Tom Chandler to read original poetry at Library of Congress

By Meagan Vuolo
Staff Writer

On October 19, 2010, Professor Tom Chandler will read a selection of his poetry at the Library of Congress. He was invited to this event, known as the "Rhode Island Sampler," by the current poet laureate of Rhode Island, Lisa Star. The invitation was extended a few months ago, and when asked about how he reacted, Chandler casually responded, "It was pleasant news.

Chandler is not sure what exactly he will read at the Library of Congress, despite the quickly approaching date of the event. To most people, this seems like a risky idea, but Chandler assures us that "I’ve been doing this for over 30 years now and I find it best rather than prepare for a reading, just be in the moment for a reading and you’ll be fine." Chandler has published over 200 poems, which are compiled into 5 books. He is in the process of having a sixth book published and continues to write today.

While it appears that Chandler was handed a very successful life, not everything he did came easy. No one in his family was inclined to write, so when he started writing poetry at age 6 he was entirely self-motivated. Chandler did not attend college immediately after graduating high school. First he dabbled in the field of music, playing in a band and recording an album. By age 30 this lifestyle started growing tiresome, and that is when this future poet took the initiative and attended the University of New Hampshire.

Reflecting on his first poetry writing class, Chandler says "I thought, this is what I want to do. And so I just followed that. I took all of the creative writing courses I could." Following his undergraduate education, Chandler went on to grad school at Brown University for inspiration. If you wait for inspiration you’ll wait for a very long time. In order to fine-tune one's writing abilities, it is necessary to write every day, even when there is seemingly nothing to write about. This is a career about passion, drive, and diligence. Chandler has a great deal of insight to provide to the world about writing. In order to make others understand the intensity of this career, he stated, "It’s a daily sweaty thing. You look at what you’ve done at the end of the day and sometimes it’s good and sometimes it’s garbage." A crucial point that Chandler makes is that writing is all about improving one’s work. He explained, "There’s no such thing as a one draft wonder, unless you’re a genius. The art of writing is in rewriting." Sometimes Chandler will go back to his previous work and modify it over and over until he feels that he has found the perfect way to relay his message to an audience. Despite this positive outlook, Chandler is still troubled by the public’s perception of poetry today. He believes that “Most people don’t know anything about poetry. They just think it’s this weird opera or ballet or something.” While it’s hard to say how accurate this observation is, it’s clear that Chandler has much more respect for the art of poetry than the norm. He proudly asserted, “It’s my job; it’s my calling.”

While he may “fall in love with a different poet every week,” Chandler strives to create his own identity through poetry. He is careful not to model his own writing after another’s. But even Chandler can’t say what his unique style of writing entails, for he is certain that style isn’t as important as most people believe.

His writing philosophy is, “The art about it is not just found in the words. I think the art is found in the idea.” Clearly Chandler values the overall content and quality of writing rather than just the small details. The goal of his writing is to be understood, not to confuse the reader or make an audience feel inferior. He proudly asserted, “It’s my job; it’s my calling.”

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Dr. Maya Angelou shares stories, inspiration at PPAC

By Meagan Vuolo
Staff Writer

Tom Chandler, Professor of Literary and Cultural Studies

Dr. Angelou spoke about a few of her novels I read as a high school junior. Reading it was quite an experience, I laughed, cried, clenched my fists with anger and pondered over the deep thoughts being conveyed by the author through the book.

Though I’m different from the author in many ways, I could easily empathize with her (which was odd, because that rarely happens to me). So, when I heard that the Bryant Student Arts and Speaker Series (SASS) team was organizing a trip to Providence to hear Dr. Maya Angelou speak, I dropped by the Bryant Center to collect my ticket the very same day.

The event was held at the Providence Performing Arts Center (PPAC) on Thursday, September 30 at 7pm. We arrived and settled down well before the start time. At 7pm a series of speeches began, most of them about fighting against sexual abuse inflicted on children. Finally, at about 7:30pm, the moment all of us had been eagerly waiting for had arrived: Dr. Maya Angelou appeared on stage. Personally, I felt a huge gush of feelings flow through myself: excitement, respect, appreciation, and so on.

Dr. Angelou spoke about a variety of topics, occasionally referring to incidents in her past. Being a victim of sexual abuse when she was little, she obviously felt very strongly about the subject, yet she openly spoke about her ordeal: who did it and how he was caught and eventually

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By Fira Zainal

Recently, the Bryant University Board of Trustees announced that the Interfaith Center will be changing its name in honor of President Ronald Machtley and his wife Kati Machtley. This Friday October 8th at 12:30pm, the Interfaith Center will be known officially as The Ronald K. and Kati Machtley Interfaith Center. All Bryant students, alumni, staff and faculty are invited to attend and a reception will follow the dedication.

The dedication comes just in time for the 2010 Homecoming Weekend at Bryant. This event will see current Bryant students and alumni share in showing appreciation for the Machtleys in their efforts in improving the campus the past 15 years.

In dedicating the Interfaith Center to the Machtleys, the Board of Trustees realizes that it is not typical to name a building for a sitting president and his wife. The Board of Trustees Chairman Michael E. Fisher ’67 states that the move is to show recognition for their effort the past 15 years in putting the university on the global pedestal. “These guided transformation the campus with the addition of the George E. Bello Center for Information and Technology, the Elizabeth and Malcolm Chace Wellness and Athletic Center, and the Interfaith Center, symbols that symbolize the education of the whole person in mind, body, and spirit.”

And what do students think of the dedication? “I believe the Machtleys’ deserve the honor considering the positive changes they have brought to Bryant over the years,” says Melissa Dirth ’11. She is echoed by fellow senior Chris Mackesy ’11 who says, “President Machtley and Kati Machtley are worthy of the nomination from the Board of Trustees. “If it was not for them, this college would be bankrupt and we would most likely be at Bentley...and really...who wants that?” says Mackesy.

The Interfaith Center is popular and known as one of the most pristine and beautiful buildings on campus. Designed by the internationally-renowned architectural firm Gwathmey Siegel & Associates, it was officially opened in September 2009 and provides the University and its visitors a place of worship, reflection, and gathering. Even though it has been running for a year, not many Bryant students, staff or faculty members realize or take advantage of the many programs and services the Interfaith Center offers on a regular basis.

The Interfaith Center’s Program Associate John Nesbitt has been one of the main promoters of programs held at the center. This past Thursday October 7th 2010 saw the conclusion of the Interfaith Center’s Speaker Series titled “Five Faith Perspectives on Building a Peaceable World” which Nesbitt started in November 2009. The Speaker Series has featured speakers from the Jewish, Islam, Christian, Hindu, and Buddhist faiths sharing and describing their religious traditions.

Though you may have missed out on the Speaker Series, there are many other programs students, staff and faculty are able to partake in and attend this Fall 2010 semester.

The “Movies that Matter” program will see movies being screened at 7pm in the West Room of the Interfaith Center on October 17th, November 21st and December 5th. The three Sunday screenings will include refreshments and discussion following the movie. Movies include ‘The Mission’ (directed by Roland Joffé), ‘Life is Beautiful’ (directed by Roberto Benigni) and ‘Invictus’ (directed by Clint Eastwood) for each respective date.

The ‘Music for the Soul’ program which kicked off October 6th saw the Atwater-Denello Trio gracing the Interfaith Center Chapel. Future performers include the Amy Rawson Trio (November 11th), the Bryant Singers (December 11th) and the Bryant Chamber Ensemble (TBA).

Another interesting program this Fall 2010 semester is the ‘Worlds of Academia and Faith in Dialogue’ which will offer guests the same venue as the past Interfaith Center Speaker Series program. The upcoming event on October 29th at 12:15pm is titled ‘Religious Imagery in 19th Century Britain: Miracles & Pilgrimages’. The event will be held in the West Room of the Interfaith Center and as per usual, the dialogue will follow up with discussion on the floor after the presentation.

The Ronald K. and Kati Machtley Interfaith Center is open Monday to Friday from 8am to 10pm. On Saturdays and Sundays, it is open to the public from 11am to 10pm. Please note that Jewish services are held on Friday evenings (at varying times), Protestant services are held every Sunday at 7pm, and Catholic Mass is held every Sunday at 9pm. On another note, along with the dedication ceremony being held this Friday, the Interfaith Center will also host the Alumni Memorial Service on Homecoming Weekend. The service will be held from 10:30am to 11:30am at the Interfaith Center and will see students, alumni, faculty and staff honoring and celebrating the lives of Bryant alumni who are no longer with us.

For those of you who haven’t read any of Dr. Maya Angelou’s works yet and are curious to know more, check out her poem, “I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings.” Here’s a link to it: http://www.poemhunter.com/poem/i-know-why-the-caged-bird-sings/ I’m sure it’ll help inspire at least some of you.
Lizzie Simon’s detour to Bryant

By Meagan Vuolo
Staff Writer

Lizzie Simon, an advocate for mental illnesses who suffers with bipolar disorder, is coming to Bryant University on October 13th to speak about her recently published book, Detour: My Bipolar Road Trip in 4-D. The book is a compilation of various testimonies from people across the country dealing with bipolar disorder, as well as Lizzie’s own personal experiences.

The title of the event is Detour to Wellness and it will be held in the Stepan Grand Hall, Bello Center at 7 pm; a short question and answer session will be held after the presentation. When asked about the upcoming presentation, Lizzie assured, “It’s a heavy topic, but my presentation is always filled with humor. I think if you or anyone you love is going through a difficult time with their mental health, you should definitely come up.” Lizzie will keep the audience engaged with her stories and relate to their personal level.

Lizzie Simon was diagnosed with bipolar disorder when she was 17 years old, in 1994. When asked about how she dealt with this diagnosis, Lizzie said, “It was a really difficult time for me. I was a kid from movies and the idea of this condition didn’t make sense. I had to figure it out on my own, and I did.” Lizzie Simon was diagnosed during the same time as what the People magazine referred to as “the bipolar epidemic.”

Lizzie Simon decided to accept this diagnosis as what it really was—a diagnosis that she didn’t define who she was as a person. Lizzie confirmed, “I don’t need to be defined by what I go through. There’s so many other aspects of my life that I really enjoy.” Clearly this is an optimistic woman who is always willing to take on a challenge. She knew that the only way to move past her diagnosis was to find a sense of self acceptance, which leads to Lizzie’s decision to write a memoir.

One day on the subway in New York City, Lizzie saw a poster that displayed a realistic image of bipolar mental illnesses; this was something that she had never seen before. Lizzie had always seen the mentally ill portrayed as crazy and out-of-control, but this poster made her see that some people really want to speak out about the truth. Lizzie claimed, “At that moment I knew that I wanted to be part of the mental health movement.”

Being a talented writer, Lizzie decided that what she really wanted to do was travel across the country and gather testimonies from other people like her—people with bipolar disorder—and assemble them into a single book. She wrote the book when she was only 23 years old, and it was finally published when she was 25. It was actually Lizzie’s publisher that pushed her to include her own experiences in Detour.

Detour was Lizzie’s first major writing to be published and the book immediately opened the doors to new opportunities for spreading awareness about mental health. She was invited to speak to groups across the country. She worked on documents about bipolar disorder including an episode of MTV’s True Life, she started freelance writing for newspapers such as the Wallstreet Journal and various magazines, and she even started teaching an online class about memoir writing.

As for future goals, Lizzie wants to continue the work that she has started. “She doesn’t have specific plans, but she loves giving presentations, and her goal is to create a role model for others that are suffering with mental illnesses.” In addition, Lizzie is highly dedicated to working with Active Minds, a non-profit organization that raises awareness about mental illnesses. Visit http://www.activeminds.org for more information about this organization.

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Study Abroad Spotlight: Jake Eddy

Name: Jake Eddy  
Class of: 2011

University: UCLAIT (Universidad Latinoamericana de Ciencia y Tecnología)

Location: San José, Costa Rica

Partner: ISA (International Studies Abroad)

Semester Abroad: Spring 2010  
Duration: January–June

Reason for going:  
I made the decision to study Abroad in Costa Rica because everyone that I meet who has visited or lived there can’t stop talking about it, and now I know why. Aside from the fact that it is known as one of the friendliest and most beautiful countries in the world, it provided the ideal place for me to fulfill my science requirement and take a Tropical Ecology class with a lab in the REAL rainforest where the image I once had as a kid from movies and the Discovery Channel becomes a reality. I am also an extreme and adventurous person and Costa Rica simply had the total package: Waterfalls, Surfing, White Water Rafting, Diverse wildlife, White sanding, Scuba Diving in Coral Reefs, Bat Cave walks, Active Volcanas, Zip Line Canopy Tours, Tarzan Swings, Deep Sea Fishing, Natural Hot Springs, Repelling, Bunge Jumping from 600 ft Bridges, Night Walks in the forest and not to mention some of the most spectacular beaches in the world! On top of that, Costa Rica has a rapid growing economy and I couldn’t think of a better place in the world to learn Latin American business strategies and master my level of Spanish.

Best experience/memory:  
Aside from the beautiful relationships that I made with students and faculty, I would have to say that my best experience was spontaneously traveling to Nicaragua one long weekend with some buddies and going “Volcano Boarding” down a Black Cinder Cone volcanos (Cerro Negro de Leon) that is still active in the world today. Although I took the fall of my life, it was a huge adrenaline rush and the views from the top of the volcano were breathtaking.

Funny cultural experience:  
In a small village called Cartago, our class entered the local marketplace one morning and while passing one of the fish markets, a cute Costa Rican girl grabbed my attention and asked what I was doing here in Cartago. We started to converse for a while and suddenly, her mother came over with two beautiful shot glasses in her left hand. She interrupted us and informed me that it was her daughter’s birthday and that I should take a picture with her and give her a kiss on each cheek for her birth-day. Out of respect, I did so. Then her mother took a ladle, scooped out the yolk of a turtle egg, put it into each of the two shot glasses along with a bit of salt, a dash of Tabasco sauce and a touch of red wine, and a few “natural herbs.” What was I getting myself into? So I took the shot while my whole group watched from a distance. After smoothly refusing dinner at their home later that evening, I managed to leave the situation and return to my group safely. I later learned that the shot was a Costa Rican celebration tradition and the turtle egg was seen as a strong aphrodisiac!

How was the school different from Bryant University?  
Aside from the fact that the school had roughly the same student to faculty ratio and offered lots of different business classes, it was completely different. Instead of Pine Trees, Maples and Oaks, there were lots of Palm Trees. The school was located in a beautiful metropolitan area of San Jose, walking distance from National Theaters, Museums, Athletic Stadiums, Parks, and Zoos. It was hot and sunny every day, but cooled down at night. The language spoken in class was Spanish and instead of Colones, Colones were used.

How did this experience change you?  
This experience has changed me in a lot of ways. Not only did it help me gain a broader perspective on life, but it made me realize the true importance of protecting the rainforest and all of the natural wildlife it contains because they are so essential to me as a human. I really couldn’t imagine such a beautiful country without it.

Would you study abroad again given the opportunity?  
In a heartbeat. Costa Rica is a country that can’t be entirely explored in one semester while studying. There are still many hidden treasures to discover and the people are very fun and friendly.

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Student’s studying abroad now more than ever

By Jonathan De Costa

According to data from the Bryant Study Abroad Office, more Bryant students are studying abroad than ever before. One hundred and fifty-one students studied abroad during the 2009-2010 school year, a 19% increase from just the year before and a 600% increase from a decade ago. Between 13% and 15% of all Bryant undergraduate students will study abroad. This figure is well above the national average of 3.5 percent listed by the Institute of International Education.

“As a small private institute with a business focus we really should be sending more students abroad because we are in a world where increasing numbers of organizations are globally focused,” said Beth Engwall, who organizes the Study Abroad Office. For the past four years England, Spain, and Australia have been the top three most popular countries for study abroad at Bryant. China, an economic power, is expected to be one of the leading destinations for Bryant students in a few years.

All Bryant students in good academic standing are eligible to study abroad regardless of major. Most full semester programs require a 3.0 GPA or higher, but summer and winter program requirements vary. Interested students may involve themselves in the Student Experiences Abroad Club, whether they wish to hear about other students’ experiences studying abroad or have already studied abroad. Students who previously studied abroad may become Peer Mentors. “Peer Mentors are students that have studied abroad in the past that are available to talk with other interested students about their experiences studying abroad,” says Engwall. If a student is interested in studying abroad then they can email or call the study abroad office for information regarding the programs and countries they are interested in.

Interview with the study abroad office coordinator

Jonathan De Costa: What is your role in the study abroad office?

Beth Engwall: My title is assistant director of the study abroad office, but you can pretty much say I do run the office.

J.D.: When did you take up the position?

B.E.: They hired me in February of ’06, and when they hired me they hired me as academic advisor and study abroad advisor. My focus in college was working in international education, and I found out this position was available—so here I am.

J.D.: What are the most popular countries to study abroad in?

B.E.: For the past four years the most popular programs have been England, Spain, Australia. Consistently those are the top three.

J.D.: How many students study abroad?

B.E.: Since 2005-2006 up until 2009-2010, which was our last academic year, we increased by 100%, so we went from 77 to 154. This academic year we expect around 175 to study abroad, an increase on the previous academic year. Thirteen to fifteen percent on average will study abroad throughout their Bryant academic career. So we’re doing okay. As a small private institute with a business focus we really should be sending more students abroad because we are in a world where increasing numbers of organizations are globally focused.

J.D.: Is there any special study abroad event or organization that you would like to plug for?

B.E.: Yeah, the amount of students studying abroad increased 600% since 2000. Before ’05 and ’06 there was no study abroad academic advisor, so students had little help in their aspirations to study abroad. You’ll notice a sharp increase in study abroad student numbers since then.

J.D.: This (data handed to me) definitely shows an incredible increase in just the past decade...

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J.D.: Is there any special study abroad event or organization that you would like to plug for?

B.E.: So, for interested students we have two things that I think are really beneficial to them. We have SEAC. Student Experiences Abroad Club. That is just an organization that is available to anyone who is interested in studying abroad. It doesn’t matter if you’ve gone abroad or not. There are also the peer mentors. These are just students that have studied abroad in the past that are available to talk to other interested students about their experiences studying abroad. If a student is interested in studying abroad then they can email or call the study abroad office for information regarding the programs and countries they are interested in.

Jawad Ahmad: Defined by action, inspired by collaboration. With PwC and LinkedIn, he is feeding his future.

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EMT CALL Medical Services Rendered SEP 28 2010-
Tuesday at 08:04
Location: RESIDENCE HALL Summary: DPS received a re-
port of a person that is ill and
unresponsive. EMS was activ-
ated, and the Subject was
transported to Fatima Hospi-
tal by Smithfield Rescue.

ACCIDENT (MVA) Motor Vehicle Accident SEP 28 2010-
Tuesday at 16:58
Location: COMMUTER PARKING LOT Summary: A person re-
ported to DPS that she has
been struck by another vehicle.

VANDALISM (Residence) SEP 29 2010- Wednesday at
09:58
Location: RESIDENCE HALL Summary: A student re-
ported to DPS that her camera
and radio were taken.

Vehicle Accident SEP 30 2010-
Thursday at 11:36
Location: UNISTRUCTURE Summary: DPS investigated.

VANDALISM (School Build-
ing) SEP 30 2010-Thursday at
12:34
Location: UNISTRUCTURE Summary: A female student re-
ported to DPS that her camera
was taken.

THEFT (Larceny From Vehicle) OCT 2 2010-
Saturday at 01:08
Location: RESIDENCE HALL Summary: A female student re-
ported that her phone and
wallet were taken.

THEFT (Larceny From Vehicle) OCT 2 2010-
Saturday at 03:17
Location: RESIDENCE HALL Summary: A female student re-
ported that her keys and
wallet were taken.

THEFT (Larceny From Vehicle) OCT 2 2010-
Saturday at 22:45
Location: TOWNHOUSE Summary: A resident reported
that his car was damaged
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by Royce Brunson  
**Business Editor**

Let’s start off with a game. When you hear October, what’s the first thing that comes to mind? The typical answer would be the changing of leaves, cold weather or Halloween, but some might say the New York Yankees. The game has evolved from a once-minute sporting event to a world phenomenon with an average of almost 20 million viewers a game. However, it is not just the number of viewers that’s of point of interest; it’s the pastime in the country following the Fall classic that are amazing.

The team in Major League Baseball that can forecast economic growth better than any other team in sports: The New York Yankees. With 27 championship trophies, 40 pennants and 19 eastern divisions, the Yankees are the one of the world’s most winning sports franchises. However, putting the rings aside, pull down the victory poster and ask yourself the question, ‘Are the New York Yankees a new frontier for online sales?’

The Wall Street Journal, a business magazine, recently featured an article on its website about European excess capacity in the automobile industry manufacturing. The article points out that, “Not a sin-
Miami corner back Brandon Harris aspires to be entrepreneur

By Mike McGovern
Staff Writer

Baseball is officially over for the Boston Red Sox. Two of their greatest franchises have nothing left to offer to the playoffs. Schedule difficulties aside, we can’t even argue for these two teams argument of “any other division and we would have made the play-offs.” How did the Sox go from playoff team to third place in their division? It’s been a long season, and the Sox have been replaced by other teams who’ve also eventually “closed down,” Brandon Harris said.

The good, the bad, and the 2010 Red Sox

By Alex Daley

The All-American’s immedi-ate focus is finishing strong down against rival Florida State at Sun Life Stadium, the team against which he made his first career start two years ago and a game-saving play in the end zone last season. But his aspiration of being an “entrepreneur” is always in his thoughts.

“The have so many plans of stuff I want to do and I’m really ready when the time comes to sit down with some investors and talk about it,” Harris said. “I want to get a lot of busi-nesses created in the commu-nity and really help the economy grow in my neigh-borhood.”

“I’ve traveled around a lot and I’ve seen so many nice things in so many different places that I wonder, ‘OK, why don’t we have that where I’m liv-ing?’ It inspired me to help someone who uses football to invest money back into the community,” Harris, who has been tabbed a “mutli-talented” NFL prospect by ESPN draft guru Mel Kiper Jr. is set to graduate early, possibly at the end of this se- mester. He’s considering grad-uate school. Regardless of whether he returns for his senior season, he said he wants to start on his dream early in his NFL career. "When I watch these guys last couple of semesters put-ting together business propos-als, I can see just how much Harris and former Booker T. Washington High and Hurri-canes teammate Chavez Grant have often talked about their similar plans for their neigh-borhood.

Of Harris’ dream, current teammate Mike James said, “He has a bright future ahead of him whatever plans he plans to do, but entrepreneurism sounds like his personality. I can see him being an entrepreneur be-cause his drive and his will to get things done, I make sure they’re done right.”

Brandon Harris is a student athlete who wants to be the boss, on and off the field (MCT Campus)

Homecoming Football Game!

Sat, Oct. 9 1 P.M.

Bryant v. Sacred Heart
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The restaurant was right near his home in Liberty City. When he was a kid, Hurri-canes corner back Brandon Harris and his friends used to always go there to eat, talk and chill. Then “Petey’s” closed down. The owners had gotten behind on payments and couldn’t catch up. Across the street there was “Last Chance Coin Laundry”, another popular hangout on 62nd Street, the main artery of the Miami neighborhood that runs from NW 7th Ave. and NW 27th Ave.

Harris’ late grandfather, Floyd McPhee, owned the laundromat for 18 years, but he was growing old so he sold it to Harris’ mom, Chonita, said. The new owners, who weren’t from the city, didn’t offer credit to customers who couldn’t afford to do their laundry or sometimes pick it up for them or use the stove in the back to cook fish, rice and beans for kids as McPhee had done.

The laundromat closed, too. “There’s been quite a few (local businesses) that have closed down,” Brandon Harris said. “I think the time I was small to now, it’s been count-less. They’ve been replaced by other people who’ve also eventually closed down.” It’s why these days Harris, a 20-year-old junior, is majoring in business, with switching from sports administration.
Steelers fall to 3-1
Big Ben back for Game 5

By Stephanie Plech
Staff Writer

With the Pittsburgh Steelers under the seas of the loss to the Baltimore Ravens on Sunday (17-14), their record this season would become 3-1. Many sports analysts didn’t think they would win this game. Could this be good coming into the start of the season? At best they would need to be 5-3. What makes it even worse is that Dennis Dixon and Byron Leftwich, the two backup quarterbacks, were both out with an injured reserve. Charlie Batch was the quarterback for both the Tampa Bay and Baltimore games.

How can a team without their two main quarterbacks win 3-1 (almost 4-0)? The answer is simple: Pittsburgh’s defense has been quite spectacular. The last couple of years on the field, the Steeler’s safety, Troy Polamalu, is back in action this year. It’s a welcomed relief to Steeler fans across the country. He’s been a big playmaker and his return will allow the secondary to perform better than last season. Not taking anything away that the offense has accomplished so far this season, but the defense has been on their game each and every week.

Ben Roethlisberger, as most or at least all of us know, he was suspended for the first four games of the 2010 season for sexually assaulting a Georgia college student. This hasn’t been a Steeler’s first counter with the law either; a few years ago, he was in a bar with a pretty horrific motorcycle accident; he had a broken jaw and needed several stitches and the police found out he was out on his 5th license and he was cited for not wearing a helmet.

Stupor from Roethlisberger’s part? I believe so, but no matter what he does from here on out, the team will definitely be keeping a close eye on him. The general reasoning why the Steeler’s just didn’t fire him on the spot. My personal opinion is this: the team is pretty much centered on Ben; he’s one of the major playmakers on the team. How are they going to replace him? Yes, however, do people learn from their mistakes? Ab-solutely not. Ben Roethlisberger will put all this behind him once he steps onto the field in game five against the Cleveland Browns. From what I’ve seen, the defense is not as good as last year’s team but still in contention, the three down defense. Let’s see how the upcoming schedule is to see how well they perform over the season.

By David Niles
Staff Writer

By editorial staff

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Staff Writer

The Pittsburgh defense has stepped up, proving the team can win without Roethlisberger, (MCT Campus)

Off to a 3-1 start, the New York Jets have a lot to celebrate.

(MCT Campus)

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By Stephanie Plech
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With the Pittsburgh Steel- ers under the seas of the loss to the Baltimore Ravens on Sun- day (17-14), their record this season would become 3-1. Many sports analysts didn’t think they would win this game. Could this be good coming into the start of the season? At best they would need to be 5-3. What makes it even worse is that Dennis Dixon and Byron Leftwich, the two backup quarterbacks, were both out with an injured reserve. Charlie Batch was the quarter- back for both the Tampa Bay and Baltimore games.

How can a team without their two main quarterbacks win 3-1 (almost 4-0)? The answer is simple: Pittsburgh’s defense has been quite spectacular. The last couple of years on the field, the Steeler’s safety, Troy Polamalu, is back in action this year. It’s a welcomed relief to Steeler fans across the country. He’s been a big playmaker and his return will allow the secondary to perform better than last season. Not taking anything away that the offense has accomplished so far this season, but the defense has been on their game each and every week.

Ben Roethlisberger, as most or at least all of us know, he was suspended for the first four games of the 2010 season for sexually assaulting a Georgia college student. This hasn’t been a Steeler’s first counter with the law either; a few years ago, he was in a bar with a pretty horrific motorcycle accident; he had a broken jaw and needed several stitches and the police found out he was out on his 5th license and he was cited for not wearing a helmet.

Stupor from Roethlisberger’s part? I believe so, but no matter what he does from here on out, the team will definitely be keeping a close eye on him. The general reasoning why the Steeler’s just didn’t fire him on the spot. My personal opinion is this: the team is pretty much centered on Ben; he’s one of the major playmakers on the team. How are they going to replace him? Yes, however, do people learn from their mistakes? Ab-solutely not. Ben Roethlisberger will put all this behind him once he steps onto the field in game five against the Cleveland Browns. From what I’ve seen, the defense is not as good as last year’s team but still in contention, the three down defense. Let’s see how the upcoming schedule is to see how well they perform over the season.

By David Niles
Staff Writer

Cyclists now appear to be in the lead for not only PED usage but also laces. Olympic Tour de France winner Alberto Contador said he failed a drug test because he took a substance he thought was vitamin E. It seems a lot of people are conflicted about their feelings regarding the Michael Vick comeback. On one hand, they feel what he did was despicable, cruel and inhumane. On the other, he paid his price by spending 18 months in prison and essentially losing 10 million dollars in endorsement deals. People have received less punishment for killing other pedestrians. He also seems repentant. In the end, I think it comes down to fans being fans and loving watching him play. The excite- ment that he brings to 9 to 5 worker on Sunday after- noons will allow Vick to get the majority of the public back on his side.

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Major League Baseball rolled the dice scheduling a Yankee vs. Red Sox series to finish off the season. In my opinion it was a bad gamble. Brett Favre retires and un- retires (and retires and un- retires and retires on unretire- ries and...) and the public be- comes weary of his wavering ways. Like Vick, fans will come back, if they play well and don’t lose. So far, Lebron has yet to have his chance, while Favre and Vick have had some of their worst seasons to date.

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Week 4 NFL Power Rankings

By David Niles
Staff Writer

1. New York Jets (3-1)- Many killed them for letting T. Jones go and signing LT. Six yards per carry and a few TD’s later, they are all quiet. Elite defense did what they were supposed to do against an offense that can win without him, stepping up, proving the team is prewgidyfifly much more than the team. Do people have screw loose over Miami Monday night.

2. Titans (2-2)- Outgained the Browns by over 100 yards but lost the turnover battle and they’re in a tie. Luckily their upcoming schedule is very favorable.

3. Colts (2-2)- Manning leads the Colts on a game-saving touchdown with no time left. Only this time, it was the special teams leading the way. 7. Colts (2-2)- Manning leads the Colts on a game-saving TD drive. Only problem was his defense had to hold the opposition for 48 seconds.

4. Ravens (3-1)- Ugly wins count the same as pretty ones. Showing why many thought they were a preseasion fav- orite; they beat the unbeaten Steeler’s and that gave them a bump in the rankings.

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For the next 100 laps, the race would go green. However, there was side-by-side, four wide in the middle of the pack racing for position. The chase drivers also jockeyed for position each and every lap. Tony Stewart would take the lead away from Matt Kenseth on lap 81. The lead would change hands several more times during two rounds of green flag pit stops; Stewart continued to lead until the third caution of the day on lap 154 involving, for a second time in the race, David Reutimann side-by-side with Busch until he turned hard right into his left rear quarter panel, sending himself spinning down the track and through the grass. The race restarted on lap 159, with Kevin Harvick bringing the field to the green. Six laps later the pole sitter, Kasey Kahne, hit the wall on turn 4 causing major damage to his car; his left front tire also blew tearing the sheet metal around the tire causing debris to fly all over the track. The race restarted and on lap 171, Stewart would regain the lead from Harvick. Kevin Conroy blew an engine on lap 186 for the fifth caution of the day; this was a lucky break for chase contender Clint Bowyer who put himself in position for the free pass; he had his share of struggles in the previous two chase races.

By Anna Farnsworth

Top 10 Reasons... By Jackie Ammirato
Sports Editor

...It’s about time the Mets got rid of Minaya & Manuel

It’s been a tough couple of years to be a Mets fan. Maybe this decision will make it a little easier.

1. High Payroll
In 2009, Minaya and Manuel were given a brand new $800 million stadium to work in. Attendance, however, fell 17.2 percent in the ballpark’s second season. In July 2009, the Daily News reported the Mets vice president for player personnel Tony Bernazard had challenged Daytona players to a fight. During his news conference announcing Bernazard’s firing, Minaya accused the reporter of having ulterior motives for being free away big blocks of tickets to make the stadium look more occupied on television broadcasts.

2. The firing of Willie Randolph
In July 2009, the New York area newspapers showed the Mets star closer Francisco Rodriguez was involved in a fistfight after the game the night before. After the game on August 12, Rodriguez was galloped in an affrmation with his teammates for outside. The next day, Minaya was charged with third-degree assault and second-degree harassment, just another example of the team being completely out of control.

3. The firing of Mike Piazza
In a little more than three seasons as the Mets manager, Ran- dolph led the team to a 253 record and a .544 record in the playoffs. Yet, in June 2009 Randolph was fired as the Mets manager in favor of Manuel. The news of his firing reached Randolph in a midnight email while the team was on a road trip on the West Coast. In Manuel’s three seasons, the Mets were 204-212 with a playoff record of 7-9. In Manuel’s 2010-2011, the team never reached the playoffs under Manuel. Interesting decision Minaya.

4. David Wright (or Wrong)
2009 was by far the worst season of Wright’s career. He hit only ten homeruns and had only 72 RBIs and struck out 141. 2009 was by far the worst season of Wright’s career. He hit only ten homeruns and had only 72 RBIs and struck out 141. In 2007, when they led the NL East by seven games with seventeen to play, they found a way to completely blow it and end up sixth. In 2008, they held a three game lead with those same seventeen games left in their last series of the year, the last series played ever at Shea, they had the chance to still make the playoffs. They scored five runs all weekend and found a way to blow it again.

5. Consecutive losing seasons
This season the Mets finished 79-83, eighteen games behind the National League East Champion Philadelphia. In 2009, the team finished 70-92 in their first season at CitiField. 149 wins in two seasons is really not something you can make or break a franchise with.

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9. Injuries
The disabled list is a favorite hangout place for the Mets. For the past two seasons the Mets have struggled with the injuries to most of the chase driv- ers. According to NCAA rules, how many laces must be on a regulation football? (MCT Campus) In 2009, Minaya and Manuel were given a brand new $800 million stadium to work in. Attendance, however, fell 17.2 percent in the ballpark’s second season. In July 2009, the Daily News reported the Mets vice president for player personnel Tony Bernazard had challenged Daytona players to a fight. During his news conference announcing Bernazard’s firing, Minaya accused the reporter of having ulterior motives for being free away big blocks of tickets to make the stadium look more occupied on television broadcasts.

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On Opening Day of this year, the Mets payroll was $136 mil- lion, the highest in the major leagues. In 2007, the payroll was $147 million. With money like that being thrown around, it’s a wonder why Biffle would want to sign this long to give these two the boot.

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“Are you going home this weekend because it’s Columbus Day weekend or are you staying on campus for Homecoming Weekend?”

“All of our friends from home are going home because it isn’t their homecoming so we are going to visit them.”
- Delaney Carr, Shayla Keenan, Danielle Debrizzi ’14

“I’m going white water rafting with BOAC this weekend.”
- Pat Shea ’12

“It’s Nigeria’s Independence Day weekend, so I’m going to New York.”
- Princess Fynn-Williams ’14

“I might be going to Brown to visit my friend.”
- Abena Asare ’14

“I’m only going home for Saturday. I will be here for all of the festivities on the other days.”
- Anthony Nader ’12

“I’m going to visit my sister at Fordham University because it is her senior year, and it is easier for me to go on a long weekend rather than a two day weekend.”
- Emily Carow ’13

“I had just planned to go home this weekend before I knew it was homecoming.”
- Haley Osufaro ’13

“I would have stayed because I missed homecoming last year, but this year no one is staying because it’s a long weekend.”
- Lexi McIsaac ’13

“It’s a long weekend, I’m going home to visit family and friends.”
- Tyler Smith ’12
Simon says: Enough already!

By Toby Simon  Staff Writer

Two weeks ago, Rutgers University freshman Tyler Clementi jumped to his death after two classmates secretly recorded his sexual relationship with a man and broadcasted it over the internet. Tragically, Clementi marks the fifth gay student to commit suicide in the past month because of anti-gay harassment from fellow students. A student at Johnson and Wales who recently committed suicide makes this a local story as well. Two thirteen year olds and one fifteen year old also took their own lives last month because fellow students bullied them in school. What in the world is going on? How did such depravity happen?

It’s been well documented that the lives of LGBT youth are highly vulnerable during high school. Simply put, gay youth are not safe in high school and are the recipients of daily attacks, verbal and physical harassment. The treatment of these students is so noxious that it results in higher rates of drug and alcohol abuse, high school dropout rates, depression, and the worst — suicide.

The growing number of suicides tells us that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) students face real safety issues in secondary school and college. According to a National Education Policy Center study — over 85% report being harassed because of their sexual or gender identity, and over 20% report being physically attacked.

“Highly troubling patterns of mistreatment, negative consequences” and “the dramatic failure” of educational institutions to “adequately address” LGBT students’ concerns has contributed to a suicide rate among LGBT students that is 3-4 times higher than that of their straight counterparts.

Sadly, on our own campus, we have bias related incidents targeting gay and lesbian students. I sit on the Bias Incident Committee and our group has more reports involving harassment of gay students than any other group of students. We should all be asking ourselves “why?” What kind of community lets this happen?

Ask students who are brave enough to be out on the Bryant campus if this is a safe campus. My guess is that the majority of them have had to deal with some kind of anti-gay sentiment if not on a daily basis, a weekly basis. This can turn a gamut of behaviors from the use of words that are offensive to gay students to more heinous behaviors which include physical and emotional abuse of students. Several years ago we had a hate crime committed on campus against an out gay student.

What happened to Tyler Clementi could happen at any campus. What concerns me is that there is clearly an outpouring of sympathy with a fair amount of outrage at the perpetrators of this crime. But what if Tyler hadn’t jumped off the George Washington Bridge to his death? What if he hadn’t taken any action and suffered in silence? And what if thousands of his fellow students had watched him on the internet? Would people still have the same outrage? Or would they be amused at seeing him and another man making out?

Why do we always respond to tragedies after the fact? Why haven’t we done enough in our communities to talk about these issues in a pro-active, preventive way? We love to pat ourselves on the back for the ways in which we come together as a community in the face of a tragedy. Why aren’t we more concerned with PREVENTING these tragedies?

Tyler Clementi took his life by jumping off of the George Washington Bridge after video footage of him with a male lover was leaked by a classmate via an internet live feed, (BCT Campus)

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Bite your tongue

By Jessica Komoroski  Editor-in-Chief

In the past month, there have been a number of tragic stories regarding GLBT (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender) teens and college students who have taken their lives because of bullying which targeted their sexuality.

The timing of these most recent suicides has gained a lot of press as the pattern of suicide amongst these individuals is seemingly more and more frequent. And although I do not consider myself a cynic, I am inclined to believe that the real tragedy is the fact that society is only being hit with such stories now. In other words, there is no doubt that these students are not the first to be pushed to the tragic edge of taking their lives because of those few individuals who cannot accept the lifestyle choices of the GLBT community.

The direct verbal harassment of which individuals like Tyler Clementi, a student at Rutgers University and Aske Brown of Hamilton Middle School in Texas suffered, is also the anti-gay vernacular in our every day lives which continues to be pushed to the tragic edge of suicide. Amongst these individuals is always the most frequent phrases I have heard over and over again. The thing to keep in mind is that you are an ally. Perhaps you are not a multi-millionaire. Perhaps you are not an educated, college-level individual continuing to be so aloof to the current issue, but aren’t you still part of our society? Perhaps the more difficult question is how can the rest of us challenge these individuals to be more sensitive and more aware of the power of their words? My RD is not a dead bolt on the head when he said if we had the answer, we’d be billionaires.

Of course and unfortunately, in today’s society there are still those who are not willing to accept the gay community — but honestly, can there really be that much hatred that the news of students taking their lives does not invoke heartache?

As Jennifer Finney Boylan, an author and gay rights advocate, states in her book “Boys & Girls,” “We can never stop our minds from wandering, our hands from scratching, our jaws from clicking. Still, there is nothing worse than the realization that you have had this realization before and nothing worse than the realization that you may have this realization again.”

Of course, celebrities who serve as idols for today’s generation are insensitive to the tragedies which surround us. It was reported earlier this week that rapper 50 Cent posted an ill-timed tweet on Twitter in which he said, “If you just want to commit suicide over 25 and you don’t eat potato chip, you just want to commit suicide. The world will be a better place. Lef WHAT? WHAT WAS THAT F**KIN’ D**K?” Did this thought flowing through your brain really make you LAUGH OUT LOUD? My Beyond is that 50 Cent has thousands of followers under the age of 30 who are now aware of the Asher Brown threat.

Social change is one of the hardest things to push the lives of our society’s homosexual youth. This Thursday, as I walked through the Unistructure on my way to class, I began to make a conscious effort to tally how many times I overheard individuals using language which can be and is offensive to the GLBT community. It was most startling when my numbers ended in the double digits from 9:15 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. “That’s so gay” and “You’re queer” were the most frequent phrases I overheard. The thing, to keep in mind is that these were conversations that happened as a part of — any student could have been walking by and heard these same things being said.

I couldn’t even imagine the feelings that would be flowing through my body if I myself, identified as GLBT. As an ally to those who do, I already felt an unwavering sense of anger and frustration — how could educated, college-level individuals continue to be so aloof to the current issue surrounding our society? Perhaps the more difficult question is how can the rest of us challenge these individuals to be more sensitive and more aware of the power of their words? My RD is not a dead bolt on the head when he said if we had the answer, we’d be billionaires.

Apologies. The answer may be hard to find, but it is time for our community to start taking action.
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Wiretapping the Internet must be balanced with privacy concerns

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It isn’t hard to figure out why the Obama administration wants to make it easier for police and spy agencies to eavesdrop on the latest forms of Internet communication. The burden of keeping the nation safe from crooks and terrorists is daunting, especially in an increasingly virtual world, and it’s sensible for law enforcement to seek every possible advantage.

But critics are right to ask whether proposed new regulations could pose a threat to privacy. This is one area in which Congress is justified in taking a cautious approach. Any changes in privacy laws will require careful scrutiny to avoid needlessly eroding Americans’ civil liberties.

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However, the mere existence of laws alone is not enough. Almost twice as many Californians in a new Automotive Club of Southern California survey now use cellphones while driving than admitted to doing so before it became illegal 20 months ago. And texting while driving, which the survey showed have done nothing to reduce reported collisions, according to figures released by an affiliate of the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

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Texting while driving can be more dangerous than driv- ing while swagging Jack Daniels, according to studies. In a 2009 survey, Car and Driver magazine tested two of its staffers under a variety of conditions. It found that on average, driving at 20 mph one was braking suddenly while legally drunk (0.08 percent blood alcohol content) traveled 4 feet beyond his baseline performance. But reading an email while driving sober, he traveled 36 feet beyond the baseline result and 70 feet while sending a text. In the worst case while texting, he couldn’t stop within 131 feet before stop- ping.

Yet 66 percent of respon- dents to a 2007 Harris Interac- tive poll admitted they’ve used phones while driving, even as 89 percent said it should be banned. And it’s the youngest drivers, who are already in far more than their share of road accidents and deaths, who do it most, according to govern- ment and insurance industry reports.

There are no reliable stud- ies regarding deaths associ- ated with driving and texting. For instance, in 2005 when texting was still a nov- elty, cellphone usage killed an average of 2,600 Americans, according to a study by the Harvard Center for Risk Analysis. Yet texting and driving is 17 times more dan- gerous than just talking on a phone, according to a 2009 study by TechNet. And we sent out 15 times the num- ber of messages in 2009 as we did in 1995, according to an online wireless industry report.

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The Obama admin- istration should sit down with Inter- net communication companies and find the best way to bal- ance these conflict- ing needs in current and future technol- ogy. In the meantime, everyone should bear in mind that wiretaps are not the only means to root out criminals or terrorism threats. Bugs, surveillance cameras and access to huge data-bases can put vast amounts of information at the government’s disposal. And it’s as if wiretaps are completely worthless. A government report issued in April reveals that the federal government had been granted more than 2,000 wiretaps in 2009, up more than 70 percent from a decade ago.

Federal law enforcement agencies should be encouraged to keep seeking legitimate ways to intercept communications from those who would do the nation harm. But they should not be permitted to trample over online users’ reasonable expectations of privacy.

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Yet 66 percent of respondents to a 2007 Harris Interactive poll admitted they’ve used phones while driving, even as 89 percent said it should be banned. And it’s the youngest drivers, who are already in far more than their share of road accidents and deaths, who do it most, according to government and insurance industry reports.

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**Marijuana’s health effects**

MCT Campus

In the debate on legalizing marijuana, the health risks of marijuana are often overlooked. Legalizing marijuana will almost certainly lead to a decrease in price and an increase in its use, according to a recent Rand Corp. study. And because no drug or medicine is without side effects, increasing marijuana use will mean increased health risks.

But what kind of risks?

Supporters of legalizing marijuana say it is no more harmful than caffeine, whereas advocates of criminalization suggest that marijuana is highly toxic. Like other complex health issues, the truth lies somewhere in between.

The California Society of Addiction Medicine is an association of physicians specializing in the treatment of alcoholism and other addictions. It is based in San Francisco and has about 3,000 members. It aims to improve the quality of care for patients with addiction and other substance use disorders.

The society's annual report states that marijuana is addictive and can lead to dependence. It also notes that marijuana can cause a twofold to threefold increase in accidents caused by alcohol intoxication. Marijana also impairs driving, causing a twofold to threefold increase in accidents. Though not as dramatic as the fifteen-fold increase in accidents caused by alcohol intoxication, marijuana’s impact on traffic safety does have significance.

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The long-term effects of marijuana are not often recognized because they are subtle, but they can have a cumulative effect over time. In people with preexisting vulnerabilities, marijuana use can lead to addiction. Among people who begin smoking before the age of 18, this number is as high as 17 percent. Although addiction to marijuana does not cause dramatic physical dependence, it can lead to substantial problems in education, work, and relationships. In fact, addiction to marijuana is defined by the inability to stop using despite recognition of harmful consequences.

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Roger Waters: The Wall Live

By Celeste Tennant

Staff Writer

The concert of the 21st century. It begins as anticipatory audience members make their way from that bar across the street or the tail gate party in the parking lot to some concert hall, the pulsating center of entertainment and escapism in America. Once inside the noise begins to rise. There’s the obligatory cheering when a crew member walks on stage, followed by the general anticipation of excitement as band members take their marks.

Next, everything unfolds in a rather predictable fashion. It’s an arrangement of songs neatly ordered for your listening pleasure. The crowd cheers and is happy, but it is truly satisfied. Whether the quality or sincerity of musical performance has infiltrated in a consumerist orgy is debatable, but that fact is behind the lights and smoke screen musicians play their song, do a dance or two and then after a brief sixty to eighty minutes it’s over. That fleeting moment of stands and the audience is left wide-eyed filled with the promise of excitement, and just when the dam is about to burst, the local waters recede. If you’re lucky maybe you’ll get an encore. This is the typical 21st century concert.

On September 30th 2010, Boston saw something different from the 21st century concert and unlike anything it is likely to see again. In an era where concerts are more of a gig than a show and more of a recital than a performance, Roger Waters, a founding member of Pink Floyd returned to the arena, to perform his masterpiece The Wall— one of the greats of the 20th century concert.

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Resident Evil: Afterlife

By Sara Elder
Copy Editor

The fourth movie in the Resident Evil franchise follows Alice, played by Milla Jovovich, as she begins after her resurrection in the previous movie, Resident Evil: Extinction. I was disappointed that Alice, the primary character of the franchise, didn’t have a bigger part. Alice still continued to be the awesome zombie-fighting heroine we all know and love, even though abruptly, 15 minutes into the movie, she’s infected with a serum that kills her system. If they can defuse her DNA from the T-virus, why can’t they reverse the T-virus mutation in the zombies? The technology’s obviously there.

The story does take an interesting turn though by bringing back some familiar faces from the previous movie, including Ali Larter playing an amnesiac Claire Redfield, rescued from the place she fled to for rescue, Arcadia. People will also recognize Worth Goodwin, star of Prison Break, as another key player in the movie. For the first time, Alice has a real group of friends to count on. After taking cover in a prison, they’re forced to break their way out of their fortress because of octopus zombies attacking. Yes, octopus zombies. Apparently, sometime between the third and fourth movies, some of the zombies, not all of them though, developed these tentacles that come out of their mouths and can attack people. And the audience receives no explanation of this development whatsoever. Nobody even acknowledges that the zombies seemed to have created some sort of new species that are even stronger and faster. So, in fact, that they figure out how to dig a hole into the prison to get to the human flesh they crave.

Oh, and for no reason, the leader of the Umbrella Corporation is also able to inject himself with the T-virus without any zombie-like effects. He essentially ends up being a tenacious and stronger. Of course, he survives not long enough to be the big boss at the end of the movie that Alice needs to defeat.

Overall, the movie does not disappoint. With the recent 3D craze, I expected Resident Evil to be just another part of that. But it was one of the few movies where the 3D made the action much better. The extra three dollars you pay for the glasses? Worth it. Despite her lack of superhuman powers, Alice still manages to kick ass with her friends and it looks awesome in 3D (I wish they’d shot for Alice’s coin-gun scene). And the ending of the movie leaves enough room for another installment of Resident Evil to follow with more surprises and hopefully fewer tentacles.

5 Best songs you have never heard

By Coburn Childs
Staff Writer

Thanks for checking in for another edition of our column. I can’t promise that these songs are completely unheard of, but I will tell you they are worth a listen. Turn up your speakers for the following songs.

1) “Two Drops in the Ocean” by 311

This song gives me that drive I need on a dark and stormy day. It’s a little old school, but it’s familiar. The song is about love and neither party is satisfied. It’s a song that makes you want to get up and move. I think it’s a great listen.

2) “Rusty Halo” by The Script

This was a big hit a few years back. It’s a song that makes you want to dance. It’s about a girl who is too cool for school and a boy who is trying to get her attention. The song is catchy and fun. I recommend it.

3) “Lewdly Fiers From the Sky” by 311

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4) “Revenge” by Switchfoot

This song is about a young man who has a vendetta against a young woman. The song is about the consequences of actions and the impact they have on others. It’s a song that makes you think about the choices we make.

5) “Where Did All the Women Go?” by Big D and the Kids Table

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New Show on the CW: Nikita

By Danica Kwan
Contributing Writer

Nikita is a new CW show that aired September 9. Maggie Q plays Nikita in this show. Nikita is a trained assassin who wants to take down Division, the organization that saved her and trained her. She escaped from Division and now wants to stop them.

Along with Nikita’s story, they also show Alex, a new recruit at Division. Unknown to Division, Alex is actually a clone trained by Nikita to infiltrate Division and help them take down the storyline. The storyline seems a bit cliché, but the first episode was a good introduction to the series and had a lot of action.

The show starts with a robbery scene. In the robbery scene, you are introduced to Alex and how she got involved in Division. The show then quickly cuts to Nikita, foreshadowing the relationship between her and Alex and presenting the viewer.

As the episode progresses, you find out more and more about Division and the horrible things that make Nikita want to take them down. The show keeps us engaged because it pairs Nikita’s story with Alex’s story. It shows you how Division reacts to every move that Nikita makes. This rather predictable action-and-reaction format is satisfying for the viewer experience. From this pilot episode, this show looks to be promising. Nikita is on every Thursday 9/8 central.

Word Vomit

Commitment

By Blair Worthington
Staff Writer

As seasons change, we all do. As years go by, I love you. As days conclude, I need you. As minutes pass, I miss you. With love alive, I feel you. With pain inside, I release you. With anger high, I hate you. Without you here, I neglect you. As moments begin, I embrace you. As those moments end, I replace you. As our lives begin, I lose you. As our lives end, I’ll stay beside you.

My Success

By Meagan Voulo
Staff Writer

Why should I try, when nothing is good enough for you? Every time I put forth effort, you tell me that I fail. But maybe I don’t see a failure as a bad thing. Maybe I have to fail, in order to achieve success. So I try; I fail. I try again; I fail again. You don’t approve, but it doesn’t matter what you think. I know that someday I’ll succeed, and that faith is good enough for me.
Spring weekend in the Fall
By Dan Tothill
SPB Contributing Writer

Believe it or not the Student Programming Board is already beginning to gear up for Spring Weekend 2011! We’ve analyzed the results from last year’s Spring Weekend survey and are looking forward to making improvements this year.

What’s the biggest change for this year? YOU get to help choose your Spring Weekend act. Starting next week be on the lookout for posters and e-mails advertising SPB’s Spring Weekend survey. We’ll use a text message survey system that lets you choose which genre of music you would most like to see on campus.

Where do students want the Spring Weekend Concert?

Last year we had over 400 students participate in our survey and we received some very valuable feedback. The biggest success was students joining SPB in voicing their desire for the Spring Weekend concert to be outdoors. The final decision about whether or not to hold the concert outdoors is not up to students, but is a joint decision made by key administrators representing different parts of the University. This is not to say that students have no control over the location of the concert. The most valuable tool we have in getting an outdoor concert is a coordinated student driven effort to get a majority of the student population lobbying the administration in a respectful way. As the President of SPB this year I look forward to making improvements this year.

Adrian Grenier’s Teenage Paparazzo is a must see
By Alli Salzberg
Staff Writer

Celebriy life is something that our country is intrigued by. It is hard to go into a super market or CVS nowadays without passing by tons of entertainment magazines with celebrities all over the covers. Popular culture is a huge part of our society, but there is one aspect of it that we often overlook. It is like to make a living by basically stalking celebrities in order to get that money shot.

In Adrian Grenier’s new documentary Teenage Paparazzo, we get a look into the life of a paparazzo who happens to a 13 year old boy. Grenier focuses his film on the life of this young kid, Austin Visschedyk, as he does everything from buying a new camera to staying out until 3 a.m. trying to get the best picture of Lindsay Lohan coming out of a club.

Grenier also talks about the differences between fiction and reality regarding celebrities. He mentions how since his role on the hit HBO show Entourage portrays him as a celebrity, he often gets called by his character’s name, Vince, in real life. For his audience, the line between fiction and reality is blurred, which is the case for most people when they look at celebrities. Tabloid magazines fuel this fire as they take a picture completely out of context and make up a story about a specific person or event.

But these magazines would not exist without the work of the paparazzi. At the beginning of the film, Grenier asks Austin why and how he became a paparazzo at such a young age. Austin tells a story about being at a spa with his mother and seeing Paris Hilton. He says that seeing all of the paparazzi surrounding her gave him feelings of excitement and exhilaration. This was the first time he knew he wanted to dedicate his life to taking pictures of celebrities.

Austin is home schooled, which makes it somewhat easier for him to stay out until late hours of the night taking pictures. Since he is not old enough to drive, he will ride his bike or have someone drive him to the locations that he needs to be at. His mother, Jane, supports Austin in his choice to be a paparazzo, but said like any other mother, she worries about her son.

Many people, including actor Kevin Connelly (who appears in the documentary) would argue that being involved in the paparazzi lifestyle at such a young age has more negative effects than positive. Connelly mentions how when your child is only 13 years old, you still have a say in what he or she does. So should Austin’s mom be stepping in and telling him he’s too young to be a paparazzo? Grenier argues that shouldn’t kids be allowed to have adventures. However, being paid $1,000 for a picture of a celebrity seems more like a job than an adventure.

Austn said that the celebrities themselves will sometimes tip them off as to where they will be so he can take pictures of them. Even though many celebrities hate the paparazzi and block their faces when someone is trying to take their picture, some will admit that the paparazzi are necessary. Paris Hilton appears in the film and says although she is sometimes annoyed by the paparazzi, “you also need them.” She says that her career might not exist without her face being plastered in every tabloid magazine there is. The film also raises the question of whether when a person becomes famous, they are indirectly asking for all of this media attention.

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