufacturers across the country to improve efficiency, implement new technology and strengthen company growth. This
highly-successful program has engaged in more than 550,000 projects across the country and in 2006 alone helped create and retain over 50,000 jobs.

But despite this success, funding for MEP has been slashed by the Bush administration. Barack Obama and Joe Biden have both stated the need for the MEP to its training centers can continue to bolster the competitiveness of U.S. manufacturing.

3. Invest in the Economy and Create 5 Million New Green Jobs: Obama and Biden will create 5 million green jobs to advance the next generation of biofuels and fuel infrastructure, accelerate the commercialization of plug-in hybrids, promote development of commercial renewable energy, invest in low emissions coal plants, and begin transition to a new digi
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4. Create New Jobs Training Programs for Manufacturing Technology: The Obama-Biden plan will create new federal policies, and expand existing ones, that have been proven to create new American jobs.

Obama and Biden will create a federal Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) that will require 25 percent of electricity be derived from renewable resources by 2025, which has the potential to create hundreds of thousands of new jobs on its own.

Obama and Biden will also extend the Production Tax Credit, a credit used successfully by American farmers and investors to incentivize the renewable energy production and create new local jobs.

Barack Obama and Joe Biden believe that it is critically important for the United States to rebuild its national transportation infrastructure - its highways, bridges, train systems - to strengthen energy usage, bolster our long-term competiveness and ensure our economy continues to grow.

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ernment from being one of the most anti-science administrations in American history to one that em
braces science and technology. This will foster home-grown innovation, help ensure the competi
tiveness of U.S. businesses, and ensure that 21st century jobs can and will grow in American communities.

8. Make the Research and Development Tax Credit Permanent: Barack Obama and Joe Biden believe in the importance of a skilled and highly-trained workforce and de
velopment workforce and technology infrastructure to be supported here in America so that American work
ers and communities will benefit. Obama and Biden want to make the Research and Development tax credit permanent so that firms can rely on the certainty of making investments to invest in domestic RE&D over more “messy” credits.

9. Deploy Next-Generation Broadband: Barack Obama and Joe Biden believe we can get broadband to every corner of America through a combina
tion of reform of the Universal Service Fund, better use of the nation’s wireless spectrum, promotion of government and other state’s investments in next-generation facilities, technologies and applica
tions, and new tax and loan incentives.

The Obama plan will stimulate the economy and introduce new jobs into the market we will hopefully see a reduction in the unemployment rate. The creation of new jobs, as well as in
creasing the availability of current jobs in the market will open up employment opportunities for us as we approach graduation. As students, we should have the advantage of Bryant’s Amica Center for Career Education, as well as the networking op
portunities that this institution provides to each of us as we begin to look, apply for, and enter into the job market during this troubled time.

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But Sharesealus also says on its Web site that its majority partner, Cuban, “is going to make personal investments based on information we uncover.”

Sharesealus published its first major investiga
tion in August 2006 about an Atlanta company try
ning to make ethanol. The story questioned the company’s business prospects and provided details about the backgrounds of its executives.

In the same story, the Web site disclosed that Cuban had sold about 25,000 shares of a second company that was a large shareholder in the ethanol company.

Through its Web site called Bailoutsleuth, which is headed by the same executive, Sharesealus exposes what it describes as “taxpayer bailouts of companies that have the potential to fail.”

The site is tracking how taxpayer money is being used in the U.S. government’s $700 billion rescue of the banking industry and the Federal Reserve’s efforts to backstop financial institu
tions and the mortgage industry. “I’m hiring several reporters to go out there and just keep an eye on the bailout,” Cuban said in an interview last month with National Public Radio.

Cuban has also blogged extensively about the current financial crisis and economic downturn on his blog, maverick.

www.bryantarchway.com
With a little thrift, we can thrive

By Kara McGuire
MCT Campus

After Sept. 11, 2001, President Bush suggested that it was a citizen's patriotic duty to shop as if the nation's economy depended on it. But he wasn't the first to promote this idea.

In a radio address in 1931, economist John Maynard Keynes told the British people that saving more was the worst thing they could do to end the Great Depression because "whenever you save five shillings, you put a man out of work for a day. Your saving that five shillings adds to unemployment to the extent of one man for one day - and as on in proportion."

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In this spirit, I announced to my husband the other day that I was going to go to the afternoon "shopping for America." I was only half-joking. Because more than two-thirds of our economy is made up of consumer spending, if we "get religion" about saving during an economic downturn, I worry that the recession will only get worse.

A call to shop is wholly inappropriate when it's all too clear that spending beyond our means with the help of easy credit contributed to our current financial mess. Notice that the president hasn't asked the American public to do to end the Great Depression because "whenever you save five shillings, you put a man out of work for a day. Your saving that five shillings adds to unemployment to the extent of one man for one day - and as on in proportion."

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So if consumer spending isn't answer, what is? Thrift is the "miracle cure" for the economic ills of our society, according to David Blankenhorn, author of a new book about the misunderstood word. "Thrift: A Cyclopaedia," is a collection of historical quotes and images - many of which pay homage to a word that today is narrowly defined by Americans to mean "to be cheap" or "to save."

Many misguided consumers think of thrift in a negative light. To them, thrift reminds them of secondhand stores you shop at if you are poor and unfashionable. Being thrifty is being tight with money just like your Uncle Al who lived through the Great Depression.

But that's not the word's entire meaning. In fact, being frugal is not being thrifty at all, according to a 1920 speech by Harvard economist T.N. Carver that's included in Blankenhorn's book. "The thrifty person is not a miser. He is one who spends money just as freely as the extravagant man, but he spends it wisely." Look back in history, and thrift had many positive definitions, including growth, good fortune and prosperity. The Treasury Department in 1918 even referred to thrift as "practical patriotism."

So how did we transform from a culture that celebrated the virtues of thrift with a "National Thrift Week" to a culture that's all about keeping up with the Joneses using borrowed money? A report written by the Commission on Thrift - a diverse group of scholars and think-tank folks - says that the shift took place as payday lenders and fee-laden credit cards multiplied and low-income earners began playing the lottery instead of saving their nickels at "thrift institutions," or banks and credit unions.

Over time, the stigma attached to being in debt gave way to the sense that overindebtedness is commonplace and therefore, acceptable, the report's authors say.

Unfortunately, it took millions of Americans losing their homes to foreclosure, fat-cat credit card companies raking in billions in sneaky fees and trillions lost in the stock market for us to realize that being a society of debtors is unacceptable. It's time for a change. The authors call for a national reeducation campaign for thrift as well as a revival of National Thrift Week, which started in 1917 and ended in 1966. They also have several policy suggestions listed at their Web site, www.newthrifty.org.

I'm all for an official celebration of thrift, but there's no need to wait. I see hopeful signs that thrift is making a comeback without a mandate. Consumer spending fell 0.3 percent last month - the largest decline since June 2004. Thrift stores are the rare retailers experiencing sales increases. And the incomplete but-off-cited personal savings rate is now 1.3 percent, not zero, according to September data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis.

To be sure, we have a long way to go before we can say we've returned to our thrifty roots, and getting our mall-centric society there will be painful.

But it will be worth it. The root of the word "thrift," Blankenhorn points out in his book, is "thrive." Sounds pretty good to me.

"What's your idea?" is the latest addition to The Archway's Business section, featuring entrepreneurial ideas from all members of the Bryant community.

Ideas can be actual startups in progress, product or service enhancements, inventions, or anything that you feel would have the potential to be a great idea.

Submissions do not have to be specific, as we suggest describing your idea using one or two sentences.

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Bryant wins big at Iona

Bulldogs guarantee a winning record in their first Division I-AA season

By Casey Mulcare
Assistant Sports Editor

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The matchup with Iona proved to be a milestone games for the running back tandem. With his 163 yards on the day, Gamble moved into fourth all-time in school history, joining the all-time greats of the Bulldogs with 1,723 yards.

The Bulldogs will finish the season on Saturday at St. Francis (PA).

By David Giardino
Sports Editor

Two-year leading scorer Kelsey O’Keefe was held to just two shots and no points in the first half. Co-captain Cara Johnson was held to just four first-half points. In a day plagued with turnovers and poor shooting, the Bulldogs (1-1) fell to Fairleigh Dickinson (1-0) Monday night at the Rothman Center. The Bulldogs fought hard and kept the game close throughout the first half as quarterback Jay Graber led Bryant on a 10-play scoring drive to open the first quarter. Graber connected with senior tight end Jarreugidwyz Solimando on an 18-yard pass to the one yard line. One play later, junior tailback Jerrell Smith dove into the end zone to finally put Bryant on the scoreboard. Iona would maintain the lead however, as the point after attempt was wide, keeping the Gaels in front 7-0.

Turning point: With a fourth and three on Bryant’s 25 in the fourth quarter, Iona quarterback Smith completed 31 of 53 passes for 272 rushing yards. Jerrell Smith, who surpassed the 1,000-yard mark for the season on Bryant’s first play of the game, finished with 105 yards on the ground, moving him into third-place all-time in school history with 1,723 yards.

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The Bulldogs were led with eight points by Cara Johnson, while sophomore Samione Bennett led the squad with twelve key boards. The Bulldogs out-rebounded the Knights as a team 59-51 while sophomore Siamone Bennett led the squad with twelve key boards.

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Women’s Basketball drops first NEC matchup

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Lindsey Gamble
Year: Junior
Sport: Football

Gamble rushed for a season-high 163 yards in the win vs. Iona Saturday. His 75 yard touchdown put him at second all-time in school history with 21 career touchdowns.

Julie Geonnotti
Year: Junior
Sport: Volleyball

Geonnotti registered her first triple double of the season with 15 kills, 21 assists and 17 digs in Saturday’s matchup with North Dakota.
Bulldog Bites

Swimming swept by Friars on Saturday

The Bryant University men’s and women’s swim teams fell to Providence on Saturday, despite setting school records in 28 total events. Both teams would give the Friars a run, but the men would find themselves on the short end of a 148-112 final score, while the women were knocked-off by a final of 151-111. In the short five year history of Bulldog swimming, the women’s squad has swum in a meters pool just twice while the men have done so once. The women were led by freshman Abby Whittaker (Salisbury, Mass.), who finished in first place in the 200 butterfly and second in the 800 meter freestyle. Whittaker’s time of 2:35.12 in the 200 butterfly set a new Bulldog school record. The women also had strong performance from Jill Squillante (Sayville, N.Y.), finishing first in 100 backstroke and third in the 200 backstroke, and Jess Looney (Goffstown, N.H.), finishing second in the 200 free and first in the 400 freestyle. Looney set school records in each of her events while Squillante took home the record in the 100 backstroke.

On the men’s side, Tom Ferrigno (West Chester, Pa.) set school records in both the 200 freestyle and 200 individual medley, taking first place in each of those events. Sophomore Steven Nguyen (San Jose, Calif.) also continued to shine, finishing in first place in both the 800 and 400 freestyle events. Freshmen Zach Bowen (Linthicum, N.H.), Sean Martell (North Haven, Conn.) also had solid meets, each setting school records in their respective events. The Bulldogs will take to the pool Saturday, November 22 for a tri-meet at Fairfield to take on the Stags of Fairfield University and the Jaspers of Manhattan College.

School records broken (meters)

200 Medley Relay Women
200 Medley Relay Men
800 Freestyle Steven Nguyen
200 Freestyle Tom Ferrigno
100 Backstroke Ferrigno
100 Backstroke Kevin McDonald
100 Backstroke Margaret Dickinson
200 Fly Abby Whittaker
200 Fly Mat Derwin
50 Fly Amy D’Olympia
50 Freestyle Mike Gilligan
100 Freestyle Amy D’Olympia
200 Backstroke Kevin McDonald
200 Breaststroke Jess Looney
200 Breaststroke Steven Nguyen
200 Breaststroke Jesse Looney
400 Freestyle Jess Looney
400 Freestyle Steven Nguyen
400 Medley Relays
400 Freestyle relay women
400 Freestyle relay men

Bryant Men’s Basketball on WOON 1240 AM

The Bryant University Department of Athletics is pleased to announce that WOON 1240 AM will broadcast 11 home Bryant University men’s basketball games this season. The Bulldogs, under first year coach Tim O’Shea, began their first season of Division I Wednesday (Nov. 19) hosting the University at Albany at the Chase Athletic Center at 7 pm.

Bryant signs four to letters of intent

Bryant University head men’s basketball coach Tim O’Shea is pleased to announce the signing of student-athletes Erick Smith (Bel Air, Md.), Raphael Jordan (Bel Air, Md.), Alex Herzog (Lynchburg, Va.) and Vladyslav Konstantinov (Salisbury, N.Y.) to National Letters of Intent to enroll at Bryant University in 2009. The announcement was made today by O’Shea and Director of Athletics Bill Smith. “We love having added four to our first recruiting class here at Bryant,” said O’Shea. “We made it a priority to upgrade our overall size and athleticism with this class, our first at the Division I level. We feel that these four young men allow us to become a more versatile team right away and that they will be a huge part of our building process.”

Women’s Soccer finishes season on a high note

After becoming the first team at Bryant University to record a Division I victory, the Bryant women’s soccer team finished off its inaugural Division I season by winning three of its final four contests, and going 4-2-1 over its final seven. After a long and difficult travel schedule, the Bulldogs finished off the year with a record of 5-9-3, including a perfect 2-0-1 versus Northeast Conference opponents.

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Eagles clueless leader has to step up

By Les Bowen MCT Campus

What Andy Reid said on Monday was right. Donovan McNabb admitting he was surprised to find out there wasn’t going to be a second overtime in Cincinnati had no impact on the 13-13 tie between the Eagles and the Bengals.

Problem is, that isn’t quite the issue. The issue is, coach of the moment, the sort of vague, disconnected fog that McNabb seems to emanate these days. This, as colleague Sean McCann of the Courier-Post in South Jersey put it, while we were trooping into NovaCare on Monday, is that “McNabb sees himself as just a passenger on the bus. The fans want him to be driving the bus. Peyton Manning drives the bus.”

“Someone” along those lines, though I didn’t frame it as well, after last month’s loss to the Redskins - that I wanted to see McNabb take ownership of the situation, and the team. More or less that through the next three wins, more in San Francisco, less against the Falcons and Seahawks. Now, the Birds seem rudderless again, and a quarterback who doesn’t know the game is about to end as overtime kicks away is the perfect symbol of that.

A McNabb spokesman said Monday that the QB did not want to make a clarifying statement, and that he agrees he should have known the rule. I think McNabb, who compounded his problem by being back where he thought he would be at the end of OT in the playoffs or the Super Bowl, unaware of the obvious fact that those games could not end in a tie, probably understands now that he will be part of overtime lore for a long time. In the same way that before every overtime coin toss, somebody brings up Marty MHornweg, who famously opted not to take the ball as Detroit’s head coach.

“I think that’s absurd,” Reid said Monday, when asked about the McNabb criticism. “You play to win in that time, whether you think you have another overtime period or you don’t... He threw a beautiful ‘Hail Mary’ (on the final snap), I don’t think that had any effect on the game.”

McNabb’s problems, and the Eagles’ problems, go way beyond arcane OT rules. McNabb wasn’t the only Eagle on the sideline who didn’t know the game could end in a tie. Most teams, you figure there would be a coach or coaches gathering their guys, discussing scenarios. Somehow it’s not a surprise that on Reid’s sideline, that didn’t happen.

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The Sports Guys NFL Picks

By Les Bowen MCT Campus

How could veteran quarterback Donovan McNabb not know the most basic NFL overtime rule? [MCT

A Philly-Sized Blunder

Since Donovan McNabb has become an NFL quarterback there have been –

- one (ATL 34, Pitt 34, 2002) - over a dozen OT games he has directly been apart of in which the official announces the rules prior to the coin flip.

By Les Bowen MCT Campus

No experience necessary.
Volleyball falls in season finale heartbreaker

By Michael Cronin Jr.

The Bryant University volleyball team in its season finale, the Bulldogs, who saw two players earn doubles and another earn a rare triple-double, weren't able to hold on for a win over North Dakota Saturday afternoon, falling 3-2, in the 2008 National Transitions Challenge at the Chace Athletic Center.

The Bulldogs faced an uphill climb. Of their first 16 games, Bryant played only three at home.

Defeated by North Dakota (24-8), a team Bryant lost to in three sets just a month ago, the Bulldogs proved that they had come to play. But they would continue to trade points until the Fighting Sioux took a 22-20 advantage off a pair of Bryant attack errors.

Already down 11-7 in the third set, the Bulldogs would dig deep to knot the score again at 23-23 before a huge block from UND's Andrea Gill would seal the deal for a 25-23 tally and a 2-1 match victory.

The Bulldogs completed a successful and impressive Division I season with a heartbreaking loss against North Dakota. (Athletic Department)

Britta Hanson and Erin Joki gave the Sioux back the one-point edge.

But three straight points from Socca - a kill setup by Glover followed by a block from Socca and Andrews followed by another kill, this time from Atkins - gave the home side the 1-0 match advantage with a 26-24 set one win.

At the beginning, the Bulldogs face an uphill climb. Of their first 12 games, 10 are on the road against difficult opponents such as Connecticut, Boston College, Maryland, and Iowa. Overall, Bryant will play 29 games; 11 are at home and 18 are away. They are scheduled to play all 11 teams on the North-East Conference Preseason Coach's poll. The Bulldogs will become the 12th member of the NEC in 2012-2013.

Last year, Bryant put together an 18-13 record, and this year they're losing only one starter (John Exekold). Over the past five years, they've qualified for the Division II tournament. Returning starters (Jarron Wright, Cincinnati, OH), Chris Birrell (Scituate, RI), Barry Latham (Taunton, MA), and Monica Sattler (Greenwald, Germany).

But more than just the seniors put on a show Saturday afternoon. It was junior Julie Geonnotti (St. Louis Park, Minn.) whose inspired play led the Bulldogs through five sets, registering a triple-double - Bryant's first of the season. The outside hitter who doubles as a setter collected 15 kills with 21 assists to compliment 17 digs on the day.

Freshman Maria Socca (Melrose, Mass.) also helped lead the Bulldogs through 16 kills, while fellow rookies Hillary Andrews (Tipp City, Ohio) and Jazmin Stoner (Durango, Colo.) recorded doubles of their own, with Andrews collecting 13 kills with 15 digs and Stoner grabbing 10 kills with 21 digs.

Glover, a senior co-captain, paced the Bulldogs with 24 digs in route to an all-tournament team selection while Atkins, her co-captain counterpart, led the way with 27 assists.

The Bulldogs proved that they had come to play from the very first set, when the University of North Dakota (24-8), a team Bryant lost to in three sets just a month ago, seemed to keep just one point ahead of the Bulldogs through the 14-14 mark of the match.

Glover helped make it 15-15, feeding Socca a key set for a huge kill to knot the game. The teams would continue to trade points until the Fighting Sioux took a 22-20 advantage off a pair of Bryant attack errors.

But the Bulldogs would dig deep to knot the score again at 23-23 before a huge block from UND's Devin Treffy knotted the game at 2-2.

Set three saw the Bulldogs get off to a slow start, falling behind 3-4 before getting their first point of the game. But blocks and service errors brought Bryant to within one, 4-5, before the Sioux took off again, running the tally up to 16-7, from which the Bulldogs would never recover. The home team pulled within four, again with Glover serving, thanks in part to a pair of aces, but Bryant would soon find themselves down, 2-1 in the match.

Bryant took an early 6-1 lead in set four, keeping UND at bay after a series of long rallies. But two service aces from the Sioux's Devon Treffy knotted the game at 7-7.

The score stayed at a draw or within one point until, again, Glover got the serve, taking her Bulldogs from down 11-10 to leading 13-12.

A kill from Andrews, set up by Geonnotti, made it 14-13 in favor of Bryant before Atkins service led the Bulldogs to a 16-13 edge.

Bryant went up 18-15 from an Andrews ace and held the lead for the remainder of the set, winning 22-21 on a run capped off by the 29th and final ace of Atkins season.

And with one set left in their 2008 season - and in the careers of three Bulldogs - Bryant dug even deeper, but it just wouldn't be enough to come back from a huge North Dakota lead built by Taylor Behnenson.

The Bulldogs went down a quick 0-9 in the shortened set. Thanks in part to a trio of Behnenson aces, Bryant would get just five points back before the Sioux took the next two sets, 8-3, 6-0.

Houston Baptist University won the 2008 National Transitions Challenge, winning all four tournament games, including a hard-fought 3-2 win over the University of South Dakota in the Championship Saturday at noon.

The Bulldogs finish their 2008 inaugural Division I campaign 16-19.

The Bulldogs end their inaugural Division I season 16-19 after the weekend losses, but left their hearts on the court in their final matchup against North Dakota - also their final contest with the likes of seniors Maureen Atkins (Fenton, Mo.), Delia Glover (Marston Mills, Mass.) and Monica Sattler (Greenwald, Germany).

Despite inspired playing on the part of the Bulldogs through the 14-14 mark of the match, the Bulldogs would soon find themselves down, 2-1 in the match.

Four serves from the hands of Glover would take the Bulldogs from two sets down, but with a new coach and a new division, Bulldog basketball is ready to make its mark on WOON-AM 1240. This season will undoubtedly have its ups and downs, but with a new coach and a new division, Bulldog basketball is ready to start a new chapter in Bryant Division I sports.

Bryant looks to continue their success in transitioning to Division I-AA on the basketball court. (Athletic Department)
A Secular Perspective: Life After Death?

By: Brandon Dobro

Staff Writer

What happens after we die?

To say that this has become a load topic is a massive understatement. The question of afterlife appears to have become the topic of discussion, debate, and even a lamp for the afterlife. It is the question that has been tackled by every generation. The question is a massive understatement. To say that this has become a loaded question is a massive understatement. It is the question that has been tackled by every generation. The question is a massive understatement.

Immortality... can be a great thing to believe. It makes death seem like nothing more than an illusion. The question is whether or not we can overcome this phase of judgment. The question is whether or not we can overcome this phase of judgment.

The fact that you only have one life to live means that every minute becomes all the more valuable. I think that it is actually a very depressing thought that every life has a pre-determined purpose. On the contrary, you get to create your own purpose and you get to determine the quality of your life. You define what a meaningful life is on your own terms, and you can live for the things that you care about yourself, yet even better is that there is a child out there whose smile will be lighting up the room. This is the way life should be.
Simon Says: What’s Your Sexual IQ?

Last week was the fourth and final installment of the annual sexuality se- ries at Bryant. Throughout my five years here I’ve seen this event grow in popularity which I suppose shows that students are still in- terested in talking about sex. Ok, ok— the interest extends beyond just talking about sex.

There are some commonly asked ques- tions that both men and women have about sex. Men’s questions often have to do with technique i.e. “where’s the best place to touch a woman to get her turned on?” An- swers: ask her. Women’s questions often have to do with the double standard i.e. “how come we get called sluts if we enjoy sex?” Of course, I still have a lot of educating to do to correct that misperception. Due to the many questions students asked during the recent sex series, I thought I’d use this column to repeat a few of the ques- tions from a nationwide survey by the Kin- sea Institute (at the University of Indiana at Bloomington). The survey indicated that the average American knows little about sexual- ity, contraception, and sexually transmitted infections (STIs). Yikes! So I thought it might be interesting for our readers to test their SEX IQ. Here are a few of the ques- tions and below are the correct answers.

True or False?

1. False. Oil-based products corrode latex rapidly, making it permeable by the AIDS virus and other microorganisms, as well as sperm. But half the people in the Kinsey survey thought an oil-based lubricant was okay. Only water-based lubricants, specially formulated for use with barrier contraceptives is safe.

2. False. Sexual behavior, not orientation, determines the risk for sexually transmitted AIDS. Both men and women can be in- fected and can transmit the virus. High-risk sexual behavior is defined as unprotected intercourse (anal or vaginal) with an in- fected person. Intravaginal ejaculation is an- other means of transmission. Half of the respondents in the Kinsey survey believed that anal intercourse itself was the cause of AIDS.

3. True. Though it happens rarely. Espe- cially in teenagers, ovulation (the release of an egg) may be irregular. Furthermore, sperm can remain alive in a woman’s fallop- ian tubes for up to three days. For greater protection against pregnancy a woman should practice contraception at all times of the month.

4. False. The “G” spot was named after Ernest Grafenberg, a gynecologist who claimed to have discovered it. Research on the “G” spot has been inconclusive, we don’t know whether or not all women have one; however, many women do report that they emit some fluid when they have an or- gasm and some researchers have speculated that this fluid comes from the G spot.

5. False. The vagina cleanses itself naturally of its own secretions and of the semen that remains after intercourse. Thus, regular bathing or showering is all that’s necessary. Contrary to myth, douching has no contra- ceptive effect. Douching seems also to in- crease the risk of pelvic inflammatory disease.

6. True. Older men, for example, may not be awakened while they are sleeping. But half the people in the Kinsey survey during sleep are normal, men who are awakened while they are experiencing one seldom report erotic dreams. It’s just part of what happens to men during the sleep cycle. For women sexual arousal during sleep does happen and they may experience vaginal lubrication as a part of dreaming.

7. False. Now guys, pay atten- tion to this answer!!! Penis size varies but is not an indica- tor of sexual appetite or performance. The average non-erect penis is about four inches long and three inches in circumference. The average erect penis is five to seven inches long and three to four inches in circumference. A man’s size may vary by tem- perature and body fat. The average erect penis is five to seven inches long. In hetero- sexual contexts, the vagina can accommodate both large and small penises, and size is rel- atively unimportant for female sexual re- sponse.

My disclaimer: Talking about sex in this column of The Archway is not intended ei- ther explicitly in the material, or implicitly by its distribution, to make any moral judg- ment regarding sexual behavior. My intent is to minimize sexual misinformation.

Bryant students have diverse points of view regarding premarital sex, others have strong moral or religious feel- ings about sexual behavior, not orientation, determines the risk for sexually transmitted AIDS. Half the people in the Kinsey survey believed that anal intercourse itself was the cause of AIDS.

Bryant Isn’t Just Any Wind Tunnel!

‘Hey Drew, do you know what the plural of Rhinoceros is?’

Person 1: “How do you feel when you pee looking up at the urinal?”

Person 2: “I’m scared.”

Person 2— “Oh yeah?”

Person 1— “The girl is so...slow....”

Person 1: “And then I realized...a 67 is only 3 points away from a 70!”

“Pointing to the geese” “It was really quiet the other evening, and I could hear the whole flock of them ripping the ground up...its scary. They’re scary. I’m scared.”

Observations

Compiled by Michael Adams, Mike Yakavonis and Linsey Morse

Take Your Coat Off!

We can’t quite think of a reason, but there are coat racks in many of the classrooms now...as if putting your jacket on the back of the chair isn’t easy enough!

Bryant Isn’t Just Any Wind Tunnel!

We could even walk straight during last week- ends tornado force winds. Give us a Break, Mr. Weatherman!

Poster foul...

In response to our own observation last week, yes— the posters are, in fact, 100% recycled paper.
I’ve never been in the White House kitchen, but I hear it has a stove with plenty of back burners. Our new president will need them for the economic issues that he will inherit from the campaign talking by. As the time for Barack Obama takes office, Jan 20, the worldwide recession will be the only economic issue that matters. Every initiative the new administration introduces will be viewed through a single lens: Does it make things better or worse?

Impose higher taxes on the rich? Even Obama’s Democratic allies in Congress realize that a recession is the wrong time to raise taxes.

A cap-and-trade program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions? If it raises the cost of running a power plant or a factory, this also feels ill-timed.

Reform health care? Business groups will try to turn this into a jobs issue. They’ll say that any part of Obama’s plan makes hiring more expensive. With unemployment already at 7.8%, we can’t afford their mortgages.

We don’t know what details Obama will put into his recovery plan, but financial markets are eager to hear a coherent, confident approach.

It’s almost like the regulators, both here and in Europe, have been throwing spaghetti at the wall.” Ezrati said. “Because confidence is such an issue, the fact that they are flailing around is making things worse. Obama has to at least give the appearance, or field a team of people who give the appearance, of having a handle on things.

As for those non-recession-related campaign promises, the president-elect may tweak some of them to fit the current circumstances.

I think he will delay raising taxes on the rich, but he can still cut taxes on the poor and middle class, because that is going to stimulate the economy,” said Eugenio Aleman, senior economist at Wells Fargo in Minneapolis.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As members of the Student Diversity Advocates (SDA), we are writing in response to the Archway article entitled “Gay Marriage is Useless” and the recent bias incidents regarding homosexuality. Our role is to help students understand the complex issues of diversity on our campus. Our group is deeply concerned for and passionate about establishing a climate of respect, inclusion, and understanding for all members of our community regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, color, national and ethnic origin. Our group lives the Bryant Pledge we signed upon entering Bryant and fights to make Bryant a place “where the sacredness of each person is honored and where diversity is aggressively pursued.”

As representatives and advocates of equality, diversity, and tolerance on campus, we strive to combat ignorance and encourage acceptance through education of our student body. We would like to express our support to A) Sorority and the GLBT community here at Bryant. The recent incidences are in clear violation of the guiding principles in our community. These occurrences reflect poorly, not only on the individuals involved, but also as a collective community. It is disappointing that, as mature university students, this behavior still occurs.

It is with profound regret that we have been unable to enact any changes until the 1980 election. It was almost impossible to pass any significant changes, or simply put off until the economy starts growing again, everything else gets pushed to the back burner.

Sincerely,

Brianna Mahan
BullDog Flicks: Role Models

Luke Stankiewicz
Staff Writer

I chose to see role Models because I really had no expectations for the movie. I wanted to go see a movie for what it was, not with some hype attached to it, or conversely a negative preconception. As it turns out, this movie surprised me on almost every level. It’s a comedy that has real heart, which is tough to come by nowadays. Most comedy movies, with the exceptions of those made by Kevin Smith and Judd Apatow, have no heart. They’re humor for the sake of humor, which is fine. I should add. Sometimes though, a director will take a comedy and try to bring it to another level. This movie succeeds in transcending the comedy genre’s usual stereotypes and becoming a movie that’s funny, smart, and moving all at the same time.

The plot is easy enough. Danny Donohue (Paul Rudd) and his buddy Wheeler (Sean William Scott) are two guys that work for an energy drink company called Minotaur (think Monster). Their job is basically to go to schools and talk to kids about the importance of drug abstinence, while sipping on their energy drink. These scenes are some of the funniest in the film, due in large part to the complete polar- ity of Rudd and Scott’s characters. Already de- pressed and bitter about his life and job, Danny’s girlfriend Beth (Elizabeth Banks) eventually breaks up with him after he gets into a fight with a coffee shop worker about a canning of the word “viable.” Later, after Danny gives an angry speech to a group of high schoolers about the potential benefits of drugs (i.e., “You can get away with it!”), he begins to actually care for the young kid he’s looking after, and feels love him for who he is, and Ronnie learns to change. At a dinner with Augie’s parents, Paul Rudd’s character is shocked by how cruel Augie’s par- ents are to him. He even goes so far as to say that they treat him too harshly, and should allow him to do what he wants.

Wheeler also begins to actually care for the young kid he’s looking after, and feels guilty after abandon- ing him for a girl at a party. The film art- fully points out that perceptions can be misleading, even by something as simple as Wheeler says to Ronnie’s mother after abandoning him “He seemed so tough I thought I couldn’t hurt him.” As it turns out, Ronnie was abandoned by his father, and his tough front is a shield against becoming close to people. Lessons like these aren’t often learned in a movie like this, where one only expects a laugh and a way to kill two hours. Sure, there is resolution, and a basically happy ending, but it is all earned, not simply awarded at the end of the movie with no real explanation. Augie’s parents learn to love him for who he is, and Ronnie learns to trust people without driving them away. Wheeler learns responsibility and Danny learns what it means to care for someone, even if they are differ- ent than you.

This movie isn’t perfect, but it doesn’t have to be either. All it has to do is be funny, and on that level, it succeeds. What really surprises me is how well all the jokes work and even more so how well they avoid conformity. None of the jokes seem recycled or contrived, which is a feat considering the characters are so prone to stereotypes (a nerdy white kid and an urban black kid). One scenario, in which the four of them go camping with the Sturdy Wings group offers some extremely clever jokes, such as the observation by Danny that there’s “always some guy who almost knows how to play the guitar but not quite.” As we would expect, the campfire songs sung at that trip are just barely tolerable. The movie is jam packed with other hilari- ous moments, including Rudd’s rant about the stupidity of fancy coffee houses (like Starbucks) and Scott’s lecture to Ronnie about the best way to look at woman without being caught. Jane Lynch gives a hilarious perform- ance as Gayle Sweener, the manager of Sturdy Wings, who is never hesitant to discuss her drug abusing (and overall sketchy) past. Paul Rudd gives a great performance as a middle-aged man unhappy with his life, perfectly in contrast to Sean William Scott’s high energy character that is the Jerry Lewis to his Dean Martin. In other words, the two work great together.

What I liked most about this movie, though, is how much heart it re- ally has. Somehow, after the middle of the movie, things start changing. At a dinner with Augie’s parents, Paul Rudd’s character is shocked by how cruel Augie’s parents are to him. He even goes so far as to say that they treat him too harshly, and should allow him to do what he wants. Wheeler also begins to actually care for the young kid he’s looking after, and feels guilty after abandon- ing him for a girl at a party. The film art- fully points out that perceptions can be misleading, even by something as simple as Wheeler says to Ronnie’s mother after abandoning him “He seemed so tough I thought I couldn’t hurt him.” As it turns out, Ronnie was abandoned by his father, and his tough front is a shield against becoming close to people. Lessons like these aren’t often learned in a movie like this, where one only expects a laugh and a way to kill two hours. Sure, there is resolution, and a basically happy ending, but it is all earned, not simply awarded at the end of the movie with no real explanation. Augie’s parents learn to love him for who he is, and Ronnie learns to trust people without driving them away. Wheeler learns responsibility and Danny learns what it means to care for someone, even if they are differ- ent than you.

This movie earned 4 out of 5 bulldogs.

By now you should have your plan just about figured out. That’s good, because you’re about to take on more responsibility. You can do this, especially if you’re prepared. So, prepare.

If you’re not already working for yourself, you probably should be. You’re knocking yourself out for low pay, and that’s the way most entre- preneurs start out. Give it some thought. You might like the fringe benefits.

The sun’s going into Sagittarius for the next four weeks. This is the area that brings empha- sis to your financial holdings. You have natural talent, but guard your money and goods—especially if you’re prepared. So, prepare.

Practice makes perfect but, as you may have noticed, it can take a while. Keep at it; you’re losing your inhibitions and your terror of making mistakes. That last should almost be used up.

There’s way too much for one person to do, so get as much help as you need. This job pays well enough that you’ll come out ahead. If this is totally not happening in your life, move over to where it is.

Continue to let your loved ones build up your confidence. They think you can do anything, even when you wonder. Trust them. They’re probably right this time.

A behind-the-scenes negotiation works out well for you. This could be a trade or you get it free for hauling it away. You don’t have to tell anybody how much you paid, unless you want to brag.

Hurry and start whatever it is that you want to have grow and be abundant. Pray for what you want to learn easily in the coming year. Make lists of your wishes as well as your reso- lutions.

You can advance your career now, and make a lot more money. This might involve making a change, but it’s not impossible. Think about the pros and cons. Yes, a decision will be re- quired.

Friends can make a connection better than you can yourself. Luckily, you’ve been getting better at delegating responsibilities. That hasn’t happened yet! Well, here’s a chance to practice.

Aquarius
1/20 - 2/18

Pisces
2/19 - 3/20

Aries
3/21 - 4/19

Taurus
4/20 - 5/20

Gemini
5/21 - 6/21

Cancer
6/22 - 7/22

Leo
7/23 - 8/22

Virgo
8/23 - 9/22

Libra
9/23 - 10/22

Scorpio
10/23 - 11/21

Sagittarius
11/22 - 12/21

Capricorn
12/22 - 1/19

Conditions are changing in your favor. The next few weeks should be fun. Keep sorting through your expenses to see if there are any you can cut. If gets easier with practice.

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Paul Rudd and Sean William Scott star at a mentorship meeting in Role Models. (MCT Campus)
Bah humbug: Players perform A Christmas Carol

By Brigit Clancy
Variety Editor

The Bryant Players will be performing a rendition of the play “A Christmas Carol” on December 5th, 6th, and 7th. Senior Ryan Smith is the Director and junior Krissy Aucin is the Assistant Director. A classic tale by Charles Dickens, “A Christmas Carol” follows an old and bitter man named Ebenezer Scrooge through a life-changing experience of redemption over the course of one evening. Scrooge learns what the true meaning of Christmas really is. This timeless classic will provide a great evening of entertainment and will fill the audience with holiday cheer.

Starring in “A Christmas Carol” is a talented cast of Bryant students. Ethan Beise is starring as Scrooge; David Lash as Fred; Steve Alibrandi as Bob Crachit; Ben Baker as Charity man; Katie Watts as charity woman; Mandie Dew as the Ghost of Christmas Past; Garret Staples as the Ghost of Christmas Present; Brian Ko as Tiny Tim; Bri Wood as Fan; Selwyn Wilson as School Master; Matthew Tivnan as Joe; Tara Callanan, Jennie Kitaychk, and Coburn Childs as the Cratchit children; Justin London as Topper; Nicole Flager as Fred’s wife; Michelle Richard and Mary Green as the two sisters; Lindsay Rice as Caroline; Kevin Javier as Husband, Kevin Dunn, Krissy Aucin, Lindsay Rice, and Jen McElligott as businessmen and women; Ronnie Blanchard and Erica Nadeau as errand boy and girl; Amber DeAngelis and Joelle Sepanwala as two elderly citizens; and John Gardner and Parker Williams as sailors.

“It is really cool to see how much everyone has improved, and it is amazing to have such a large cast to work with—there are almost 40 cast members! I love helping people explore their acting potential, and it is really cool to see everyone better their acting skills.” Although she is the assistant director, Aucin still wishes to be with her fellow actors in the spotlight. “What I love about being part of the cast is that everyone really is improving. I really miss being on the stage! It is still cool to be more involved behind the scenes for once—we also have a great set construction crew who has been working like crazy, and all the work they have done is amazing. I cannot wait for opening night!”

“A Christmas Carol” will be performed on Friday, December 5th at 7 pm, Saturday, December 6th at 7 pm, and Sunday, December 7th at 2 pm. Tickets can be purchased for $2 for Bryant students, $5 for Bryant faculty and staff, and $8 for general admission. Receive a dollar discount if you bring a non-perishable food item when you purchase your ticket. All donations will be given to a local food bank during the holiday season.

Bryant Players: Spotlight Matt St. Peter

Matt St. Peter, Junior Finance and Management major with a Psychology and Spanish Minor at Bryant University, is not only a Bryant Ambassador, and a second year Resident Assistant. Matt has thoroughly enjoyed his involvement with Bryant Players and shown how his experience has paid off with his high-quality performances. “A Christmas Carol” is Matt’s “spur of the moment” first play led to his further pursuit of acting in high school, as he was the president of his Drama Club at St. Mary High School and participated in eight shows. He also acted in a semi-professional play, ‘To Kill a Mockingbird,’ at the Majestic Theatre in West Springfield, MA.

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Cassidy Rydberg ’11

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Kortnee Cribby ’11

“Seeing family and friends.”
Josh Pare ’10

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Laura Karolyshyn ’11

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“Keeping it real”
Chris McKay ’11

“Getting a break from homework and my Mom’s cooking mmm...”
Lauren Lastrina ’11

“Chillaxin”
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“Ballin out”
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What is your favorite part about going home for Thanksgiving?

Compiled by Ashley McNamara and Amanda Dunn