Student Affairs welcomes two new staff members

By Brittany Eagan, Assistant Director, Student Relations Manager

Samantha Hurd is now the Middle Village Area Director. A position she is thrilled to be holding and hopes will help her develop bonds throughout the Bryant Community. Having held positions previously at Roger Williams University, St. Cloud State University, Coastal Carolina University, and Wentworth Institute of Technology, Samantha has worked in a range of departments. The Connecticut native has worked in student programming and development, staff and student orientation, special events, and of course, residence life.

She received her graduate degree from Northeastern University, in the College Student Development and Counseling program while also working in the Student Activities and Leadership job there. She was attracted to the student-centered Bryant University believing that the staff here shares the same passion for contributing positively to students’ lives that she does.

Hurd went on to say she believes, “Students will take away something from every experience they have in college, whether they recognize it or not, and being able to help in creating those experiences is a privilege.”

She looks forward to being a part of the opportunity that Bryant University offers both staff and students, and getting to know Bryant students. She encourages students to come in and meet with her as she begins her employment here at Bryant.

Constanza Cabello (commonly referred to as Connie) went to the University of Connecticut with a passion for leadership.

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Barstool Sports’ Dave Portnoy graces Bryant with his ‘Prez’ence

By Fira Zainal, Staff Writer

Even if you’re not an avid sports fan, you more than likely have heard about Barstool Sports one way or another. Well this past Tuesday, current Barstool Sports editor and publisher Dave Portnoy (more famously known as El Prez by Barstool fans) came on campus courtesy of Bryant University’s very own Colleague Entrepreneurs’ Organization (CEO).

As a business school, it came as no surprise that an event such as this, pulled in a large number of people. The CEO brings Barstool Sports to Bryant University’s event recorded around 400 Bryant students and staff in attendance.

The well-received and much-talked about event had people trickling into the University Union Rotunda at 4pm for the exciting standing-room only 5:30pm speech by Dave Portnoy.

When asked about the event, Bryant University President Anthony Nader 12’ says that bringing El Prez was an exciting accomplishment for the organization. “We have our Events Coordinator Sarah Rubel 12’ to thank for this event as she initiated contacting Dave Portnoy. We believe that having a young entrepreneur in line with the vision of our organization. We also thought a lot of people would learn from Portnoy’s experience in building his business and in achieving a huge readership spanning to the New York edition of the blog. This is especially impressive as he started on a relatively low budget in the venture,” says Nader.

“Many times young entrepreneurs envision a potential startup as long hours, big financial risks, and huge decisions that can make or break a company and they forget to have fun with their businesses,” says CEO Vice President Emily Murphy 17’.

She continues, “Startups are more than money-makers; they are entities that can satisfy more than just financial needs. At the event, Portnoy mentioned making money was not his main goal and having a lot of great experiences as a result of his blog.

Barstool Sports is also a good example of how a personality can be injected into an entrepreneurial endeavor. A business can be a means of expression just like a piece of art.”

On another note, Dave Portnoy also went into Bryant’s own WMJF 88.7. The Beat of Bryant, which raked in national attention according to Bryant student and DJ Ricky McLaughlin 12’ “El Prez is genuine. He says what he means and means what he says. Although in person he didn’t speak with a similar voice as on his blog, I don’t think his blog is a representation of a fake character. His character makes Barstool successful and Portnoy even explained how everything is different in writing.

On the site, he comes off as an entertaining aggressive writer, but at Bryant, he was humble about the site, humble about its success, and humble about his popularity. He really did a lot for WMJF 88.7. We’d have him on the show again in a heartbeat.”

McLaughlin continues, “We got some national attention, we had a crazy amount of listeners before we even offically launched, and we had a great time.”

An interesting fact: prior to El Prez’s visit to WMJF 88.7, their recent number of listeners were 40 hits.

On Tuesday, WMJF 88.7 raked in almost 300 listeners.

So what lesson can Bryant students gain from Dave Portnoy’s speech and from interaction with the experienced entrepreneur? “If you have an idea for a business, just don’t hesitate do it,” says El Prez Dave Portnoy. He also went on to say that students can gain so much more experience from running a business on their own than learning it in a classroom setting. But of course, education is still important.

Portnoy also says that in being an entrepreneur, “Networking is crucial to be successful and getting the attention you need for your business. It’s really important to get out and meet people and you never know where one contact may lead you.”

After hosting a massive event such as this, you may wonder what else Bryant CEO has in store for the rest of the school year. Vice President Emily Murphy says students can expect CEO to have a much more visible presence on campus this year through innovative marketing campaigns and events.

Murphy continues, “We have some amazing speakers lined up—for example, Johnny Cupcakes will be at Bryant on October 12th. In other news, CEO is also holding a social media competition in conjunction with one of our clients, Swing Juice, where Bryant students can compete with other businesses adding up to more than $1000. We’ll be attending our national conference in Chicago again and hoping to bring back the title of Best Chapter in the Nation for the third time. We are holding our first annual CEO Reunion, entitled Return to The E-Pitch during Homecoming, where alumni can visit our meeting and give a 90 second pitch on their post-grad life to inspire current members. CEO will also be a part of the second Social Enterprise Rhode Island conference in November. Two members of our executive board have been working, closely with Social Ventures Partners Rhode Island to plan this conference at Bryant. In short, it’s going to be a big year for Bryant CEO and we are extremely excited for everything that is to come!”

Bryant CEO holds its general meetings on Thursdays in the Bryant Center Room 2AB at 5:30pm. To contact CEO or be added to the mailing list for future events and meetings, please direct all emails to CEO@bryant.edu.
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Bachelors in Human Development & Family Studies with a concentration in Family & Society: Social Policy & Planning. She is now a Program Advisor in the Center for Student Involvement.

Connie realized that her passion was more rooted in education and student development, not legislation (her original career plan). With the help of her advisors at UConn she went on to Central Connecticut State University to pursue her Masters in Counseling with a concentration in Student Development in Higher Education.

While attending Central Connecticut University she gained experience in the Student Activities and Leadership Development Department and later in the Student Center Operations Department. Connie, who is originally from Chile, also advised the Multicultural Center, the Diversity Advocates (a peer mentor program to educate the campus on inclusion & diversity), community service organizations, Greek Life, major campus events, and leadership programs while at Central Connecticut University.

“What ultimately led to my decision to choose Bryant were the people I met during my interview.” She goes on to say that “When I left campus I knew that this was somewhere I could see myself and was really excited about this opportunity.”

She looks forward to furthering both the Bryant @ Night program and the Community Service office while working here.

It is clear that both Samantha and Connie share a passion for not just working with, but helping the students here at Bryant University and will surely prove to be great assets to the Bryant Community.

Samantha Hurd comes to Bryant with a graduate degree from Northeastern University. She will be working with the Office of Residence Life as the Area Director of the Middle Village (Halls 6 - 10).

Connie Cabello (right) was attracted to Bryant because of the welcoming people she met during her interview. Above, she is pictured with Meagan Sage, Associate Director of the Center for Student Involvement and another new member of the Bryant community, Iron Glad Tupper I.
Reminder: Bryant Senior Advisory Council Nominations/Applications Due by October 1

The BSAC is comprised of approximately 30 to 40 seniors who have played significant leadership roles in the Bryant community. Seniors may apply directly, but we also encourage nominations by other students, faculty, and staff. The nomination/application form is attached. Please return all nominations/applications to the President’s Office by October 1, 2010.

The Bryant Senior Advisory Council meets with the President and members of the administration monthly (usually over dinner) to discuss issues related to the senior class and/or Bryant in general. Acting as an advisory group, the BSAC discusses plans, new initiatives, and trends and issues in higher education. The meetings are intended to be interactive and may include special outside speakers. In addition to helping Bryant remain a leader in higher education, the meetings are also intended to assist participants in developing the communication skills which are so important to career advancement.

Upon request, each participant who successfully completes the entire program can receive a personal letter of recommendation from President Machtley. The Recent Alumni Trustee is also selected from among this group. The individual selected for this prestigious position serves at a three year term on the Bryant University Board of Trustees.

By Jonathan Decosta and Judith McDonnell
Contributing Writers

Sociology Club makes its first Bryant-recognized appearance

Smithfield, R.I. This Friday, September 10th, on a pleasant cool breezy day, the lawn of Bryant University’s Student Center came alive with the hustle and bustle of almost one hundred various student organizations, several more than just a few years before.

Many new clubs were recog

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ized by Bryant University this semester, including the Sociological Thinkers Association of Bryant. The Thinkers were officially reinstated as a club at the end of last semes
ter. This Fall Organization Fair was the first attended by the club.

To find out more about the plans for the Sociological Thinkers I sat down with the President of the club, Lauren Devaney ’11, at the Organiza
tion Fair. “The Sociological Thinkers Association is a place for students interested in sociology to come togeth
er," Devaney told me. She had originally learned about the club last semester through Judy McDonnell, Professor and Sociology Coo
dinator. The club was vastly interesting to her as a Sociol
ogy minor, and before long she was involved in the Thinkers as the PR chair. She was one of the people who was instrumental in the process of getting the club reinstated. Devaney’s main goal this year is to raise awareness on campus about the club, and to have a few workshops and speakers on campus. “Sociology is impor
tant because it allows you to look at your life, relationships with others, and the way soci
ety works in a way that al
ows you to see the whole picture,” answered Devaney when asked about why Soci
ology was an important sub
ject to study.

The Sociological Thinkers Association of Bryant wel
comes more than only Sociol
ogy majors. It is open to anyone regardless of major. The weekly meeting location and time have yet to be deter
mined, but they will meet soon.

History:
The Sociology Thinkers Group originated in 2007 with the very first group of sociol
ogy majors. They worked with Professor Michael Fraleigh and went through the senate process for recog
nizing new student clubs and organizations. The group was a bit inactive for a couple of years mostly because rolling out the new major took a lot of everyone’s time. Last year, a group of students got it going again. The group did and still does serve multiple purposes.

First, it helps establish and reinforce an spirit de corps among students interested in sociology. It is also an organi
zation that can help bring more speakers and events to campus that link to the study of sociology. 3. Lastly, it can help students with interest in sociology with graduate school, job and career serv
ices.

All the faculty are quite in
terested and happy to be in
volved with the group.

If interested in joining, or finding out more, the Socio
logical Thinkers can be re
ached at:
bryantstg@gmail.com.

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GROWING SOFTWARE FIRM SEEKS
PART TIME WEB PROGRAMMER

* The Firm:
Maverick Investment Technologies is a 12 year old boutique software firm based in East Providence, RI. We provide custom portfolio management software to large investment firms. Currently our software is deployed around the globe and is used daily in investment decision making and execution.

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An ideal candidate would be a bright hardworking C or CS major with a strong aptitude for ASP.NET and strong experience in the .NET Framework.

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Center for Student Involvement: Spotlight winners

Contributed by the staff of the Center for Student Involvement

Sarah Dolny was chosen as the recipient of the CSI Student Spotlight Award because she has been involved in the way that others feel comfortable, confident and welcome. Her devotion and hard work with the basketball team and the softball team have been outstanding. In the first year of each of our staff, our staff further admires her. She is such a genuine, strong and committed leader among her peers, someone who always goes above and beyond for the good of others.

Andrew Lazouras was chosen as the recipient of the CSI Student Spotlight Award because he has been outstanding. He is a bias incident. He has been involved in our staff. He is the person that our staff further admires. He is such a genuine, strong, and committed leader among his peers. He is someone who always goes above and beyond for the good of others.

Aaron Fortin was chosen as the recipient of the CSI Student Spotlight Award because of the courage, grit, and righteousness he performed during his visit to the first year residence halls. He is a bias incident. He has been involved in our staff. He is the person that our staff further admires. He is such a genuine, strong, and committed leader among his peers. He is someone who always goes above and beyond for the good of others.

DPS LOG

Bryant University
Department Of Public Safety
Daily Media Log

LARCENY ($200-$500) SEP 14 2010-Tuesday at 12:34 Location: RESIDENCE HALL Summary: A student reports that the sport mirrors on his vehicle have been broken off.

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LARCENY (Over $500) SEP 18 2010-Saturday at 11:40 Location: TOWNHOUSE ROADWAY Summary: Report of damage done to a vehicle.

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Name: Celeste Tennant  
Class of: 2011  
University: Victoria University of Wellington  
Location: Wellington, New Zealand  
Partner: Arcadia University  
Semester Abroad: Spring 2010  
Duration: February – July '10

Reason for going: I went abroad because I wanted to break out of the Bryant bubble and experience something totally new and different. I was looking for excitement and a great experience and that’s exactly what I found. When choosing a location New Zealand seemed like the perfect environment for me. The country is inspiring and Kiwis are the friendliest and most down to earth people around. Wellington itself is extremely safe and a great place to live. The city is located at the southern tip of the North Island, providing easy access to all points in the country. Wellingtonians are also extremely artistic and the city has a very distinct bohemian vibe. I absolutely loved it there.

Best experience/memory: Unlike my friends, I had no final exams so I spent my last month in New Zealand doing whatever I wanted. During that time I went on a 4 week long road trip with my brother. The absolute highlight of the road trip was an expedition to White Island, an active marine volcano about 40 miles off the coast of Whakatane, New Zealand. We flew via helicopter from Whakatane to the volcanic island landing right inside the volcano’s crater. Then, along with our pilot we explored the island for almost two hours without another living soul in sight. Walking on White Island is what I imagine walking on Mars would be like — indescribable.

Funny cultural experience: I went to two rugby games while in New Zealand and at both events a streaker ran across the field. The second game I went to was the All Blacks v. Wales in Hamilton— a large city by New Zealand standards. The streaker climbed the barrier onto the field right by where my friends and I were sitting. Furthermore, after he was tackled and restrained by the police, the streaker was arrested (with only a police jacket covering his lower half) literally right next to where I was standing.

How was the school different from Bryant University? Victoria Uni was extremely different from Bryant. Firstly, Vic is much larger. One of my classes had 200+ students. Also, Vic is located in a city setting with three separate campuses throughout the city. My living situation was also very different from dorm life at Bryant. Vic offered very limited housing for students (most Kiwi students commute to school). As a study abroad student I was offered housing, and I chose to live in a house owned by the university. My home was in a neighborhood 10 minutes walk from campus. I lived with one Kiwi and two Americans, both guys and girls. Our house was more a home than a dorm and my room even had a balcony (though technically a fire escape) with amazing views of the hills behind where we lived. Another difference between my life at Bryant and my life at Vic was the amount of time I actually spent on campus. In New Zealand, rather than hanging out on campus I was visiting my neighbors or walking into the city. University life was very much a part of the community and city. This was totally different from the isolated campus life here at Bryant.

Would you study abroad again given the opportunity? Absolutely! Currently I’m planning a winter session abroad in the hopes of going abroad one more time before graduating.

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Constant Kate

Katie Chandler is finding balance as the legal guardian of her teenage sister, her busy life and her promising career. Every day, she’s feeding her life, her career and her future.

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The housing crunch: America is far from safe

By Royce Brunson  
Business Editor

The old tale of a boy who cried wolf can teach many lessons, but as a nation our housing market is taunting us just as the little boy did. When we see a spike in housing construction or new home sales, we think we have finally crawled out of these desperate times. Think again.

Fox news reports a 10.5 percent increase in new home construction for the month of August. These numbers are the highest since April, but don’t go getting too excited. In the first half of 2010, housing foreclosures jumped 35 percent, which meant at that point banks were on track for 1 million foreclosures this year alone. Last month, 95,364 properties were taken by banks, up a 3 percent from July and an increase of 25 percent from August.

Even though the number of homes entering the repossession process has slowed for seven consecutive months, the number of homes entering foreclosure is still scary. In Las Vegas alone, one in every four of the three homes is in foreclosure; that’s a 25 percent drop from last year. According to CNN, in Florida one in 155 households filed, in Arizona one in 165 homes were in foreclosure, and in New York one in 194 properties entered the process.

The problem is this: as a nation we are so broke, it’s unfathomable. As of now we are over 13 trillion dollars in debt or 93% of GDP. (13,0000,000,000,000 that’s a scary number), with the government spending at levels deemed for national failure. This past week alone, another 30 billion dollars was approved by Congress for small businesses credit. That’s another 30 billion dollars this nation does not have.

Here is a wakeup call Bark Obama: with our already unstable fiscal position, spending what we do not have will never improve our economy. You cannot spend your way to increase growth; it will never work. Just for a perspective, when the current students at Bryant University get their way to increase growth; it will never work. Just for a perspective, when the current students at Bryant University. The next generation iPod Nano

By Sarah Elter  
StaffWriter

The new iPod nano (6th generation) is a solid choice. The display screen is about 1.5 inches (diagonal) with an overall height of 1.48 inches and width of 1.61 inches. This made me skeptical so I decided to give it a try myself. After testing it out at my local iPod store, I found the size to be comfortable and easy to use. I was surprised to find the volume buttons on the top of the iPod, and not a feature of the touch screen, but it seems to be for the ease of its more active users. Seeing as this iPod is equipped with a clip for your shirt or belt loop, it’s logical to have the volume buttons in easy reach. It wouldn’t be practical to have the volume controlled on the touch screen. The iPod also comes with a built-in pedometer to track your steps, even allowing you to track your progress by uploading your data to a website. It’s modestly priced at $149 for the 16g one, comparable to previous iPod nanos.

I have no experience with this part of the new iPod nano, but I found out some interesting things while browsing the iPhone site (http://www.apple.com/ipod-nano/). Apparently some of the newer technology in this mp3 player include various aspects to make it easier for those with disabilities. It comes with something called VoiceOver, which is a gesture-based screen reader. Basically, you can touch the screen and this optional feature will give you a description of the item you just clicked on. It’s also equipped with Mono Audio with which you can stream the music into just one ear bud or the other. This is what I found to be the biggest advantage to the 6th generation iPod nano. If you’re an athlete, minimalist, or want to use this cool new technology it comes with, this nano is for you.

I won’t go geygifi34ing too excited. With this iPod, Apple creates a new generation of iPods, one that is the size of an iPod shuffle, with the price and storage of a iPod nano, and has the touch screen of an iPod touch. It combines the best features of three of the most popular Apple iPod varieties and adds just a little more.

‘According to economist Carmen M. Reinhart, housing prices will not climb, unemployment will stay high and growth will slow until 2017’

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Fantasy players to watch in week 3

By Robert Mani
Staff Writer

QUARTERBACKS

*Jameis Winston (FLA) BEG: The top fantasy QB this year, Winston is expected to throw for 3,000 yards and 25 scores come Sunday.

*Joe Flacco (BAL) vs. BUF: Brady is completely healthy and just signed a new contract with the Patriots. He heads into Week 3 facing the Buffalo Bills, whom he has been very successful against in the past. In his last 4 meetings against the Bills, he is 3-1 with 1,040 yards and 10 TDs. Brady has thrown for 27 TDs and 12 passing TDs. Brady is a must start against Buffalo in Week 3 and should see a heavy work load in all aspects of the game.

*Adrian Peterson (MIN) vs. DET: Peterson should be the number one fantasy RB heading into Week 3. As he has obliterated the Lions since coming into the league, Peterson has had a total of 495 rushing yards, 10 TDs, 43 receptions, and 54 receiving yards. He is a must start against the Lions this Sunday.

*Tony Romo (DAL) vs. GB: Romo is a sleeper at QB at this point in the season, and should see a heavy work load in all aspects of the game.

*Randy Moss (NE) vs. BUF: Randy Moss and the Patriots will be facing the Buffalo Bills at home heading into Week 3. The Brady-Moss duo, one of the deadliest in the NFL, is the beneficiary for huge fantasy points each game. Since 2007 (not including 2008 when Brady was out for the season), Moss has totaled 454 receiving yards and 7 TDs against the Bills with Brady at quarterback. Expect Moss to rack up 85 receiving yards and a score against the Bills this Sunday.

*Marques Colston (NO) vs. ATL: Marques Colston should be a top 5 WR for Week 3, as his domination against the Falcons continues. Since entering the league in 2006, Colston has burned Falcon cornerbacks with 44 receptions for 227 yards and 4 TDs. Expect Colston to rack up 100 receiving yards and a score against Atlanta this Sunday.

*Roddy White (ATL) vs. NO: Roddy White should be Matt Ryan's favorite target come Sunday against the Saints. Roddy is the number one receiver on the Falcons and should score big fantasy points coming off Week 3. In 9 career games against the Saints, Roddy has racked up 55 TDs. Expect White to rack up 65 receiving yards and a score against New Orleans this Sunday.

WIDE RECEIVERS

*Visanthe Shiancoe (MIN) vs. GB: Shiancoe has now become McNabb’s favorite target on the Vikings to put up big numbers in Week 3 and in the postseason. Clark has plenty of upside and is a favorable match up against Denver. Expect him to post a solid fantasy line with 65 receiving yards and a score come Sunday.

*Tight ends

*Dallas Clark (IND) @ DEN: Dallas Clark is a must start TE and should come up big heading into Week 3 against the Broncos. Clark is one of Peyton Manning's favorite targets and has racked up 303 receiving yards and 6 TDs in 5 career games against the Broncos (including the postseason). Clark has plenty of upside and is a favorable matchup against Denver. Expect him to post a solid fantasy line with 65 receiving yards and a score come Sunday.

*Randy Moss is primed to have a big week against the Bills (MCT Campus)

Paredes name Northeast Conference men’s tennis player of the week

By Courtney Landi
Sports Field Hockey

Cortney posted 100% of Bryant’s offense scoring two goals against a challenging defensive Bradley team in a 6-2 loss.

Randy Moss is primed to have a big week against the Bills

Mike Canfora
Year: Senior
Sport: Football

Canfora accounted for an impressive five total touchdowns on his way to the single-game single-game 49-17 victory over the Merrimack Warriors.
The Laurence Maroney experiment

By David Niles

The Laurence Maroney experiment can be officially declared a failure. Whether it was the number one pick traded away to the Denver Broncos thus leaving him as a 4th rounder. Not exactly a great start, especially when you consider his lack of performance on the field. It was deemed a failure when he was drafted as a Patriot. Maroney never rushed for 1,000 yards, never rushed for double digit touchdowns, and never showed the fire to put his head down and struggle for the yards against概括。

In the NFL, when first round picks come at a premium and the amount of guaranteed money given to picks, the number one pick has earned it. It has become clear that select running backs have had the fastest car and looked awesome. Mark Martin brought out the fourth caution of the day on lap 245 with Jamie McMurray leading the race. His lead wouldn't last but his career until Stewart gained the lead. Championship leader Jimmie Johnson had his fair share of problems on lap 254. He experienced some sort of issue in his car and made an unscheduled pit stop. He didn't lose any ground and managed to get back in the race in 25th. Tony Stewart led by 2 seconds, but his fuel window was very low. Trying to save every drop of fuel left in his tank his lap times slowed as Clint Bowyer, who was running second, started gaining on Stewart. With 2 laps to go Tony Stewart was leading the race coming to the white flag when he ran out of fuel. Unfortunately he had already passed the entrance to pit road, so he had to limp across the finish line in 24th. Tony told reporters that he ran himself out of fuel.

Second place starter, Clint Bowyer, passed Stewart while going to the white flag signaling that lap to go, with Deninity Hamlin pushing the pedal to the metal in the 2nd place. Jamie McMurray who just missed the chase round out the top 3 adding another impressive result of the season. Despite a disappointing season, Dale Earnhardt Jr. battled his way from 32nd starting spot to finish 4th. Regular season winner Kevin Harvick rounded out the top 10 qualifying for the Dover International Speedway race. It should be very interesting, because Diver is another track where drivers can roll the dice, hoping to win wind up like Clint Bowyer, but risking winding up like Tony Stewart.

NFC Power Rankings

By David Niles

1. Saints (1-0)- Super Bowl champs started strong against the Vikings, albeit before we knew how many problems the Vikings had. They put up 25 points but routine performance against the Eagles and just crushed the lowly Bills. 
2. Packers (2-0)- Strong performance against the Vikings, they spent a top running back (Jackson) in the front round a few years ago, which has everything they could have asked for. But where has that gotten them? Bad skills to pick the first round pick in this year’s draft to put them into the position to select Bradford.
3. Giants (1-0)- The offense can even approach it was against the Patriots, they can make another playoff run. Their defense is still the best in the NFL. 
4. Panthers (1-0)- History of slow starts continued in week 2 but their defense were firing on all cylinders in week 2. 
5. Patriots (1-0)- Are they headed for another 2-6 road record in 2010? 
6. Ravens (1-0)- Looked awful against the Bengals but too much talent to be that bad. 
7. Steelers (2-0)- down to their 4th string quarterback, but still underfunded. 
8. Dolphins (2-0)- Two impressive victories and a balanced attack. 
9. Eagles (1-0)- QB controversy in Philly? 
10. Redskins (1-0)- Victory of Cowboys looks less impressive this week. 

The Patriots Laurence Maroney experiment number one draft pick did not prove to be a big investment. (MCT Campus)

And the chase for the cup begins

By Stephanie Piech

Staff Writer

NASCAR’s Chase for the Sprint Cup started with a bang on Sunday at the Symphony in the Sylvania 300 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway. On Friday, Brad Keselowski, earned his first ever pole award at the New Hampshire, with a lap time of 28.515 in the 1.038 mile oval. Clint Bowyer, Tony Stewart, Jamie McMurray, Juan Pablo Montoya, AJ Allmendinger, David Reutimann, Paul Menard, Kyle Busch and Carl Edwards rounded out the top 10 qualifiers.

It wouldn’t be an easy race for the 12 chase drivers. In the early laps, Tony Stewart took the lead, but this is still a question of how long it will last. The top rushers that made the top 20 rushers in 2009, the top 5 rushers who have 250 rushes. Teams are struggling for the yards avgidxzfi. Most teams carried it 250 times. By last season, only 6 players carried it 250 times. By last year’s standards, a lap average 23 points last season. Only 2 backs all averaged more than 23 points. Last season the top 12 passing atacks had the largest signing bonus in NFL history before he ever played one snap. Then consider the “Run-Making” of the #20. He’s had 250 carries and just 9 yards per carry. His lack of performance on the field has become clear that select running backs have had the fastest car and looked awesome.

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Bryant's newest dance team

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As some of you may have seen on signs or at the organizing fair, there is a new athletic team forming this fall. The Bryant University Dance Team. This will make the third dance team on campus in addition to Velocity and Advanced Evolution, both of which are student run organizations. As an athletic team, the dance team will follow the same guidelines as other club sports. I got to speak with Fayette, the club sport director, to get this new club up and running by the time classes were in session this fall. With being her senior year, co-captain Norell Zable is very passionate about making a team that will continue on for many years to come. "It is going to be so great to come back after graduation and see how the program has developed" said Norell regarding the new dance team. "And know that those girls are out there because of us." The Bryant University Dance Team will be at every home basketball game and the crowd pumped up as well as performing during half time. Think Celtic dancers, said Margot. "Having a good time is the key. While the crowd is having a good time in the stands, this new dance team will be making their first ever appearance at the Men's Basketball exhibition game on October 30th.

Toni is new to the new Bryant cheerleading team, will be the dance team's coach/supervisor for the year. She has a serious dance and cheerleading background and has very high hopes for the team in their first year. She feels that as a new dance team and the existing cheerleading team should be one in the same as a way to show spirit for Bryant's new D1 program. "We are so excited that Toni is our coach" said Norell. "It is the perfect fit for this new dance team."
“Students Speak Out

“What is one piece of advice you would give to a freshman?”

“Don’t party too hard”
- Anthony Costa ’11

“Use your time wisely”
- Michelle Villa ’13

“Don’t leave your laundry in the wash”
- Mike O’Neil ’13

“Work hard at school and get your GPA up early and join CEO!”
- Anthony Nader ’12

“Get involved with organizations or networking opportunities. Get involved from the start.”
- Jess Lussier ’12

“Stay focused, it goes by fast”
- Sherri Lowe ’12

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Textbooks try our patience

By Meagan Voulo  
Staff Writer

Each semester, colleges across the country (Bryant included) provide students with a list of required textbooks for each of their classes. Students often spend hundreds upon hundreds of dollars on books for their classes, and even worse, they waste tons of time trying to find the specific texts required for each class. For example, certain books are school specific, so they must be purchased from the university’s bookstore. Others are available used on websites such as Amazon.com, while still there are some that must be searched for elsewhere.

There are always a few tricky books that are nearly impossible to find, and surely some students show up to their first day of class still waiting for a book to be shipped.

These are the textbook horror stories; these are the things that frustrate the majority of college students, leaving some of them wishing that they could return to high school where textbooks were supplied free of charge.

Personally, I have been lending one of my own textbooks to a friend because her book was backordered and still hasn’t arrived. If I were in that situation, I would be extremely frustrated! I’m sure this happens to everyone at some point or another, but it just doesn’t seem fair. Furthermore, what happens when a student switches a class within the first week of the semester? Now the textbook that someone just spent hours searching for must be returned or resold and another book must be found.

And of course, according to Murphy’s Law, this book will be even harder to find than the first. Why should a student be forced to go searching for a book to borrow for the first two weeks of classes? Why can’t all of the textbooks be available from one source?

Why does the process of purchasing textbooks need to be so complex? With all of these complications, it seems that purchasing the class materials in college is harder than the course itself.

The Fine Line

By Jessica Komorski  
Editor-in-Chief

We all wear pants. They are a socially acceptable and long-legged fashion necessity. In recent years, however, many females have tried to get more creative with their bottom apparel through the use of leggings. It seems as if it is a trend that is here to stay.

Of course, I am a hand-wagon rider; I have been known to dabble in leggings when the occasion calls for it. However, I feel that if this is in fact a trend that is here to stay it is important that the ladies remember some basic ground rules when they put on those spandex wonders. Ultimately, there are a lot of fine lines when it comes to rocking the leggings so be sure to watch out for these common legging slip-ups.

I was chatting with some of my fellow female newspaper editors, and we came to the unanimous consensus that if there is one cardinal rule when it comes to wearing leggings, it is this: do not wear leggings if your rear end is not covered. Long shirts and tunics are the perfect complement to these form-fitting bottoms. A skin tight t-shirt or a skirt you picked up at the Baby Gap is no match for leggings. You need to leave a little bit to the imagination and exposing every curve beneath a thin layer of spandex is not doing the trick.

On that note, remember that everything underneath there can be seen. So if you are going to take the plunge and invest in a pair of faux-pants, it is also time to try out those little things they call thongs at your favorite panty outlet.

Underskirt lingerie are not flattering on anyone. The punch line here is that leggings are another issue can also be avoided through wearing the proper shirt. A longer shirt that flows comfortably over your rear will no doubt mask any camel toe that has crept into your business. I’m not saying that leggings are the be all end all of society. The issue at hand is that women who choose to wear them must not take them for granted and become complacent with leggings serving as pants. This is a whole new fashion tactic and it must be approached with care.
Epic fail of the week

This week while I was in the grocery store I heard two women arguing over how many quarts were in a gallon. I was in shock. One thing is for sure, those ladies are not smarter than a fifth grader.

A student was in Salmo trying to get a drink from the soda machine while simultaneously texting, but ended up spilling and dropping his phone.

Email epic fails to dford1@bryant.edu

Simon Says: A Fake Son is Considered Better Than None

By Toby Simon  
Staff Columnist

A recent article on the front page of the New York Times caught my eye. The headline read, “Where boys are prized, Girls love the Part”. The article went on to describe a practice in Afghanistan where Afghan girls masquerade as boys. Of course there are no statistics on how often this practice occurs, but Afghans of many generations will talk about having a relative or friend or neighbor who grew up disguised as a boy.

To an outsider, it sounds like a drastic practice and underscores how oppressed girls and women are in some parts of the world. Apparently, this practice is seen among various classes of people with varying educations, ethnicities and geographies. It has been around for a long time and has withstood wars and different governments.

The article featured a family in which the mother, who dressed her 6 year old daughter as a boy, but the other 3 daughters dressed as girls, was a member of Parliament. So what would possess a family to cut a daughter’s hair short at age 5, dress her in boys’ clothing, and give her a masculine name to be used in school? There are numerous reasons for this practice: economic need, social pressure to have sons, and in some cases a common superstition that dressing a daughter as a son will result in the birth of a real boy. When a woman doesn’t produce a son, the parents decide to make one up.

There are no specific legal or religious bans on this practice and in most cases, the female child returns to womanhood once she enters puberty. Obviously, it would be difficult for a thirteen year old girl to pass for a boy, to say nothing of confusing the hell out of the child. Yet, it’s hard to imagine that these girls don’t experience some psychological damage as a result of this treatment.

Sadly, families without sons are often the object of pity and contempt. So even a nudge up son improves the family’s standing. The word used to describe these “boys” is “bacha posit” and it’s thought that he can more easily receive an education, work outside the home and thus supplement the family income, and escort his sisters out in public.

It’s hard to imagine what drives a family to such extreme measures. But like many explanations for despairing behaviors, grinding poverty doesn’t help. With a “son” he is allowed to go outside the home and find work, even as a child, to help supplement the family income. Since women aren’t allowed to work outside the home, the possibility of daughters assisting the family with a small income, doesn’t exist. Once the girls reach the age of puberty, they switch back to being girls and a younger sister is then masqueraded as a boy.

Mothers interviewed in the article for the Times said they hoped the effects on their “bacha posit’s” psyche would be minimal and that the limitations removed from them as girls, would have a positive effect on their personalities. However, without data on this practice and any attempt at evaluating its impact, we might never know.

As Azita Rafaat, the member of Parliament who changed her 6 year old daughter to a son said, “This is the reality of Afghanistan.”

The next time you get frustrated about gender inequality in our country, think about all those six year old Afghan girls masquerading as boys and wonder what will become of them as they grow older.
Slow as a Snail- New South Café

By Joshua Ballance
Contributing Writer

The newly renovated South Café seems like a great addition to the Bryant Campus, but merging the Deli and Grill (as we once knew them to be) has been far from ideal. Long lines and increased wait times for food have plagued the Sodexo operated grab and go eating facility since it opened earlier this month. Even during non-peak hours, the lines are out of control and sometimes stretch close to the edge of the café. I was annoyed (to say the least) by the fact that I waited 25 minutes for a steak and cheese after already waiting 10 minutes in line. Nothing is more frustrating than to see one person taking orders when there are 20 people ahead of you! Sodexo is supposed to be an option for a quick bite when you are in a rush; waiting 35 minutes for food is not what I would consider fast.

Another problem I have noticed is the café closing parts of the kitchen before 11pm. I was surprised and annoyed arriving at the facility 20 minutes before closing only to be told they ran out of pretty much everything. We pay good money for a meal plan at Bryant and they should provide food service during all hours of operation (hours should be extended since eliminating one of the eating facilities if you ask me). It is unacceptable that they refuse to make an extra piece of chicken or grill a hamburger because they want to close the grill for the night before 11. As for the long lines, the solution is simple: they need more people working. There should be two people at each station (salad, sandwich, and grill) and mostly definitely, two people at the cash registers.

I am sure that Sodexo is saving plenty of money only operating one facility this year, and they certainly are not passing on those savings to us as consumers. The least they can do is hire more people to work peak hours in order to facilitate the increased demand. I guess only time will tell if things will get better at the café, but complaining until they know the Bryant Community is frustrated seems like a good start.

Dear Editor,

Recently I was asked to reflect on the opening weekend and the “traditions” in which we seem to play a key role. My response was that it’s not what students are thinking, but what they’re not thinking about that is truly scary about situations such as this opening weekend.

Besides the obvious legal concerns which abound there is an extreme disregard for safety. One of my greatest fears is finding out that a student has died as a result of negligence on the part of their fellow students. I spoke with a Bryant Alum on a recent shadow this past winter, and he still remembered clearly the shock and effect that a prior incident had on the campus. When we have students cheering at ambulances exiting campus I fear that they could be pushing our culture closer than we realize to creating a real tragedy once more.

Earlier this year we found a student passed out face down in the backyard of our townhouse. We tried contacting our neighbors, but they did not answer their doors so we called DPS. Upon returning outside our neighbors were outside too but did not know the student in our backyard. After DPS arrived and woke the passed out student they deemed it necessary to transport the intoxicated student, and I could not help but think about the what if’s in the situation. If my townhouse-mates had not looked outside, or if they didn’t feel like it was their responsibility to call DPS (our neighbors weren’t happy about getting DPS involved) than what could have possibly happened to this individual? While there is a chance that he sleeps it off and has a rough morning, there’s also the chance that he stops snoring, and no one is there to hear it. What if we didn’t check our backyard until the morning, and what if instead of a passed out student we had encountered a dead body?

Dying all alone, face-down in the backyard of a stranger’s townhouse seems extremely tragic on so many levels. Mostly I am concerned about why this individual was abandoned by his friends, left to go wander into his drunken stupor all alone.

I attended summer camp as a boy where the culture was very well ingrained that we were not bystanders but “upstanders” in the camp environment. While this served to prevent bullying at camp, a similar attitude could hopefully provide students with greater unity and compassion towards their peers.

I realize how easy it is to describe a “utopian” college life, and also how extremely difficult and complicated it is to make progress towards that ideal. Like all students, I believe that having a good time is an important part of being a college student. What I reject is the notion that alcohol correlates to happiness.

Some of the most fun things you can ever do in life do not involve alcohol at all. Those that do never involve excess amounts. If you’d like to refute this point then please find an example of a student that enjoyed getting transported in an ambulance. I am also not naive enough to think that this will influence students to fully provide students with greater unity and compassion towards their peers.

Sincerely,

Daniel Tothill

Letter to the Editor

The Archway Top Ten: Things Freshmen Shouldn’t Do

10. Spend all of your dining dollars before Thanksgiving Break
9. Sexile your roommate during the first weekend... or any weekend
8. Lie about your year
7. Join every club on campus
6. Date an upperclassman
5. Have a social party in the library
4. Forget to pick up condoms outside the Women’s Center
3. Go to the townhouses in herds of 50
2. Walk through the Archway
1. Get transported
The Town
J&T’s movies to see

Ben Affleck played a role as both a writer, director, and actor in his new film, The Town. (MCT Campus)

By Joe Lomuscio and Justin Thorpe
Staff Writers

Ben Affleck’s “The Town” illuminates the legitimacy of his skills as both a writer and director. In the past, the actor has been criticized for his lack of acting prowess. Many believe that Affleck has ridden the coattails of the career of one of his best friends and former film partner, Matt Damon. However, we were impressed with his overall performance in the leading role as Doug MacRay, the mastermind behind a series of carefully orchestrated bank robberies in the greater Boston area.

It seemed as though Affleck was able to portray the role of a true “townie,” a name given to those locally raised in the city of Charlestown, Massachusetts. In the film, this small district just across the river from Boston is well-known for breeding organized crews of professional bank robbers. We were also very impressed with the performance of Affleck’s right-hand man in the film, played by Jeremy Renner. James Coughlin fits the bill of your typical Boston delinquent- complete with his heavy accent and rash behavior. There is a noticeable degree of tension between the two over the course of the movie. After growing up together and pursuing the same lifestyle, MacRay is attempting to get out of the game while Coughlin would rather continue to follow their current path towards eventual death or prison.

As far as the overall quality of the movie is concerned, we were immediately captivated by the opening action scene that set the tone as a sign of things to come. Not only did it grab the attention of the audience but it also established the main plot of the film, central conflicts, and MacRay’s love interest who also just so happens to be the only witness to one of his crew’s violent heists.

Claire Keene, played by Rebecca Hall, sheds light on what MacRay’s life could be like, giving him just one more reason to leave Charlestown in his “review.” The relationship that develops between the two characters not only shows MacRay’s softer side, but also makes up one of the major subplots of the film.

The other core components of the movie are MacRay’s troubled relationship with his imprisoned father, his underlying desires to locate his long-lost mother, and the stress that comes from having a junkie ex-girlfriend. The combination of all of these continue to remind him of a past that he would much rather forget.

Though all of these dramatic themes were well-scripted, they take away from the overall appeal of the movie. Given the fact that the film was over 2 hours long, it tended to get too wrapped up in its subtleties rather than the development of its original selling point. As can be seen from the trailers, moviegoers expected an action thriller revolving around high-stakes bank robberies. It did not live up to its overly-anticipated hype, but the few action scenes that comprised the movie made up for its sluggish pace with heart-pounding police chases and electrifying robbery schemes.

Given its highly anticipated release, we expected more from the film in terms of overall quality. That being said, we still believe that the combination of the Boston backdrop and sensational action sequences make this a movie that J&T consider worth seeing.

The Archway

The 5 best songs you have never heard

By Coburn Childs
Staff Writer

In case you didn’t tune in last week, this is a new weekly column for The Archway, in which I will be covering 5 songs each week that you have more than likely never heard. While I cannot promise that these will be songs completely unknown to your ears, I can promise that these songs are worth listening to! Turn up your speakers...

1) “Took Where I’m Standing” by Schuyler Fisk
This mellow acoustic piece showcases Fisk’s fine vocals and guitar skills. With a clear resonation, she brings out all the emotion of the words she’s singing. Probably the most heartfelt of her songs, it’s a sweet and serious reassurance that is worth listening to any time, but especially when you may be feeling the “goodbye blues.”

2) “Brand New Day” from Dr. Horrible’s Sing-Along Blog!
Witty and musically competent, this fun little ditty from the little-seen web-movie has all the charm and cheese of a large-scale Broadway number. Written by Joss Whedon — the mastermind behind TV favorites like Firefly and Buffy the Vampire Slayer — this hilarious song puts Neil Patrick Harris’ fantastic voice fully on display and is only one of many reasons why you should check out the mini-movie that it comes from!

3) “Schizophrenia” by The Wedding
This is the kind of intense, memorable rock style that brought the top musicians of our parents’ generation into the spotlight. Here, the instruments take total control to propel the song to an edge, without pushing it over. At the same time, the vocals are just perfectly mixed so as not to be drowned out by the actual music, a balance that is often difficult to achieve.

4) “The Haunting” by Anberlin
There is no better word to describe this song than the title itself. Although it starts off with a melodic rhythm that is nice, but slight, it quickly evolves into a piece of recurring emotional depth and edgy instrumentals. Truly, this is a haunting ballad of large-scale proportions — a song of love, memories, loss, heartache, and ghosts of the past.

5) “Toxic” by The Chapin Sisters
Yes, “Toxic” is originally a Britney Spears song, and this is the first cover that I have named in this column to date. However, this beautiful arrangement qualifies as a new song entirely, from its rhythmically light guitar to its incredible overlapped harmonies. The Chapin Sisters have flawlessly made all the more impressive by their lack of auto-tune or synthesized gimmicks. I first discovered the talented duo this past summer when I saw them open for She & Him, and their performance of this cover gave me the chills. Listening to it now, the effect is the same.

Check back next week for some new songs. If you want to see the spotlight on one of your little-known favorites, feel free to drop us an email, too!
Poetry Corner

Pictures

By Sara Elder

Staff Writer

Pictures aren’t memories
They’re just moments
A moment is just a second in time
It’s there
Then it’s gone
In the blink of an eye
A moment’s all it takes to breathe
A moment is how long it takes to shed a tear
A moment is the time it takes for someone to die

Pictures can’t encapsulate emotions
They show you what happened,
The bare facts of one moment in time in one place
Could not tell you that the reason her daughter is
Remaining able
Is because she ran away from home last night
Could not tell you that they only got married be-
Cause she’s pregnant
The picture of them on our wedding night
Is because she was caught suddenly in a flash
Could not tell you that the reason her daughter is
Not in the picture too
Is because she ran away from home last night

And this picture of you and me
This picture couldn’t tell you how I feel about you
A picture is not worth a thousand words
And a thousand words aren’t worth one single kiss
A kiss that will show you I love you.
Too bad it’ll never happen—
That moment is gone too.

Look Before You Leap

By Sara Elder

Staff Writer

Look before you leap?
More like look before you love
Because falling off a cliff
Can’t be nearly as painful as falling for you
You pushed me off the edge,
And I found out what it felt like to fly
And what it was like to lose control
I don’t know what came over me
Because everything that falls

Word Vomit

Constant Motion

By Blair Worthington

Staff Writer

Crazy rides up and down but in the end we’re stable
With twists and turns and falling down we get up remaining stable
All in all survival’s a must for there’s just no time to stop
Our whole lives we strive for nothing but to be on top
We want and we need and the line between them
doesn’t remain concealed
We hope to see the world through rose colored shades
We know that’s not the case and we know bad things are revealed
But without embracing the good and bad our lives remain concealed
Crazy rides up and down but in the end we’re stable
Every page is undecided so only we can write the tale.

VMAs 2010: uninterrupted

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Let me start my review by saying this: If you missed the MTV VMAs this year, I’m sorry to say you missed out on A LOT of awesomeness! It was the second week of college, and many of us spent the night of Sunday, September 12th completing homework for our Monday morning classes.

Personally, I had to go through a couple of chapters for a quiz the next day, but I just couldn’t let myself miss the MTV Video Music Awards (VMAs) 2010 since I’d been looking forward to watching Linkin Park (my favorite band) perform live. So, I was basically multi-tasking while watching the show and studying during ad breaks (I hope my professor doesn’t read this!).

I missed most of the red carpet pre-show (the carpet was white, but whatever!) I’ve heard that 30 Seconds to Mars (another band I like) entered on bicycles just like they do in their video for “ Kings And Queens.” Can’t believe I missed Nicki Minaj and Will.i.am perform and set viewers in the mood for more great performances to come.

At 9pm sharp, the camera zoomed into Eminem’s face and the show had begun. The rapper performed two songs from his ground-breaking comeback album, Recovery. The first one was “Not Afraid,” which is one of Eminem’s best works to date in my view. It was followed by “Love The Way You Lie” featuring Caribbean hottie Rihanna, and the performance got a humongous round of applause from the audience. Eminem went on to win a number of awards for the video of “Not Afraid,” but he wasn’t around to receive them since he had to catch a flight to New York right after his stunning performance.

One can safely say that this year’s show was Gaga-centric. Yes, Lady Gaga was at the center of attention all the way. She collected eight awards including Video of The Year for “Bad Romance,” and even revealed the name of her upcoming album: Born This Way. Not to mention her out-of-the-ordinary-again! She wore a “meat-dress” and even carried a matching meat purse! I wonder what’s in store for next year?

Other award winners included 30 Seconds to Mars, who won Best Rock Video for “Kings and Queens” (woohoo!), Justin Bieber for “Kings And Queens” (woohoo!), Justin Bieber for Best New Artist and Jay-Z and Alicia Keys won Best Cinematography for “Empire State of Mind.” Muse won Best Special Effects for “Uprising” and The Black Keys won Breakthrough Video for “Tighten Up” (which I highly recommend; it’s hilarious!).

By around 10:30pm, I had watched numerous artists including Taylor Swift, Justin Bieber, Paramore, B.O.B, Bruno Mars and Drake blow everyone away with amazing performances, but I was growing impatient since Linkin Park hadn’t shown up yet.

Finally, at around 11pm, my wait was over. On a magnificent outdoor stage in Los Angeles, Linkin Park performed their new single, “The Catalyst” live for the first time. I couldn’t help but sing along as it had been ages since I last watched them perform.

Towards the end of the VMAs, Kanye West performed a new song of his called “Runaway” but I frankly didn’t like it much. My friends and I enjoyed it at first, but soon we found ourselves yawning and waiting for it to be over.

Overall, I think all the multi-tasking was worth it for two reasons:
1) I thoroughly enjoyed myself throughout the VMAs (except during Kanye West’s performance), and
2) Despite everything, I managed a good score on my quiz the next day!
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