Bryant strives for best facilities

By Alison Duncan and Kaleigh Durkin

Campus News Editor and Assistant Public Relations Manager

Bryant has been host to a number of renovations throughout the summer of 2008 and remain in production currently in order to continue giving students and faculty the best environment to study and work as possible.

"Because of how busy Bryant is in the summertime, executing the construction is like changing a flat tire, while you are driving 60 miles per hour," said John Metcalf, Senior Project Manager of the Campus Management-Capital Projects Group at Bryant University. The construction and renovation of multiple Capital Projects have been completed throughout the summer or are currently in the process.

The projects are as follows:

Townhouses B and P: The installation of two new townhouse blocks similar to those existing already is in the works currently. One townhouse will be eight suites and one will be six. This project will include a new 150-space parking area. The project is currently in the approval stage with the Town Planning Committee. The project will be completed throughout the summer or are currently in the process.

Lab Sciences Project: The upper level of the Unistructure is being renovated with a replacement of the old science lab with new, more up-to-date labs, and new walls going up. These labs will make an impact on the further advancement of the Science and Technology Department. Dan McNally, Associate Professor and Chair of the Science and Technology Department, said, "The Science and Technology Department could not be happier with their new science spaces and the opportunity they provide to introduce new science academic programs. The students will immediately become aware of the benefit of combining the designs of space and function. This will result in a high quality and effective learning experience, our goal from the beginning."

This project is under the direction of Mr. Kevin Dionne.

New Interfaith Center: An 11,000 square foot non-denominational chapel is under construction to seat approximately 200 people and should be completed by the 2009 Commencement. It will include a Contemplation Room, Meditation Room, Multi-Purpose Room, Vestry/Office, small Kitchen, Courtyard, Storage Rooms, Mechanical Room, and Restrooms.

"Having the facility, as with other facilities on campus, it brings to prominence the spiritual dimension and the focus that we give it within our own community specifically delineated in the Bryant pledge. The Interfaith Center will provide a permanent facility for individuals not only to worship, but also a place for quiet meditation and prayer, as well as a facility for programs and activities particularly of a spiritual nature. In a sense it will provide a safe haven for everyone," said Father Joseph Percatello, Campus Ministry at Bryant University.

The Interfaith Center being built north of the Bryant Center under the direction of Ms. Lisa Laliberte.

Grounds Equipment Building: A new storage building for ground equipment is being built near the athletic fields and should be completed by winter 2009. This project is also under the direction of Mr. Kevin Dionne.

University Advancement: The University Advancement space is located on the entrance level of the Unistructure across the

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Morgan Spurlock to speak at Bryant

By Michael Adams

Opinion Editor

The filmmaker most well known for Supersize Me, the documentary about eating McDonald’s for an entire month and its health effects, Morgan Spurlock, is speaking at Bryant University on Tuesday, September 23, 2008 at 7:00 pm in Janikles Auditorium. Spurlock will be speaking on his experiences with Supersize Me, Where in the World is Osama Bin Laden, and his television show 30 Days, where ordinary people take on a certain lifestyle for thirty days. In 2005, Spurlock came out with his first book, Don’t Eat This Book: Fast Food and the Supersizing of America. He will also be speaking about the current obesity epidemic occurring with younger children, and what Americans need to do to stop this from happening.

Spurlock is being sponsored by the newly formed Student Arts and Speakers Series (SASS). SASS is a group comprised of five students, a faculty member, and two staff members. The group strives to bring unique speakers to campus that the Bryant community is eager to see and hopes to have one speaker or performance a month on campus. One of SASS's main goals is to bring more art to campus in forms and ways that students are interested and excited about seeing and experiencing. Although the year's event calendar has not been completely set, these events may include photography exhibits, storytellers, dance groups, film festivals, and the like.

Tickets for Morgan Spurlock are free and may be picked up at the following times: Monday 9/15-Wednesday 9/17 for students, Tuesday 9/14-Friday 9/17 for faculty and staff, and Monday 9/22-Tuesday 9/23 for the outside community as well as for students, faculty, and staff. Tickets may be picked up at the Center for Student Involvement office on the third floor of the Bryant Center.

Spurlock's film, Supersize Me, will be shown on the Hall 17 lawn Thursday, September 18th at 7:30 pm, and will be shown at 8pm in Janikles Auditorium on the same date in the case of rain.
Bryant continues to offer global perspective

By Alison Duncan
Campus News Editor

"It will be a memory that you will take with you for the rest of your life," said Dean Trittschuh, College of Business, of Bryant University's Sophomore International Experience program.

Bryant University continues to offer the opportunity to learn the culture of the global business world by allowing students to travel abroad for 12-14 days.

The important thing about SIE is to understand that first it is an academic experience," said Trittschuh. Participation in this program qualifies students for academic credits upon completion of the credit requirements. Trittschuh said "there are three components to SIE." These components include learning the basic language and culture of the country and presentation of the culture of the country and the presentation of the culture of the country through the eyes of the people living in the country and the people living in the country.

The program applications are due in the summer before the trip, while the summer program applications are due at the beginning of the sophomore year.

This experience allows students to continue achieving their goals from the academic perspective which Eastwold said, "partially due to the mission of the institution." The concept for the students of Bryant, a culturally enriching campus life that encourages global learning, is being implemented by the students.

"My observation is that one of the most weaknesses in our students and most students in America, is that they do not have specific travel experiences. You have to be able to function globally. There are differences in education, in medicine, in language, in culture, and there is a lack of a global perspective," said Dean Trittschuh.

While the ultimate goal of Bryant University is to have every sophomore student participate in the Sophomore International Experience program, Eastwold states that it "will never be required, but is highly recommended."

There are eligibility requirements for the students applying. The only students eligible to participate are sophomore students at Bryant University or transfer students who apply in their first semester at Bryant. The students also must be in good academic and disciplinary standing.

The application process for January has been completed, but will begin for the summer trip to Italy within the first few weeks this fall for the class of 2012.

To find out more about the Sophomore International Experience, contact the Study Abroad office at sa@bryant.edu or (401) 253-5209, or visit www.bryant.edu/sophomore

The Greatest Experience

"It was definitely worth it, it was such an awesome experience," Jessica Beck '10, UK/France

The Sophomore Experience was an excellent opportunity for me to see a very different culture than my own and to use that knowledge to better prepare myself for doing business with these countries and interacting with people from Latin America."

Phil Beck '10, Latin America

"Participating in the Bryant University Sophomore International Experience was one of the most exciting and personally fulfilling opportunities I have ever had at this university. Traveling through London and France with my classmates while learning about different cultures and businesses from around the world are things I will never forget. It opportunities like these that give Bryant students the ability to step ahead and become truly well-rounded individuals.""

Emily Coutu '10, UK/France

"It gave me an opportunity to visit a country I had always dreamed of going to. I learned so much in Italy while being immersed in the culture. I had a lot of fun and made new friends. It is a trip that I will never forget.

Michelle Sniganski '11, Italy

"Walking the Bible"

Monday afternoons from 4 to 5 p.m.

Interfaith Chapel
Bryant Center, 2nd floor

"Walking the Bible" is a bible study led by Bruce Feller.

Please join us on Monday afternoons for a discussion on "Walking the Bible," based on a book written by Bruce Feller.

Presented by Rev. Philip Davens

Words of Welcome to returning students and the class of 2012

As presented at the 2008 Convocation ceremonies on Wednesday, September 3 by Whitney Blattes, Student Senate President.

President Machlief, distinguished guests, faculty, staff and the latest additions to our university the class of 2012... welcome.

Congratulations on making the next step towards your future and entering your freshman year at Bryant University. You all should be very proud of your accomplishments and the route you have taken thus far to get to this point in your life.

Today you sit amongst a room full of your classmates—some of whom you will become best friends with, sorority or fraternity brothers and sisters, organizational members, captains of your team and outstanding students in your classrooms.

As a senior I look back with the fitter sweet memories of my freshman year. Many may think each year school gets more challenging, I tend to disagree. Although your academic may become more difficult, it is freshman year that you have recently left all that you know for a new life. I remember thinking that I will never make friends better than mine back home. But you do. I still have the greatest friends back home and speak with them often, but I have been so blessed to meet my other great group of friends here at Bryant. So I urge you all this time to look around and reach out to your classmates who may be in the same position as you. Who knows, reaching out to make new friends may land you a future business partner, a confidant, a best friend and perhaps the person you marry.

Something that has always been important to me is answering the question how can I make my mark, or how can I make a difference at Bryant? I was able to find the answers to these questions by getting involved, which brings me here today as your Student President. As I stand before you today wearing my black and gold I'm going to let you all in on a secret— which most people don't know about me, not even some of my closest friends. Freshman year like I said may be your most challenging, in fact it was mine, and I had planned to transfer, I know many of you will face the same challenges I did— missing friends and family but making new significant others, and facing the challenges of living on your own. I can honestly tell you all though I do not regret my decision to stay and remain a bulldog. I could never imagine wearing any other colors than my black and gold.

One of my favorite things about Bryant is its feeling of community and family. You are bulldogs now which may not mean much to you yet, however, in the last 30 seconds of a rival sports game, you will come to know how lucky you are to be a 'Bryant Bulldog, now and forever!"

So class of 2012, now is the time we officially welcome you. Not only into our community but into our second home, our parking spaces, or classrooms, but most importantly into our bulldog hearts. It is in you that we will leave our trust to continue our Bryant traditions of celebrating by the pond when the Red Sox win the world series, playing the best game of bingo ever, saying hello to Marge every morning, drinking coffee in our stands with Tupper, and walking through the Archway as you graduate.

There are three types of people in this world: those who make things happen, those who watch things happen and those who wonder what happened. Make the best of your years here, take it from me they fly by and before you know it you will be luck to all of you and welcome to Bryant.

Campus Ministry
Bryant University
Hey RAs! Thanks for an amazing job during opening and Welcome Weekend! We really appreciated all of your hard work. Great job!

Kristin Wodarski Biggs
Associate Director, Resident Life

REUNION AT HOMECOMING 2008: SEPTEMBER 12-14

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
Memorial Services
Stadium Grand Hall/Bell Center
10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Job observance, family and friends are encouraged to participate in the memorial service. The service will include a communal benediction, a candle lighting ceremony, and special tributes to students who are absent due to illness, in the stadium before the homecoming game.

 Cottage/ 

Campus Informational Gathering
Stadium Grand Hall/Bell Center
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
This informational gathering is required for every cottage and is included in the homecoming package. Information will be provided.

Post-game Alumnae Gathering
Shimer Dining Hall
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
The game is over but there's still time for fun! Join fellow alumnae for a game of paintball at the Beebe Field. Stop by the check-in table to get your paintball gun before the game begins.

Save the date!

The football season kicks off with Bryant vs. Merrick
Stadium Grand Hall/Bell Center
1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Kick off the homecoming weekend with Bryant vs. Merrick. The game will be followed by a reception in the stadium before the homecoming game.

The Basketball season kicks off with Bryant vs. Merrick
Stadium Grand Hall/Bell Center
1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
The homecoming weekend wouldn't be complete without a game of basketball. Join fellow alumni for a game of basketball before the homecoming game.

The Hockey season kicks off with Bryant vs. Merrick
Stadium Grand Hall/Bell Center
1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
The homecoming weekend wouldn't be complete without a game of hockey. Join fellow alumni for a game of hockey before the homecoming game.

The Soccer season kicks off with Bryant vs. Merrick
Stadium Grand Hall/Bell Center
1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
The homecoming weekend wouldn't be complete without a game of soccer. Join fellow alumni for a game of soccer before the homecoming game.

The Volleyball season kicks off with Bryant vs. Merrick
Stadium Grand Hall/Bell Center
1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
The homecoming weekend wouldn't be complete without a game of volleyball. Join fellow alumni for a game of volleyball before the homecoming game.

The Wrestling season kicks off with Bryant vs. Merrick
Stadium Grand Hall/Bell Center
1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
The homecoming weekend wouldn't be complete without a game of wrestling. Join fellow alumni for a game of wrestling before the homecoming game.

The Baseball season kicks off with Bryant vs. Merrick
Stadium Grand Hall/Bell Center
1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
The homecoming weekend wouldn't be complete without a game of baseball. Join fellow alumni for a game of baseball before the homecoming game.

The Softball season kicks off with Bryant vs. Merrick
Stadium Grand Hall/Bell Center
1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
The homecoming weekend wouldn't be complete without a game of softball. Join fellow alumni for a game of softball before the homecoming game.
Healthy students are happy students

Health Services update

It is so hard to believe the summer has come and gone. Although we have been very busy this summer preparing for the upcoming year it was quite quiet with out you. We are so happy to have you back. We have a new look this year. We welcome a new Nurse Practitioner to our team as well as me in a new position as the Director. We are very excited to work with you all.

I want to remind you of the services we offer here. For those who do not know we are located in the bottom of Hall 16. The staff here is compassionate, clinically up to date and experienced in working with college age students. Many of us have college age students at home as well. We can see you for acute illnesses, injuries, lacerations, minor surgical procedures, women’s health, STI screening, immunizations, blood pressure checks and stress related concerns. We also provide nutrition, diet, physical activity, alcohol, drug, tobacco evaluation and education. Our hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 - 4:30 and Saturday 10:00 - 2:00. You may call to make an appointment so that time will be saved for you at a convenient time for you.

Walk-ins will be accommodated as we are able to squeeze you in. We can’t accept all patients and we understand that and appreciate how busy you all are. So we will accommodate you as best we can. If you are really stuck and cannot come during our times we will try to make other appointments to help you. The lab will come daily at 5:30 if you need to have lab work done. Remember your visits here are free and confidential.

You will notice us and around the campus more this year. We will be doing lots of programs and try meeting whatever needs you may have. We will work closely with the student senate liaison as another avenue to find out what you need from us.

NEW THIS YEAR: Make a wellness appointment. We would like to offer you appointments to come down to discuss how to stay well. We hear a lot about exercise and good nutrition. And these are very important. What about the other things? How do we prevent urin infections, control our cholesterol, create healthy relationships? Do I have to worry about my vitamin intake? How much calcium do I need. How do a cat a PCP when I graduate? How do we all feelStop eating too fast, exercise, do anything you need to do, nice everything to cover. So you do not have to be sick to come to Health Services!

So welcome back. Remember to take care of yourself. Eat well, sleep well, you can handle anything if you are well. We are here if you need us.

Susan Curran
Director of Health Services

Facilities

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hall from the Admissions Office. This renovation included new ceilings, floors, HVAC, lighting, and office furniture. This project required that 25 employees of this department were out of the space byliterally 200 Commencement afternoon," Metcalfe said, and were move into the basement of Residence Hall 5 for the summer. This project was directed by Mr. John Metcalfe.

Exterior Window Wall: The Unistricute window wall built thirty years ago is in its third phase of the renovation process to replace the whole exterior window wall. This project is also under the direction of Mr. John Metcalfe.

Unistiructure Seed Safety Upgrade: Thanks to a 10-year fire safety plan with the Smithfield Fire Department, Bryant employees each summer are working to make Bryant a safer campus by upgrading the fire safety system. Thousands of feet of fire sprinkler piping has been added, as well as upgrades to zones of the fire alarm system. This project has been completed as of fall 2008. This project was directed by Mr. John Metcalfe.

Small Domes and Skylights: The small skylights around the Unistructure and two smaller domes, not including the Rotunda dome, are being replaced. This project is being directed by Mr. Kevin Doss and Mr. John Metcalfe.

Archway Restoration: The Class of 2008 is largely responsible for the restoration of The Archway because of their class gift. The Archway was removed a week after commencement, during which time the brick under and around the Archway was re-laid. The Archway currently is back in place. This project was directed by Mr. John Metcalfe.

The extraordinary dedication to making Bryant University the finest that it can be apparent because of all that went into the projects. "We did approximately $9 million of construction in 12 weeks in the Unistructure," said Metcalfe.

The numerous projects have required the tolerance of the workers on the project. "This aggressive goal could not have been accomplished without the patience and support of everyone in the Bryant community. In addition the work could not have been accomplished without the support of the IT, AV, Academic, and Event personal," Metcalfe said.

"We hope the results of this summer's construction demonstrate Bryant's commitment to providing world class facilities to the students and fans," Metcalfe said.

For more information about the Capital Projects and updates visit web.bryant.edu/facility.

ASSAULT SEP 2 2008-Saturday at 01:00 Location: TOWNHOUSE Summary: A report of a person having difficulty breathing. EMS was activated.

ASSAULT SEP 2 2008-Saturday at 16:30 Location: DISPATCH CENTER Summary: A student reported being assaulted on campus.

ASSAULT SEP 5 2008-Saturday at 22:46 Location: TOWNHOUSE Summary: A report of an unconsicious male. EMS was activated.

ASSAULT SEP 6 2008-Saturday at 23:31 Location: TOWNHOUSE Summary: A report of an unconsicious female. EMS was activated.

BAITING SEP 6 2008-Saturday at 23:39 Location: RESIDENCE HALL Summary: An unauthorized guest was found to have no id and be in possession of marijuana and pipes. Person was removed from campus by police.

BID INCIDNTS None Reported

To report a bias incident of hate crime, go to www.bryant.edu/bbias or call the Bias Incident Hotline at x6923.

bias related incident -- a threatened, attempted, or completed action that is motivated by bigotry and bias regarding a person’s real or perceived race, religion, national origin, or sexual orientation, including denial, humiliation, or harassment due to affectionation, disability, or gender status. Examples of these incidents include name calling, offensive language, acts, and graffiti/behavior. *REMEMBER: All Faculty/Staff and students are named on campus. Avoid costly fines and tow fees register your car today!!!
Class of ’08 treated to presidential send-off
Former President George H.W. Bush delivers Commencement address

By Michael Yakovenos
Editorial Assistant

It was a commencement fit for a king — or at least a captain of industry.

George H.W. Bush, the 41st commander-in-chief of the United States, delivered the keynote speech in front of 754 graduating seniors and their friends, family, professors, administrators and other guests during Boston University’s Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony, held Saturday, May 17 at Bryant.

Commissioner marked the second time in less than three months that a former U.S. President journeyed to campus. President William Jefferson Clinton spoke to the university February 28 at the “Solutions for America” rally, intended to gain support for his, then-presidential hopeful, Howard Dean.

Bush’s speech, however, had a more celebratory nature, as he and several other residents reminded the graduates that they received far more than an education at Bryant.

“I’ve learned, due to [your professors’] ever-lasting credit, they’ve taught you repeatedly that character matters as much as knowledge,” he said. “If you take nothing else away from my time with you today, let it be that. Character matters. No amount of fame or fortune is worth losing your core soul.”

It was a fitting sentiment since the phrase “the character of success” sits atop Bryant’s homepage.

President Bush began the address praising Presidency Bachman, who was a U.S. Congressman during Bush’s presidency, as well as the University’s Board of Trustees (formerly Chairman Tom Taylor and trustee David Beers, who flew his airplane roundtrip to Bryant’s Maine residence.)

Prior to his time at the White House, President Bush, once a Navy pilot during World War II, introduced an aerobatic C-47 Skytrain to the campus. As you prepare to be flown off the flight deck in the next exciting phase of your life, I hope you wish you and your classmates majored in V-U — citrus and visibility unlimited.

He also challenged the class of 2008 to step into the workforce and tackle pressing domestic and international issues.

“Are you ready to build the new companies and products we need to compete with China, who are out to keep us from growing? Do you want to defeat war? I’m sure you’re trained to do that. It’s your right,” he said.

Are you prepared to help us keep up with rising competitors such as India? Who of you out there is going to solve our energy challenges, or fix our health care crisis, or any of a host of other big problems that we face?

“The former president provided his own answer, saying, “These are tough problems, but seeing all of you and feeling the pride of this day only reinforces my optimism in our country’s future.”

Mr. Bush said he was not all business though. He weaved in jokes and anecdotes too to keep the event light-hearted.

“Some of you are not parents, you just want to hear the applause, I know, but that’s all right.”

Before addressing the crowd, Mr. Bush joined Chinese music composer Fan Lianchuan, Russian and Chinese exporter, Spillet, president and CEO of Boys & Girls of America in receiving an honorary Bryant degree.

Earlier in the day, media from across the region poured into the Bryant Center as the festivities began with another historic display. Alongside Mr. Fan, the Chinese entrepreneur responsible for the construction of Fudan’s largest private museum, President Bush unveiled a scale model for the full size replica of the pagoda that sits across from Bryant’s Forbidden City, which will serve as the new location for Bryant’s U.S.-China Institute and Confucius Institu.

The Forbidden City is the world’s largest palace complex. The 980 rooms within the Forbidden City housed emperors of the Ming and Qing dynasties from 1420 until 1912. Bryant will now share a cornerstone of Chinese history.

A replica is currently being constructed in China, and the finished product will be taken apart and shipped to Bryant where it will be displayed.

Upton its completion, the facility will become the first replica ever allowed on foreign soil.

Bryant President Ronald K. MacEacher introduced President Bush at the unveiling and noted Bush’s success as chief of the U.S. liaison office to the People’s Republic of China. President MacEacher emphasized the importance Bush had as the senior ambassador in carrying American-China relations during the 1990s, as well as how beneficial the relationship will be for both countries.

“The structure is going to be an incredible source of education and cultural exchange between our students, faculty, staff, and people in this country and those of China,” President MacEacher said.

Only one question remains: What can Bryant possibly do for an encore?

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Great things happening in Bryant’s most exciting learning community

By Jessica Komoroski
Assistant Editor-in-Chief

As Bryant’s most challenging coursework is reimagined by the Honors Program, this group of students is one of the most interactive of campus, and much of our surprise — is one that is growing.

On Wednesday, May 24, the program is offering an opportunity for students to learn about the Honors Program’s new projects and initiatives, as well as discuss how they will benefit students.

In June, however, those who were able to complete the program did so successfully, surpassing the national average of 15 to 18 percent with flying colors. The program provides a successful tool because it includes the Honors Program, and it has been a great addition to the program.

Projects that were completed by the 2008 graduates, the class of 2008, included 86 proposals — Professor Kenneth J. Souza expects to see between 28 and 31 projects reach completion by the end of this academic year. The class of 2010 should expect more mentoring and guidance as they begin to think about their own senior projects. The program is designed to bring together the best emerging and interactive learning opportunities available to Honors members continuing to grow, more classes continue to offer an honors-designated track. This is evident in that 91% of the 92 classes were completed in the past two years.

For freshmen members, "it's what you want and the confidence you have gained," says Professor Souza, "is what it matters." However, when it comes to the focus on the future, Kenneth Souza reminds the academic community that "these students have not been given self-esteem, they have earned it." As the program develops and becomes more intimate, the graduating classes should lead to see a continued growth in the number of yellow states adorning graduation gown.

Convocation 2008: Notes

By Susan Wandyes
Administrative Assistant to the Vice President for Academic Affairs

Bryant University’s Convocation was held on September 3rd under a tent on the village green. Convocation stands as one of the oldest of all academic traditions, rich in pageantry and meaning for academic communities. Each fall, Bryant University’s Convocation celebrates the first gathering of the entire Bryant community in the new academic year. We gather to recognize and greet each other, and to welcome the first-year students and their families to our community. Most significantly, the tradition behind Convocation calls for all of us to reaffirm our commitment to the shared values and the purposes that define us as a community dedicated to the educational enterprise.

This year’s theme was Character of Success. The Convocation address was delivered by Dr. Gordon C. Wood, an Alva O. West University Professor Emeritus at Brown University. He has written extensively about U.S. history and is the author of several books, including Revolutionary Characters: Why the Founders were Different, and his latest, The Purpose of the Past: Reflections on the Uses of History.
Spotlight on Study Abroad
Richard Moylan ‘09

Name: Richard Moylan
Class of: 2009
University: University of Cape Town
Location: South Africa
Partner: Ava
Summer Abroad: Spring 2008
Duration: January 30th – June 15th

Reason for going:
Studying abroad was always something I sought to do, but I never thought I would actually study abroad was not so certain. When it came time to decide on a location I first and foremost wanted to experience a vastly different society and culture from that of the United States. Looking at a little bit about South Africa, it presented itself both culturally and geographically as such a place.

Best experience/memory:
My best experience was the time I spent on a safari in Kruger National Park which is one of the largest wildlife game reserves in the world. The strongest memories, however, were the townships that I went to in Cape Town. It was a sobering experience to see hundreds of thousands of people living in shacks constructed of scraps of wood and metal, and it is one which I will never forget.

Funny cultural experience:
I had to drive in mini buses packed with 20 people when they are only built for ten. These buses were the main source of transportation in Cape Town; every ride was an interesting one with their motto of "there's always room for one more".

How was the school different from Bryant University?
The University of Cape Town differed from Bryant in many ways. First of all, it is a much larger school. With undergraduate school, but it was amazing to converse with such a broad range of people.

How did this experience change you?
My time in South Africa has changed me in many ways and to sum it up in a few sentences would be impossible. I will say, however, that I feel much more comfortable in my ability to adapt to new situations and living conditions as well as my ability to converse, appreciate, and understand people from all walks of life.

Would you study abroad again given the opportunity?
Absolutely.

Spotlight on Internships: Stephanie Pavone ‘09

Stephanie Pavone
Class of 2009
Concentration: Marketing & Management
Major: Applied Psychology
Internship Site: Proctor & Gamble
Location: New York, NY, Summer 2008

How did you locate your internship?
I knew I wanted to go into sales so I decided to look for the best company and shoot for the best. I have people who work in sales in my family, and I asked them to look at some of the big name companies, and I identified which ones I wanted. I applied online with PG through an online assessment/profile which they use to weed out half the applicants. I actually did that the August BE-FOREPG was due because their deadline is October 2nd.

They called me around January for a phone interview, and then they flew me from Bryant to Cincinnati for an interview at headquarters. It was a typical interview. The interviewer was a very results driven company and they like to see that you’re involved on campus. P & G really likes leadership, which you’re passionate about, what you’ve been doing at school, that you work well on a team; they like people who go above and beyond. They were my first, and really only, choice, so I was excited when I got the offer. They place you on a ‘team’ based on fit in any state, so I was placed on a Global Team, and I tucked out that I got to work in my home town – another plus on my team was in Seattle.

What did you learn about the profession?
I learned that marketing is everywhere and there is a science behind everything in the industry regarding product placement – when you’re standing at the shelf the product has to look cool so shoppers will want it, buy it, thus buy it again. I learned all about products and their uses – because I was on the Global Team I had access to all the products where as other teams only have access to specific products so don’t get the same exposure.

If you’re going into sales you need to be outgoing, personable and be able to shoot high. You have to really get to know your products. People have to be really self motivated because no one is going to tell you what to do all day so you have to take things upon yourself, get really familiar with the products. The company will want you want it and be willing to work hard for the whole summer and that is between 50 and 60 hours a week.

What are some responsibilities?
I had these projects. I had a Home Depot project where the goal was to create a manual on how to sell on that store for DuPont batteries. I had to present to an internal team because they’re looking to ramp up how they set up battery displays and call on stores to be more efficient. I was there a lot and by me putting in the time and getting to know the Home Depot managers I incensed sales by .6%.

I had a Bed Bath & Beyond project for Pure Water filtration. I had to come up with a new product assortment for that category and a way to introduce the product to the market. I met with B & B and I had to know who the B & B shopper was and then create a planogram and awareness plan – I was looking at our competition, doing lots of research to understand how people know about the product, and then presented it in a sales call with samples to their senior buyer at BB&B, brought samples and recommended them to her.

Fifty percent of my time went to an Office Max project. This was a huge project – I had to redo a 40 foot entire aisle – a break room aisle – things like cleaning supplies, coffee, etc., so that in a break room. I have done lots of market research, took day trips to Buffalo and Chicago, visited at least 10 stores and wrote down all their products and prices, and did a survey. I created a new aisle flow, made planograms and them made a presentation to buyers at the Office Max headquarters, which they loved. It was really cool – I was nervous going into that one because it was my first presentation. Bed Bath & Beyond was my second, and Home Depot was for people I was working with. They gave me work that would be typical to what I would be doing as a full time employee.

I’m going to have a great background because they gave me work that would be typical for a full-time employee.

What did you find most challenging about your internship?
In the beginning I didn’t know anything – you don’t study different brands of detergent in class. I went from staring from scratch and I had to learn how to research in a different way about past sales, how to use their tools and understand what information is relevant so I would know how to make recommendations.

What did you find most rewarding about your internship?
What was most rewarding was how much I learned this summer. I went on two sales calls before graduation which I’ve never done and no class will do that for you. The sales call was helpful in preparing me, but I believe it’s what you do on your own that’s important – no one was there to tell me but people were so supportive – I felt like you’re just my friend and my manager were very close. We had an intern event in Cincinnati: the networking I did with different people. It was the fun summer – I loved traveling and felt like a professional because that’s how they treat you. I invest time in you and it was a good feeling.

I have learned so much. I am solid. I am solid in the workplace and I am solid in the workplace. I have solidified so many of my text-toxics so now when I’m reading it makes more sense to me. Plus they gave me a full-time job offer which I’m very excited about.

What did you learn about yourself?
I’m good at working from home – better than going to an office; I like making my own schedule and work best in increments instead of the typical 9 to 5. I can keep myself interested and set tasks daily; I’m self-motivated. I always found in front of a customer I would do well, and I think I did for my first time but, to be great you need to have experience because you don’t know how you’re doing until you’re actually sitting there with them. I’m really glad I was able to get that experience.

My advice to students is shoot for it – if you want something bad enough you can get it. Applying early is key for internships with any company. Get involved in college early so you have things to talk about in an interview – by the time you’re senior it’s too late. I was active in sorority and SIFE. Now I’m in senior year and have an offer so I can relax a little. I think students should take advantage of all the resources at Bryant.

Did you receive compensation for your academic internship?
Yes.

Who was your supervisor and what were your academic requirements?
Dr. Joe Ouellette. I completed a weekly summary of work I’d completed and showed him my final presentation. Winter break is an excellent time to do research on summer internships and jobs. The Africa Center for Career Education will be open during the break and students are welcome to use the Career Library and/or meet with a career counselor during this time. Stop in to make an appointment or give us a call at 501-322-6090.
O’Shea to lead Bulldogs in new era

By Stephen Denner
Public Relations Manager

A new era is about to begin for the men’s baseball program at Bryant University. Former Ohio University head coach, Tim O’Shea, was officially named the Bulldog’s new head coach.

O’Shea replaces Max Good, who stepped down after seven successful seasons to join Bill Sayso’s staff at Loyola Marymount University. During his tenure, Good transformed the program into a perennial contender. He posted a 132-86 overall record, and led the Dawgs to five-straight D-II NCAA tournament appearances, including an appearance in the 2005 championship game.

O’Shea signed an eight-year guaranteed contract to join the bulldogs and he brings a wealth of coaching experience. He spent the past seven years at the helm of the Ohio Bobcats’ program. He went 120-95 in his tenure at Ohio University, including an NCAA tournament appearance in 2003, in which the Bobcats challenged eventual champion Florida State in the first round. Before arriving at Ohio University, O’Shea spent four seasons as an assistant coach at Yale University, University of Rhode Island, and Boston College.

President Ron Machten was impressed with O’Shea’s track record of producing successful student-athletes both on the court and in the classroom. “He is an educator first. Second he is a coach, and he goes out and gets the right type of players.” Third, he knows how to win, and we are looking forward to all three of those characteristics in time said Machten.

O’Shea joins the Bulldogs during a time of transition for the entire athletic department. Last year, Bryant announced that they would be making the transition to Division I athletics and joining the Northeast Conference (NEC). The Bulldogs will begin the transition to Division I this fall, but will be ineligible to compete for NCAA Division I Championship until September 2012. O’Shea is excited for the opportunity to bring the program to the next level.

“Bryant is a place that is definitely on the rise,” O’Shea said. Despite his optimism, O’Shea realizes that the next few years at Bryant will be a challenge. His predecessor, Max Good, put together an extremely competitive schedule for this season. The schedule features some of the nation’s strongest Division I programs including Iowa, Boston College, Rutgers, Providence, and Connecticut. To make matters worse, 12 of the first 13 games are on the road.

In spite of this daunting schedule, O’Shea is confident in his team’s ability to compete.

An Offensive Homecoming

Bryant University Bulldogs

(1-1)
Scoring Offense: 37 ppg

VS.
Merrimack College Warriors

(0-0)
Scoring Offense: 42 ppg

When and where:
Saturday, September 13 @ 1:00 p.m. at Bulldog Stadium in Smithfield, Rhode Island. (Radio - WOON-AM 1240)

Bryant, the Independent:
With the transition to Division I athletics made official last season, this is the first of a five-year period in which the Bulldogs will not be eligible to compete in a specific DI conference. Bryant will be joining the Northeast Conference at the culmination of this transition.

A familiar foe:
The 2008 Bryant football schedule includes a mix of old Division II Northeast-10 Conference rivals, including this homecoming matchup against the Warriors. This will be the 10th meeting all time against Merrimack. The Bulldogs trail the overall series 6-3, but escaped North Andover with a thrilling 37-34 overtime victory last season.

Home sweet home:
The Bulldogs are 15-1 at home in the past four seasons, including a perfect 4-0 in 2007.

In case you missed it:
A 2008 summer sports recap

By Casey Mulcare
Assistant Sports Editor

Sports in the summertime are like a day at the beach. You sun in the waves, eager for a new day, a new experience. You jump in and a wave hits you, then another wave hits you. The waves excite you, sure, but become monotonous near the shore. At the same time, baseball is in full swing, basketball is crowning its champion and football hosts its major training camps across the US. The same usual teams are winning their divisions; a big name gets traded. It all becomes fairly predictable, like the waves. Then that unexpected headline hits you. It knocks you off your feet, makes you get out of the water and realize that the sea, like the sporting world, is not as predictable as you had thought it to be.

I specifically remember watching Brett Favre retire. He led his Packers to their most successful run of seasons since Vince Lombardi roamed the sidelines, held numerous passing records which may never be broken, and played the game with a fun loving, childlike attitude that made it hard for you to hate the guy. I wanted to hate him, but he beat my Patriots in Super Bowl XXXI, but I couldn’t. It was the end of an era and I was sad to see a legend go. Fast forward to August and Favre’s got a very different shade of green on. Now I have to hate him. Not only did he essentially burn all bridges with the Green Bay faithful in a back and forth reinstatement battle that almost led him to the NFC North rival Minnesota Vikings, but he now plays for the Patriots’ rival, the New York Jets, in the AFC East. But he had it all: the love of all of Wisconsin (alright, that’s not saying much), Hall of Fame numbers, the trophies, the ring, the money; how, because he couldn’t get into golf, Brett is going to give it another go with the second best football team in New York. Good call.

Along with all the Chad Pennington (you know, the former starting quarterback for the Jets who was replaced the same day Favre was signed) jerseys in the clearance section at your local Dick’s Sporting Goods, please notice the number 24 jersey of Manny Ramirez. In a frenzied weekend before the trade deadline, Manny was sent where all unhappy Red Sox go, to the Dodgers of Los Angeles. As loved as Manny was in Boston, he didn’t leave with the love of his city like Favre did with Green Bay. Manny left as a nuisance, not only in the club house, but on the field. It’s unfortunate how contract issues can change a player as dynamic as Ramirez. As I watched Manny take three straight pitches right down the middle against Mariano Rivera in the ninth inning against the Yankees to lose the game without even trying his bat, I knew that was it. Manny wanted out of Boston and he sure showed it there. Rarely does a sports fan see a player fail in it against their biggest rival and not expect to see that player get essentially sent back to a Fedex Box to some other team with a fattier wallet. I am going to miss the old Manny, the one that was a key part of the team and helped the Sox do great things while putting up spectacular numbers. I’m not going to miss this Manny, whose love for Boston, now clearly overshadowed his love of Boston, and to make matters worse for the
Bulldog Bites

Lacrosse All-American Zack Greer a Bulldog

Bryant University head men’s lacrosse coach Mike Pressler is pleased to announce the Addition of Zack Greer, three-time All-American and the NCAA’s all-time career goals leader, to the Bryant University men’s lacrosse program. A native of Whitby, Ontario, Greer led Duke University to a pair of national championship appearances. With an NCAA record 296 career goals, Greer was a finalist for the 2008 Tewaaraton Trophy, given to the nation’s player of the year in men’s lacrosse.

Men’s soccer gears up for Pitt Invitational this weekend

After getting its first Division I victory under its belts, the Bryant University men’s soccer team looks to build on that win in a weekend tournament at the University of Pittsburgh. The Bulldogs took down the University of Richmond on Sunday, 2-0, after leading their first two matches of the season at Marquette, 4-1, and at VCU, 3-0. This weekend, Coach Perrelli’s squad is ready to take on Pitt Friday night (7 p.m.) and Robert Morris Sunday afternoon (11 p.m.) at the Pitt Men’s Soccer Invitational Tournament.

Women’s volleyball finally taken down by UNH

The Bryant University women’s volleyball team saw its four-game winning streak snapped Tuesday night against the University of New Hampshire, as the Wildcats took the Bulldogs, 3-0, at Lundholm Gymnasium. The Bulldogs, now 5-2 in their first Division I season, were led by five kills from freshman Maria Sceca (Melrose, Mass.). The rookie also recorded a team-high three block assists. Fellow freshmen Jazmin Stoner (Durango, Colo.) also helped lead the way with three kills and a pair of service aces. The Bulldogs now look forward to this weekend’s Crusader Classic, hosted by the College of the Holy Cross, Friday, Sept. 12 and Saturday, Sept. 13. Bryant will take on future Northeast conference opponent Wagner College Friday at 4:30 p.m. before a Saturday doubleheader that will feature Providence College at 4 p.m. and a rematch with Holy Cross at 7 p.m.

Men’s tennis enjoys successful weekend

Sophomore Jose Rodriguez (Tijuqlio, Peru) and junior Tom Nowak (Medfield, Mass.) took down two rounds of the Fairfield Doubles Festival, as the Bryant men’s tennis team capped off a very successful weekend in their first ever Division I tournament. Rodriguez and Nowak went undefeated in pool play, beating teams from New Jersey Institute of Technology, St. Peter’s, and UConn to go a perfect 3-0. The Bulldog pair then defeated George Lattey and Dan Sauer from Fairfield University, 8-5, in the semi-final match before upending Garrett Lane and James Kwei from Quinnipiac to win the tournament. They are the first pair to win a Division I tournament for Bryant.

WOON-AM 1240 to carry Marty Fire coaches show Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Bryant University Athletics, in conjunction with WOON-AM 1240, is proud to introduce the first installment of the Marty Fine Coaches Show, starting Wednesday, September 9 at 6 p.m. The hour-long call-in show will air live on WOON-AM 1240 each and every Wednesday evening throughout the season. Coach Fine is currently in his fifth season at the helm of the Bryant football team as the school begins its first year competing in the Division I level.

Bryant to host Shawn M. Nassaney Memorial Race

More than 1,000 runners and walkers are expected to descend on the Bryant University campus on Sunday, September 14th, when the Shawn M. Nassaney Memorial Foundation and Bryant University host the eighth-annual Shawn M. Nassaney Memorial Cross Country Race/Walk. The race starts at 1 p.m. The race is held in memory of the Bulldogs’ former cross country captain — a 1998 graduate of Bryant who was a casualty of United Airlines Flight 175 on Sept. 11, 2001. The event is coordinated by the Shawn M. Nassaney Memorial Foundation, and is established to raise funds for the endowed Shawn M. Nassaney Memorial Foundation.

Summer highlights

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Boston faithful, we’re not even in first place. We came down South, not to the Yankees, but to the Tampa Bay Rays. I was by cast of players as no one has heard of before (sex Evan Longo- ria to Eva) and a few players you have seen. Carl Crawford, no relation to Cindy, the little team that could is atop the AL East for the first time in franchise history. As of the begin- ning of August, they’re won more games than they have won in any one season, and there is still a little month left to play. I was just at the last time admiring that I saw this as just a phase, a blip on the radar of the back-to- back-to-back World Series for the Sox (goody now that we’ve won a few, oh?). Now, the Sox and Yankees look like they are fighting off the rest of the American League too. The Sox have the AL Card spot, because the Tampa Bay Rays are no joke. The “Lar- pers” have been calling for some time in the East to step up to the plate and Yankees for dominance of the division for years. No one expected that teams to win.

And just in case you missed the frenzy around campus in the spring, Boston has become a basketball town once again. Banner number 17 has been trampled. It’s time for a new Big Three and in a new Garden — but a championship nonetheless — which may have made this championship the best of them all.

Moving from literally the bottom of the barrel is the Eastern Confer- ence last season to the World Champs is an unprecedented feat. Somewhere in the playoffs, between squeezing out a series with the state’s resident, Lanta Hawks and deter- mining King James and his Cavaliers, this felt like a team of destiny. Not only did this win reward the Celtics as a powerhouse in the NBA, but it solidified three great careers that all had one more year of omission, a champi- onship. Paul Pierce, Ray Allen and Kevin Garnett can now be mentioned as some of the best players to ever wear a Celtics uniform, not for what they did individually, but what they achieved together and they’re all coming back next season to defend their new-found glory.

So as we collectively tow off from our summertime of sports, take a moment and reminisce. Fall tends to sneak up fast, bringing in headlines, and waves, of its own.

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The Next Big Thing

By Joe Pelletier

Online and Business Editor

How much oil does the world have left to burn? Have we reached peak oil? Both questions happen to be the topic of heated debates, for which current evidence is not at definitive conclusions. Regardless, oil is not unlimited and our excessive consumption is only driving our planet and society into inevitable turmoil.

According to the Department of Energy, 67.5% of crude oil is processed into gasoline and diesel, 9% to jet fuel, and 4% to home heating oil. In total, at least 80.5% of all crude oil is burned, leaving the other 19.5% for things like plastics, chemicals, and asphalt. Perhaps the most alarming reality of oil is how much we rely on its controllability, but rather how dependent our world economy is on its multiple applications. Many developing countries look to the strength of the United States and attempt to emulate our economic success using the same en- trepreneurial practices employed by our society today.

China, perhaps the best example of this, is leveraging its oil and coal to build their nation into a global powerhouse. With oil restrictions hitting our economy, it is dangerous to think such a reality is limitless.

Unfortunately, oil and coal offer limited environmental benefits or sustainable qualities. Hypotheti- cally, should there be enough oil for the next 200 years, our current energy policies would inevitably collapse before that time under the weight of our own dependence.

South Africans, American oil and gas billion- aire and chairman of BP Capital Management, has made much of hisfortune through the exploitation of black gold. More recently, his hedge fund has reported major gains through large positions in oil gl- obalization, or peak oil. However, if Pickens has his way, funds once allocated to oil may be better off in vested in energy sources such as wind and natural gas. Why? Pickens proposes a 10 year transition geared at reducing America’s addiction to oil by harnessing the potential of wind farms and clean natural gas.

This 20 year plan, nicknamed “Pickens Plan,” suggests that the natural gas currently used to gen- erate electricity would make for an environmentally friendly transportation fuel without sacrificing perfor- mance, or increasing R&D for automobiles. Wind energy would then replace today’s natural gas power plants. Consequently, wind mills would be strategically placed in the center of the United States where winds are the strongest and distribu- tion over the electrical grid is maximized.

Not only does this proposal offer many environmental advantages, but significantly shrinks the $700 billion annual payment Americans make to foreign oil exporters, like Saudi Ara- bia. Pickens, which refers to this cost as the “biggest wealth transfer in history,” would not only make the United States energy independent, but provide political stability for issuer relating to the cost and accessibility of oil.

What does this mean for business? Assuming proper legislative support, alternative and renew- able energy will undoubtedly become the "new big thing" in American business. With so many green issues converging at once, including the need for sweeping environmental reform and reductions in oil consumption, strategies like the ones proposed by Pickens, have the potential to solve this — and fast.

With obvious technology risks at hand, the dis- placement of oil as a primary energy source will be a gradual process, yet demand for existing, proven alternatives like natural gas and wind will certainly see their allocations expand within the energy pie.

Evaluating the potential of a change within the current energy infrastructure, its best to turn to au- thors Fred Knapp and Miriam Horn of the book "Earth: The System: A Textbook for a Sustain- able Society." This revision will depend on industrial technology capital-intensive, shovel-in-the-ground industries — and will... create the great fortunes of the twenty- first century." Yet during times of change, there is always an opportunity to profit. For those looking for growth, now sounds like a good time to apply Andy Kesler’s investment philosophy: invest early and pursue "companies with great long-term prospects."


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The Student Entrepreneur: Establish Your Advisory Board

By Michael Adams

Staff Writer

Congratulations on hopefully building your small business over the summer! Now that you are back at Bryant, it is time to form your advisory board. When you are a student entrepreneur, there is no way that you could know every- thing about running your business. I do realize that is what you are here for, but sometimes you need to have information sooner, rather than later.

With this in mind, here are three quick tips to forming your advisory board.

1. Surround yourself with successful people: Successful people have successful back- grounds. These people generally would like to make other people successful and they might help you out if you really need them. They also tend to have an incredible network of other knowledgeable people that they would hook you up with.

2. Utilize your professors: Alright, I think this one is a given, but it needs to be addressed. There is a wealth of knowledge standing up in front of that chalkboard. I highly suggest that you listen. Professors teach for a living, and most assuredly, they will be willing to help you out. Bryant is community centered for a reason. Professors know a lot more than they would lecture about in class. They went to school, too! The Bryant professors that are on my board are very knowledgeable, and refer me to other professors if they will be better suited, which leads me to my final point.

3. Diversify your board: Just like you divers- ify your portfolio, you need to diversify your advisory board. On my board is a marketing professor, a management professor, a general entrepreneurship advisor, my high school business teacher, and a nutrition consultant. If you p1e on marketing professors for your board, that is all you will have advice on. At the same time, your board should be specific. For example, one of my advisors specializes in supply chain management, and refers me to other professors if I need help on a specific topic that falls under a certain umbrella.

And those would be my three tips on forming your advisory board. It could be two people or ten people. If you don’t have an advisory board, you could drive your business in a direction you do not want it to go. Have an advisory board and it will help you be suc- cessful in the right direction. Great luck on forming your advisory board.

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Presidential Superstars: Celebrities or Leaders?

By Jessica Miles
Campus News Assistant Editor

On a Sunday morning, turn on the television and tune into the headlines news surf the Internet. Since the beginning of Election '88, did you notice that an overwhelming amount of what we are being fed through the media consists of the same details of our supposed future leaders? Moreover, the media then misleads the information and twists it into an argument over proper and improper behavior as relates to presidential candidates. For example, Barack Obama was criticized for the media for a leisurely day of golf. It made headline news because his trip was in the midst of the turmoil between Georgia and Russia.

With these types of events flooding media sources it is the surprise that the primary question seems to be, "Where do they stand?" Think about what we have been exposed to throughout this election, or lack thereof.

It started with "Obama Girl." Remember her? The girl who danced around in all his campaign shorts and a t-shirt singing her praisers about his campaign and her life. "Obama." Barack Obama's value and goals for this country were invisible to the media entertainment and not as important as a guy with a video camera.

While those clips were not the doing of Barack Obama himself, the media hyped it up to the point that "Obama Girl" was invading headlines ahead of the hard news. This was missed by the birth of the presidential celebration.

Unfortunately, the idea of the presidential celebrity became even more outlandish and bizarre following John McCain's side: six females who have six different body sprays that smell wonderful, and constantly stare at a wall of a half-naked David Beckham poster, surrounded by pictures of other unrealistically (un)attractive models. Well, at least it smells good in their common room.

So now that we have covered the armory of both sides, it's time to get to something that I have yet to comprehend as I settle into my new life. It seems to me that girls that have a hard time existing together? There is this "thing" where I guess girls are innately different. I mean to them to death, but why does all the backstabbing and drama have to happen? Here is my look into why I think this seems to occur:

With guys, you end up in a suite, for the most part, with people you know from your previous events or people you know the name of, but don't know a lot about. With guys you learn a lot about the people you choose to live with. Some you can't stand, and others you get along with really well. Guys just don't seem to have that kind of thing.

Now, walk around the hall of six girls (again stereotyped) and it's night and day every day. Not only are they not as anal as the abys of the male domain you just can't get over the door (covered in a sign with "Hotties of Hall 104304") you mentally prepare yourself for what will be on the other side: six females who have six different body sprays that smell wonderful, and constantly stare at a wall of half-naked David Beckham poster, surrounded by pictures of other unrealistically (un)attractive models. Well, at least it smells good in their common room.

By Michael Adams
Opinion Editor

I thought this would be a funStats that I wrote for our column: the differences between males living together and females living together. We all have our negatives, as well as positives. It just so happens that they can sometimes get in the way of each other.

First on the chopping block will be the suites occupied by men — strictly stereotyped.

The cleanliness factor is pretty close to zero. Walk into a male suite filled with six guys who need to look up and down in the dictionary or who do not even notice they have ever borrowed a vacuum, and you will find this: A room as dusty as the Sahara, and as smelly as that day in second grade when Larry farted and crapped his pants in his P.E. class.

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By Brandon Doboy
Staff Writer

We all have beliefs, but what are they? A belief is neither a hope nor a feeling, but rather something that we actually consider to be true about the world. They are a major part of our society and are completely unsupported by evidence. How do we know what things are true and what things are false? The only thing that our beliefs inform us about is the way we act.

If someone was to tell you that you had 24 hours to live, this would completely change the course of your day. You would talk to all of your school friends, attend classes and meetings, call your friends, rush home if you are living on campus and do something you always wanted to do, such as sky diving, eat 50 gallons of Cherry Garcia ice cream, etc. However, you would first analyze your beliefs about this person's statement. What is it coming from? Is it a respected doctor or someone you worship; who has a vendetta against you? Was this person intoxicated? Can they support their claim with evidence of disease or sickness? All of these things would be very important to us if such a statement was made and, if believed, would dramatically change our future actions.

Intellectual honesty can be seen everywhere. In society, politicians, judges, scientists, doctors, and preachers all must give reasons for things that they believe to be true. For example, if a politician believes that a new law is actually being to the moon, he'll likely have to find another line of work. These are the things for which there is no good reason to believe are simply not allowed at the top levels of our society. And yet, religion is the one area of dissemination that is given a complete free pass from public criticism.

It should be noted that, should an astronomer/astrophysicist Sam Harris explains, religion is like sports. In one community, if a number of people get hit in the head with elbows and knees also die of cancer, then you known that sports have something in common aside from breathing. The religion of Jainism, all of its strictures of peace. There is no such thing as a Jain suicide bomber. And then there are religions such as Islam, which, while certainly not void of peaceful elements, is hardly a religion of peace.

September 11th is accepted as the worst attack on American soil in decades. And yet those who attacked us were not poor, uneducated, or socially oppressed, or poorly educated (many bad doctors). What brought those 19 hijackers together was not race, national origin, and hatred of the western world. The overall mission of Al Qaeda starts off with an old saying, "play the pagans wherever you find them." Our "War on Terrorism" is truly a war on Islamic fundamentalism, and not terrorism in general. The September 11th attacks were the result of a religious war, not a war on terrorism; ours is not a campaign against the Muslim faith.

While the president admittedly may have said this to protect the many peaceful, moderate Muslims in America and around the world, he clearly knows it is not true. 20% of Palestinian Muslims, for example, believe that suicide bombings against civilians are often or sometimes justified (Pew 2007). Even one-third of British Muslim students believe this to be the case. The truth is that, religious wars which do not explicitly called for in the Koran or the Hadith.

Most of what a book that was both written or inspired by the perfect word of the creator of the Universe. The problem is that we have many of our foods, all of which are categorized (and truly evil) things about the other faiths. Inquisitions that were used against the very religious of the time, while countless, include the opposition of all citizens being allowed to marry who they love, legal funding of the most prestigious areas of medicine (stem-cell research), the discouragement of women and others who have not had the right to an abortion.

As technology and weapons improve and become ready to available to whoever wants it, our theories about the world and what is true and what is not to do this. We can and should stop giving a free pass to those who claim to be claims as we continue to study the facts and the long-suspected obvious moral injustices are carried out in their name.

The Opinion Pages of The Archway feature the opinions of the identified columnists and writers, which are not necessarily those of the newspaper or Bravo Yosemite.
Simon Says: Not For Women Only!

By Toby Simon

Welcome class of 2013! And of course, welcome back, returning students. Toby Simon, director of the Women's Center. For several years I have had the pleasure of briefing you on the Archway. I usually look for interesting and relevant national, international and institutional stories that address women's issues. It's certainly not been a difficult task this past year and this past week. There are daily articles, talk shows and blogs about feminism, reproductive rights, work-life balance and the big question: can women really have it all?

But first I thought I'd comment on the answer to a question you heard in every class, every seminar, both in the college and on campus: girls are more likely to major in women's studies than males. And although each year we have more males enrolling, women students are still an underrepresented group. The Women's Center was initially started to address the concerns of many women students when they enter an environment in which there are the majority.

The Center provides a forum for discussing relevant and pertinent issues facing women in business, college and society. It is an initiative to educate the campus and the Bryant community about sensitive topics—gender equity, sex issues, sexuality, eating concerns, women's health, safety, sexual harassment—that often affect women, but ultimately have an impact on men as well. We hope that the Center will also give students who work, teach and study here, a greater voice on campus.

And here's a disclaimer—the Women's Center is NOT just for women. We hope to see many men taking advantage of our programs. We offer whether it's borrowing books from our resource library or attending the events that address topics of concern to all. In the past, we have had great success with men participating in our annual sexuality series. That series will take place during the month of October. Stay tuned for the posters advertising the series.

I'm also lucky enough to have my own radio show on WBFM. We air on Thursdays at 6 pm. I say "we" because I have a student co-host this year, Nicole Liberti. I also have students guest on my show as well as other guests from the campus community and beyond. Our conversation is freely and hopefully informative. We talk about women's health, sex issues, sexuality concerns, relationship issues, how to deal with breakups, etc. Tune in on Thursdays and feel free to email me in advance with questions. Or you can call in to the show.

Please stop by the Women's Center. We're on the third floor of the Bryant Center, next to the Archway Office. We have a very inviting and cozy lounge. It's an always available hang out space for students. There are interesting magazines and books to peruse and the conversation is usually lively. If I'm not around, my wonderful assistant Carolina will help you out. She's there to answer any and all questions. Feel free to email me at tmsimon@bryant.edu. If you have any questions or concerns or want to set up an appointment. All conversations are confidential.

Confessions of a Bryant Virgin

By Ella Bitman

Welcome to the brand spanking new secondary column of Bryant University! Every other week you will get a chance to get into my head, and find out what I'm thinking, emotional, critical, and informative world of college life and loneliness. I believe that you will find this column is geared toward the student who is lonely, or who feels like they're missing out on the social scene. Not the case for everyone, but I promise, if anything, you will receive a good laugh. Now proceed to the disclaimer below.

Warning: If you are easily offended, uncomfortable, or anxious, you may want to reconsider reading my column. If, however, you are fortunate enough to have experienced a conversation with me or two, you probably have an idea of what my articles are going to be like. Don't say I didn't warn you.

I am one of the few girls here at Bryant who can honestly say that I am a virgin. This is not something I am ashamed of, but it is a fact. It is not something that I bring up with the plethora of Bryant males, eighteen and older, and certainly not a sexual peak or approaching their decline. The average male on the "decline" are still very much muster against their forebears. So, I believe in sexual abstinence. This does not become more subtle about it.

So why do I choose to remain a virgin? Am I too scared, waiting for the "right guy" too prude, or too religious? Ironically, none of the above. I can't mind-blown sex with someone I like. I am not sure about the thought of sex with someone I don't know. I am comfortable with, and I probably might have herpes and I wouldn't know it because I rarely have sex. Not over my own skin (I'm just happy I'm not a virgin), but I'd like to think I'm a pretty good catch. I'm unique, intelligent, sweet, and sometimes a bit odd, but on the end of the day, yes! Clearly that is not satisfactory from my track record. I can attract a guy, get him to spend time with me, enjoy me slightly (I probably shouldn't get into detail about that), but then and drop me abruptly. They just stop calling. It's sad. I'm wondering if my lady parts act as a male repellent. If you start imagining what this may look like, probably crossed my mind. Sorry readers. I have a few other explanations for this unsuspected distance, many of which I do not enjoy. The most common theory is that they are just looking for sex, and since I don't give that to them, they just move on. This theory makes sense, but, before I begin to analyze past actions towards me, I want my readers to realize that when I say "past," I mean before they even met me, and begin to contemplate what I am just pretending to care about me, or if he actually did like me. I have only met two people that I feel are looking for casual sex and I will respond to them if I am content with the interaction. This may seem to be a rather long statement but it is something that is on my mind a lot, and I feel like I need to tell it in a formal way.

Bryant Said What?!

Compiled by Linsey Morse and Michael Adams

"I used to love Kate Hudson until she became a serial dater and a ho."

"Why yes, toilet. Flush my grave!"

"I was running late, so I had to pull a Husseini Belt."

"How far can someone get before you realize they are unzipping your pants?"

"You know when you want to wipe something off someone's face, but you know you can't because it's not your face? That's how I feel right now."

"You said I could take a shower, too, and I was like, 'What?!!'"

"You're artificially flavored." "Oh yeah? Well your mom is artificially flavored!"

"Jess and I just made a beautiful baby...it's name is The Arvindhu."

Have you heard a funny quote around campus? If so, send it to madams@bryant.edu.

Observations

Compiled by Michael Adams, Bright Clancy and Linsey Morse

Weather Permitting, Satellite Sucks!

Some of us tried to watch television Saturday night, but our plans were interrupted by some satellite downsours. Can we please get one of those DPS ponds for the poor, wet satellites?

Too smart for an intern?

There is a job posting outside Salmo, advertising the need for a student worker. How will I even be able to hunt down the geese outside for protein?

Eureka!

We admire the work that has been done on the new science wing. Get out your labcoats and safety goggles, because now you can finish those lab requirements in style.

Have Faith!

We are told that the Interfaith Center will be done by Commencement. Let's hope so!

Presidential Superstars

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campaign ad depicting Obama as an icon comprisIe a direct comparison to Paris Hilton and Britney Spears. Could this have been a more irrelevant campaign? However, this association inclined the perfect response by creating a bit of controversy, which ultimately led to more media attention—a prime example of the presidential celebrity is an asset to the nation.

The media's perception of the election can be taken from another angle as well. John Edwards, former candidate for Vice President in 2004, made headlines in recent months after he was charged with an affair with a woman who was associated with his campaign. Once the story broke it immediately gained precedent over every other news story, including the election. Why? Because women did not escape the scrutiny which focused on a female love child. While this does take human interest into consideration, being that it became a drama-filled story with a number of twists and turns, it is the perfect example of why we choose entertainment over society's needs.

So why should we keep choosing the media exposes society to regarding the election? It is widely known that people feel they cannot trust the candidates because they lack any sort of connection to them, proving that the election is not a serious event. This has been lackadaisical and misguided. In the recent months leading up to the Democratic and Republican National Conventions I question our position in this election. If a popularity contest based on petty bickering and name calling is what society is yearning for then it seems we have given up hope and our right to a voice. At a time when our country is facing bleak circumstances and the majority of people are in a state of constant fear we should not have to demand our country's potential leaders to paint a picture of their vision for our future—it
Bulldog Flicks:

Best and Worst Movies of the Summer

By Luke Stankiewicz
Staff Writer

My name is Luke Stankiewicz and I'm taking over as movie reviewer for the Archway. I've seen more than my fair share of films in my lifetime and consider writing reviews a hobby of mine. I wrote for a local paper back home in Brunswick, Maine, and hope that I can continue to bring the same quality as I did there to The Archway. I am in no way an expert on film and my opinions are just that: opinions. I hope to give everyone who is interested a fair assessment of new and upcoming films to be used as a guide as to whether or not you want to spend your money at the theater.

This week I wrote about my five best and worst movies of summer '08. Hopefully this will give you some insight into my taste in movies and opinions on film. Enjoy!

"Why so serious?" Heath Ledger, as the Joker, in The Dark Knight

Top Five
1. The Dark Knight- By far the best movie of summer 2008, it was perfect on almost every level. The special effects were great, the dialogue was quick and smart, and the complex exploration of morality constantly plunged throughout the film left the viewer with more than the typical movie experience.
2. WALL-E- Another great entry by the people at Pixar who seem unable to produce a bad film. The animation looked better than ever, the script was entertaining, and the movie itself was a lot of fun.
3. Troy- This was the funniest movie of the summer, succeeding in several ways that Pineapple Express failed. Constantly hilarious, and never without biting satire, this film made me laugh harder than anything I've seen in a while. Robert Downey gives a performance in this movie that is almost Oscar worthy for his portrayal as a "dude who's playin' a dude, playin' another dude." Brilliant.
4. Indiana Jones- I expected this movie to be better but was still impressed. Harrison Ford is great as an aging Indy and Spielberg does an excellent job in the director's chair (as expected). Great special effects and a fun story more than

eria).
5. You Don't Mess with the Zohan- (See above.)
3. The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor- Prime example of a very unnecessary sequel to some pretty good films. The special effects were poorly done, the acting wasn't very good, and the whole thing just seemed rushed. Not a good film on any level, but not nearly as bad as the preceding two.
4. Hancock- I actually was looking forward to this movie as soon as I saw the first trailer. Sadly, the film fell apart in the second act after it changed gears from action comedy to weird mythological tale that made little sense. Will Smith did pretty well and Jason Bateman gave a good effort. In the end it just didn't really work as a full length film.
5. The Incredible Hulk- This was an unnecessary remake. The original had its faults, but wasn't bad enough to warrant a remake, especially this soon. Norton's talents as an excellent character actor (a la American History X) were entirely wasted here despite his alleged efforts to get the film more focused on the Banner character and less on the Green Monster. None of the other actors were cast correctly either. Liv Tyler was unconvincing as molecular biologist Betty Ross and Tim Roth as a scary soldier/abomination didn't buy it. Not a horrible movie, but not one of the best.

I'll also pick a movie each week that I recommend anyone interested should watch. This week it's The Man Who Wasn't There. This is a great movie from the Coen brothers, shot in the classic black

Will Smith in Hancock.

and white noir style. Billy Bob Thornton gives a stellar performance that makes the movie an instant classic. It's essentially a 1940s drama but at times can be quite funny and always highly entertaining. Check it out.

Ben Stiller stars in Tropic Thunder.

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THE BEAT OF BRYANT
MTV's 25th Annual Video Music Awards

By Carlos Ramos
Staff Writer

MTV's twenty-fifth annual Video Music Awards belonged to Britney Spears as she went home with not one but three silver Moonmen. Everyone was on edge waiting to see what Spears would do this year after a less-than-perfect performance at last year's VMAs. Spears opened the show with a comedic skit with actor Jonah Hill in which he tried to get her to kiss him. Cameras then cut to Spears coming out of her dressing room to be rushed onto the stage, where she officially opened the show. We then saw Rihanna perform her number-one hit "Disturbia". The show was hosted by British comedian Russell Brand, who appeared to be funnier than his actual material for the show. Brand took the stage with the Jonas Brothers and the

Republican party in general, making his political views clear to the world. Some of the memorable performances came from the Jonas Brothers with the new song "Love Bug", Lil Wayne getting censored almost every other line. Pink, performing her new song "So What?" on the back lot where the award show was taking place, Christina Aguilera performing her new song "Keeps Getting Better" as she showed off a sleek new look, and Kanye West performed his new song "Love Lockdown". Another highlight included Kid Rock and Lil Wayne sharing the stage for "All Summer Long". With the exception of a couple of artists, it seemed as though every artist performing was debuting a new song at the VMAs because it's the cool thing to do.

Winners at the 2008 VMAs included Chris Brown for Best Male Video, Pussycat Dolls for Best Dancing in a Video, Lincoln Park for Best Rock Video, Lil Wayne for Best Hip Hop Video, the coveted Best New Artist went to Tokio Hotel, while Britney Spears won Best Female Video, Best Pop Video, and Video of the Year.

BLUNDERSCALS by phil ricinger (www.blunderscals.com)

Horoscopes

A breakdown will occur if others try to boss you around. You are generally very nice, but you do have a breaking point. If they get too close, tell them to back off.

Don't worry if you're off to a slow start today. New complications require pondering before you decide which way to go. Get your bearings before you take action.

Don't freak out when you get the bills. Remember, you were warned. Take full responsibility to assure any feelings of guilt. Face the facts and don't whine.

The situation that's developing will turn out well, so don't worry. There's never much use in worrying anyway, as you may have already noticed.

A bold scheme needs more work. The way it's put together now will lead to a breakdown. It's not a good time to travel, either.

The action picks up as the day progresses. Don't fret if you get a slow start. Do figure out early what you want. You'll build up speed later.

Proceed with caution. Odds are high you or somebody nearby will get confused and do something stupid. Drive defensively.

Don’t rely too heavily on new skills or information. Listen in and watch people who have lots of experience. Take the best of both.

All of a sudden you’re behind, and it isn’t even your fault. The good news is that extra work will help you pay off a few bills. Let someone else’s emergency be your lucky break.

Luckily, you're pretty good at multitasking. It's safe to assume that everything that can change today, will. Keep all the balls in the air, but don't freak out if they turn into rabbits.

You might be slightly tired from your social activities. Going back to your work routine could be a welcome relief. Don't schedule anything hectic for tonight.

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**Bulldog Reviews:**

**Postmortem**

By Brigit Clancy

**Varity Editor**

In Patricia Cornwell's first mystery novel, Postmortem, chief medical examiner Dr. Kay Scarpetta becomes involved in a series of stranglings that have terrorized Richmond, Virginia. With her young female victims seeming chosen at random and having no relationship with one another prior to death, the basically incognito, blueprint, Scarpetta and the police, including Chief McNally, an interesting and comical police sergeant in Richmond, eventually deduce that the killer chooses women who live alone and whom the killer arrives at in search of the victim's secrets and ways to obtain them...in the victim's window before she is killed.

Using her skills in forensic pathology, Scarpetta must help close the madman before he strikes again. This investigation will test Scarpetta like nothing she has ever encountered before, especially since it is being sabotaged by someone associated with the investigation and who wants her dead.

There are many subplots in addition to the main story line involving a killer that has indeed feared into the lives of Richmond's residents. These subplots are comprised of Scarpetta's romance with the District Attorney, a visit from her only niece and the politics involved with her being the chief medical examiner.

Postmortem is the first book in a series featuring heroine Kay Scarpetta, though it was first published in 1990. Postmortem has been a renewed sense since the autopsies for the latest installment of the series, from the on-going crime series. The final mystery may enjoy reading the Kay Scarpetta series about the medical examiner in her journey to uncover clues in unsettling homicides.

Cornwell is a great author who once worked as an investigative reporter for a local newspaper in North Carolina, and a technical writer and computer analyst at the office of the chief medical examiner in Richmond, Virginia. Cornwell has won numerous awards for Postmortem and her character Dr. Kay Scarpetta has won the courthouse Award for Best Detective created by an American author.

Postmortem is a timeless classic mystery that will grip readers until they turn the last page.

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**When You Are Engulfed in Flames**

By Linsey Morse

**Opinion Editor**

"Not everyone writes things down in a notebook for fear of forgetting them. I write things down in a diary," author David Sedaris once shared.

"And when you die it becomes your memoir, and it's a way to do something else with your life," he added, having written several bestsellers. "It's a way to make your life last longer."

Anyone familiar with the works of David Sedaris will no doubt be impressed by his mastery of the written word. His keen wit and unrivaled ability to describe any person or thing in a few short sentences is nothing short of amazing, and his candor about every aspect of his life—whether it be those parts that appear to be less than admirable—make When You Are Engulfed in Flames—a book that is both hilarious and poignant, in a way that only Sedaris could.

In Flames, as he does with many of his other works, Sedaris tells stories of his own past and present experiences. The topics of the snippets in the story range from serious, emotional reflections to clever and insightful observations on life, love, and everything in between. One of the chapters of the book, entitled "The Ministry of Mud," details Sedaris' childhood fascination with death, and the way in which this fascination worked itself into an experience where Sedaris worked with forensic pathologists, examining corpses and doing autopsies. Sedaris explains that, as a child, he was prone to being a perky, who was fascinated by the idea of figuring out who was dead in the backyard, and goes on to tell the reader about another childhood study he had of death that he performed at an older age:

"As a young man, I saved up my dishwashing and book-selling, and bought a seventy-five dollar copy of "Medical Investigations of Death, a sort of Bible for forensic pathologists...The captions are like a great poem of mine, my favorite being: 'Excessive Milk, the Face of a Recluse.' I stared at that picture for hours on end, hoping it might inspire me, but I knew nothing about the poetry, and the best I came up with was pretty lame:

Should the recluse looking pleasant
Hilken, though, it is quite extensive
On his head, books and a frock.
He maybe should have got out more."

In every story, whether it be about learning French to live in France or hitchhiking down a road to find himself propped up by his man and his wife (or a trucker—Sedaris does fair amount of hitchhiking), there is value to be found. As a reader myself, I highly recommend this book to anyone and everyone, and I applaud another job well done by David Sedaris for the reading community at large.

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**Getting to know the area...Go out and explore!**

By Kaleigh Durkin

**Assistant Public Relations Manager**

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2008 Newport Folk Festival: In Review

By Jim O'Reilly
Staff Writer/Photographer

The Newport Folk Festival has earned its legendary status among folk aficionados by delivering nearly a half century of weekend performances to scenic Newport, Rhode Island. Inaugurated in those performances stands Bob Dylan's controversial 1965 outing in which he "went electric" for the first time. An event with such rich historical history certainly warranted the high expectations that I reserved for it.

Friday night's commencement activities were hosted by the beautiful International Tennis Hall of Fame. Willy Mason and Kate Taylor kicked off the evening, both providing equally entertaining sets, however Brian Wilson earned his spot as the evening's headline. I was unsure what to expect from the 66 year old lead song writer for the Beach Boys, who once spent several years living in a room with little more than food and cocaine. Additionally, Wilson suffers from stage fright fueled by mental illness and years of drug abuse. The Beach Boy was able to ease the audiences concern by delivering a phenomenal set, assisted by excellent acoustics. Siting in front of a piano, Wilson masked his stage fright, although, curiously, he did not play the piano once during the show. Wilson's ten person ensemble were able to flawlessly recreate classics such as "Fun, Fun and Summer Girl." After a lengthy set a hungry audience endured Wilson, who responded with a number of songs including "Don't Walk Away," "Good vibrations," and "Surfin' U.S.A."

Fort Adams, the 19th century naval fortress, was home for Saturday's show. Beginning the day at 11:30 am, I attended a performance by the young Sydney Wayser. Everything about Wayser's show was perfect, and her audience grew larger and larger with each passing song. Her style combines only the best parts of Norah Jones and Ani DiFranco, and she is quite simply destined for stardom. Thinking that Wayser would be the highlight of my day I headed to the "Yard at Heart Church." It was then I realized that Wayser was just a taste of things to come. Yes, the WMHC is much more than a group of 70 to 80 year old folk belting out Neruda's I cannot be soled. The sheer passion that went into each song had me looking forward to tomorrow. The WMHC covered quite a range of songs including hilarious versions of Lou Reed's, "Walk on the Wild Side" and James Brown's "I Feel Good," however you can't always get what you want by The Rolling Stones clearly state the show.

With two shows down I was now convinced that my day would not get better. This was before I saw Richie Havens, of course. Havens rose to fame after improvising the song "Freedom" when he opened at Woodstock in 1969, and is known for being one of the world's most passionate performers. Unfortunately, passion is not the word for Richie Havens, as every ounce of his soul drained from his body and into his guitar the second he gets on stage. Every hair on my body stood straight as Havens pummelled his guitar through Freedom and Bob Dylan's "All Along the Watchtower," taking another page from Dylan's book and working off the now fanatic fervor of the audience. Havens covered Maggie's Farm which he then combined with a breath taking version of "Make Me Feel Again" by The Who.

Along with many others in Newport on that day, I had come for one reason. A full one hour acoustic set by Trey Anastasio, guitar virtuoso, and former member of Phish. Trey's arrival was accompanied by a mixture of thunderous applause and thunder and storms. Opening with Brian and Roger, Trey serenaded the audience with blissful renditions of "Farmhouse," "Wilson, Peggy, and Happy Things." In between songs, Trey cheerfully played along with banter from enthusiastic Phishheads. Certainly a rarity in this day and age are concerts with remarkable acoustics. Fortunately, Trey's full dynamic vocal range was covered, which really makes you realize that he may very well be the greatest voice in rock and roll. The Newport Folk Festival is a yearly event typically held on the first weekend in August. The 2009 Newport Folk Festival marks the revered 50th anniversary, an event that has already begun turning the summer mill. The Archway looks forward to representing Bryant at future Newport Folk Festivals.

Trey Anastasio of Phish performed at the weekend festival in Newport.

Ronzo Appetizers

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