The Evolution begins with campus’ newest dance troop

By Ashley Fullard

When you think of an evolution, what comes to mind? Charles Darwin? Progression? Well that is exactly what the members of the aDvANCEd Evolution Dance Team are all about. The group was founded by its current president, sophomore student Nikita Gittens, along with fellow Bryant students. aDvANCEd Evolution Dance was born out of necessity because its current members didn’t find what they were looking for in other dance teams on campus.

The main focus of the aDvANCEd dancers is not only to pursue their passion, but also to educate the members of the Bryant community about the various dance styles there are and the cultures behind them. Their dance style is mainly hip-hop, however, they incorporate many other styles, such as vogue and dancehall, which will showcase at the upcoming (21) performance.

More like a family than a dance team, the members of aDvANCEd constantly provide support and encouragement to each other as they faithfully practice their routines until they’re perfect and bagels run out way too fast. However, my one complaint is that the donuts waver in the future. This is mostly due to the fact that Dunkin Donuts offers variety to students on the go, such as senior student Angela Marchio 11'. “It's a fabulous alter native to the extremely strong and often bitter coffee in the cafe in the Unistructure. It adds variety to my daily coffee drinking experience.”

By Fira Zainal

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“...The staff members are always so warm, welcoming and are smiling even when the line is super long.”

By Durkin 11’, senior student and Dunkin Donuts employee at Bryant, explains that the reason the lines are long at Dunkins is because the crowd always comes in rushes. “There is hardly a steady stream of customers at the store,” says London. Even with the issue of long lines at the store, Bryant students’ support for Dunkin Donuts will probably not waiver in the future. This is mostly due to the fact that Dunkin Donuts offers variety to students on the go, such as senior student Angela Marchio 11’.

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Bryant runs on Dunkin

By Fira Zainal

Staff Writer

If you’ve ever been anywhere near the Bryant Center this year, you’ve probably noticed the changes done to the dining section. After years of rumors and hearsay, Bryant University has finally opened its doors to the brand-new Dunkin Donuts in the first floor of the Bryant Center.

Remember those days during the exam-rush when you used to have to drive off campus to get your Dunkin’s fix by the 711 on Douglas Pike? You can forget about those bleak times as Dunkin Donuts is open from 7:30am to 12am on weekdays, and 10am to 12am on Saturdays and Sundays. This has resulted in a collective sigh of relief from caffeine-addicted students, especially this upcoming midterm exam season.

A long-awaited addition to the Bryant Center, the Bryant University Dunkin Donuts was officially opened on September 3, 2010. Known as the world’s largest coffee and baked goods franchise (nearly 300 stores in the state of Rhode Island alone!), the Bryant Dunkin Donuts has received rave reviews by students all around, even after just one month of operation.

“They make coffee exactly how I like it. The hot coffee with caramel swirl and pumpkin shot is my favorite,” says Brett Miller 11’.

Miller however does have one complaint – the waiting line, especially in the morning and in between classes periods. “It is atrocious. The same thought is echoed by Varshon Shurl 12”.

“The line gets pretty hectic at times, but I think students will still keep going to Dunkin’s because of the great food and service - the staff are friendly, and the service is really fast. However, my one complaint is that the donuts and bagels run out way too fast!”

Piero Bellini 11’ says, “I’m probably one of the best Dunkin Donuts customers right now at Bryant University and often bitter coffee in the cafe in the Unistructure. It adds variety to my daily coffee drinking experience.”

All this excitement besides well with current students at Bryant, but one wonders what past graduates think of Dunkin Donuts setting its shop at Bryant now after all long.

Undergraduate Admission Representative and Class of 2010 graduate Kaleigh Durkin says, “It’s different for me because I work at Bryant now, therefore I’m able to experience Dunkins being on campus.” Durkin continues, “Truthfully, I definitely wish they had done this a year earlier. I remember needing a caffeine fix in the morning or at night while studying, but the other cafes were closed so early on campus. However, I think this is just a sign how everything is continually growing and expanding here at Bryant, so that makes me happy.”

Popular selections at Dunkin Donuts include the iced or hot coffee, which is priced from $1.49 to $2.39 a cup. Coffee Combos and Anytime Combos are also priced under $5 which is in the same price range as the Bryant Center’s South and Subway. The Bryant University Dunkin Donuts currently accepts Bulldog Bucks, Dunkin Donuts gift cards, cash and credit cards.

Student Senate Announces the Class of 2014 Student Reps

Grace Davies: Student Services Committee
Garrett Kisler: Student Affairs Committee, Ways & Means
Katie Phung: Student Affairs Committee
Paden Sadler: Community & Outreach Committee (PR)
Margaret Wong: Academic Affairs Committee

Student Senate meetings are open to the Bryant community. They are on Wednesdays at 4 PM in Papito.
“When I found my voice, I found my path.”

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A message from the Student Senate

It is a year of new beginnings for the Bryant University Student Senate. We are powered by YOU. This means YOUR opinion matters and YOUR voice will be heard. As a legislative body, we do not only want to achieve our goals, but we want to make the great changes that are important to YOU, the student body. This year is a year to make friendly relationships with all clubs and organizations around campus.

This year is a year to act on what the students want and need in order to make their college years the most memorable and successful that they can be. This year is a year for CHANGE. In order to make Bryant University reach its fullest potential and becomes something great, we need YOUR help. This is a new beginning for our senate, and this is a brand new opportunity for you, the student body, to voice your opinions. Let’s communicate, because we need your support.

We encourage you to attend our meetings, where you can offer any advice, comments, or concerns that you have for the University. Your attendance is very important to us, because we need your opinions in order to make positive changes around campus. We need YOUR help.

Stay tuned for more updates about the coming senate-sponsored events in the next edition of The Archway.

Hope you are enjoying your first weeks at Bryant and good luck throughout the semester!

-Jodi Ricci, Student Senate Secretary
Bryant University Student Senate
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Meetings: Wednesdays @ 4pm in Pappi
If you cannot attend, please feel free to contact us or visit us in the senate office on the 3rd floor of the Bryant Center
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401-232-6271

Important Senate Dates and Announcements
September 30th - Selection of 2010-2011 Ways and Means Committee announced
October 4th - Begin accepting proposals for students interested in starting a new club
October 4th - Organizations may submit requests for additional funding to Ways and Means

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Location: New South Wales, Australia
Partner: Arcadia
Semester Abroad: Spring 2010

Reason for going:

Studying abroad is an opportunity that I just could not pass up. Despite my worries about feeling homesick or fitting in, I felt like I had to take a chance on a new experience to better myself. I also knew that studying abroad is an experience that employers think highly of, so that is certainly a great advantage.

Best experience/memory:

All my memories from Australia were amazing, but my trip to New Zealand was life-changing. It is the most beautiful place I have ever seen and probably will ever see in my lifetime. I also took a leap of faith (literally) when I bungee jumped in Queenstown and it definitely was a good conversation starter. The school also offered a lot of different classes and concentrations, which was a great way to meet a lot of different people. For example, I lived with an agricultural studies major and a biomedical engineering major.

How did this experience change you?

This experience allowed me to appreciate a different lifestyle and culture. Although many people think there is no real difference between Americans and Australians besides the accent, I can assure you that there are many lifestyle differences. The Aborigines, the indigenous people of Australia, still have a strong presence there, and I was lucky enough to talk to them and learn from them firsthand.

Studying abroad also made me a much more independent person. A few years ago, I would have never traveled across the world by myself, but this experience made me feel that I can do so many things I didn’t think I could. Now I know I can rely on myself when my friends and family aren’t there.

Also, the places I saw and the friends I made are impossible for me to forget. I became very close with a few people in Australia, and I miss them every day. This experience allowed me to see places that I never would have dreamed of seeing, like the Outback for example, which is much more than just flat, dry land. Overall, I couldn’t have asked for a better experience.

Would you study abroad again given the opportunity?

If I could, I would study abroad a million times. It’s just an incomparable experience, and if you are able to take advantage of it, don’t hesitate, just do it. You will be so glad you did!

For more information on Bryant Pride, please visit saoffice@bryant.edu

By Jenna Morris
Assistant Editor-in-Chief

Many members of Bryant Pride took time to hand out fliers at the blood drive last week to inform students of discriminatory rules against certain groups of people donating blood, with the title “Donate Blood for Those Who Can’t.”

Did you know that sexually active homosexual men are not allowed to donate blood? Many people do not know this fact, which is why Bryant Pride aims to promote awareness about this kind of discrimination at each blood drive on campus. While donating blood is strongly encouraged to students each year, there are many students who are simply not allowed to donate blood because of who they have had sex with. Any man that has had sex with a man within the past 12 months cannot donate blood. Also, any person who has had sex within the past 12 months with a man who may be bisexual cannot donate blood. Regardless of whether protection was used or not, both these groups of people cannot donate blood. Approximately 10 percent of the world population is gay, which means we are potentially missing out on 10 percent of life-saving blood.

Some other disturbing facts in regard to blood donation are not to do with those banned from donating blood, but those who can donate blood. A straight male who has had unprotected sex with multiple prostitutes can give blood after one year.

A lot of these rules are based on false assumptions that AIDS is a “gay” disease, which it was thought to be in the 1980s. Further studies have proven this false, yet the restrictions still remain intact. Changes cannot be made unless we raise awareness. If issues like this are of interest to you, consider coming to a Bryant Pride (Gay Straight Alliance Group) meeting, Mondays from 5:00 to 5:30 in Heritage. And remember, take the time to donate life-saving blood, especially because so many people cannot.

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Why global supply chain management—and why now?

By Michael J. Gravier, PhD, CTL

Faculty Writer

Supply chain management is one of the hottest careers across all industries. News and World Report listed it in the top 20 career choices for the next century, and new supply chain programs of study like the Supply Chain Management here at Bryant are popping up all over the country. According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers, starting salaries for 2009 college graduates of supply chain management programs averaged $49,268, compared to $43,628 for marketing graduates and $45,778 for management graduates. Why is this happening? And why does it mean to supply chain management and other globally oriented business career paths?

A partial explanation for supply chain management’s rapid growth appears in trade deals, with the effects for inflation, US imports and exports have multiplied 250 times in the past 20 years. But trade volumes don’t explain why interest in supply chain management is growing rather than some other approach. Coronavirus has focused our attention on their core competencies and this has driven them to outsource, or strategic source, more than ever. This is why the supply chain management field is growing and will continue to grow in the future. Supply chain management at Bryant fulfills five important business needs: business integration, improving profitability, reducing re- source usage, managing the increased complexity of modern business, and developing a generation of qualified professionals.

Perhaps the most important reason for the rise of supply chain management is a holistic approach to business. Bryant’s holistic approach to curriculum—faculty suites that place marketing professors next to literature and psychology professors—is one giant endorsement of the cross-functional over stovepiping. Supply chain management is the next evolution in business integration. The evolution began quite early in the 1950s when some back shops that supported the manufacturing floor decided to work together to deliver finished products to customers in a more timely and efficient fashion. The movement kept growing and was comple- mented by a broader business trend that was aimed at improving the productivity and profitability of organizations. The backbone of this trend was the minimization of the supply chain’s inventory and the boundaries and boundaries between traditional functional departments, such as finance, accounting, marketing, finance, etc. Consequently, a new business function emerged that separates study and profession but faces the same customer, with the same information and benefits. Supply chain management is the integration of these traditional processes to create a more efficient and effective business system. The Center for Sustainable Supply Chain Management at Bryant focuses on providing quality education for the next generation of supply chain professionals, with a particular emphasis on the importance of sustainability.

The Center for Sustainable Supply Chain Management (CSCSM) is an example of the importance of education resources in the world. Because of its cross-disciplinary nature, the Center for Sustainable Supply Chain Management provides a unique opportunity for students to learn about the many aspects of sustainability and the role of supply chain management in driving positive change.

Do not hallucinate.
Mergers and acquisitions are here for the long run

By Royce Brunson  
Business Editor

It is no secret that both our national and the world's economies are struggling to survive. Day after day we turn on Bloomberg, CNN, FOX or MSNBC, and we see headlines that tell us that just are not what we used to be. That may be true, but for struggling companies they may be able to 'make the cut', merging with other companies is always an option. Last year alone, there were 694 mergers and acquisitions worth a total of $95.18 billion that took place in the United States. So far this year, Chinese companies have seen a 50% surge in acquisitions.

Throughout our media world, the terms mergers and acquisitions are used simultaneously, however there is a crucial difference between the two. A merger happens when two firms—typically about the same size—agree to go forth as a single company rather than two separated companies and operated businesses. If the companies are publicly traded, both their stocks cease to exist and new stock is created for the new merged company. On the other hand, an acquisition is when one company acquires another business and declares itself the new owner.

When things hard times, many companies who find their current business standing unfruitful will explore both of these options. For two struggling companies it is important to understand that one profitable opportunity is more favorable than two separately owned and struggling companies. If a corporation sees vital assets in one company such as technical assets (IT systems) or production plants, they can be acquired by a targeted company and pay—in either cash, stock or both—to acquire them. A recent example of such activity can be found in 3M. This month alone, the company has acquired 3 different subsidiaries; its most recent being the healthcare company Arizant for $810 million. Since 2005, 3M has made 67 acquisitions. IBM has made two acquisitions this month, the first was for an undisclosed amount for the integrated risk management company One2g and the second acquisition took place last week, where they paid $1 billion for Neteza. Since the beginning of the year, IBM has had a combined 10 acquisitions.

The interesting part of mergers and acquisitions is that the numbers of transactions spike with poor economic times. Take a look at those culprits of our economic mess, banks. Banks are facing a couple huge problems: they have unused lending capacity, idle cash, and depressed market values a total of 10 banks since 2008 and they continue to look for new purchases. Within the next year, expect many smaller banks to be bought out by larger, more promising depositories. On Monday, Southwest Airlines purchased AirTran for $1.4 billion. This acquisition comes at a highly volatile time in the industry where 24 companies filed for bankruptcy in 2008. The wave of the future for airlines is to be smaller and smarter. Fewer trips are more profitable for airlines than having dozens of empty seats on each flight. Predictions say that airlines will lose $5.6 billion domestically and $11 billion worldwide in 2010. The reasons are simple: a combination of lower ticket prices and higher fuel prices means losses for the industry.

Acquisitions have many advantages for the purchasing companies. Assume that a company needs to expand its plants, IT systems, communication networks and other resources, it is almost certain that acquiring a company will be cheaper than building one new or expanding one. In addition, the tangible, acquisitions generate tax gains, can increase revenue and can reduce the cost of equity.

The bottom line is that cash is king. If a business is losing money and cannot recover from the tailspin, its stakeholders will look for it be acquired by another company or to merge with a more profitable company. Acquisitions will increase with the growth of banking and as technology expands, expect larger companies to swallow up smaller ones.

Developing more bold, military leaders

By Professor Michael Roberto

Renny McPherson has a thought-provoking article in the Boston Globe about why the military may be producing enough innovative leaders such as General David Petraeus. McPherson argued that Petraeus may yet be hailed for saving the day. But he also got a new boss and moved one step down the chain of command. How does this happen to the best of our military's has to offer? Why was there no other general to take the lead? The short answer is that the US military has failed to produce enough leaders like Petraeus—the kind of bold-minded, flexible strategic thinkers needed to lead today's most difficult missions. And a large contributor to this failure is the military's inflexible system of promotion, which can actively discourage young officers from getting the mind-expanding, challenging experiences that could turn them into potent generals.

McPherson explained the major conclusions from interviews with 37 top military leaders, who were pro- vided assurances of anonymity when they commented: Given a guarantee of anonymity, they talked openly about the experiences that had helped them become better strategic thinkers. They reported that most beneficial experiences—sustained international experience, civilian graduate education, and taking on special opportunities at the military mainstream—were the very ones that they felt discouraged from pursuing. As one interviewee said, "My career has been an aberration. I am surprised I've achieved up to this level."

What's the lesson for companies interested in developing future leaders? Find-stretching assignments may be "off the beaten path" at times. They may involve multiple lateral moves, different kinds of educational experiences, or assignments to smaller, seemingly inconsequential—yet highly innovative—parts of the business. They may not be on the usual "career track" for managers. However, such challenging, unconventional experiences may be just the right type of diverse experiences required to develop an innovative and creative leader of the future. When charting the career path for a "high potential," the question is not just how to enhance the skills required for the next rung on the corporate ladder. The key is to provide them with a variety of experiences required for their perspective and enhancing their critical strategic thinking skills for the long haul.

BlackBerry maker debuts new PlayBook tablet

By David Gallagher

MarketWatch MCT

Research In Motion Ltd. lifted the wraps Monday on a new touch-screen tablet de- vice called the BlackBerry PlayBook, making it the latest wireless device maker to break to the world of tablets. At its annual DevCon conference in San Francisco, RIM co-CEO Mike Lazaridis billed the PlayBook as "the first enter- prise-ready tablet." He said the device is designed to "amplify" the experience of the company's BlackBerry smart phones, which can pair with the tablet through a Bluetooth connection. "This will enable a new world of computing that you can carry in your palm of your hand," Lazaridis said during a keynote address Monday afternoon.

No price was given for the device. RIM said it expects to launch the PlayBook in the U.S. sometime in early 2011, while other markets are expected to be added during the second calendar quarter. RIM was widely expected to announce a tablet during a leak launch in the U.S. sometime in early 2011, No price was given for the device. RIM said it expects to keynote address Monday azgiffleenoon.

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Football ends win streak, falls to Central

Both the Packers and the Bears have started off the season well, (MCT Campus)

Bryant On Tap

Friday, October 1st
Golf, at McDonald’s Cup (Yale)
Men’s Soccer, HOME vs. Robert Morris, 2:00 PM

Women’s Soccer, HOME vs. Fairleigh Dickinson, 3:00 PM

Saturday, October 2nd
Field Hockey, at La Salle, 2:00 PM
Football, at Wagner, 1:00PM
Golf, at McDonald’s Cup (Yale)
Men’s Tennis, at St. Francis (NY)
Women’s Tennis, at Wagner

Sunday, October 3rd
Field Hockey, at Temple, 2:00 PM
Golf, at McDonald’s Cup (Yale)
Men’s Soccer, HOME St. Francis (Pa.), 1:00 PM
Women’s Soccer, at Sacred Heart, 3:00 PM
Men’s Tennis, at Wagner
Women’s Tennis, at St. Francis (NY)

Wednesday, October 6th
Field Hockey, HOME vs. Holy Cross, 7:00 PM

NFL Week 3 Power Rankings

By David Niles  
Staff Writer

1. Colts (2-1) – Indy blew away the Giants and Broncos the last two weeks in a way that shows they are still the class of the AFC. The in-form Andrew Luck has dis-sected the secondary week after week and even their run game has the potential to be stepping up. The Colts could be scarily good again.

2. Packers (2-0) – Clay Mathews looks like a Defensive MVP award winner. To think they were forced to throw the ball even more now with Ryan Grant out might make you realize that Jackson isn’t nearly as tal-ented as people give him credit for. It’s doubtful with the deadline to trade is stepping up. The Colts whole defense has been for real all 3 weeks of the season. However, giving up 30 points, many of which came away against the Panthers, Browns and Bucs that they need to win. This team could end up having a deceiving 4-1 to start things out.

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4. Wildcats (2-0) – Their defense

5. New York Jets (2-0) – A team with flaws in the locker room and on the field. The fact re-mains that their defense is still elite and Marc Sanchez looks far better than he did a season ago. 

6. Browns (2-0) – Over 200 yards rushed this week against a bad Bills defense. But to at-

7. Eagles (2-0) – No Qb con-traversy in Philly anymore. Vick not only looks Better than ever, but he may also be a leading MVP candidate after just 3 weeks. Who is playing better? The Eagles moved

8. Saints (2-0) – A leading MVP candidate again this season. Michael Vick looks far better than he did a season ago. Not to men- tion their defense holding the Saints to only 43 yards on 10-0 lead in the first quarter. On its first possession, Bryant drove down against the Saints to only 43 yards on 10-0 lead in the first quarter.

9. Bears (2-0) – Chicago

10. Vikings (2-0) – What have they done to the San Diego Chargers? It was assumed they would walk away with the AFC West crown, but now they’ve found themselves 2 games out already. Still a long season ahead but AJ Green has quietly turned into a Stud.

11. Falcons (2-0) – Over 200 yards rushed against a bad Bills defense. But to at-

12. Chiefs (3-0) – Undefeated? It can’t be. A front office, coaching staff and roster that sprin-kled with former Patriots players has proven to be a winning formula in KC. The stats aren’t impressive and they haven’t beaten any great teams yet, but their rabid fans don’t care much about being perfect. Second-year coach, Alex Smith has really butchered-

13. Ravens (2-1) – Passing game needs to keep Cutler upright to maintain their pace. Mike Martz has to avoid the com-pounding of a one-dimensional offense.

14. Dolphins (2-1) – Two im-proressive victories and a bal-

15. Bengals (2-1) – An easy win for the Bengals in the second, including a field goal just before the half. From there, the Blue Devils went to work offensively. Running back Everett Ben-jamin, a transfer from Hot-la University, would score twice in just under three minutes early in the second, including one on a 42-yard run to put the Blue Devils in the lead for the first time in the game 14-10.

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22. Cardinals (2-1) – Strong

23. Bills (0-3) – I still can’t be-

27. Rams (1-2) – Already

28. Raiders (1-2) – Should not have given up on Jason Campbell so quickly. He isn’t the problem in Oakland. This team is not moving in the right direction.

29. Lions (0-3) With Stafford out, this team has little chance to be competitive.

30. Bills (0-3) – Still can’t be-

31. Panthers (0-3) – What hap-pened to the Panthers’ two-headed monster in DeAngelo Williams and Jonathan Stew-art? The only people as frus-trated as Coach Fox are the millions of Williams and Stewart fantasy football owners.

32. Broncos (0-3) – I think I am going to start rooting for this team to go 0-16. They are cer-tainly capable. They have what it takes. Yes, it is de-cided. I now have reason to care about a vested interest in this team.

The key play of the drive came on a nice 30-yard pass completion from quarterback Mike Croce (Watertbury, Coo.) to tight end Matt Tracey (Littleton, Colo.) on third down moving the ball inside the CCSU territory.

On Central Connecticut State’s ensuing possession, the Blue Devils would attempt a fake punt on fourth and two, but Bryant’s defense stepped up and denied the pass, giving the offense great field pos-sibilities the Blue Devils 38 yard line. The Bulldogs were able to get inside the red zone but settled for a field goal to make it 10-0.

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23. Bills (0-3) – I still can’t be-

27. Rams (1-2) – Already

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29. Lions (0-3) With Stafford out, this team has little chance to be competitive.

30. Bills (0-3) – Still can’t be-

31. Panthers (0-3) – What hap-pened to the Panthers’ two-headed monster in DeAngelo Williams and Jonathan Stew-art? The only people as frus-trated as Coach Fox are the millions of Williams and Stewart fantasy football owners.

32. Broncos (0-3) – I think I am going to start rooting for this team to go 0-16. They are cer-tainly capable. They have what it takes. Yes, it is de-cided. I now have reason to care about a vested interest in this team.
The ‘Monster’ causes victory for some, heartbreak for others

By Stephanie Piech
Staff Writer

A penalty that was handed down last week got Jimmie Johnson off the #33 Richard Childress Racing team. Johnson was penalized in the garage after the #33 car was found 400 at Dover International Speedway last Sunday. Clint Bowyer won the first chase race in New Hampshire when a penalty was called late on #2 and moved him to 2nd in the point standings, but as quick as he moved, he moved from 12th to 2nd, he moved back to 12th after his car was given a violation for breaking the “less than 1/16 of an inch” rule. Richard Childress told the media this means that the body of the car was sitting on the chassis 1/16 of an inch higher than NASCAR allows. However, the car passed inspection pre-race and post-race before it was taken back to the Research and Development Center in North Carolina with a did not meet with NASCAR specifications. The team was docked 150 driver and owner points; crew chief Shane Wilson was fined $50,000 and suspended for 4 races, including the final race of the season until December 31st. Miller Lite Owner Danica Patrick told the media a few weeks ago in Richmond that the race was right on the cusp of failing inspection due to the same thing, the rear end. Johnson was running close to the mandated limits. Had he been penalized for it, Rich- mond would have made the chase and be sitting outside with a zero percent chance of making the chase.

Jimmie Johnson came away victorious at “Monster Mile.” The Blue Devil Invitational, the Bryant University women’s cross country team had another solid performance at the Bow Wow Bowl Saturday at Franklin Park in Boston, Mass. The women’s side was led by Martha Reynolds (London, England), Megan Robertson (Sebewaing, N.) and the men’s team finished 10th overall in the field.

“As this was our first two races at Franklin Park, and we will return for the next couple of weeks for the New England Championship. All of these races say good to run the same course multiple times,” said head women’s coach Stephanie Potter.

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Students Speak Out

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“They used it to tape up Adam Rubin [business professor] last year for a fund raiser”
-Adriana Mirra '11

“In my high school, someone made a prom dress (blue) and a tux out of duct tape”
-Emileigh Gilfoy '13

“I’d use it to tape [Tom’s] mouth shut”
-Arianna McLaughlin '14

“I’d comment but I would get arrested”
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Branding worship
By Christine Cox
Staff Writer
This is my fourth and final year at Bryant – and boy has it been a ride. I’ve seen the campus grow, expand, and change. I’ve seen the smallest admitted class in a few years and our largest. I even helped them move in as a Bryant Experience Leader where I got to interact with President and Mrs. Machtey and many other stakeholders do for the first time – moving boxes and bins and saying goodbye to parents and siblings.

So say that my Bryant experience has not been touched by the Machteys would be a discredit to the many things that have changed because of and under the leadership of our dear President and his wife.

One of the most contested and discussed changes in my time here has been the question of the Interfaith Center. Upgrading the small room used as a Chapel in the Bryant Center to a building to be used as a place of worship for all students who have their lives to each other is one of the biggest challenges and changes I have witnessed. And here they go changing it again.

Sometime last week, a campus-wide email went out informing the community of the University’s decision to dedicate the Interfaith Center and name it after the Machteys in support of their dedication to the advancement of the university. This moment has been rather scary, but this entire wide e-mail went out to invite us to the dedication, which will be held on October 8th. I’ve seen the smallest classes, I have no longer required to sign up for every course because it “locks good for college.”

I’m now responsible for finding my own way to occupy my time, and that is completely new to me. I was bored. I don’t have a car with me, so I’m just outside here, or get off campus. In addition, I was used to helping out a lot around my house, so it actually feels weird to not be doing the dishes, and help siblings with homework.

On the bright side, Bryant has so many opportunities to get involved. There is such a wide variety of clubs, so there is definitely something for everyone to join. Personally, I love karate, but I am not in support of the Interfaith Center being branded as a place where people of different faiths and religions gather to worship, experience, and reflect upon the principles of their faith. However, the truth of the matter is, many people have the perception that our esteemed university is Christian-affiliated. For students who do not identify as Catholic, or even Christian, it can be very difficult to deal with – feeling like a minority usually is.

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There really is a diverse student body at Bryant, not just physically, but with re-gards to personalities as well. It was hard for me at first to find “my group” because it’s really easy to just cling to the first person you meet, and then realize that you don’t have anything in common with them. My advice would be to find a way you’re comfortable with and don’t worry about what other people do. 

Bryant boasts about resources, and then the students complain about a lack of such...

By Megan Vuolo
Editor-in-Chief

A freshman’s first impression of Bryant University

The first day I moved onto the Bryant University campus, I was so excited, the whole thing felt like a shock; it didn’t hit me yet that this is where I would be spending my next year. It almost felt like I was on vacation. I didn’t have to wake up early for class as I did for high school, the cafeteria food was so much better than I’m used to, and I had an entire floor filled with students like me. What could be better?

However, after a few days of feeling this strange, I had to come to terms with reality. I had to make my own way and do what I think. Bryant tries very hard not to be seen as a religious insti-tute. I do commend the Machteys for support of the Interfaith Center as a place for individuals of multiple and different faiths and religions to worship and couples have moved into as a Bryant Ex-change. I’ve seen the smallest class, I have no longer required to sign up for every course because it “locks good for college.”

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A senior perspective: seek out your resources
By Jessica Kosromski
Editor-in-Chief

I find it weird to call myself a senior. It’s the last year of college and of itself holds a lot of weight. As I begin my fourth year, I can confidently say that I have seen the good, the bad, and the ugly. I was not at all ex-pected since I moved into Hall 14 in the fall of 2007. My feelings about the university have changed over time, but even today I cannot believe there has been a positive one thanks to the people that the resources that Bryant has to offer.

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The Opinion Page of the Archway feature the opinions of the identified and anonymous writers, and which are not necessarily those of the newspaper or Bryant University.
Epic fail of the week

John and Josh’s radio show hosts the most offensive and obnoxious broadcast in Bryant History. It is a mystery why they are not taken off the air.

Email epic fail to dford@bryant.edu

Letter to the editor

To The Archway,

Glad to know that an enter- prise can attract an au- dience on campus and we’re glad that Bryant’s CEO is truly concerned about enter- prise. (Bartos Sports’ Dave Portney3 grace Bryan with his “Prez” once, Septem- ber 24, 2010) But we can’t help but wonder— at whose expense?

In the article, CEO Vice President Emily Murphy said “Bartos Sports is also a good example of how a personality can be injected into an entre- preneurial endeavor. A busi- ness can be a means of expression just like a piece of art.”

So here’s our question to Bryant’s CEO: what kinds of insights did you and your au- dience gain by bringing this speaker to campus as com- pared to other entrepreneurs was it a success without degrading women in the process?

What really grinds my gears…

By Megan Vuolo

Staff Writer

Have you ever wondered who decides the hours of op- eration for the dining services on campus? As a freshman, I have come to realize that a percentage of the money spent on my meal plan for the semester is basically being wasted because there are sev- eral times during the week when there is no possible way for me to get to Salmanson Dining Hall.

I think this is extremely unfair to most freshmen choose the 14 meal plan and we were under the impression that it was the best meal plan choice. Unfortunately, when we ar- rived on campus we quickly learned that although there are plenty of choices for food on campus, sometimes it’s im- possible to find something that is open.

This wouldn’t be too bad if unused meals carried over to the next week, but they do not. If I don’t use all 14 of my meals during the week, the extra are lost – and because I don’t have very many dining dol- lars, I can’t afford to lose each and every meal.

There are some serious problems that I have with the dining services on campus, and I truly believe that these complaints are reasonable. Furthermore, there is one sit- uation that stands out to me as especially unjust. I re- cently had to make a trip down to health services due to a series of migraines that would not subside without medication. I didn’t want to rush to health services as soon as the office opened on Mon- day because I didn’t want to waste time if the migrane went away on their own.

Unfortunately, by 11am I decided it was necessary to make the trip over to Hall 16 to ask the receptionist for assistance. Finally I got help and when I turned to leave, the nurse told me to make sure to go right to Salaman son to get breakfast because the medication would upset my stomach if I didn’t have food right away.

I arrived at the doors of the dining hall at 10:30am; the

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doors close for breakfast at 10:30am. It was very unusual about this but as I turned to leave, a nice student opened the door for me, so I thanked him and proceeded inside to get breakfast. As I reached the bottom of the stairs, I was yelled at by the dining staff for sneaking inside after the doors were closed. I calmly explained my predicament and asked if they could take a piece of fruit or bread before I rushed to my class, just to be sure that I wouldn’t feel sick from the nurse’s medicine. The woman continued to scold me, and I was told that in addition to leaving without any food, I would have to swipe my id card. Because I walked down the stairs, this would count as one of my meals for the week.

I do not want to sound vin- dictive; I understand that the woman working in Salman son was simply doing her job. My problem with this entire situation is the rigidity of the hours of operation for the din- ing services on campus. I think that if the administra- tion insists on keeping up such a strict set of regulations, freshman should receive more information about the dining services prior to their arrival on campus.

Personally, I was unclear as how exactly the meal plans worked and the paper- work I received in the mail was vague. Many others were under the impression that meals would carry over from week to week, and in addi- tion, most students that I have spoken to were not informed of the fact that one can’t enter the dining hall twice during one meal period. Why not?

What if someone wants to go to breakfast at 7 am during the week, and then get lunch at 1pm? This situation is currently impossible because that would mean entering the dining hall twice during the lunch period. This technically starts at 11am. These are some seemingly small details that could make a difference to students’ experiences at Bryant University, and I hope that some changes will be made in the future to alleviate some of these problems.

The Archway Top Ten: Reasons to Delete Someone on Facebook

1. They update their status every 5 minutes
2. They tag you in abnoxious cartoon photos
3. They take embarrassing photos of you every weekend
4. They hooked up with your roommate… after they hooked up with you
5. They use Facebook as a forum to complain about their life
6. They talk smack about you via Facebook
7. They Facebook chat you every day and you barely know them
8. They post status updates about their significant other constantly
9. They comment and/or “like” everything you post
10. They’re your ex-boyfriend or girlfriend’s Mom

Just a thought……along with all our doubts that any of you would want your sister’s der- riere being rated on the Bartos Sports website.

From
Eby Kiehn
Director, Bryant Women University Center
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Professor of sociology

Profit & Loss

Formerly Observations. Equally as Funny.
Compiled by Bryant Students

Don’t rain on my parade

DPS always hands out free ponchos when it rains. Thanks for giving us what we need in order to make it back to our dorms safely!

Somebody call 911! There’s a fire at Bryant University

The entire campus smelled like smoke on Monday, including inside the dorms and the Unisturcture. Fire trucks were seen leaving campus, but no one seems to know where the fire was.

Star Wars in 3D!

In 2012, the Star Wars films will be reintrodu- ced to theaters in 3D.

Too much tape

There is far too much tape on the side of the unisturcture from posters. It looks very slopply.

E-mail Profits and Losses to dford@bryant.edu.

Bryant Said What?

“T’m a perfectionist; that’s what my doctor says.”

“The McKinley’s are here tonight!” “…you mean the Macthley’s?”

“I lost my phone this weekend, I lost my room key this weekend, I lost my dignity this weekend…”

“How do you sucessfully sexl three roommates??”

“Common is going to think I peed myself!”

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Three economically-priced wines...on a college budget!

By Julie Kent

Thirsty Thursday isn’t just a pun; it’s the start of the weekend for some Bryant students. As we all know three economically-priced wines can differ greatly among those whom are working full time adults and those who are college students, some of who have just reached the legal drinking age and walk through the liquor store like they are kids in a candy shop.

Well, to truly find the three best priced wines for us 21 plus year old Bryant students, I first asked students who are of the proper drinking age around campus when and what type and brand of wine they usually drink. Some students replied that they occasion-ally have a glass of wine to unwind at night and relax from working all day. While the majority of the students replied that, although they too might have a glass of wine on a weeknight, they usu-ally consume significant quantities of wine on the weekends. Weekends here for most of us implies Thursday night to Saturday night.

From talking to students about their wine preferences, it became clear that red wines, such as Cabernet and Merlot are a more popular or favored perhaps this is because these wines can potentially leave an unwanted red stain on your clothes, carpet, or your mouth and lips. Who wants to go out with their friends knowing that that permanent lip-stick is going to be carried with them throughout the night? On the contrary, the most enthusiastically talked about wines were the white and the pink wines. For the white wines, the types that were commonly mentioned were Pinot Grigio and Chardonnay, and for the pink wines, the frequently talked about kinds were Blush and White Zinfandel.

The answers varied among students about what brand of wine they normally pur-chased. Answers really de-pended on whether the student drank different types of liquor or if the student mainly just drinks wine. For the students that drink other types of liquor as well as wine a 750ML bottle is what they usually purchased in a given week or two, but some of the students also said that they buy a box of wine or a larger bottle and have it for a long time.

These students typically purchase a bottle of Sutter Home, a box of Corbett Canyon or Franzia, and for a special instance or to change things up a small bottle of Yellow Tail. Furthermore, for the students that drink mainly wine on a given basis, boxed wines were more regularly acquired in a one to two week time period, although a 1.5 liter bottle of Sutter Home or the occasional Yellow Tail big bottle was also discussed as being purchased. The bottle of wine for the usual wine drinker was purchased with less frequency than a box of wine.

Overall, through getting fam-iilar with the types of wines, sizes, and brands of wine that students pay for along with checking out prices of wines in a few liquor stores, there appears to be two sub-categories of eco-nomically-priced wines and one ultimate general category that strives to cover all that has been discovered within this topic.

The first category is bottled wines consisting of 750ML and 1.5 liter sizes. The three economically-priced wines in this section are Sut-ter Home 1.5 liter of White Zinfandel costing between $6.99 to $8.99 plus tax, Sutter Home 1.5 liter of Pinot Grigio that can range from $9.45 to $10.99 plus tax, and Yellow Tail 750ML bottle of Chardonnay which can cost from $6.95 to $8.99 plus tax.

Boxed wine is the other category that encompasses sizes of 3 liters and 5 liters. For this category the three most economically priced wines are Franzia White Zinfandel 5 liter that can be purchased starting at $10.99 to $15.99 plus tax, Corbett Canyon Pinot Grigio 3 liter which can cost be-tween $8.94 to $11.99 plus tax, and Franzia Sunset Blush 5 liter that can be priced anywhere from $11.99 to $15.99 plus tax.

To be clear, Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps is not a remake of its 1987 counterpart, Wall Street. It is indeed a continuation of the life of Gordon Gekko (Michael Doug-las), the notorious investor infamous for imprisonment on the grounds of insider trading back in the late 1980s.

The film starts off upon his release from prison in 2001; it then redirects itself to the establish-ment of the main char-acter, Jake Moore, played by Shia LaBeouf. Moore is on the fast track; he is well estab-lished at a respected invest-ment firm, has a serious girlfriend, and rides a $15,000 motorcycle through the streets of Manhattan on a daily basis.

His life is drastically al-tered by a series of events leading to the downfall of his mentor’s financial firm. While looking for a new job, he catches the eye of another high-powered investment ex-ecutive and is subsequently asked to work for his firm at a meager starting salary of $300,000.

At first it is hard to distin-guish how the characters of Gekko and Moore could pos-sibly interact until it is estab-lished that Moore’s soon-to-be wife is actually Gekko’s daughter, played by Carey Mulligan. Gekko seems to have genu-ine intentions of wanting to be in his daughter’s life and Moore is willing to help him with that difficult process in hopes of regaining a mentor and father-figure in his life.

In comparison to the first part of this series, Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps is a much slower film focused on the development of relation-ships between the three main characters as opposed to the portrayal of the financial prosperity often associated with working on Wall Street. Although we were im-pressed with the individual performances of the three main characters, we were dis-appointed with the pre-dictability of the film’s script as well as its inability to hold the viewer’s attention throughout.

We believe that LaBeouf took his career to the next level with his performance in this role; he has come a long way from his days as a star for the Disney Channel’s Even Stevens. LaBeouf has slowly transitioned into one of the premier actors in Hollywood, and we eagerly await his fu-ture performances, including the highly anticipated third chapter of the Transformers series.

As for his part, Michael Douglas held true to form with his impressive portrayal of an old school investor at-tempting to adjust to a new financial era. The movie went to great lengths to outline the details of the current financial crisis in the U.S., especially the bailouts and betrayals of major financial institutions.

As a result, the terminology within the film was very high-level, making it difficult to follow if you did not pay attention to your Finance 201 class.

From the cinematography perspective, the movie uti-lized the Manhattan land-scape as well as the chaos associated with Wall Street to make the viewer feel as though they were a part of the setting. Given our high ap-petition for this film’s re-lase, we may be a little too critical, but overall we found that there were more nega-tives than positives. If you are planning on seeing a movie this weekend, we would rec-ommend taking your chances on The Social Network as op-posed to seeing this movie.
The long awaited return of Glee!

By Allison Salzberg
Staff Writer

It's that time of year again! Time to walk back through the doors of McKinley High School and live vicariously through the lives of the school's most hated club members. Fox's hit show Glee is back for its second season, and the entertainment world is buzzing about where this musical comedy will take us next.

This season's premiere started out with the glee club's advisor, Mr. Schuster (Matthew Morrison), breaking the news that nationals will be held in New York City. Naturally, the show played up the news that with the glee club members singing "Empire Musical Comedy Will Take Us" and the entertainment world is buzzing about where this musical comedy will take us next.

Another song they rapped in this one – unique in its consistency of deliveries songs like this one – unique in its own right, but still with a distinct, familiar, and clever musical style. The band has changed drastically over the years, and they have far surpassed the potential that many originally saw they had. Unfortunately, they have never quite reached the popularity to match that potential. This song, from one of their latest albums, is a near-perfect matching of lyrics with musical key. Although a beautiful song, there is still an underlying sadness to it, which makes it all the more mesmerizing to listen to.

2.) "Chicago (Acoustic)" by Matt Kearney

Probably my favorite song I have mentioned in this column so far, "Chicago" is a gorgeously written, richly produced, and meaningful song, this is probably Kearney's best work – it is a style of the show, also known as a "glee," you know that this season is going to be even more impressive and entertaining than the last. If you're not already a fan, get on our level and tune into the show Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. on Fox.

3.) "One Step at a Time" by Brandi Carlile

While not entirely lyrical, "One Step at a Time" by Four Year Strong becomes a huge presence in the industry, and it's thanks to songs like this which consistently delivers songs like this one – unique in its own right, but still with a distinct, familiar, and clever musical style. The band has changed drastically over the years, and they have far surpassed the potential that many originally saw they had. Unfortunately, they have never quite reached the popularity to match that potential. This song, from one of their latest albums, is a near-perfect matching of lyrics with musical key. Although a beautiful song, there is still an underlying sadness to it, which makes it all the more mesmerizing to listen to.

4.) "Before It Breaks" by Brandi Carlile

I will admit right now: I'm a sucker for piano, and any song that can rely on so much of its emotion to come solely from the music gets my vote. A song like this relies on the story being told through the music, and not just lyrics, and it is done impressively here. While the instruments in this tune are quite prevalent, they still do not drown out Carlile's haunting voice singing a plea from a broken—yet—more accurately, slowly breaking—heart.

5.) "Superhero" by The Pretty Reckless

It's hard to believe that the lead vocalist for this young rock band is Gossip Girl actress Taylor Momsen. It's even harder to believe that she only 17 years old. Channeling Joan Jett comes naturally for her, and that rock-'n-'roll style—almost an intentional throwback to rebellious 70's rock music—is put on full display in this catchy, captivating tune.

Check back next week for more of these great songs! If you want to see the spotlight on one of your little-known favorites, feel free to drop us an email, too!
Loving You
By Blair Worthington
Staff Writer

Passion, there’s no question. Love, there’s some debate. Happiness, is always present. Friendship, will never fade. Hearts, they’re always breaking. Eyes, they’re going blind. Pain, is constant hardship. Emergence, is of its own kind. Forgiveness, is hard to comply with. Forgetting, there’s nothing I’d like more. Regret, is never an occurring thought. Forward, is the only way to go.

Listen to My Body
By Sara Elder
Copy Editor

Listen. Listen to the words I’m saying with my body. Listen to my lips as I gently kiss yours. Listen to the words I’m saying with my body. Listen to the words I’m saying with my body.

Stone’s New ‘Wall Street’ Leaves much to be desired
By Cory Beaudoin
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Over the past few years, lots of eighties movie legends have back to life... Rocky, Indiana Jones, Rambo, to name a few. When Oliver Stone first announced he was developing a sequel to his award-winning 1987 film Wall Street, groans we heard across the board. But, in retrospect, what sounds so bad about re-animating an Oscar-winning character with Michael Douglas and Oliver Stone back on board?

Well, prior to the Financial Crisis of 2008, Wall Street 2 seemed like a dandy idea. But then, the 23-years-on-the-making sequel began to gain an agenda. With finances topical, Wall Street was popular again, and Stone wanted to see Gordon Gekko against the backdrop of the American re-cession. It sounds good on paper, but the final product was far less than a big year-end bonus.

Originally slated to debut in April of 2010, Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps was held over into the fall Oscar season, and 20th Century Fox screened the film at the Cannes Film Festival (Stone’s first film to make it to the cov-eted festival). Apparently, Fox saw awards potential in the film. I do not. The clev-erly-titled sequel debuted this past weekend at the top of the box office, bringing in a $19 million haul for its three-day period. Starring Michael Douglas, who reprises his role as Gordon Gekko, and Shia LaBeouf, playing Gekko’s mentor and future son-in-law, Money Never Sleeps starts right where you would expect an unwarranted sequel to begin: with the hero getting out of jail.

Fast forward a few more years later to find Jordan Moore, a brash, baby-faced Wall Street trader (LaBeouf) shackling up with Gekko’s long-estranged, green fanatic daughter. Moore works for Keller Zabel Investments (the ham-fisted allegory for Bear Stearns), which soon collapses thanks to the devious Breton James (played fantastical by Josh Brolin), who works for Churchill Schwartz (or Gold-man Sachs). The showdown of the titular Zabel (played flawlessly by Frank Langella), who is Moore’s mentor and superior, causes him to jump in front of a subway car. Cue confrontation.

What follows from then on in is anybody’s guess. I wish I could say the Gekko was key to the plot, but the character is critically unused, and his mo-tivations and actions are forced into an otherwise smart, financially-themed film. His main desire is to win back the affections of his daughter, Winnie, who he des-erts as a result of being in jail for her whole life. Her key? New fiancé Jacob. So, the plot weaves in and out be-tween Moore’s dealings with Breton James and his shaky plans to get Gordon and Win-nie back together. Then, we are treated to a delicious plot twist that throws a kink into the whole film. I got butterflies thinking about when the screen would cut to black, but, unfortunately, the plot thickened, and the film dragged on for a solid half hour more.

Oliver Stone is a compe-tent director, and he has churned out some of the most topical, underrated, and most important films of the last few decades: Platoon, the original Wall Street, Nixon and more. But here, he has most cer-tainly lost his touch. The film is chock-full of awe-inspiring graphics, split-screens, graphs spliced over city skylines, tons of colors, and beautiful time-lapse photography. But, it’s sadly unnecessary. It’s merely a distraction from the barbed-wire plot, and takes away from the true drama that happens on-screen. Douglas is as cool as ever, and car-ries the scenes he graces. LaBeouf is great too, just not as a bad-ass. The most kudos go to Frank Langella for ab-solutely killing the ten min-utes he’s in the film.

All in all, the film was solid, smart and, at times, sexy for the first sixty min-utes. Anything after that completely lost me, and what comes out is a shoddy mess of a film that was thrown to-gether too quickly to benefit from the newsworthiness of the financial collapse. I give it 2 out of 5 Bulldogs. If you’re looking for a better 2010 film that isn’t nearly as long and boring, look no further than The Other Guys. No, seriously.
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