By Jennifer Juhr
Staff Writer

On January 31, 2008, Bryant University joined 1,600 institutions nationwide in a campaign called ‘Focus the Nation.’ This program aims to raise students’ awareness about the effects of climate change and global warming: “In the next few years, we as a nation will make, or fail to make, critical decisions regarding global warming pollution and clean technology investments. These decisions will have far-reaching and irreversible impacts on both the lives of today’s students and [their children]...[and we owe them] at least one day of focused discussion about global warming solutions.”

By joining the Focus the Nation campaign, Bryant has committed to creating a greener campus environment, participating in three major events.

On January 31, millions of students and professors nationwide participated in workshops and panels, and brainstormed global warming solutions. Students will now start to inform top decision makers (Senators and Congresspersons) of their solutions. The importance of having an influential, powerful figure present is extremely great; Focus the Nation is even reported that the House of Representatives to arrange video chats where leaders who cannot physically attend an event can chat with students about their ideas and proposals online. Finally, students will vote on the top five global warming solutions and devise a plan that will guarantee success.

Approximately 300 students at Bryant watched two films, ‘The Great Warming: The Signs and the Science’ and ‘Everything’s Cool’, to take part in Focus the Nation’s national teach-in. According to Dr. D. McNally, associate professor and chair of the Science and Technology department, “...each movie was well-received by the students, [I appreciate] being made aware of global warming.”

Why start now? The earth is continuing to heat up, as human-induced global warming continues to affect climate change. Dr. James Hansen, top US government’s climate scientist, believes that if we do not “stabilize greenhouse gas emissions soon, we may set in motion a process leading to the collapse of the West Antarctic and Greenland ice sheets, events that would raise global sea levels by over 50 feet, inundating many of the world’s coastal cities.” This scenario is only one of the devastating consequences we are potentially facing, along with “hurricanes of greater intensity and duration, global water shortages, altered patterns of rainfall, drought and flood, massive forest dieback, and large-scale species extinctions.”

According to Focus the Nation, “...for the last 150 years we have engaged in an unprecedented natural experiment, drastically altering the basic nature of the planet’s climate control system.” How far can we let this experiment go? It is time for us to take a stand and do our part in “focusing the nation,” starting first within the Bryant community.

The Bryant SciTech department has already contributed much effort to a greener environment and campus life.

Bryant’s Center for Sustainable Business Practices, created in 2001, has completed a number of projects including seminars, speaking engagements, panel discussions, meetings, and brochures, on recycling, renewable energy, and pollution avoidance.

Additionally, the Bryant Environmental Society “serve as a campus-wide, loosely organized environmental society for all segments of the Bryant community.” The SciTech department maintains their website (http://web.bryant.edu/~bes) so any interested party may find information about statewide environmental programs and campus speakers.

“The Bryant Green Initiative” project was created in 2003, patterned after the “Harvard Green Initiative,” which, according to Dr. Gaytha Langbath, a professor from the SciTech department, “is legendary in its scope, commitment, and success.” This project was created to help transform Bryant into an eco-friendly campus and question its daily operational methods.

Three main areas of environmental concern currently exist at Bryant: (1) expanding and improving campus recycling efforts; (2) encouraging campus decision makers to create or revitalize green buildings; and (3) lowering our campus carbon footprint.

While Bryant was among the first institutions to

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Bryant joins ‘Focus the Nation’

By Katarina Rosales
Staff Writer

On February 12th at 7pm, Bello Grand Hall was not filled with the miked voice of a speaker nor of a panel answering questions. Instead, the hall was filled with the quiet yet robust notes of Joshua Millard, classical guitarist. Joshua Millard has appeared in concerts at Oberlin Conservatory, MIT, The Eastman School of Music, and Boston’s historic King’s Chapel to name a few. He holds a doctorate in Guitar Performance and Literature from the Eastman School of Music, and serves on the faculties for two New England universities.

The program for Tuesday evening included an array of music pieces. Pieces of this century included La Libertad del Angel and Primera Partida written by Astor Piazzola, Variaciones sobre un Meditacion de hombre written by Ian Krouse, and Cheek to Cheek written by Irving Berlin. Older pieces included the Cincozas by J.S. Bach, and the Granada Catalana, and Sevilla written by Isaac Albéniz.

The Bryant Art series hosted a talented virtuoso who brought to campus both energetic, energetic pieces such as Astor Piazzola’s works, as well as old favorites such as Cheek to Cheek. Mr. Millard displayed an understanding for a variety of music styles within the realm of classical guitar. Whether the tempo was

slow or fast, his fret work was agile to the piece accordingly. The variety of the program was educational for those who predominantly listen to older classical music, such as myself.

Mr. Millard was unfortunately recovering from a recent illness and wasn’t able to speak in depth about each of the pieces, but he remarked on his appreciation for Piazzola, encouraging the audience to listen to more of his work. He stated that the Isaac Albéniz compilation was the sound of Granada, Cataluña, and Sevilla located in Spain.

In an entertaining and fun finale, Alex Tredas, Professor of Anthropology, joined Mr. Millard on stage to perform Irving Berlin’s Cheek to Cheek. Joshua Millard’s lovely performance alongside the backdrop of falling snow made for a charming evening at Bryant. Hopefully, Mr. Millard will grace Bryant with another visit.

For more information on Joshua Millard, visit him online at www.joshuamillard.com

Millard’s performance on Tuesday included pieces by Piazzola, Krouse, and Berlin.
Soaring to higher heights: 
The story of a Tuskegee airman

By Cristine Cox
Staff Writer

The Honorable George S. Lima visited Bryant University this past Friday, February 15, to talk about his life, his experience as a Tuskegee Airmen, and the Black Air Foundation. The almost eighty-nine-year-old man had much to share with the audience about his life experiences and attending college. Lima grew up in the New England area and moved to New York in 1919. Graduating from high school at age sixteen, he had no real aspirations to go to college. He began playing football after high school and three years later, at age nineteen, football was his ticket to higher education; he attended North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State College (N.C.A.T), which is now a state university, in Greensboro, NC. His college experience is one that changed his life forever. While at N.C.A.T, Lima signed up for an aviation program and began to learn how to fly and later signed up to be a part of the Army Air Corps. In 1942, Mr. Lima was sent to Tuskegee, Alabama. While he was not one of the airmen that flew with the Tuskegee and his fellow students had trained and were an important part of the Tuskegee experiment. They faced numerous struggles with racism and segregation because many did not believe that African men could fly. Lima was new to dealing with segregation in the south. Growing up in the New England area, he had not experienced being treated as a "colored" man. He had never known what segregation was," said, relating going to the movies in the South and having to walk up several flights of stairs to an upper level where African-American patrons were permitted to watch the movie. 

After fighting for his country in World War II, Mr. Lima returned to Rhode Island to attend Brown University to pursue his education in Sociology in order to understand the discrimination he faced despite his willingness to put his life on the line and fight for his country. While at Brown University, he became a founding member of the Theta Epsilon Chapter of the Omega Phi Phi Fraternity in the Providence, RI area. After returning to the New England area, Mr. Lima was confronted with issues of racism and discrimination and decided to join the Civil Rights Movement. Mr. Lima became the President of the Providence branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) doing activist work in the state of Rhode Island. He also worked as a union representative and upon retirement, served as the State Representative for District 83 in East Providence for two terms.

This history-making and awe-inspiring man is still active in the community. The Providence-based Black Air Foundation is Mr. Lima's project designed to help African-American youth learn the art of aviation. The goal of the program is to empower minority youth and teach them about black history in addition to introducing them to the field of communication, specifically radio, television, and filmmaking. Recently, the class of students from the Lambert Lima Flying Squadron successfully finished their first semester.

After the presentation of the documentary "Black Men Can Fly", the story of Mr. Lima’s life and experiences, the audience had a chance to ask Mr. Lima questions. When asked if he could change anything about our current society, the issue of slavery came up. Lima mentioned that "Rhode Island merchants bought more slaves than any other state in the Union." Six states involved with the slave trade in the United States have publicly apologized. However, there have been African-Americans, both in and out of the public eye, that have called for reparations. "4-acres and a mule" if you will, Mr. Lima, however, is more impressed with an apology. His outlook on the situation is refreshing in a society that seems to crave materialistic rewards and public recognition. Mr. Lima’s parting advice was encouraging: take advantage of the opportunities given to you. Cherish your education and exercise your right to vote. Our past is filled with many people who fought for our right to participate in our country, many of them unseen, like Mr. Lima, but their impact is still felt today – they will never be forgotten.

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Movies that make ya’ think

By Katarina Rosales
Staff Writer

On February 13, American History X released its movie that is a far cry from the "Movies that Make Ya Think" series hosted by Director of Counseling and Career Center Phillip Lima. The purpose of the program is to bring together provoking films to the students of Bryant University, exposing them to movies with real depth. The American History X gained insight into the purpose of the program.

AR: Which films have been shown/will be shown? (If you don’t mind saying them, if you want to keep them as a surprise I understand)
BILL: So far, Hotel Rwanda and American History X. And I’d like to keep them a surprise, but A Beautiful Mind is next.

AR: What has the student turned out been for the films?
BILL: Two the first night, 35 the second night.

AR: This is a great idea, did the counseling office put this together for a specific on-campus class, or were they looking to include this as another forum for students?
BILL: Usually after a great movie we all sit and talk with the people who saw it with us and discuss what we thought. My goal was to offer that opportunity here on campus with a professor. And because I am a psychologist, I wanted to pick movies that allowed one on-campus family student would find relevant to his/her personal life.

AR: In your experience with powerful films, which was your favorite and which is your favorite of the ones shown/ to be shown?
BILL: Hmm, tough one… But I’d have to say A Beautiful Mind. It portrays mental illness in a way that no movie before had, with compassion and sensitivity.

AR: Is there anything you would like students to keep in mind while watching these movies?
BILL: Hollywood was not making this movie to educate us. So we have to cut it some slack if we see an occasional part that is just plain dumb.

AR: Is there anything left you’d like to say about going to a screening of a movie, the series, or American History X?
BILL: They say that the most financially successful films are those filled with graphic violence and explicit sex, because the most frequent movie goer is a late adolescent male. So I think it’s pretty impressive when a studio makes a film that doesn’t sell out to that, but instead makes a movie with real depth. The series will continue with recent movies that have such depth. I invite everyone to stop by. The talk after is short, the movie is free, there’s no quiz after. What could be better?

After this correspondence with Mr. Phillips, he also proceeded to say that the student turn out for the films has been low. Should this be the case with this coming film, the series will end early. I wanted to do my first not-american-grown-blow-up-to-real-plot-film in film with a buddy. While I enjoy some Will Ferrell and Jack Black, the outrageous price of a movie ticket is never worth it so much as when the film I’m seeing offers something insightful and movingly wistful. However, I have my favorite movies right now: included sitting around at a book store or Dunn Brothers Coffee talking about the film we had just seen. So if you’re eating dinner this Wednesday at Salmo, why not see a Beautiful Mind or Mind of Milla? Bill couldn’t be more right, a good talk, a free movie, and no quiz – I’m in.

Serving up Salmo: Southern Style

By Brigit Clancy
Assistant Variety Editor

In recognition of Black History Month, Salmo usually serves a Soul Food Dinner of classic southern-style cooking. This year, the Internal Central Office (ICO) partnered with Sodexo to provide a delicious and authentic Southern-Soul Food Dinner. On Tuesday, February 15, Assistant Director of ICO, Mr. Lima, assembled a few students: Camille Bouknight, Tiffany Crapps, and Adrian Fowler slaved the kitchen to prepare fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, greens, and cornbread. The menu was great success with students lining up at the buffet for seconds and some even thirds. The authentic southern-style cooking by Lima was a big hit for home of some for the students on campus especially those from the southern region of the country. Food is a major part of African-American culture, especially in the "deep south" where many families gather around the dinner table on a Sunday afternoon to come together and enjoy a good meal and time with family. The next meal will be Thursday, February 21st and will feature the same special menu items in addition to black-eyed peas along with another dish out on another mouthwatering authentic Soul Food Dinner in Salmo. For more information or to support the ICO, please stop by the second floor of the Bryant Center of Call (801) 332-6946.

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Camille Bouknight, Monique Austin, Adrian Fowler and Tiffany Crapps helped prepare the Soul Food Dinner.
Did you know it's the year of the rat?

By Molly Briggs
Staff Writer

Rhode Island Association of Chinese Americans, Or Leung Merchant Association and the U.S.-China Institute & Conflctus Institute at Bryant University invited everyone to celebrate the Chinese New Year 2008, Year of the Rat. With many different performances and performances, the "Oohs" and "Aahs" never stopped. Performers included RIACA, Chinese Fork Art Workshop, RI STAR School, Dong Ni Wan, Yuneng Dai and Yanhong Zhao. The performances were very enjoyable to watch. The show started with a lion dance which consisted of 2 women and 1 lion costume. They danced in harmony jumping, rolling, and standing on chairs and being fed by President McNulty. Another exciting event was the unveiling of the new stamp for the year of 2008.

With Chinese faces all around, Chinese music playing in your ear and Chinese performances in sight, you were consumed by the Chinese culture. As someone studying Chinese, it was an amazing experience to study about China.

Though they were all amazing performances, one that stood out the most to me was the Chinese yo-yo. It made our yo-yo seem like a joke. The boys practicing this art Chinese game held onto a rope on both ends, tossing the round pandora in the air, catching it between their legs. Watching the talented children was truly breathtaking and left me feeling as if my childhood was mundane. One of the performances was a chorus of young children singing traditional Chinese songs it was amusing, as anything would be when you put that many small children together expecting them to do what you want them to. Most of the children's faces were lit up just to have a little piece of the Chinese New Year celebration, then you would have a little piece of the culture. The Chinese New Year is not the same as our new year because we celebrate a lunar new year, meaning the year starts on the day after a new moon. The Chinese believe that the color red is a color for good luck. It is traditionally worn at New Year celebrations and also Weddings. The bride's dress is usually red, they find it very odd that Americans wear white dresses.

Overall it was an exciting performance and was a nice Saturday event. It was interesting to see how another culture celebrates a holiday. The Chinese New Year celebration is a time in the sense that they bring in exciting dances and games while we retrace back to our usual Alcohol Fix. I guess there is one more thing to say, Xin Nian Kaile! Happy New Year!

The Chinese New Year celebration, then you would have a little piece of the culture.
By Brigit Clancy
Assistant Variety Editor

In the Fall 2007 semester, seniors Lauren Martin and Merry Le interned in Washington, D.C., as part of a new internship program offered by Bryant. The Bryant seniors had the opportunity to intern in two of Washington, D.C.'s most prominent places. Martin worked as a Political Science intern at the White House and Le was a Marketing intern at the Environmental Protection Agency. Barbara Gregory, the Associate Director of the Amica Center for Career Education as well as the Director of Academic Internships, said, "Both [Martin and Le] were excited to spend a full semester in D.C. experiencing an interest that they have which will benefit their personal growth, as well as their professional development." Martin and Le received credits toward their Bryant degree for doing these internships. Martin earned 15 credits in her unpaid internship. Le earned 12 credits and was paid. Both Martin and Le took an evening course offered at The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars. They also chose to attend a Leadership Seminar every Monday afternoon which featured newsmakers in the nation.

Martin began her internship in early September 2007 (through December 2007) working on the President's Commission on White House Fellowship. The White House Fellows Office oversees the application, selection, and placement process of each class of White House Fellows, and the day-to-day operation of the program. The office also plans, coordinates, and hosts activities that comprise the White House Fellows Education Program. With one hundred interns total in the Leadership program, Martin was able to see the daily course of business as well as to help plan events and the speaker series. While she worked with White House executives, Martin was able to meet a number of public figures. Martin met President George W. Bush and Vice President Richard Cheney as well as Jenna Bush, Tom Brokaw (NBC News correspondent), Anna Capralli (Treasurer of the United States), Colin Powell (former Secretary of State), Bob Woodruff (former ABC News correspondent), and Sanjay Gupta (CNN Health Correspondent). Le interned at the United States Environmental Protection Agency Climate Change Division as a Public Relations/Mar- keting associate. Le's internship began in September 2007 (through December 2007). Le said that she had learned "knowledge in promotion and public service, ability to strengthen leadership and communication skill, an opportunity to be outside of my comfort zone and maximize my learning." Le commented that she believes her internship will help her in her career after she graduates from Bryant. Le said, "I can draw on this experience to contribute to my career through diversity of thought and an outlook on the growing concerns of environmental impact and corporate social responsibility." "It is more than I ever imagined," said Martin. "It was an honor and privilege to work in public service. I am extremely grateful for the opportunity and the experience." Le said, "I was lucky to work with an incredible team of people who had a strong belief in protecting humans and the environment by creating outreach to individuals, communities, businesses, states/localities, and governments, generating cooperation/volunteerism to reduce greenhouse gas emissions among countries and private corporations, and providing legislative analysis and expertise regarding climate change. This internship program is a valuable experience for those bold enough to try!" Professor Richard Holtzman, Assistant Professor of Political Science and a supervisor to Martin's internship, said, "[Martin] and [Le] had an amazing opportunity to learn how the federal government works by experiencing it from the inside, not to mention live and work in one of the most exciting cities in the country." If you are interested in an internship in Washington, D.C., the Amica Center for Career Education will be holding a "Meet the Interns" session Tuesday, February 26 at 7pm in the presentation room of the career center. Hear from Martin and Le themselves about their experiences. Learn more about living, learning, and working as an intern in Washington, D.C.
Survivor Series: Focus the Nation
Why I Relay...

By Bridget McNulty
Contributor

Why do you participate in Relay for Life? Relay for Life is the ultimate event designed to bring together those who have been touched by cancer in our community. Relay is much more than a walk around a track. It is a time to remember those that have battled—those that have survived. It is a night for people who have shared the same experience to comfort and console one another. We also celebrate life, friendship, and a chance to work together for a cause.

After my younger sister's death in 2009 from cancer, my family and I have been seeking ways to continue the fight against cancer. When learning that the Relay for Life was the main source of income for the American Cancer Society, we were excited to take part. We learned that we must form a team of about 15 people and take turns walking the track for nearly 33 hours. Nervous by the sounds of the drums, we were excited to rise to the challenge. So in sixth grade my friends and I decided to name our team The Doodlebugs, because that was my sister's nickname, and we began fundraising to uncover that simply by explaining the event, walking from Saturday to Sunday. The highlight of the night was having a team of cancer survivors and those who have passed away.

Once our first year proved to be a fun time, with music, games, and camaraderie to fight this vicious killer in memory of those suffering from cancer, we continued to take part in the event each year, enrolling more and more students. Seven years later we were the number one fundraising group in Connecticut, and in the top 15 fundraising teams overall.

The $2 asks each participant to raise $100, which is far easier than it first seems. When sending an email to your address book, holding a bake sale, or just selling the luminarias is enough to light the track, there are millions of easy ways to reach your goal by the end of the 24 hours of your free time. The Relay itself is an amazing experience, even if you only take a few laps, stay for a few minutes, watch the track become illuminated with a sea of luminarias and those who have passed away.

For Relay Devin Marie McNulty, unfortunately everyone knows someone who has battled cancer. So make a team, join a team, or just come a few feet on April 16 at the Bryant track.

Relay for Life is an opportunity for all students to celebrate, remember, and fight back. Relay for Life will take place on Saturday April 16, from 7pm to 7am Sunday. Please join us in the fight against cancer. Make a difference and help spread hope across the world.

Intro and Conclusion by Bridget Clancy

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Bryan is currently developing an Environmental Science major and a Master's Degree in Environmental Administration, both of which include course components focusing on Materials Management and our efforts to minimize its contribution to global warming.

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Welcome back to Let Your Voice Be Heard where you can hear student voices! This week, you will hear from Erica Lawton, whose study abroad experience changed her life and opened her eyes to the world.

Name: Erica Lawton
Class of: 2009

University: University College Cork
Location: Cork, Ireland
Partner: Arcadia
Semester Abroad: Early Start and Fall
Duration: August 19 – December 23, 2007

Reason for going: I have always wanted to study abroad, and I decided to travel to Ireland because of my family's Irish heritage. I'm also interested in city life and beautiful countryside in Cork, and the country's reputation for friendly people and great craic (Gaeltic for "fun").

Best experience/memory: One of my favorite memories is sitting on the highest hill and watching the sunset in Inis Oirr, the smallest of the Aran Islands, at only four square miles; it felt and looked like a dream.

Funny cultural experience: The Irish are known for their love of tea, but most of them have never heard of iced tea, and those who have think it's repulsive. Not knowing this, I asked a waitress during my first week in Ireland if I could have a glass of iced tea. She just stared at me for a minute before saying, "I don't think that's possible."

How was the school different from Bryant University? There are 16,000 students at UCC, and it's a very traditional campus with stone buildings covered in ivy and a giant quad area where many students set up their fundraisers or club tables, even when it was raining! Almost all of my classes took place in large lecture halls, and each class required only a midterm paper and a final paper. It was a nice change of pace from Bryant, but it felt weird not having group projects or one-on-one interaction with professors.

How did this experience change you? My study abroad experience made me more independent and aware of the world. It was refreshing to see things through another culture's perspective; I didn't expect the Irish to be so different from Americans, but their differences were what made my trip more enjoyable.

Would you study abroad again given the opportunity? Definitely! It's something I would like to try to reduce waste stream.

Guest speaker: Ken Person, director of campus and environmental planning, will discuss the role of the student in environmental initiatives on campus. He will highlight new strategies being used to reduce energy consumption, recycling, and waste. The event is open to all. Please come and hear him talk!

Next week's spotlight will feature student voices from the University of Columbia and the University of California, Berkeley. Stay tuned for more stories of study abroad experiences!
By Kyle Kober
Staff Writer

As the month of February comes to an end, so does the winter sports season at Bryant University. Relentless hard work by successful winter sports teams, but perhaps the most successful teams during the winter season were men’s and women’s swimming. This season was the last that the men’s and women’s swimming teams would compete at the Division I level, and the teams left the Division during this season. The men finished the season an impressive 10-1 while the women were swept off the perfect season, finishing at 11-0. Unfortunately for the swimmers, the regular season team record has no impact on the NCAA Swimming Championships. The NE Swimming Championships is the season-ending event where individual swimmers score points towards their respective college or university’s total, but not every swimmer from each team competes. The average performance quality for the event during the regular season by matching or beating event-speciﬁc times. Last year in the championships, the men finished a disappointing eighth while the women finished third. To the dismay of the swimmers that had trained hard to take both the men and women’s championships, Head Coach Kelvin Sampson announced that the New England Swimming Championships will host swimmers from ﬁfteen men’s and twenty-one women’s teams. The women’s team is a legitimate contender to win the championships and the men are expected to finish in the top ﬁve. The most bizarre aspect of these expectations is that the Bryant swimming teams have not participated in the diving portion of the event (due to lack of diving facilities), and are still expected to do very well.

Going into last weekend’s women’s swimming meet, Head Coach Kelvin Sampson ordered Looney to offer the Rocket to Bonds. Their ego got the better of them. They couldn’t come to grips with the fact that the aging process would start to slow them down, and they just had to establish themselves as the greatest ever. Now we can no longer look at them as the greatest players ever, but rather as the biggest frauds ever.

Then we have our home town Patriots. Before they were shooting for perfection they had became America’s team. The team without any “real” players. The team that chose to be announced as a team instead of individual’s at their ﬁrst Super Bowl when they pulled one of the greatest upsets in Super Bowl history. It seemed too good to be true. Now we are ﬁnding out yet again that maybe it was. This past week Roger Goodell, the NFL commissioner, admitted that the Patriots confessed to using other teams’ defensive signals for the last seven years during theirodynamic run. They claimed they didn’t know they were violating any league rules by doing so, even though they twice received a memo from the league that speciﬁcally described such videotaping practices as a violation of NFL rules. Could their ﬁrst and greatest Super Bowl victory be tainted? What are we to think of this Super Bowl and the last seven years for that matter?

Not knowingly violating the rules (as Bonds and the Patriots have maintained) seems to be the explanation of cheats in this day and age. No different for Kelvin Sampson. When the NCAA announced that he violated recruiting rules by making unauthorized phone calls to recruits and then lying about it to investigators, Sampson claims he didn’t know he was doing anything wrong. Really? Because he was just ﬁred from his old position as head coach of Oklahoma for the exact same violations in recruiting a few years ago. You might think that making an excessive amount of phone calls to recruits isn’t serious, but guess what, it’s a rule. When every other coach and program is forced to limit their contact with recruits and your program isn’t, you have an advantage. And saying that you didn’t know you were violating a rule when you were bused for committing the same crime a few years ago results my intelligence as a sports fan.

The same thing goes for Bonds, Clemens, and the Patriots. Don’t insult our intelligence. Bonds, you knew that what you were taking was steroids and not just ﬂax seed oil. Clemens, we can see past your deﬁant lies that don’t seem to add up, especially when you have one story and everyone else in the world seems to have contradicting stories (or bad memories, as you want us to believe). Bill Belichick, you knew what you were doing was against the rules and gave you an edge, but you did it anyway. If you also videotaped a pre-Super Bowl walkthrough, come clean. Don’t continue to deny, deny, deny as you and others have for too long now. For I am sick of hearing the denying and the allegations and the denial that follow. I want to hear about the games again. Sadly the question may not be when sports will be about the games again but IF we can ever watch a game again and know everything is on the up-and-up.”

By David Niles
Staff Writer

Where did all the games go?

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Mark your calendars

Women’s Basketball: 2/26/08 - at Merrimack 5:30 pm
Men’s Basketball: 2/26/08 - at Merrimack 7:30 pm
Indoor Track: 2/29/08 - NE Championships (at Boston University)

Top Dogs

Jessica Looney
Year: Sophomore
Sport: Women’s Swimming

Why this dog was picked: Sophomore Jess Looney (Goffstown, NH) was named the Swimmer of the Meet at the New England Championships. Looney earned three first-place finishes on the weekend and set a new pool record Saturday with a first-place swim of 2:09.98 in the 200 backstroke. On Sunday, Looney helped anchor the women’s 400-yard freestyle relay team to a third-place finish in 3:42.86.

Pat O’Connor
Year: Junior
Sport: Baseball

Why this dog was picked: O’Connor hit .300 (6-for-13) with three doubles and two home runs over four games, while slugging .154 in the 2-2 week. In addition, the junior transfer scored four runs and drove in six, while drawing one walk. In the victory over Bentley on Sunday, O’Connor went 3-for-4 at the plate with five RBI, including a home run and three runs scored.

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Come to a meeting Monday at 4:30 pm in the Bryant Center room 2B.
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NL and AL West Predictions

By Greg Ritter
Staff Writer

National League West Projection

1. San Diego Padres
   - Key Acquisitions: Mark Prior SF, Randy Wolf SP; Jim Edmonds CF
   - Key Departures: Milton Bradley OF, Doug Brocail RP; Mike Cameron OF
   - The San Diego Padres had a good season in 2007, finishing in a tie with the Rockies for the wild card in the National League. The Padres were close to earning the playoff berth with all-time saves leader Trevor Hoffman on in the thirteenth inning to protect a two-run lead but wound up losing by after a miracle rally by the young Rockies. The Padres enter 2008 with a strong pitching rotation headed by Cy Young winner Jake Peavy, and also have 800 game winner Greg Maddux and a good starter in Chris Young. The Padres, like the Diamondbacks, lacked the ability to put up large run totals and thus the team relied heavily on its starting pitching and deep bullpen to keep games close and hold leads. The pitching will lead the Padres back to the division crown and the playoffs.

2. Los Angeles Dodgers
   - Key Acquisitions: Andrew Jones CF
   - Key Departures: Luis Gonzalez OF
   - The Los Angeles Dodgers last year struggled to figure out how to balance their young players with their more experienced veterans. The Dodgers experimented last year with a lot of different players in different roles to figure out what will help them win. New manager Joe Torre is known for establishing roles for his players and making sure they know what is expected of them and when they will play. The Dodgers, with a strong rotation led by Brad Penny and Jason Schmidt, have a chance to win this division. They are one of the two teams in this division who have the offense to overcome bad starting pitching and win high scoring games. The addition of Andrew Jones gives this offense more power and the ability to sit back and wait for the long ball. This team could be a sleeper to not only win the division but also to be a World Series contender.

3. Arizona Diamondbacks
   - Key Acquisitions: Dan Haren SP, Dan Qualls RP
   - The Arizona Diamondbacks enter 2008 as the best team in the National League. The team a year ago was outscored by their opponents but were still able to win 80 games. This year they should also be helped by a healthy Randy Johnson who is no longer the dominant ace but can still be a quality number 3 behind ace Brandon Webb and Dan Haren. The lack of offense is what will cause this team to slip more towards .500 than last year's ninety win season. With an upgrade to the offense this team could challenge for the division.

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Bryant Swimming

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Swimming Championships. The men are looking for a top five finish and Coach Cameron made one thing very clear: the men’s success hinges on one thing. All of the swimmers have to make it into the second day, if they do the men will be able to compete for a spot on the podium. Swimmers to watch in his weekend’s championships are junior Tom Ferrigno who is expected to place in the top three in the 400-yard individual medley, and freshman Steven Nguyen, who is expected to place in the top three in the 200-yard individual medley. Unfortunately, the men are also suffering from many injuries, top sprinter Mike Gilligan has a broken collarbone and will not be able to compete. The team’s top breaststroker, John Cieslewski is recovering from twenty-eight stitches in his right hand but plans to compete in the meet.

In only the swimming teams’ third year, both the men and women have been able to achieve results that only the swimmers themselves believed they could. Congratulations for your accomplishments so far both on teams and good luck to the men’s team this weekend. "Swim like you’ve got nothing to lose and everything to gain."
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4. Colorado Rockies
- Key Acquisitions: Marcus Giles 2B, Scott Podsednik LF CF, Luis Vizcaino RP
- Key Departures: Kazuo Matsui 2B, Latroy Hawkins RP, Jeremy Affeldt RP

The surprise team of 2007, the Rockies were able to ride their hot bats to the National League Pennant and a World Series berth. After such a turnaround by a previously underachieving franchise, the young Rockies are positioning themselves to be a force to reckon with in the future with all-star OF Matt Holliday and SS Troy Tulowitzki leading the young team. The key for the Rockies in 2008 will be the continued improvement of the young players and the ability to get quality starts out of a rotation that features a young ace in Jeff Francis and other young starters. I think this promising young team will take a step backward this year and just miss the playoffs in the tough West division.

5. San Francisco Giants
- Key Departures: Barry Bonds OF, Pedro Feliz 3B
- Key Acquisitions: Aaron Rowand OF, Nick Swisher OF, Mark Kotsay OF

The Giants have been down this road before, trading away his best players for younger prospects and then rebuilding the Oakland As into a playoff contenders. Beane in the past has traded away Tim Hudson, Mark Mulder, and let Barry Zito walk away. From these losses he has rebuilt the team through the draft and through low cost high reward signings including adding Frank Thomas and Mike Piazza in years past. This season though seems like a lost one for this franchise as Beane restocked the minor league system with trades and free agents to fix the woeful offense that will help fill the void, the most notable being Kevin Millwood, who has won the ERA crown before being signed by the Rangers, and also the signing of Vincent Padilla. The Rangers are still the bottom of the AL West and should be for at least another season, but if the young starters develop this could be a team to watch out for in 2009.

American League West Projections
1. Los Angeles Angels
- Key Acquisitions: Torii Hunter CF, Jon Garland SP
- Key Departures: Orlando Cabrera SS

The Angels are a team that is built upon solid starting pitching and scoring runs by putting pressure on the other team's defense. They steal bases, hit and run, and bunt often as a way to force other teams to make mistakes and it allows them to score runs. The addition of Torii Hunter gives the Angels a bat to help and protect Vlad Guerrero who for years has been a one man offensive force. The Angels starting pitching and bullpen are strengths that allow them to keep games close and win with the little offense that they generate. I think that because of the bullpen and experience the Angels will squeak out the division from the tough Mariners team.

2. Seattle Mariners

Texas Rangers pitcher high step and kick stretch as they warm up during the spring training in Surprise, Arizona, Sunday February 17, 2008.
"I heard that the Northern Illinois shooter had a girlfriend and he left her a note. Kids seem normal and then do something like this. It is weird that no one knows it's coming."
Mike Levanchy '11

"Because both shooters got their guns from the same website, this should be viewed as a calling for stricter gun control. At the very least, face-to-face contact should be required."
Tom Pagliarini '11

"Living in a small community like Bryan it is like your worst nightmare to think that one day you could wake up and, like the kids in Illinois, your world could be turned upside-down. It makes you think about your friends at other schools."
Lisa Rossi '09

"It is ridiculous that our society enables kids to think that a good way to take out their anger is by shooting others at school. We need more gun control laws to help change this."
Brendan O'Donnell '11

"These events make you think that you are not really safe anywhere. I didn't know that you could get a gun online... that's pretty scary."
Shannon Wheeler '09

"It is weird that it didn't make a huge headline compared to what happened at Virginia Tech. It makes you wonder why it didn't get the same amount of attention as other shootings. Maybe it is because of the recent elections, but it shouldn't be that way."
Nate Gopen '09

"There is obviously something wrong with our society when things like this happen constantly."
Justin Thorpe '11

"There is not much the school could have done. It's scary that no one could have really stopped this from happening. Although, it makes me feel better that Bryan's security is a little stricter than most schools."
Chris Cardarelli '11

"There are obviously not enough gun control laws. It is also scared me that the shooter was a student and didn't have to go through a background check."
Shannon Wheeler '09

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The Student Entrepreneur: Going above and beyond

By Michael Adams

Staff Writer

Now that people have learned about your business through your free publicity, and they have started inquiring about your products or services, you have got to give them the best customer service that you can give. This is what sets small local companies apart from the huge companies that have horrendous customer service. Here are a couple of tips from my experiences as a small business owner on how to give incredible customer service.

1. Be Timely: Whenever I send e-mails to large companies, I never got a response, and it really angers me because I was looking for a response. The tip here is to have incredibly fast customer service; get back to your e-mail inquiries within twenty-four hours, ship orders as soon as possible, and even if you get a client during a slow period, turn the job around fast. Americans are getting to be faster and faster people. Your timely manner. Americans are getting to large companies, I never got a response with “Thanks for following up.” When you get thank-you’s, you know you have done the unexpected.

3. Be Consistent: What’s the point of giving great service this week, and horrible service next week? Offer the same great service week after week and day after day.

To many companies this is a basic concept, but a lot of companies forget to do this simple task. Giving great customer service might be a tiring job, but it will pay off in the end when more customers start coming back to you for not only your great products/services, but your fast, friendly, and unexpected customer service.

Have a question on entrepreneurship? E-mail me at madams@bryant.edu and it might just show up in my column next week.

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By Joe Fellister

Staff Writer

The Finance Association welcomed twelve professionals from Fidelity Investments to Bryant University on Tuesday, hosting their annual event in Stepman Grand Hall at a well-represented group of Bryant undergraduates.

The panel, comprised of various Bryant alumni and Fidelity vice presidents, spoke about the company’s dynamic and innovative culture as well as the available career opportunities for students and soon-to-be graduates. Representatives from Fidelity’s sales, financial analyst, investment center, client services, and actuarial divisions were in attendance, providing students with valuable first-hand accounts of the rewarding challenges the company has to offer.

Hilary, a 2005 graduate of Bryant, said “Fidelity recognizes success” and makes it possible for all employees to learn different parts of the business by engaging them in “great training programs.” Likewise, Kim began her career at Fidelity as a financial analyst intern shortly before graduating from Bryant in 2006. During her first few months, she was able to quickly understand the “hows” and “whys” of the industry. “Everyday is different,” said Kim. “Employees are there to mentor you and help with company dynamics.”

Monica, a Private Access Financial Representative, shared a similar positive experience. Fidelity’s Series 7 and Series 63 training programs provided Monica with the unique opportunity of studying for the exams while on the job. Such flexibility allowed her to achieve parity between work and life, a balancing act hard to come by in today’s fast-paced world.

Almost every representative spoke about the ease of transferring from one position to another. “We look for candidates with ambition and desire,” said Mike, a Fidelity Inside Sales Representative.

Following the presentation, students were able to engage in one-on-one dialogues with the representatives. This exclusive networking opportunity gave students the ability to ask pertinent to their career aspirations.

“Considering the amount of effort our executive board put into planning the event, we could not be more satisfied with the absolute quality of the Fidelity event,” said Chris Colodro, President of the Finance Association. “The panel allowed employees to speak for themselves. Students were able to see Fidelity’s superiority in entry level opportunities and career development.”

The success of Tuesday’s event has prompted the Finance Association to begin planning future panel discussions with the goal of reinforcing an already fruitful relationship between Bryant and the company.
Banning Obese People from Eating

By Michael Adams

Opinion Editor

Oh, man! I love when I am cruising the internet and find a story that makes me say, "Well, that was unexpected." Such is the case with the National Restaurant Association's (NRA) recent stance on banning obese people from eating in restaurants. This move, according to the NRA, is being made to "protect the health of our nation" and "prevent the spread of obesity.

But let's be clear: This is not a new idea. In fact, it's not even a new year. In 2015, a state legislator in Mississippi introduced a bill that would ban restaurant owners from serving obese people. Now, he didn't expect this bill to pass, and the Public Health Committee chairman was quick to shut the bill, but wasn't the legislator's point. He wanted to shed light on the growing obesity epidemic in Mississippi, and concern of adults are obese. There is a pretty staggering number, but clearly, big things could be done about the increasing number of overweight individuals. However, hypothetically, let's say this bill passed (obviously this article would not contain as much humor as it usually does). What would probably be the biggest slap in the face for these restaurants were the Mississippians, not to mention the overweight population. How could you possibly deny people the right to eat what they want and where they want?

You have got to be kidding me. Now, I'm not exactly the biggest fan of McDonald's, but if desperate times call for desperate measures, I will pull over and buy big mac for a quick pounder (this happens about three times a year). Why should we deny this right to people? Eat at McDonald's for all I care. Go read the facts at the buffet at KFC.

There is an incredible obesity epidemic, but there is an epidemic across the nation. It's not just Mississippi restaurants would be going out of business. "We'd rather not serve them, I am sure they will find the closest grocery store and do all the cooking." The other thing that kind of hit me, is how do you define obese? I'm going to have washboard abdominal muscles, but I'm not going to weigh the average weight for my height. If this bill went into effect, I would not be able to eat my beloved Chesapeake Bay rock crabs or my Mississippi chocolate molten cake from Chef! That would be horrid. See what I mean? You could get a 300 pound man and deny him food, but then the next day with a different manager get a 250 pound man and deny him her food. It's almost like there would be a scale in the front of every restaurant to determine obesity. Like that wouldn't be confusing enough.

Yes, we have acknowledged the fact that America is "fat" among a few of the most recessive issues. The problem is that the nation's energy has been spent on the wrong fronts. Our efforts should focus on our nation's children and youth, not on the parents. Our efforts should focus on the people that are already eating right, not the people that are not. Think of this law to eat more, not less, but maintain a fairly non-effort-exercise lifestyles. Like you can't go wrong. This is the problem as a whole cannot be defined by any state legislation. I think it is an individual effort. If you want to lose weight, do it. I'm not going to stand around and watch you. There has been so much focus to the personal health system. It's kind of like a frigggin' break. If you want to lose weight, do it. It's real simple. Exercise. To err here, I am crossing off the one state to visit. If their legislations want to ban obese people from eating, then what do you think they will try and ban next?

The Fashionistas

By Jessica Komoroski and Celeste Tenant

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Simon Says: Hey Jane, You Can’t Say That on Television!

By Toby Simon
Staff Columnist

If you haven’t been following the national news, let me fill you in. Jane Fonda spoke a bit too literally during an NBC Today Interview (on Valentine’s Day no less) when she casually used the C-word in discussing her involvement in a staging of Eve Ensler’s The Vagina Monologues.

In an interview with Today co-host Meredith Vieira, Fonda used the slang word referring to a friend in referring to the title of the monologue she was asked to perform. Since it happened so quickly, the word was unbleeped on the east coast.

Vieira apologized for the slip-up after the commercial break, saying that Fonda “inadvertently said a word from the play that you don’t say on television. It was a slip and, obviously, the apologies and we do so. We would do nothing to offend the audience.”

Interestingly enough, the incident comes only weeks after Diane Keaton dropped the F-bomb on Good Morning America.

Well you can just imagine the outrage this created across America. Some were convinced that children hearing this would be traumatized. Others argued that Ms. Fonda did it on purpose, and then acted like it was a mistake. Still others held the view that “It’s just a word folks.”

However, it’s not just any word. And most women I know have very strong feelings about this particular one. It is a word that speaks to many people. It’s a word that carries a lot of baggage. A lot. Really — it’s a slang word for the part of the body that (among other things) allows for pleasure through mutual cooperation and brings new life into the world. And we should remember that the offensive word is the title of one of The Vagina Monologues, Fonda didn’t use the word as a noun or verb, she referred to the name of a monologue.

So in the midst of all the outrage over the use of this word, no one pointed out the context of what Fonda was talking about. Yes, it’s a word that is inappropriate for a TV program watched by children. But, Ms. Fonda used the c-word while talking about one of the Vagina Monologues’ vignettes — a loving, revolutionary, hilarious vignette called “Reclaiming C.”

I think it’s fair to say that female sexuality makes some people very nervous. Yet the same is not true for male sexuality. Think about the way we praise a man with a lot of chutzpah by positively acknowledging his anatomy (I.e. “balls” or “cojones”). It’s a stupid and unfortunate fact of life that women get called a variety of horrible names as a way of threatening or humiliating us. We’re harrassed on the street, at school and sometimes even at our jobs. And Eve Ensler knew this when she wrote the Vagina Monologues. She deliberately wanted to make a statement about our female anatomy and our sexuality. She begins The Vagina Monologues with this introduction:

‘T’b you’re worried, I was worried. That’s why I began this piece. I was worried about what we think about vaginas, and even more worried that we don’t think about them...think about so much darkness and secrecy surrounding them — like the Beanie Baby of our lives.

As Jessica Wakeman wrote: “C**” will never be a dirty word in my lifetime and I doubt women ever agree if they want it to be as common slang as ‘dick’. But there are millions of people who are “allowed” to say dirty words about women to be the people who are trying to hurt us. It seems to me as long as women are getting screamed at for using the C-word and the word is used to denigrate us, the other side is winning.”

I agree.

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Bulldog Flicks: Jumper

By Michael Pickowicz

Mr. Hayden Christensen, as you may know, has been known for his ability to use a lightsaber, push objects with his mind, and convince people to do things for him. Today, thanks to his new movie, "Jumper," he has a brand new power: the ability to transport anywhere in the world. The question is, should you try to use this power to kill the "jumpers" because "jumpers" are bad people? The crazy thing is, it's true! The "jumpers" are portrayed as thieves, murderers, and rapists. The movie wants the audience to feel for David, but you can't because he cheated his way through school and is all smug and arrogant because he can go to China without missing his flight and being put on a waiting list for the United States. Later, David pleads for his life because "he is different" and not like other "jumpers." Last I checked, in order for a character to say that and have the audience believe it, some character development is in order. Also, don't even get me started on the horrible subplot involving David's long-lost mother. So does this movie have any redeeming qualities? I'll have to say yes, as some of the battles involving another "jumper" were actually quite cool. The way he used his "jumping" powers to fight were original. The issue is, when a person is "jumping" everywhere, it's almost impossible to comprehend the battle. I could go on about how little I0le some bull story about what he does for a liv­ ing to tell anyone about his transport, as he ends up in the middle of a library. Un ­ able to tell anyone about his power, including the girl he has a crush on (Rachel Bil­ lon), he leaves town to start a new life. His secret lasts eight years, when a crazy group of "Jumper" killers discovers him. Their only goal is to see him dead.

I'm not going to lie to anyone that I enjoyed this movie. Sucked. Concept-wise, it had potential, but the outcome is boring and full of plot holes. Let me start by asking you a question. David has supposedly been dead for eight years. You see him at a bar. What's the first question you ask him? Exactly. "It's been a long time, hasn't it?" Why go into details about how he's alive and bring unnecessary dia­ logs. One aspect that was poorly executed was the love story between David and Millie. David tells Millie some bull story about what he does for a living now (a banker) and it's obvious she doesn't buy a word. So, with doubt in her heart, the next move would obviously be to make out with him. There's no development in the love story at all, which is a driver for David's actions at the end of the movie. The "bad guys" are also paper-thin, as their only intension is to kill the "jumpers." because "jumpers" are bad people. The crazy thing is, it's true! The "jumpers" are portrayed as thieves, murderers of the innocent and rapists. The movie wants the audience to feel for David, but you can't because he cheated his way through school and is all smug and arrogant because he can go to China without missing his flight and being put on a waiting list for the United States.

The first comic on stage was the hilarious Demetri Martin, who has a quick witted humor while playing the guitar and harmonica. He made comments about how doors with signs that say, "this sign is figuring out what it wants to be at all times," should just become walls and how he wants to go to the beach and bury a bunch of objects that say "get a life" on them. He also uses visual humor by showing pictures he drew on an easel, like a down­ ward sloping graph representing how much he likes a girl and how many times she uses the word "like." The second comic to appear was the very funny Nick Swardson, who talked about the set of movies like "Grandma's Boy" and shows like "Reno 911" where he plays a gay rollerblading prostitute. Swardson also makes jokes everyone can relate to like the one where he can out drink anyone and then throws it all up an hour later, the kid you used to call fat who thinks she can out drink anyone and then throws it all up an hour later, the kid you used to call fat who thinks she can out drink anyone and then throws it all up an hour later, the kid you used to call fat who thinks she can out drink anyone and then throws it all up an hour later, the kid you used to call fat who thinks she can out drink anyone and then throws it all up an hour later.

The last act was always the funny Zach Galifia­ nakis, who also has a quick witted humor about himself like Demetri, but plays the piano instead. Zach also had an easel at the end of his set to show his different drawings to the audience while lip syncing to the song, "We Will Come Out To­ morrow" while wearing a red dress.

The show ended with all the comedians coming out on stage wearing different colored spandex, Uggs boots for women, standing in front of a giant rainbow, and singing along to the Alina Keys song "No One." The tour has two more stops, one in North Carolina February 22 and its last stop at Radio City Music Hall in New York City on Febru­ ary 26. Will Ferrell's "Semi-Pro" will then hit theaters February 26.

By Dave Nelligan

Staff Writer

Tuesday, February 12 Will Ferrell's Funny or Die comedy tour performed to a packed house at the Ryman Center at University of Rhode Island. The tour was called "Will Ferrell's new movie "Semi­ Pro"" and features comedians Zach Galifianakis, Demetri Martin, Nick Swardson, and tour com­ mentator Andrea Savage. Comedian Will Arnett also came on stage to talk to Will Ferrell in-between comedy.

The show started off with Will Ferrell promot­ ing his new home business program that would teach customers how to become rich by starting their own home business. The program came with a book and over 900 instructional videos. Ferrell was then interrupted by a group of ninjas who he fought with ease and removed them from the stage. Ferrell would return later in-between comic­ ans to take questions from the audience, do a George Bush impression, talk with commentator Andrea Savage, and once came out as Ron Burg­undy to interview Vice President of Student Af­ fairs throughout the show.

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Ask Joe Doe

By Joe Domaney Staff Writer

Tiredly, I raise my ear to the wall. I really have no clue as to how to answer this question basically. I have no idea how this came about. After all, I am one of the participants in this event. If you go to any Seattle’s Best coffee, and you are looking for a cup of Seattle’s Best coffee, you will find me here. And if you want to buy a coffee, I will make sure that you get the best coffee possible.

How can you call a 16oz coffee supreme? If you order a large iced coffee at Dunkin’ Donuts you are getting a whopping 32oz coffee! Now that is pretty supreme if you ask me. And they are only 16oz. It’s like, “oh well.”

Maybe whoever at Bryant thought of these absurd names in comparison to their sizes was trying to be funny? Starbucks has a decent system in place if fancy is what the Bulldog Café was aiming for. They have a small, half, grande and venti in (order of increasing size). A tall is only 16oz and a venti (translates from Italian to 20oz). But seriously, why couldn’t they just stick to what the real Seattle’s Best café has for sizes? Not only do they make sense, but people won’t end up ordering the sizes they didn’t want. To make things easier, I’m just going to start saying “Can I get a 16oz cup of Joe please?”

I was wondering about the C.V. Starr Financial Markets Center. According to Wikipedia, “Cornelius Vander Starr is a pretty big deal. But I was wondering, what is he doing with Bryant and why has the PNC has his name on it?”

Thank you,
Bryan Wojewodz

Seeing as I didn’t get the best grade in finance, I figure I will hand this over to my good friend Joe...don’t get too confused, the other Joe.

By Joe Caprera Staff Writer

Well, Bryan is correct. C.V. Starr is a pretty big deal. The late Cornelius Vander Starr was the founder of the Starr Group, an insurance company. In 1963, he founded the C.V. Starr Financial Markets Center at Bryant.

$500,000 grant towards the school’s $35 million campaign. In addition, the Starr Foundation gave Bryant over $1 million towards an endowed scholarship fund. The C.V. Starr Financial Markets Center is named in honor of George E. Bello Center. This mock trading room features state of the art technology and software with a 2-second delay on domestic markets and a 15-second delay on international markets. Some of the finance courses held in this room are the series of Archway Fund classes, which are Securities Analysis and Portfolio Management. The stock ticker outside the room is all of the current holdings of the Archway Fund.

-Email all questions to: askjoe doi@gmail.com
-I accept any and all questions both about and not about the campus.
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-Questions do not have to be signed, however I strongly welcome people to take pride in the question.

Thanks for your questions — Joe Doe

Guess Who? Bryant Style

By Ashley McNamara Staff Photographer

A new feature for this week is: Guess who? Bryan style.

Each week there will be a picture of a staff, faculty member or even a student. Your job? To guess the celebrity that they look like or the person being portrayed. This week we have Dean Bob Sloss.

Writers Strike Ends

By Dave Nelligan Staff Writer

The writers’ strike has finally come to a close and people can get back to watching their favorite television shows at least in another three months, and as long as you are not a fan of certain shows like “24” and “Heroes.”

The Writers Guild of America went on strike November 5, 2007 to protest their contracts with the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers. The writers’ main focus was they were not receiving compensation for shows and movies being streamed over and resold as downloads on the internet. The production companies were using all the benefits of the new technology while the writers were not receiving anything for their hard work.

The Writers Guild of America Council finally agreed on a contract which would have new payments for work streamed over the internet and double the pay for work that was resold as internet downloads. The 17,757 voting members of the WGA cast their ballots last Tuesday, February 12 with a 92.5% approval rating of the new contract. It was also decided that the writers would go back to work the next day, ending the 11-week labor conflict to hit Hollywood in 29 years.

The strike has not just affected writers and television viewers, but also movie productions, thousands in the entertainment industry from actors to directors, hairdressers, set designers, and many businesses that deal with the Hollywood crowd such as limousine services, caterers, florists, and restaurants. According to the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation, the Los Angeles area alone has suffered a $2 billion dollar loss in wages and earnings. The strike has also canceled the Golden Globes due to many actors refusing to cross picket lines to attend the show and almost canceled the upcoming Oscars, still scheduled to air February 24 as planned, but leaves writers with just 11 days to produce material that normally takes weeks to complete.

With everyone back at work, television networks are working feverishly to get their shows back on the air. Most networks are planning for a three month time period to add new shows back to the lineup depending on their costs, and the networks feel the writers are not going to be as fortunate. NBC has announced that “Heroes” will not be showing new episodes until the fall season because the writers feel the show would be too crammed for a five week series and FOX has released disappointing news to fans that “24” will not continue until January of 2009. However, this will give Kiefer Sutherland an opportunity to serve his jail time without having to stop production. For immediate changes, shows such as “The Tonight Show with Jay Leno” and “The Daily Show with Jon Stewart” will have their writers back and full monopolies working right away.

But even though the WGA has seemed to work things out and given viewers something to look forward too for at least a little while, rumors have risen about the Screen Actors Guild striking this summer when their contract expires on June 30. Talks between the representatives for both the SAG and production companies have begun and both sides are hoping to avoid a disastrous situation like the WGA strike has just created.
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