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As part of the China Series, Dr. Guoming Chen presented barriers to intercultural communication.

By Kelly Drew
Staff Writer

Intercultural communication is necessary now more than ever, as China and other countries are now competing with the United States in terms of technology and advances in different aspects of society. On the afternoon of November 6th, 30 students and faculty members were treated to a presentation from one of the foremost scholars in intercultural communication, Dr. Guoming Chen. A professor at the University of Rhode Island who received his Ph.D at Kent State University, Dr. Chen showed the audience a PowerPoint of the six fundamental parts of intercultural communication competence, a theory he developed that has been published in several journals of communication.

"I feel kind of embarrassed to be here in the beauty of Bryant," Chen began. He showed the first page of his PowerPoint that displayed his name in English and Chinese characters, as well as an ancient Chinese instrument called a wu from 680 AD to display the differences between the two cultures. "Chen is my last name here, but [in China] Chen is the first one," Dr. Chen said. "When in Rome, you do what the Romans do."
Communication

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Gerry of the Fogarty loophole." Fogarty argued that property tax is where the state stands in terms of being equitable, which impacts the cost of housing and acts as a barrier to homeowners. Fogarty cited that the average Rhode Islander spends about $4,000 on property tax and $2,000 on income tax, and Fogarty argued that property tax is where the focus on tax reform needs to be.

Fogarty also mentioned the immense cost of higher education. He said he would try to institute a plan that would freeze tuition for students who have over a B average; the plan would cost about $800,000.

He noted that 50 percent of students who are eligible for financial aid do not receive a grant, and he would double the funding to make sure all eligible students could be granted access to higher education. Fogarty estimated the cost at $2.5 million a year over four years, but said the investment in higher education was well worth it.

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The next section was about intercultural awareness, which "refers to the understanding of cultural beliefs and values that affect how we think and behave." Dr. Chen said that awareness is most important. The most difficult task of adjusting to American cul­ ture (which Dr. Chen has been here for 25 years) was maintaining relationships. "If you ask me to eat hot dog once, that's fine. If you ask me to eat hot dog for consecutive days, I'd rather kill myself," he said. Politeness and tolerance. He relayed to the audience a story of a Korean engineer who raised his middle finger and said "What are you doing as an American?" when he was高峰期 of students who are eligible for financial aid do not receive a grant, and he would double the funding to make sure all eligible students could be granted access to higher education. Fogarty estimated the cost at $2.5 million a year over four years, but said the investment in higher education was well worth it.

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Amnesty raises the ethical issue

By Brigit Clancy
Staff Writer

On November 1, 2006, Bryant University's Amnesty International sponsored a screening of the film The Corporation. The controversial topics in this film were presented in two segments to a large audience in Janikies. After the screening, a panel of four professors reflected on the movie and the audience was able to participate in what turned out to be a heated discussion.

The first segment discussed from The Corporation raised questions on the ethics of corporations in journalism and the ethics of tyrannical governments. The first segment discussed tyrannical governments, beginning with the privatization of water in Bolivia. In Bolivia, the government ruled that all water, including rain falling from the sky, was to be owned by the government. The privatization of water in Bolivia led to a discussion of tyrannical governments. Tyrannical governments generally have one ruler that controls his/her people and all that his/her nation's citizens do. Tyrannical governments such as Germany's governments under Mussolini and Hitler were discussed.

After the screening of The Corporation, a panel was assembled to discuss and comment on each of the film's segments. The panel consisted of Dr. Stanley Baran (Professor of Communication), Dr. Ramesh Mohan (Professor of Economics), Dr. Carl Sheeler (Professor of Fine Arts), and DJ Paul Swift (Professor of Philosophy). Dr. Baran began the dialogue by pointing out that The Corporation was not shown on television. (The film was not shown on television most likely because it showed its audience the truth behind multiple corporations.)

Soon, a heated discussion about voices are opinions. You cannot have a democracy without discourse. The panel also raised a question as to whether people care about the ingredients in their meals or about a candidate running for office. "People do not research [things like] ingredients in milk." The public does not care," said Dr. Sheeler. "How much have you researched a candidate other than the thirty second sound bite?"

The audience then became involved in the discussion by asking the professors questions. Some attendees directly their comments and personal observations to the Janikies audience in general. The film was thought provoking and raised questions about capitalism and about the carelessness of people. Dr. Swift said, "The video addresses corporate interests that intersect with public good." The screening of The Corporation raise to many questions in regard to corporations and ethics. Bryant's Amstrong's International's screening and discussion of The Corporation, as well as the panel's discussion following it, was informative and enlightening.

Why college students don't vote

A feature story by Brian Ford

About a month ago, I set up my town hall, and asked for them to send me my absentee ballot. After missing the Presidential election in 2004 because I wasn't 18 yet, I was excited to vote for the first time in a major election. A free listening to the slew of political issues, many people choose not to respond because they don't feel that politics affect them in a big way. One student responded, "My daily life isn't affected by who is Senator of my state, so why vote?"

Sen. Joe Biden is concerned about the conclusion that the importance of voting isn't advertised enough. "I think it's because it isn't publicized enough on campus." Collins also added that Bryant should do more to promote awareness. In 2004, Bryant had the lowest number of students that voted. It is a valid point. Although many television stations such as MTV try to run movies that "rock the vote," students don't feel like the elections affect them. One student added, "Politics is at an all-time high. Full-time jobs, houses and families. I'll start voting when I have to start worrying about those kinds of things."

Whether it is laziness, difficulty, or just pure non-interest, college students are not voting. In 2004, 20% of high school seniors in America reported to the polls, and for fear of being predicted not to increase by that much, if at all, in 2006. College students will most likely, once again, miss out on their chance to make a difference, whether they want to or not.
By Ron Hutcherson
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON - Chastened by a "thumpin'" at the polls, President Bush heeded voters' calls for change Wednesday by ousting Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld.

Bush's surprise decision to replace Rumsfeld with former CIA Director Robert Gates was the most dramatic event in a series of rapid-fire developments triggered by the Democratic takeover in Congress.

Late results from Tuesday's elections left Democrats poised to control both the House of Representatives and the Senate, although the final Senate lineup might hinge on a Virginia recount that could take a few weeks. Virginia Democrat James Webb held a lead of more than 7,000 votes out of 2.5 million cast over Republican Sen. George Allen.

Bush and House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, in line to become America's first female House speaker, pledged to work together on issues ranging from Iraq to increasing the minimum wage.

"The American people spoke with their votes, and they spoke for change," Pelosi said. "Nowhere was the call for a new direction more clear from the American people than in the war in Iraq.

"The talk of cooperation didn't immediately dispel the partisan rancor that's settled on Washington nor did it stop Republican recriminations over the election results. House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., announced that he would surrender his role in the Republican leadership when the new Congress convenes in January.

"At the White House, a somber Bush said he was surprised and disappointed by Tuesday's outcome. Bush acknowledged his share of the blame for the election that was a referendum on the Iraq war and on his performance as commander in chief.

"As the head of the Republican Party, I share a large part of the responsibility," he said at a White House news conference. "It was a thumpin'." Rumsfeld's ouster came a week after Bush told a small group of reporters that he wanted the defense secretary to stay on the job until end of his presidency. Despite what he said, Bush had already concluded that he wanted "a fresh perspective" at the Pentagon, although he hadn't interviewed Gates or worked out final details of Rumsfeld's resignation.

"I didn't want to inject a major decision about this war in the final days of the campaign," he explained, directing his response to the reporters he'd misled. "The only way to answer that question and to get you on another question was to give you that answer.

"Members of Congress from both parties welcomed Rumsfeld's departure. But the House on Thursday will have its first votes on Iraq, with criticism of the administration rampant.

"I'm glad to see him go," said Rep. Tom Cole, R-Okla. "He's a good man, a good man at a bad time, and it's time to move on.

Bush said he'll meet with its members' advice, invaded Iraq with too few troops, set a tone that encouraged the abuse of war captives, failed to develop a credible post-war plan, and imposed back-breaking burdens on the American and Marine Corps.

Rumsfeld showed little of his characteristic cockiness at a brief appearance with Bush and Gates later Wednesday, but he maintained his sense of humor.

"I have benefited greatly from criticism," he said, borrowing a line from Winston Churchill, "and at no time have I suffered a lack thereof." In contrast to Rumsfeld, Gates is considered a pragmatic foreign policy realist, with a tendency to see the world in shades of gray, rather than in black-and-white distinctions. For example, Gates has said he favors opening a dialogue with Iran, an idea that Rumsfeld and Bush have opposed.

"This is the death knell of the neoconservative approach," said Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del. "I think the president is going to necessarily have to find new ground.

Gates is a protege of Brent Scowcroft, who was national security adviser to the first President Bush, and a member of the Iraq study group chaired by former Secretary of State James A. Baker, who was perhaps the senior Bush's closest adviser. The bipartisan Baker commission is expected to offer an alternative Iraq policy in December or January. Bush said he'll meet with its members next week.

In another conciliatory move, Bush backed away from his campaign strategy of charging that Democrats are soft on terrorism. At a recent rally in Texas, he said: "The terrorists win and America loses."

"What's changed today is the election is over, and the Democrats won," Bush said when asked about his earlier comments. But Bush also signaled that he would continue to oppose a timetable for withdrawal from Iraq until victory is in sight.

The election has changed many things in Washington, but it has not changed my fundamental responsibility, and that is to protect the American people from attack," he said. "If the goal is success, we can work together. If the goal is get out now, regardless, then that's going to be hard to work together.

Turning to domestic issues, Bush said he hoped to work with Democrats on a minimum-wage increase, legislation to extend the No Child Left Behind education law, an immigration overhaul that includes a guest-worker program, and changes to Medicare and Social Security. He used a congratulatory call to Pelosi to invite her to lunch on Monday.

"She's not going to abandon her principles and I'm not going to abandon mine," Bush said. "But I do believe we have an opportunity to find some ground."
VANDALISM
Vandalism OCT 30 2006-Monday at 10:13
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A report of damage to the window and door handle in a Residence Hall.

THEFT
(TLARCENY) Larceny / Other ($200-$500) OCT 30 2006-Monday at 16:05
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A student came to the Public Safety Office and wished to file a report of stolen clothes.

EMT CALL
EMT Call / Medical Services Rendered OCT 30 2006-Monday at 20:25
Location: CHASE ATHLETIC CENTER
Summary: DPS received a call from the Chase Athletic Center reporting a foot injury. EMS was activated.

EMT CALL
EMT Call / Medical Services Rendered OCT 31 2006-Tuesday at 12:22
Location: GEORGE E BELLO CENTER
Summary: A report of a student having a seizure. EMS was activated.

VANDALISM
(AUTO) Vandalism to Auto(s) OCT 31 2006-Tuesday at 12:48
Location: TOWNHOUSE
Summary: A student reported damage to their vehicle.

EMT CALL
EMT Call / Medical Services Rendered OCT 31 2006-Tuesday at 16:44
Location: CHASE ATHLETIC CENTER
Summary: A report of a broken ankle.

EMT CALL
EMT Call / Medical Services Rendered NOV 1 2006-Wednesday at 18:47
Location: TOWNHOUSE
Summary: A report of a broken window.

VANDALISM
(SCHOOL) Vandalism (School Building) NOV 2 2006-Thursday at 01:05
Location: TOWNHOUSE
Summary: A report of a student having heart problems. EMS was activated.

EMT CALL
EMT Call / Medical Services Rendered NOV 2 2006-Thursday at 01:47
Location: TOWNHOUSE
Summary: A report of a student being threatened by another student.

FIRE ALARM
Fire Alarm NOV 4 2006-Saturday at 00:19
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A fire extinguisher was expelled in a Residence Hall.

EMT CALL
EMT Call / Medical Services Rendered NOV 4 2006-Saturday at 02:36
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A report of a female with alcohol poisoning. EMS was activated.

ASSAULT
Assault and/or Battery NOV 5 2006-Sunday at 00:13
Location: SENIOR APARTMENT LOT
Summary: While investigating a motor vehicle accident a DPS officer was assaulted by a friend of the suspect. Smithfield Police arrested one student.

BIAS INCIDENTS
None reported

To report a bias incident or hate crime, go to www.bryant.edu/bias or call the Bias Incident Hotline at x6920.

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, natural origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, or gender status. Examples of these incidents include name calling, offensive language/acts, and graffiti/behavior.

Bias is reported only if investigation reveals sufficient objective facts to lead a reasonable and prudent person to conclude that the offender's actions were motivated, in whole or in part, by bias.
Credit card firms can pull some fast ones
By Susan Tompkin
Detroit Free Press (MCT)

Imagine that you just picked up a ticket to see the latest in Laceo sneakers on sale. There, you spend $100 on the same pair of shoes sitting in your closet.

Crazy talk, huh? That's how it works in the checked-out world of credit card companies. They've got ways to zing you even when you think you're in the clear. Amazingly, they're getting away with it.

For now. It's getting harder, some say, and downright impossible to be savvy when it comes to credit cards. It is true many credit cards no longer charge annual fees. But most card issuers are adding lower fees than they would have in 1998. New research by the Government Accountability Office, the investigative arm of Congress, shows that fees have increased and have come from some risk-based pricing that allows charge card issuers to offer different rates to financially solid customers.

Yet some savvy consumer knows it's way too easy to get zinged. Did you know that your interest rate on a cash advance or a credit card cash could go up . . . without any warning letter . . . if you make a late payment? Or if you start charging too much on all your credit cards? And that higher rate . . . sometimes 30 percent . . . could apply to all your current balances?

Or did you know that you could be charged $10 to $15 per item for not paying your bill on time, by phone? Maybe you don't know these . . . and unfair . . . practices have got to end, said Sen. Levin who requested the GAO's detailed study of discounts, fees, interest rates and billing practices in the credit card industry.

The Michigan Democrat told me in an interview that he's so concerned about the lack of consumer protections that he would introduce a bill to call for more credit card regulation if the industry doesn't step up and change.

Levin said some practices should be prohibited, such as fees to pay by phone. "I don't think you ought to be charged a fee if you pay on time," Levin said. Levin also said consumers shouldn't be charged interest on part of a bill that's already been paid.

Consider a multi-cycle billing, a practice that a few credit card issuers use. It allows credit card issuers to charge interest on money that the consumer hadn't actually borrowed but already repaid. Not fair, and it should be banned," said Travis Plunkett, legislative director for the Consumer Federation of America in Washington, D.C.

"They offer this example: A cardholder spends $15 on a pair of shoes or the boys one big-ticket item, like a new washer, and some other everyday goods. And say the customer pays, on time, $990 of the $1,000 bill. The $10 balance is carried over into the next month.

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By Stephen Demers
Sports Editor

The Bryant men’s basketball team completed their pre-season schedule this week and it looks like Bulldog fans have a lot to look forward to this season.

Last week the Bulldogs traveled to the Carrier Dome to take on the Syracuse Orange and they definitely came prepared to play. The Orange are ranked No. 20 in the country and were picked to finish third in the Big East based on pre-season rankings.

The Bulldogs were down 11 at the half but they came roaring back. Jerenn Wright scored several inside shots and Chris Burns made a three to bring the Bulldogs back within 11 with three minutes left. Though the Bulldogs couldn’t overcome the deficit and lost the game 92-86, Burns was outscored Syracuse in the second half 52-47 and out rebounded the Orange 58-47. Syracuse also had 24 turnovers in the game. Chris Burns ended the night with a career-high 33 points and Ryan McLean added another 18 points.

The Bulldogs’ strong performance on the boards and relentless defense against Syracuse is certainly encouraging news for the season.

Monday the Bulldogs faced the No. 18 UConn Huskies at the Hartford Civic Center. Burns hit two early three pointers and gave Bryant a quick 6-1 lead. By halftime the Bulldogs were down by only six. In the second half, however, the Bulldogs were outscored 34-15 and UConn finished with a 70-45 win. Burns finished the night with 13 points and Dan Hammond and Nate Sudlow each added nine.

The Bulldogs begin their regular season Wednesday at Philadelphia, one of only two non-league games this season. The home opener is November 18th.

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Top Dogs

Charlie Granatell
Year: Junior
Sport: Football

Why this dog was picked: Charlie completed 15 of 21 passes for 278 yards and 3 touchdowns in leading the Bulldogs to a 36-15 win over Bentley College Saturday afternoon at Bentley Football Field. The win improves Bryant to 7-2 overall and 6-0 in conference. They will travel to East Hartford for the final regular season game against CCSU on Saturday.

Nicole Radzik
Year: Junior
Sport: Cross Country

Why this dog was picked: Nicole finished fifth overall individually at the NCAA Division II Regional’s and in doing so qualified for the NCAA Championships in Pensacola, FL next week. Radzik finished in a time of 22 minutes, 51 seconds. She is the first Bryant athlete to qualify for the national championship since Paula Klepadlo in 2003.

Lady Bulldogs end successful season

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So ended the career of captain Casey Grange, who happens to be Bryant’s all-time leading scorer and also the first player to record 100 points in school history. The Lady Bulldogs’ final record of 15-7-1 represented the most wins in Bryant’s history.
Bulldog Bites

Field Hockey Ends Season in NE-10 Quarterfinals

Last week, the Bulldogs' field hockey season came to an end with a 2-1 loss against St. Michaels. Down 1-0 in the second half, Senior Laynie Sadler forced the net to tie the game, but the Purple Knights came back, scoring the game winner two minutes later. Each team had four shots on goal in this defensive battle. The Bulldogs finished 11-10 (8-7 NE-10) on the season. Sadler finished the season with 16 goals and 12 assists (44 points). Her goals and points this season place her second in the Bulldog record books and her 12 assists tie for second place set back in 2003. Freshman goalsekeeper Kundaji Maswama made 145 saves this season and played all but 89 minutes over the course of the season. Both Sadler and Kristin Tighe were named to the NE-10 All-Conference team.

Women's Bas-ke-tball Pre-season Rankings Released

The women's basketball team has been picked to finish 3rd in the 2006-07 Pre-season Coaches' Poll. American International College was picked as the favorite to win the NE-10 this season. Last year AIC advanced to the NCAA Division II Championship game. Southern Connecticut was picked to finish second in the poll. They won both the NE-10 regular season championship and the tournament title last season. The Bulldogs finished 9-18 during the 2005-06 season. They opened up their season this year against Queens on November 17th as part of the Bryant Tip-Off Tournament.

Women's Swim Team Picks up Three Wins

The women's swim team had a busy but successful weekend. Last Friday, they defeated both Eastern Connecticut State and Husson in a double dual meet. Freshman Jess Leoney won the 200 yard freestyle, 100 yard backstroke, and 100 yard IM. The women's team continued their dominance on Saturday as they defeated Clark University. Freshman Dayna Kowalczyk won the 100 backstroke in 1.07.55. The men's team lost to Clark University 141-121. Junior Ray Sznr won the 200 yard freestyle for the Bulldogs in 1:56.72. Freshman John Ciesielski took first in the 50 yard freestyle in 24.28 and 100 yard breaststroke in 1:44.72.

Volleyball Headed to NCAA Tournament

For the tenth time in school history, the women's volleyball team is headed to the NCAA tournament. The Bulldogs will face Bentley. This weekend the Bulldogs participated in the NE-10 Conference Tournament. In the quarterfinals they defeated Franklin Pierce 3-1. Jessica Cegarra had 17 kills and six blocks and Delia Glover added 23 defensive digs. In the semifinals the Bulldogs were defeated by Bentley, who went on to capture the NE-10 title.

Radzik Qualifies for Nationals

Junior Nicole Radzik finished 18th overall this past weekend at the NCAA Regional Cross Country Championships. Finishing in a time of 22 minutes and 51 seconds, Radzik became the first Bryant athlete since 2003 to qualify for the national championship held in Florida. Overall, the women's team placed 12th in the regionals. The men's team finished 9th. Alan Waters was the top Bulldog finisher in 42nd place.

Mark your calendars

Men's Basketball: Wed, Nov. 15 at Philadelphia 6:00 PM
Football: Sat, Nov. 11 vs. Becker 12:00 PM
Swimming: Sat, Nov. 11 at UMass Dartmouth (at Roger Williams); Wed, Nov. 15 vs. Pace 8:30 PM
Hockey: Fri, Nov. 10 vs. Endicott 8:30 PM; Sun, Nov. 12 at Western Conn. State 1:00 PM

Sports

Waters Way: Fall sports step it up

By Alan Waters

Women's cross country was led this year by Bryant. In the last few years they have had a tough, hard road, dedicated, competitive sports program. If they do not think that, then they should start. Bryant won the Presidents Cup two years in a row, and finished a very close second last year. However, this year Bryant has made huge strides in taking the Cup back. Each sport contributes to the points system used, which factors in wins, standing in the conference and NCAA bids. Overall the fall season proved to be very successful and helped create a strong foundation for what appears to be another very successful year for Bryant athletics.

Cross Country worked hard this year to bring in new talent and get them ready to compete early and contribute this year. Both the men and women worked hard and many runners posted personal records throughout the year. The women will be sending their second athlete, first since 2003, to Nationals in Nicole Radzik, where she will compete against the nation's top runners. Look for both teams to use their youth to their advantage.

Field Hockey had their best season in a few years. These girls played their hearts out and have shown amazing potential for the future. I personally think that only two players being named to the all-conference team was a little ridiculous. There were at least a few other girls that should have considered. They made it to the conference tournament, which is a great turnaround from a few years ago.

Football flat out has had the best year in its history, behind amazing offensive talents Lorenzo Perry and Charles Cusatiello, along with the rest of the talented starting 11. Defense has been playing tough as well, coming up huge when the Bulldogs need it the most, on more than one occasion this year. They will share the conference title this year, and could have easily been the sole possessors of this if one or two players went their way.

Look for the Dogs to have a huge comeback playoff time. Goff had another strong year, especially towards the end of the season, and look for that to carry over into the spring. Head Coach Arche Balluff fought a health issue this year, which affected the team, but will come back strong to lead his team in the right direction.

Men's soccer played hard this year, and has many returning from Bryant. This year they fought hard even until the last game, senior night, when they beat AIC 3-1. Bryant was able to play the role of spoiler to a team's dreams of the conference tournament. The Bulldogs have many athletes that will be returning, and have a bright future.

By Maureen Atkins

Men's soccer played amazingly this year. They made it to the Conference Championship game and to the NCAA's, which is great for Bryant Athletics. They will be losing two solid players in Veg Butting and Casey Grange, but have great youth to help the programs succeed.

Volleyball yet again has been at the top of the conference which has become the usual. The girls fought hard against all their opponents, which led them to the conference tournament once again, and got them a bid for the NCAA's as well. Combining young and old faces, Bryant was able to continue their winning tradition.

"Overall the fall season proved to be very successful and helped create a strong foundation for what appears to be another very successful year for Bryant athletics".

Do you live, eat, sleep, and breathe sports? Do you like to write? Join The Archway's Sports Staff. E-mail archway@bryant.edu for more info.
By Stephen Demers  
Sports Editor

The Bryant football team defeated Bentley last weekend and also captured a share of the conference championship.

Entering the game, the Bulldogs knew they had to win in order to help their chances of making the NCAA tournament. The Bulldogs slipped yet again in the weekly polls to No. 6, despite beating No. 3 Southern Connecticut earlier in the season. The Bulldogs also had to cope with Bentley’s strong defense.

The Bulldogs set the precedent early, as they scored on the first drive of the game. Bryant called a reverse on the first play. The Falcons defense thought the ball was going to running back Lorenzo Perry, but were caught off guard when Perry handed to Vince Norris who gained 21-yards on the play. Perry would later score from 10-yards out. Bobby Heilman kicked a 23-yard field goal and Chris Peaks scored before Bentley finally got on the board.

Granatell completed 7 of 11 passes for 131 yards and a touchdown that Lorenzo Perry is the league’s MVP.

The NE-10 also announced this week that Lorenzo Perry is the league’s MVP. Perry ranks second nationally in Division II with 1,698 yards running this season. Receiving first team all-conference honors are junior quarterback Charlie Granatell, tight end Alex Chaparro, offensive lineman Wes Nottingham, and senior lineman Ralph Squitieri, and senior line-backer Andrew Mcarty.

The Bulldogs finish off the regular season Saturday at home against Becker in a non-conference game. The Bulldogs are going for their eighth win on Saturday.

I know, I know, those of you who saw my picks last week saw me do absolutely terribly. You would have been better off flipping a coin to pick the games. But hey, the lock was good as New Orleans proved me right in taking care of the over-rated Tampa Bay Bucks. A word of caution for people picking games on their own this week: do not put too much confidence in Miami after their win over the Bears. It was only one game and not enough to change my views on the entire team. With Miami getting one point vs. Kansas City this week was a tough game to pick but I went with Kansas City. I do not have as much confidence in this week’s lock as last week’s but by picking with my gut instincts I feel the Seahawks will have no trouble taking care of St. Louis, by more than four points in Seattle, the toughest stadium in the league for a road team to play in.

NCAA Regional Poll

1. Shepherd (9-0)
2. Bloomsburg (9-1)
3. BRYANT (7-2)
4. Merrimack (7-3)
5. Southern Connecticut (7-3)
6. California, PA (8-2)
7. C.W. Post (7-3)
8. Slippery Rock (7-3)
9. West Chester (7-3)
10. American International (6-3)
11. Indiana, PA (7-2)
12. West Liberty State (7-3)

Quarterback Charlie Granatell, the NE-10 Co-offensive player of the week, and the Bulldogs are going for their

On any given Sunday...  
Hirschorn’s NFL Picks

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Away Spread Home Spread  
KC -1 MIA 1  
HOU 10.5 JAK -10.5  
SD -1.5 CIN 1.5  
CLE 8 ATL -8  
BAL -7.5 TEN 7.5  
BUF 12.5 IND -12.5  
NO 4 PIT 4  
WASH 7 PHI -7  
Away Spread Home Spread  
CHI -2 NYG 2  
GB 5.5 MIN -5.5  
NYJ 10.5 NE -10.5  
SF 6 DET -6  
DEN -9 OAK 9  
STL 4 SEA -4  
DAL -7 ARI 7  
TB 9.5 CAR -9.5

Courtesy of the Athletic Department

Lock of the Week

10.5 JAK -10.5  
-1 MIA 1  
5.5 MI

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-1 MIA -2 NYG

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Students Speak Out

What should be the next structural addition to the Bryant University campus?

"We need an extension onto Salmo. All too often during the peak lunch and dinner hours can I not find a seat."
Patrick Brosnan
2008

"I think Bryant should stop building new stuff and save the money and lower my tuition."
Emily St. Pierre
2009

"We need additional parking spaces so that students don't have to resort to parking in illegal spots. For instance, as a freshman I paid $800 in parking tickets."
Danielle DiFiore
2008

"They should turn the 15 parking lot into a parking garage. I think it is ridiculous we have to park so far from our dorms and when winter comes we won't have to brush the snow off our cars. Sometimes there is just nowhere to park!"
Tiffany Garry
2008

"We need a bigger Salmo because there are people asking for the tables to sit at before others leave which makes them feel rushed thinking they have to get up even if they are not done, not to mention the tables are too close together."
Ashley Ammendolia
2008

"I want to see an arcade with Time Crisis 1, 2 and if there is a 3, Xmen vs Cap Com, Ski Ball and a ton of the hottest games out! It should have a prize table for tickets with prizes suitable for college kids."
Andre Whyte
2010

"We need more seats at Salmo because there are way too many people and not enough space."
Jared Koreff
2010

"In order to utilize all the money they spent on the turf field, Bryant should construct stadium seating for events on the turf field."
Joe Carrilietta
2008

Compiled by Joe Domaney
Observations
By Lauren Cimino and Ryan P. Daley

"I'm not a narcissist, I'm just active!"

What's the deal with people citing irrelevant clubs/organizations/titles in their e-mails? It seems that people are getting more and more title happy than ever before. We get an e-mail that is one line, but we're struck with another fifty after the individual’s name, letting us know that he or she is vice president of club A and co-chair of committee X in organization B, in the Honors Program, has attended one SNP meeting, and even have a dog named “Jack” who won Puppy of the year, 2004. We say stick to what's relevant in the e-mail, and don't be so title happy.

Library set to self-destruct in five minutes

How annoying is it that the library needs to constantly remind us every five minutes starting at 11:30 PM that “The Library will be closing in 6 minutes.” A one time “It is now 11:55 PM, The Library will be closing in five minutes! It is now 12:00 and the Library is now closed” would be sufficient. We're not children; it's not going to sink in any faster if you start at 11:30 or 11:55, it's just going to throw off our concentration for an extra 20 minutes.

Stray cats procreating on campus

Lately we've been seeing an abundance of kittens on campus... Looks like we've got a yet another family moving into Bryant.

Final exam schedule nowhere to be found

Although it might difficult to find, the final exam schedule 15 supposedly available. A dean's request for it is on the “Undergraduate Programs” page of the website, under the “Calendar” option, but we can't seems to find it. Can you? First person to e-mail us with the answer gets a free bag of candy! We're serious.

Many feel that her decision to perform that abortion was the impetus for the entire pro-choice movement. This case helped lead the way for the Supreme Court to legalize abortion in its Roe vs. Wade decision in 1973.

To many of us, Dr. Hodgson was a pioneer and not just in abortion rights but in all reproductive health care. She spent her lifetime waging battles to preserve Roe and even at her advanced age, she was most likely upset at this latest round of assaults on the law. If you haven't been following the news, at the time of the mid-term elections this past week, there were 13 states trying to pass laws and/or severe restrictions on abortion. Even with Roe's protections still in place, 87 percent of U.S. counties have no abortion provider creating access issues for lots of women. In the entire state of Mississippi there are no abortion providers.

Simion Says: No turning back the clocks

Yesterday as I was writing my piece, I took a look to read the Boston Globe. The obituary of Dr. Jane Hodgson, who died at the age of 91, caught my attention. She was the first American doctor to be convicted of illegally performing an abortion. And it wasn't that long ago (well to some of us). A pregnant woman had shown up at Dr. Hodgson's office in 1970, scared and anxious because she had contracted German measles in her first trimester of pregnancy. She feared the baby would be born with birth defects. She had wanted an abortion which of course was illegal at that time. Dr. Hodgson had been treating many patients—some addicted, mutilated victims of back-alley abor-

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While Americans are not in full agreement on access to abortion, a majority, when polled, consistently affirms its support for a woman's right to choose in her reproductive options.

Kennedy Uncensored: On writing opinion columns

Well, it has certainly been an interesting couple of weeks. If you look at the Opinion section of The Archway, we've quite a few riveting articles and strongly worded responses to them, illustrating the changing attitudes and opinions in regards to abortion. Unfortunately it has never been the ones writing in Letters to the Editor to criticize me. I explicitly asked people to give feedback to me in my first column, and the olive branch remains extended. There is no excuse for not contacting me with a problem or issue; our Bryant e-mail has a Global Address List for this purpose. My contact information is not in an obvious place, but please make use of the resources available to you; it will be expected of you when you go to work after you graduate.

In the conversations I have held in person with those concerned with my articles, a common point of contention was that my articles don't elaborate enough on the nuances of any particular issue I am writing on. This is one of the unfortunate weaknesses of a six to eight paragraph long opinion piece; it is utterly impossible to elaborate in full depth on any particular issue. If you go to the library, you can find entire volumes of books dedicated to any particular topic I have in my articles, and even those books cannot completely cover all relevant information on any of these topics. Thus, my opinion articles allow for me to cover only a small portion, but I am at the end of the piece I have to come to a general statement, which usually cannot account for many nuances.

Writing an opinion article is hard work if you want it done right. Good articles are proactive and thought-provoking, and they make a genuine impact in the amount of space allotted. This argument must provoke thought and discussion, and if people are offended by a cer...
Men, women, and sex

Everyone is entitled to his or her own opinion. Everyone can have his or her own views on certain topics, and everyone is allowed to express those opinions in any way they please. That is what makes America a great country. That is also why I am writing this article.

Men. Women, and Sex is one of the most controversial topics in the world today. Everyone has their own experiences that they draw from. These are mine.

Many people think that the society of a college campus is filled with too much sexual propaganda. People are called sluts, whores, and easy for the way they dress. I could not disagree with this more. A lot of people make the assumption that because a girl dresses a little more risque than others means she is not serious about sex. But have you ever thought about going up and talking to her? That girl may be wearing a skirt and a bra on a Friday night out with her friends. Flirting with the guys at the bar, could be a Dean’s List student with a great internship and an amazing resume. People say that girls don’t have respect for themselves just because of the way they dress. But unless the girl’s values are written on her forehead, I don’t believe this. Yes, first impressions are important in today’s society, but giving people a fair chance is important.

Others also put many stereotypes on men as well. Men in society are looked at as people who look at women as objects. And in some cases, this is true. There are men out there who take women for granted and look at them as a prize. In many movies men are sometimes shown as jerks. However, what about the other guys? I cannot stand when people attack a party, that because I am a guy, people, and by people I mean men and girls, think that I am on the wrong side. I wear a t-shirt from Abercrombie and Fitch, jeans from Ralph Lauren, a black polo from Eagle, and white sneakers, I am automatically stereotyped as a jerk. For this reason, my closest friends went to a party recently, and because he was wearing a tight muscle shirt and holding a beer, he was immediately placed in the “jerky” category. Girls gave him looks, as if to shun him from society. But did anyone care to give him a chance, and to find out he is in a committed relationship with a girl who he sends flowers to every week? No, people at the party assumed by a five second first impression that he was looking to get lucky with the nearest girl who was drunk.

Many people also think that there are too many sexual references in the world today. Jokes are passed around from time to time, especially in a college environment. Many take offense to this. I don’t necessarily think that this is a bad thing. Sex is a topic which people whisper about as if they are committing a crime. However, most people have been involved in some type of sexual activity. So what is the crime in discussing it? As long as you have respect for the person you are discussing it with, and also a sense of humor, I do not see a problem. Just because somebody is making a joke, does not necessarily mean that they agree with it.

Sex will always be a controversial topic in today’s world, especially within our generation. However, it doesn’t have to have a red flag next to it. So next time you see a woman in a bar, don’t assume she’s a bar rat who’s looking to be easy. And next time you see a guy at a party, don’t assume he’s looking for a score. Give them a chance, I’m willing to bet you’ll be surprised.

By Greg Hirshorn
Staff Writer

Breakdown on the broken door

In every living environment it is inevitable that there are going to be some accidents that take place. In the dorm area a table may have a small crack from use or strain on a chair from a spill. However, there is a certain line where accidents begin to break down the integrity of the outer doors that lead into the buildings. Every time these doors are broken there is a costly repair process that takes place for the fixing of the broken doors. The Bryant locksmith has to come and repair the broken door. The cost of these repairs is split between all of the residents in the building where the act took place unless a single person can be cited for the breaking of the door in which case that person would be entirely financially accountable.

As a resident of hall four I live in one of the buildings where the door is broken the most frequently on campus. Hall two recently had the entire FORI reader broken off and which is an even more costly job to fix than just the door being broken open. I speculate that part of the reason some people are breaking these doors is due to the inefficiency of the FORIs which the campus as a whole has been having issues with. You may say to yourself if my FORI doesn’t mess in then I will just break it open.

I would like to know who the people are that feel breaking the door is a productive manner as using the FORI the time to work on the sensor or getting someone to fix it in. It would not shock me if many of these broken doors could also be attributed to people trying to get into a party in a hall which they do not have access to. In this case, they decide to break the door so they can get to the party. Congratulations, you have caused a disruption to the school and created a situation where an entire building will be fixed so you could get to a party which will only more likely be broken up in less than fifteen minutes; great job.

There are two things that I can think that students could do to avoid being fined for the breaking of these doors. My first suggestion is a complex one but if everyone on campus uses all of their knowledge we will be able to accomplish the goal of not breaking the doors in the first place. Next time you are not able to enter your hall with your FORI take a deep breath and wait for someone to open the door for you or your FORI to work. In all seriousness, this is not too hard and to be honest why are people on campus can’t do this in the first place to eliminate the problems that we have on campus.

As a society in general people need to be held more accountable for their actions and this is a perfect example of that.

Letter to the editor:

Dear Editor,

I’d like to express my appreciation to the students at The Saint Elizabeth Community that built the Bryan Helps and Big Sisters失 compilation. Each of these caring individuals carves pumpkins last week for our annual event in memory of a former employee and friend and the event will help raise money for one of the Saint Elizabeth Community’s special education project. These special college students present a different view of their work and lend a different perspective to the lives of the people who come. Bryan College has much to be proud of.

Sincerely,
Steven J. Horowitz
President and CEO
The Saint Elizabeth Community
Kennedy Uncensored cont’d

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tain article it is probably a good sign that pedestrian, partisan, people are dis-
cussing it in their own circle and making their differing opinion known to everyone. This is a good thing. Letters to the Editor, which are generally reactive and allow no room for musing or formulating. I will never publish any article unless I will be able to publish that piece anywhere. If I write a column that you say should have no embellishment with my work whether it is published in Atlanta, Harlem, or San Francisco. I stand behind everything I write and defend it with arguments I have spent a good deal of time forming and testing in my free time.

We must apologize to anyone I offended through my articles. As stated above, I cannot account for all the nuances in a particular topic. If you have a strong opinion, time for censor-nappy busy-

Opposition column, write your own instead or complaining about one of mine. I will fully admit that my arguments can come off as extreme, but I try to include enough light-

heartedness but in less important sections so that people know it is just a personal or strongest argument. The article on “Real Racism” was a rare example of that. I don’t think protestant anti-semitism was obviously a joke. Later, I think to establish the previous statements were pretty much just a part of, and not necessarily false or untruthful. As I discussed with a friend the other day, racism still exists. The point of that particular article was to point out that racism in general is an argument on the genuine articles of racism, not the card out on every little problem we run into, especially if that means we have to reconsider everyrear end before we assault the police instead of apologiz-
ing, or trying to dig up past offenses to win a current elec-
tions. You don’t solve problems by trying to use the card to explain the other side. If you have problems with that, I think we should consider your goals. I am aware that there are no solutions to problems either with the Bryant administration, individ-

The Daily Soap Box: It’s a matter of opinion

By Ryan F. Daley

Opinion Editor

Dear reader: The opinions expressed in “The Daily Soap Box,” Kennedy Uncensored, Multistate, are the Words of Wellness, any other regularly published opinion sections in any college or anywhere on the opinion pages is the opinion of the authors. An editorial is “not that of The Arachnaya, its staff, or the opinions of the collective body of writers offers a wide variety from both sides of the political spectrum, and though sometimes you may see strong writing along party lines from ideologues, the common thought process amongst all of the offices writers is no more than simple logic. What you read in The Arachnaya you, the writer and me, you read through a letter to the editor or intelligent conversation with the writer and me. Let me personally attack a person whom you’ve never even

Although this specific piece, “The Soap Box” and although my title is “Opinion Editor,” this piece does not reflect the opinions of The Arachnaya, as staff, or Kennedy. The Arachnaya doesn’t currently have editorialials; we have opinion pieces. An editorial is “not a newspaper or magazine article that represents the opinion of the entire newspaper or publisher” (Merriam-Webster). An opinion piece is a signed article expressing personal views

points by its authors). A good example of this difference is The Providence Journal’s editorial on Sunday, October 22, 2000, which states: “We advise the proposed Narragansett Indian Tribe to reconsider its plan to build a casino to be run by Harrah’s in West Warwick. So we recommend voting no on referendum Question 1 on the November ballot.” However, one of The Providence Journal’s writers had written an article earlier that day, “Endecott of Peabody George Bush, it is clear that, like the Providence Journal endorses that call. This editorial clearly incoherent and completely ignores Providence Journal’s position on the issue as an entity.

Our endorsement of the casino, in addition to their endorsement, to our knowledge, there are no 10 candidates in RI this year due to nothing more than less so, we are of course not the best mind, not for endorsing the bill, but we are of course, we take it. They still take The Providence Journal, however, I’ll take the casino, and if they have a7
cad is not a newspaper or magazine article that represents the opinion of the entire newspaper or publisher.” A newspaper is a company. A television station is a company. An internet radio station is a company. Each has an audience, they may not they may, may not be state supported, and will use their existence as a megaphone to reach the public with that agenda. You and I know well when we’re absorbing content that someone is trying to broadcast to us.”

A newspaper is a company. A television station is a

Multi-partisan Hackery: Election hackery

Conservative

Briar Kennedy

We’ll, the results are for the most part moderate. Democrats have won in both the House and the Senate on the results of two races. Virginia’s Senate race was one that many people thought was likely to end in a recount. Senator-elect Kerry had already won, but the race had to be decided in a recount. The Senate race was called shortly before the polls closed.

A few other races that were close include the North Carolina Senate race, which was won by Democrat Dale Carlucci. The Senate race in North Carolina was one that Democrats believed they could win.

In the House, the results were mixed. Republicans won a few seats, but Democrats won a few as well. The most notable race was the one in Pennsylvania, where Republican Lou Barletta lost to Democrat Mark Kelly. The race was close, with Kelly winning by a margin of just a few hundred votes.

Election hackery is a controversial topic. Some people believe that it is necessary to ensure the integrity of the election process, while others believe that it is unnecessary and can actually undermine the trust of the electorate.

In this article, I will discuss some of the ways that election hackery can occur, and how it can be prevented. I will also discuss some of the challenges that come with preventing election hackery.

Firstly, hacking an election can happen in a number of ways. One common method is to tamper with the election results themselves, either by changing the votes that have already been cast or by adding new votes to the system. Another method is to disrupt the voting process itself, either by attempting to prevent voters from casting their ballots or by altering the way that votes are counted.

Another issue that arises with election hackery is the question of how to ensure that the voting process is fair and transparent. One way to address this is to have independent auditors verify the results of the election, which can help to ensure that the results are accurate and that they are not being tampered with.

In conclusion, election hackery is a serious issue that needs to be addressed in order to ensure the integrity of the election process. By being aware of the different ways that hacking can occur and taking steps to prevent it, we can help to ensure that our democratic system is fair and just for all.

Liberal: Peter Conners

It is my opinion that the way the election has gone has been a complete disservice to the midterm elections, so I believe that it has been a disservice to the two states in question. The midterm elections have some of the most vested interests.

On the topic of politics, I need to say a few words about the election. I do not believe that Liberalism was not able to illustrate the point that the word goes back to the Berr Heat Dam races in the last election. In fact, I believe that it was a good idea to remove himself from the race. Despite the fact that this idea was generally accepted, I believe that a voice is still needed in the country. I suppose I can take a step back and say that Liberalism will continue to hold both sides together. In the words of the moderate Democratic allies if solely for the reason that it was not the predominately Democratic state of Rhode Island.

Moving on, I couldn’t have been happier with the decision to have the Clinton camp of Shelby Whitehouse. I feel that it is paramount for as many Democrats as possible sit in the Senate, although I do respect Chaffee’s legacy of Rhode Island, I am excited to see that Rhode Is-

lend not would be resurrecting the same old political advertising, defeating the eventual Democratic constitution by a wide margin, I was somewhat surprised that the town of West Warwick, the only other place in the state with a casino, was one of two towns to pass the referendum. I re-

ally feel that it is imperative that people believe that it would benefit the American “tourism,” but I wish they had lead with their thoughts given by Ledyard and Montville, Connecticut (now a Libertarian and two Indian casinos). These lessons would dictate that a casino is a money pit which brings in visitors, provides places for the sick and restaurants, spas, etc. Having two Indian casinos from Collette casinos, the customers do not partake. This leads me on only add to traffic congestion.

The writers of Multipartisan Hackery are by no means experts on the topic of election hacking, but are openly vocal with their opinions. This is in writing from their perspective. The writers of Multipartisan Hackery do not necessarily represent the views of editors, writers, or Bryant University. Please realize that this article is a personal opinion of the author at the time the piece was written. It is not a comprehensive analysis. It is not a comprehensive analysis of the subject of hacking in the U.S. commenting on election hacking, and we are entitled to express our views in this context. If you feel misrepresented, send us an e-mail, we will always have room in Multip-

arian, and even as an anarchist.
Bulldog Movie Reviews: Borat

By Michael Pickowicz
Staff Columnist
Rude, offensive, racist, and un-speakably gross. Could this possibly be a recipe for one of the funniest movies ever made?

Borat is coming to the U, S. of A. for all the willing to find out.

"Borat" is a fake documentary that stars Borat Sagdiyev (Sacha Baron Cohen), a TV reporter from Kazakhstan, who is sent to America to make a video detailing current aspects of American culture. While planning on flying to New York, Borat falls for a certain television actress and decide to turn his video into a cross country tour of America. The only problem is that he brings his woman demeaning, face-kissing, gypsy-hating, Jew-fearing views from his country along with him, horrifying unsuspecting Americans.

The movie, "Borat" works so well on many different levels thanks to the film's title character. Bhut makes this movie different than other similar ideas such as Naked Gun or Pump'd is that Borat does not once break out of character. I never once got the feeling that the guy was just some actor trying to piss people off. Cohen pulls the character off so well, I even started to believe he was real. What makes the film funny isn't all the offensive things said by him, but the fact that the character is actually an innocent and nice man with an entirely different culture. The funny is that if you can relate to the movie, he just goes on like he did nothing wrong. All and all, the character is perfect.

To my shock, there was an actual plot to the movie, it was good and interesting. During the cross country road trip to California, Borat gets to interact with a bunch of different American cultures. What makes this hilarious is that the actors to Borat comments actually differ depending on where he goes. Some get pissed off, others fear him, and some even agree with him. The film has a "Why can't we do that next to top that?" feel to it that keeps everything unexpected.

In my life, I've never been to movies that have made me fall to the floor laughing. Never have I been to a movie where I was laughing the entire time. Looking back at the experience of watching "Borat", I can't remember a time when I wasn't laughing. Even as I write this review, my throat still hurts from all the laughing. People will say that this kind of entertainment brings our society down, but in reality, the movie is much smarter then it looks, exposing a lot about the American culture. All I can say is that if you aren't easily offended and are in the mood to laugh a lot, go see this movie now. Bring some friends too. Already saw it? See it again. I will because I'm sure I missed a lot of little jokes the first time.

This Movie earned 4.5 out of 5 bulldogs. Even Borat gives his movie two thumbs up.

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WJMF Review: On the Ball Sports Talk

By Greg Hirshorn
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If you are interested in listening to some sports talk that covers the whole country in terms of what is going on in the world of sports, then On The Ball Sports Talk is the show for you. The WJMF show is hosted by Tommy Habesy and Phil Weiss.

Monday nights from six until eight you can listen to this show on the air. This is a great time for sports talk as all the football games from Sunday can be talked about along with thoughts on the upcoming Monday night game.

Another thing that really strikes me about this show is the way they talk about off-the-field issues in the sports world. Issues such as the Miami brawl a few weeks ago were covered in depth; the hosts had a chance to give their thoughts on what went wrong that led to that mess.

Even during the off-season, baseball is discussed on the show with talk of trade rumors or new moves made by various teams in preparation for the upcoming season. For a person like myself who wishes baseball was played all year long and never ended, this is possibly my favorite part of the show.

The show does not ignore the sporting events taking place on campus either. Discussions take place concerning some of the major teams on campus such as the football and basketball teams. For example, this past week updates were given on the show of the recent losses of the Bryant basketball game against UConn.

The music during the breaks can be described as popular rap and will not make you want to change the station even during the breaks. The action on the show keeps coming and will leave you wanting more of this great program on Monday nights from 6-8.

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Horoscopes

Scorpio

Finish the old job and start a new one. It's not easy but you can do it. State your intention first, and stick to it.

Sagittarius

As you watch the big picture, the fog begins to lift. What you promised and the end will soon be in sight.

Capricorn

You and your entire group need a newer, bigger challenge. Choose something that's impossible, put to make it interesting.

Aquarius

You've been laboring under difficult conditions. You'll still be busy, but it will get easier to communicate with the brass. Follow the protocol, and continue to work with the system.

Pisces

You'll hear all sorts of interesting things in the next few weeks. Why let it happen randomly? Ask questions and finally get answers.

Aries

Face it, you've had difficulty making all the ends meet. Conditions are improving requiring your willingness to do without. This will help a lot.

Taurus

A person you've been trying to convince is beginning to listen. Continue to make good sense, and you'll eventually win.

Gemini

Next week is going to be busy again. It's important for you to relax. Do that while discussing the upcoming situation with friends who are good problem-solvers.

Cancer

You've got a lot of ideas. Why not turn some of them into reality? Make it a family endeavor, and you'll have more time together.

Leo

Try out new things, just because. You're developing creative talents. Don't worry about being wrong. But don't hurt yourself, either.

Virgo

You've been encountering stumbling blocks as you started your plans for the future. The worst is past. For the next three weeks, you have a clear path.

Libra

Even though you're doing well, don't feel compelled to buy things. Get the few necessities but don't attract attention. Keep a low profile.
Collyer’s Concerts: Tom Sartori and Emerson Drive

By Evan Collyer
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Well, this past week has been lacking a little in the concert scene, though not too disappointing. Here is a review of many bands and few facts. This past week, I along with the other students of the Student Programming Board, attended the National Association of Campus Activities conference in Marlboro, MA on November 2nd to the 4th. While there we were able to watch multiple bands perform, some good and some bad. The conference is set up to allow students and student activities advisors the chance to sample and book entertainers at a discount price. Being the bands & Concerts Chair for SPB, the bands and singer-songwriters peaked my interest. So, here I am to give you a little heads up, in regards to which new artists to watch.

Award.” He also received the Buffalo Music Award’s “Top Performer Award.” Tom Sartori was one of the first acts to perform and set the standard for the rest of the weekend. He was given another chance to perform a second time when another act did not arrive.

Tom Sartori and his band have a sound similar to that of Dave Matthews Band but with a pinch of ska roots. They went on stage, and since for the most part acts at NACA are of little fame in the crowd and with myself was hesitant at first. When Sartori strummed those first couple of cords and sang those first few lines, he immediately had everyone dancing in their seats. He started off with a couple of songs from his first full-length album, “Long Ride Home,” including his first single “One More Whiskey,” toward the end of the show, he had everyone moving by playing a few cover songs to get the crowd moving again.

Tom Sartori’s most impressive moment was the communication between himself and the crowd. He was his only act to be an equal, looking for the future at the future.

Emerson Drive

Over the past year or so, I have been sucked into the world of country music, and I cannot explain why exactly this is so. But after seeing the Canadian based country band Emerson Drive, I do not know how anyone cannot say they do not enjoy a good country show.

Emerson Drive has opened for such big names as Tim McGraw and Faith Hill and Rascal Flatts. They are number 22 on the country charts and have had two top five singles on the country billboard charts. I was amazed that I had never heard them prior to this past weekend. Now, I am proud to say I have seen Emerson Drive live, and especially at a small, intimate venue. They put on an amazing show, getting the crowd up and moving as I had expected, with all the hope they were receiving from many of the students and student activities coordinators I had talked to. The lead vocalist, Brad Mattel, whose voice reminded me a little of Keith Urban, had amazing stage presence. He even led the stage once and walked amongst the audience. As the show continued, they played a few songs from their new full-length album “Countrytown,” such as the hits “A Good Man,” and a cover of everyone’s favorite Charlie Daniels Band’s “Devil Went Down to Georgia.” It was their cover of “Devil Went Down to Georgia” that really got the crowd moving, David Pichette on the fiddle simply blew the crowd away. They also played a few of their other hit singles that you may be familiar with, including the number one hit song “Fall Into Me.”

I strongly suggest that you don’t miss Emerson Drive live, that you do so. And I would just like to point out that you all have a chance to see them live, something that will be brought to your attention at the semester continues and we give you for a semester full of great entertainment in the spring. I recommend to anyone looking for some new tunes to listen to check out www.emersondrive.com, wwwнесенkom.com, and of course where you can listen to the whole new album. At the beginning, I had said that I would give you recommendations on who to check out and who to avoid. I have told you who to check out, now to tell you who to avoid. Avoid the following acts: everyone who is not Tom Sartori and Emerson drive, and give your iPod those to relax from all that mainstream music we unfortunately listen to.

Tom Sartori is from the ESPN World Series of Poker but he also plays in a band out for and who to avoid. Well, maybe not necessarily avoid; they just did not arouse the music lover within me.

This ESPNews World Series of Poker player can do more than just play a game of Texas Hold’em. Tom Sartori is also winner of the critically acclaimed Arthur Magazine “Top Acoustic Performer”

THE GRODEN NETWORK

Bryant Students, in conjunction with the Groden Network and Project ACT, are working to raise money for children. Their efforts will support those suffering from an autism called Asperger Syndrome. Anyone interested in donating or volunteering should contact Liz Carey at lcarey@bryant.edu.
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