Bryant University introduces new graduate programs

By Kathryn Valenti

Staff Writer

Amid the buzz and excitement of being back at Bryant for the spring semester, the nagging cognizance at the back of every student job for the summer will soon begin taking up residence in all our minds.

For every senior on campus, the elephant in the room is the reality that in a few short months, we’ll walk under the Archway for the last time. Over the last years we’ve crossed some magical divide between the safety of Bryant and the “real world.” While graduation is an exciting time, it also comes with a certain sense of responsibility.

The concept of entering the workforce is daunting for many seniors.

Maybe you’re still not sure what you want to do; maybe you just accepted a job offer so you could have something lined up after graduation; and maybe you don’t have anything lined up currently and are constantly sending out resumes in a war-like frontal assault. I’m here to tell you, that right this second, take a deep breath and keep reading, because you’re certainly not alone, and Bryant now offers some incredible graduate programs and opportunities for those of us who haven’t quite yet found their “passion” or drive.

Now, while this information may be a saving grace for a current senior, there is absolutely no reason why sophomores and juniors shouldn’t also pay attention to the new graduate programs Bryant now offers for after graduation.

The pressure to have a major selected and declared by the end of your sophomore year can be just as overwhelming and daunting as the job search. After all, who the heck knows what field they want to go into for the rest of their lives at the fresh, young age of 19? There’s a whole wide world out there of possibilities and opportunities for students to explore, and now Bryant has opened even more doors for its students.

Recently, I had the opportunity to communicate with Jeffrey G. Hunter, D.B.A. of Graduate and Professional Studies at Bryant University, to ask him a little more about the new graduate programs and opportunities Bryant is now offering its students for post-graduate studies. Check out our Q&A below about the new Graduate Programs that Bryant has to offer. You never know, maybe your passion lies down the path of Physicians Assistant, Teaching, Writing, or Global Environmental Studies.

KV: “What would you like students to know about these new programs?”

JH: “First, students who realize kind of late in the game that the major they chose wasn’t necessarily the best for them should aware that they are not alone by any means. This is a common phenomenon, happens all the time at all schools, and they shouldn’t be afraid to reach out for help. Second, keep reading, because you’re certainly not right this second, take a deep breath and see the lay of the land before you make a decision. You may need to change your major, and that’s okay. It could lead to opportunities you never thought possible.”

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UKRAINIAN REVOLUTION 2.0?

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It has been ten years since the Ukrainian Orange revolution, which led to a major shift in political power across the country. Similar to what is happening in Kiev (capital of Ukraine) right now, the Orange Revolution started as a series of small protests, escalating into a huge rally of over one million strong. However, if the protests of 2004 were largely peaceful and not met with force, the current situation in Kiev is vastly different and far more complicated.

Back in 2004, people flooded the streets in a successful attempt to bring transparency and political justice to the presidential elections that happened that year. Back then people were fighting for their choice of a president. It was a choice between a nationalist, pro-European Union (EU), anti-Russia candidate from the West of the country, who ended up winning the elections, and a more pro-Russia candidate from the East. Even though there were minor clashes with police, the protests in 2004 were largely peaceful as the crowd far outnumbered police and was largely contained to Kiev’s Independence Square.

The current protests are also taking place in Kiev with approximately 50,000 people peacefully protesting on Independence Square. The protests on Independence Square are led by parliamentary opposition forces who have called for President Yanukovych’s resignation and demand that the parliament moves forward with the EU integration negotiations. Over the course of November and January a number of violent clashes between protesters and riot police have occurred on the streets near Independence Square. Currently mass media is pushing an image of protestors as a unilateral force, which serves as the voice of all Ukrainian people in a fight for their future, against the oppression of the current government who has resorted to terrible violence in order to stop them. As there are a lot of assumptions made, it is important to take a step back and look at the bigger picture in order to test their validity.

The protests began early November as small rallies of less than 200 people, gathered in a tent city on Independence Square. Originally the crowd gathered in support of integration with EU and in disagreement with the president’s handling of the EU integration talks, and these are still key points as to why people remain on Independence Square. The decision to integrate or not to integrate with the EU has been a stressful subject of debate in Ukraine for almost a month which is against the law. Police tried to negotiate halting EU integration talks, due to unfavorable conditions put forth by Ukraine. The situation began to escalate the following week when riot police disrupted all efforts to clear the tent city on Independence Square. At this point, the tent city had remained on public space for almost a month which is against the law. Police tried to negotiate with protestors who refused to leave the square. They later went on to forcefully and violently remove people from the square, resulting in a number of injuries.

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Some of the topics we went over concerning budgeting January 25th, learning the ins-and-outs of budgeting. Budgets for the 2014-2015 academic-year. Importantly, budgeting. Ah yes! It's that time of the year where we focus on our accomplishments, goals, and most importantly, spending. As a Senate, we came to the conclusion that there has been a definite need and room for improvement. Our usual budgeting training, President Paden Sadler led a group discussion, going over topics that needed to be addressed. As a Senate, we came to the conclusion that there has been a lot of progress this year thus far, but, there is definitely need and room for improvement. Our usual and well known events such as Late Night Breakfast and Parents and Family Weekend went off without a hitch, as expected. But, we still felt as though, in some ways, we weren’t connected to the overall student body. In order to make sure that this semester is different, we formulated new target goals so that we can improve our transparency and visibility on campus.


EMT CALL EMR CALL / MEDICAL SERVICES RENDERED Jan 24, 2014-Friday at 02:44 Location: RESIDENCE HALL A report of an intoxicated female. EMS was activated. Smithfield Rescue transported the female to Fatima Hospital for treatment.


LARCENY Jan 27, 2014-Monday at 14:52 Location: RESIDENCE HALL A report of items stolen from a purse.

LARCENY Jan 25, 2014-Monday at 19:14 Location: RESIDENCE HALL A reported theft of credit and debit cards.

VANDALISM Jan 31, 2014-Friday at 07:16 Location: RESIDENCE HALL An EMT was requested in the Salmonon Dining Hall for an employee. EMS was activated. Smithfield Rescue transported one person to Landmark Hospital (Woonsocket).

LARCENY Jan 31, 2014-Friday at 10:21 Location: KOFFLER CENTER A report of a stolen 23 inch laptop monitor, and a power supply.

ASSAULT Jan 31, 2014-Friday at 23:30 Location:TOWNHOUSE A report of a male being assaulted behind Townhouse P-Block. Suspect in Custody by DPS. Rescue requested for Victim. Smithfield Police arrested one Bryant student.

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Free rides in RI?
By Kelsie Hollenbeck
Contributing Writer

When you first see this, I know what you're thinking: "Nothing can ever beat cinnamon rolls!" But trust me when I tell you, cinnamon buns don't even come close to the Cinnamon Roll Cookie. Once you bite into this cookie, you'll be in Cinnamon Heaven, without all the sticky mess on your fingers and face that you get from regular cinnamon buns. Who could ask for more? You get the cinnamon bun taste AND still good look while eating them! Also, imagine putting a cinnamon roll in their lunchbox? The kids would love the smell of it. Cinnamon rolls would not be pretty. The cinnamon roll cookies are so portable that even your bag will be thanking you for saving it from that ooey, gooey mess. I'll admit, when I first saw this recipe I thought it was going to be challenging, but making them was surprisingly easy!

Ingredients

Cookies:
- 1/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) butter, cool room temperature
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup powdered sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 cups packed light brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon

Glaze:
- 4 ounces cream cheese, room temperature
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 tablespoons milk

Directions:
1) For the cookies: mix together the flour, sugar, powdered sugar, butter, eggs, vanilla, baking powder, and salt. Refrigerate the dough for an hour.
2) For the filling: mix together the brown sugar and cinnamon. When the dough has been refrigerated, separate it into two pieces and roll each out to about 1/4-inch thick and 15-inches by 4-inches. Melt the butter, and spread it onto the two pieces of dough. Then spread the filling mix onto the rolled out pieces of dough, and lightly press the sugar mix down. Roll the dough into a tight log and slice it into 1-inch pieces, making about 15 cookies per log. Bake the cookies 2 minutes per side on greased cookie sheets.
3) Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Bake the cookies for 9-11 minutes. Wait about 1-2 minutes before removing the cookies from the pan. Prepare the glaze by mixing the cream cheese, powdered sugar, vanilla, and milk together to make a smooth mixture. Put the glaze in a Ziploc bag, and cut a tiny piece off the tip of the corner to turn the bag into a decorating tip. Once the cookies are cool, drizzle the glaze over them.
Recyclemania provides a call to action for students to participate in campus wide recycling efforts. This competition will run from February 3rd – February 24th. It is a night when both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass were born. February would officially be declared Black History Month in the year 1978, due in part to the influence of the African-American Civil Rights Movement. In conjunction with Recyclemania, for the first time Bryant University will be competing in Campus Conservation Nationals. Bryant University, with the theme being "Rhythm of the Beat." The following is a summary of an interview conducted with Bryant University BHM Committee Co-Chair, Desire' Marshall.

**Question:** What can you tell the public about the events planned for Black History Month?  
**Answer:** Please talk briefly about specific ones.

This year’s BHM is different. We are going to incorporate something throughout the world. Bryant University is capitalizing upon this major trend by participating in two nationwide sustainability competitions in the month of February – Recyclemania and Campus Conservation Nationals. Both competitions provide students with a motivating factor to reduce energy consumption, increase recycling efforts and help educate others about the theme of 'Back to Black.' Then is the African-American step show on February 19th. Our objective is to bring an old tradition like drums and step to show the progress of it now and how it is in America. At the end is Extravaganza on February 28th where we show the tie-ins between songs and fashion.

**Question:** Where will you hold the event?

**Answer:** It is a night where people are served food dinner. It is a fashion show and each scene will be part of our American culture. A night that many people would know about, the Harlem Renaissance, that many African-Americans have a voice in society and that is a great time to show that African-Americans can really make a difference.

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angry mob of people who were tearing off their helmets in order to throw bricks at their heads, and pour pepper spray in their eyes. At one point rioters tried to bulldoze a police lines with a tractor. Violence, this time against the police, continued until the evening when they were ordered to clear the streets. While clearing the streets, policemen again resorted to violence, heavily beating rioters that stood in their way. The night ended with many injured on both sides, and a city hall building being captured and held by the mob.

Over the course of the next month, the protests have been growing in numbers. Thousands of people went back to Independence Square, with parliamentary opposition leaders joining them in order to lead the rally. The rallies have remained peaceful and largely political since then.

However violence erupted again on January 20 now on Grashykavya, a street near the square, with a mob of people battling a police line and throwing bricks and Molotov cocktails. The clashes resulted in severe injuries on both sides with the first deaths occurring since the start. In a public statement, opposition leaders condemned use of violence and branded protests as peaceful, while distancing themselves from an angry mob of rioters that is constantly confronting the police.

These events bring into question the reality is far more complicated. From the way violence has been going back and forth, it is clear that police and the government have acted in a violent and cruel fashion, and there must be accountability for it, however it is also apparent that the protesters are not a unilateral body, but have a rather extremist part that is happy to resort to horrific violence.

What is happening in Ukraine? It is currently facing a tough, geopolitical decision which could split the country in half. The more vocal West of the country is gathering support in Kiev, trying to bring on peaceful revolution similar to that of 2004, while a radical minority within the protesters, is pillaging the streets, capturing government buildings, and doesn't refrain from violence towards police or even peaceful citizens with opposing views.

The president and the government are stuck with a political crisis due to their poor handling of the EU integration talks, and in an attempt to take control of the situation has passed a number of unconstitutional laws banning people from gathering. Meanwhile, police continue to use violence, in turn causing more violence and further escalating the situation each time they do. Ukraine sits in a place of uncertainty right now, however one thing is certain, no matter how one-sided the media tries to spin this, the reality is far more complicated.

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**Dog Talk**

with John Logan

"Dog Talk" is a segment in the Archway by John Logan (Class of 2016). John conducts short interviews with students, faculty, staff, and alumni who have significantly contributed to the Bryant community. For nominations please email John at jlogan3@bryant.edu. To learn more about John, please visit www.johnjulianlogan.com.

Name: David Hurley
Position: Class of 2013 Alumni

Most Important Accomplishment: Tie between Mr. Bryant 2012 and 2013 Office of Campus Engagement Employee of the Year

Involvements on Campus: (all former) Mr. Bryant, Men’s Cross Country and Track, Bryant Center Manager

Also known as “2 Chainz”, once you meet Dave Hurley, you won’t forget him. He’s not only afraid to take risks in life, but he loves to be innovative with his work as well. During his four years at Bryant, he found his passion in accounting and creative writing, while also becoming “Mr. Bryant” in 2012. After Bryant, Dave attended Northeastern where he received his Masters of Science in Accountancy in December. He is now beginning to work full-time at Pricewaterhousecooper LLP in corporate tax.

1. What is the funniest joke you know?
Miley Cyrus’s album

2. What song represents you the best and why?
“1 Diff’rent” by 2 Chainzzzz (true). Simply put, I am called 2 Chainz (tell em’), but I’ve obviously got a few on. When I pull up, the ceiling is always missing. Therefore, I am different. Yep, I’m different.

3. If you could go out to lunch with one person (dead or alive) who would it be and why?
Tossup between my two heroes of different aspects of my life, Eminem (music) and Steve Prefontaine (running). I think I’d have to go with Eminem just because of his incredible prestige. Plus I’m really curious how it feels to be a Rap God.

4. Why Bryant?
Simply put, it’s home. Ever since the first day I stepped on Bryant’s campus it felt like I belonged. Bryant made me who I am. I have done a lot of things in my life that I am proud of and some that I am not, but I’ve never felt more limitless than I did my four years at Bryant.

5. What is your passion and how did you find it?
My passion would primarily be creative writing, specifically rap and spoken word. I found both through my favorite hip-hop artists, and they showed me an outlet for a creative aspect of my life that I didn’t have before. I’d be a shell of myself without it.

6. If you could have one super power, what would it be?
The power to be awesome. Anything I do, say, view, ext. would just be.. awesome. Barney Stinson (How I Met Your Mother reference) 2.0. It would be LEGEN..wait for it... DARY. Legendary.

7. What is your greatest weakness?
Women. Real talk. They always have been my Achilles heel. I’m the most driven guy 90% of the time, but for some reason girls always find a way to distract me and get me off track. Don’t get me wrong, love them to death, but they’re confusing, difficult, and a puzzle I’ll never solve.

8. What is considered “love”?
When your heartbeat doubles in pace but you’re standing still. When you can’t think about anything else even though it kills you to think about. When nothing can replace it’s feeling. When all of those previous things are present and no drugs are involved. Pure...love.

9. At this very moment, what would make you happy?
Passing the CPA exam. Four excruciating tests that all require selling your soul to accounting, cannot wait to have that aspect of my life behind me.

10. If you had one chance to say one thing to the world, what would it be?
Cherish everything. Our culture is built around the foundation that we need to worry about our future. Plan for tomorrow, fill your agenda book, and prepare for the next step. What many of us forget is that at some point in your life you will be the happiest you will ever be, the most satisfied you will ever feel, or the strongest you will ever get, and many of us will let those feelings slip away because we are consumed with what’s next. I had an incredible four years at Bryant, and I accomplished more in my time at Bryant than I ever could fathom. Whether it be awards I’ve won, amazing girls I got to go on dates with, incredible opportunities to meet people, I always try every once in a while to sit back and tell myself how lucky I am. Sure I had detriments in my four years, who doesn’t, but embracing the positive is what makes the moment real. Life doesn’t end when you graduate, but a part of it does. So cherish it while you have it, because the real world isn’t necessarily scary, but it’s different. Embrace the now, so that when you do finally get to the future, you’re ready to enjoy that part of the journey.
Everyone wants to know, who is the real Wolf of Wall Street? He goes by the name of Jordan Belfort, and he is definitely not the person you want to entrust your money with. Although he was not the most upstanding citizen, his life story certainly makes for an interesting tale. Jordan Belfort is notorious for the brokerage firm he created known as Stratton Oakmont and the scandal that ran through it. Belfort hired anyone and everyone as long as they promised him one thing, loyalty. This workplace was not somewhere you would want to bring your children either. It was filled with excessive drug and alcohol use, outrageous toys, and parties amply supplied with hookers. The employees of Belfort did have one thing in common however; they all got rich. Unfortunately, the way in which they went about it didn't exactly follow the rules and regulations set forth by the S.E.C. Belfort trained each of his workers in how to talk with clients and get them to invest. The brokers would drive up the price of stocks, and then Belfort and his associates would dump a majority of the shares they owned resulting in a huge drop for them at the expense of their investors. Belfort and his partners turned the misguided investments of clients into their own personal fortunes.

Perhaps the most interesting piece of Belfort's story, however, came from his discretionary personal life. This may be hard to believe considering how he swindled people to the tune of $200 million dollars. When he was not busy taking innocent people's money, he was living a life of heavy drug use and senseless behavior. Name a drug and he was on it, cocaine, morphine, Xanax, and Valium are just a select few of the drugs he used each and every day. What makes his addiction even worse was what he would do with them and how dangerously drugged. He took his private helicopter out, crashed his 165-foot yacht into the Great Barrier Reef, and drove his luxury car through the garage door with his 3 year old in the front seat all while being high. He has said to have been on 22 prescription medications. As absurd as it all may seem, his life is right out of the Grand Theft Auto storyline.

Unfortunately for Jordan Belfort, all good things must come to an end and his finally did when he was caught and convicted. His infamous life of crime and days of outrageous partying all came to a screeching halt when he was put behind bars. It should not come as a surprise that time in prison was anything but ordinary. His culminate turned out to be so absurd only the fact that the only thing he could do was that fame comes from the comedy duo Cheech and Chong. Belfort was able to get far less of a sentence in part because he agreed to cooperate with F.I.L. In the end, he only served 22 months of his four year sentence. As erratic and irrational as his life was, his story certainly makes for an interesting movie in which Leonardo DiCaprio does a job as any in portraying him.

Professor Michael Roberto's Blog: Why Lock-In and Switching Costs are More Substantial at LinkedIn than Facebook

Network effects exist when the value per user rises as the number of users increases. In a situation where strong network effects exist, we often see high switching costs and a lock-in effect. Take eBay, for example. Why has eBay remained so Substantial at LinkedIn than Facebook? For one thing, eBay has much higher network effects and switching costs for users, and a lock-in effect emerges. That's all good news for an incumbent player with high market share, such as eBay.

Ok, so clearly LinkedIn and Facebook benefit from strong network effects. Does that mean that they will remain as dominant for as long as eBay has in the auction market? I would argue that Facebook and LinkedIn face quite different levels of switching costs and lock-in effects. Consider the cost of switching from Facebook to Instagram or Twitter. What’s keeping you on Facebook? Well, it’s probably that circle of close friends and relatives with whom you keep up to date and exchange photos and messages via the social network. Suppose that a critical mass of that small circle of friends defects from Facebook to another social network such as Snapchat or Twitter. Would it be costly for you to switch as well? Well, as long as a critical mass of friends has left, then your switching costs are rather low. Yes, you have other acquaintances who might still be on Facebook, but are they really going to keep you there? Perhaps not. Now compare Facebook to LinkedIn. What’s keeping you from potentially switching from LinkedIn to another more attractive professional social network? You should recognize rather quickly that your small circle of close friends is not what is keeping you on LinkedIn. Instead, you derive value from a much wider range of users on LinkedIn. Many of these folks are not people with whom you communicate often. They might be former classmates, co-workers, and the like. They are people with whom you share weaker but maintaining a connection to them has potential value to you professionally. Now suppose that a few close friends defect from LinkedIn. Would you consider defecting? Well, the problem, of course, is that all those acquaintances and former associates remain on LinkedIn. So, the switching costs are higher on LinkedIn. The lock-in effect is stronger. You would be much more reluctant to abandon that expansive “rolodex” that LinkedIn has become for you professionally.

Why the discussion today about LinkedIn vs. Facebook? Consider the latest news from an iStrategyLab report. It found that the number of Facebook users ages 13-17 has declined by 25% in the past three years. The number of Facebook users ages 18-24 has declined by 7.5%. These young users defect show that Facebook's lock-in effect may not be as strong as people once thought. We've seen the story before of a social network losing traction, remember MySpace? I'm not saying that Facebook will face that fate, but it's worth noting that network effects don't guarantee that an incumbent will remain on top forever.
Bryant Basketball: the 6th fan is the most valuable for Bulldogs this season

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Sports Editor

Over the past two seasons, the Bulldogs have been one of the biggest "Cinderella Stories' in the NEC. After being in the cellar of the division just two years ago, the Bulldogs emerged as a surprise contender in the NEC, and swept Bulldog nation off its feet with its first tournament berth in Division I. With their phenomenal play, the Bulldogs have gotten the attention of not just Bryant, but the entire conference. Bryant has shown its love and support for their team, from sold out "white-out" games, to following them on the road, Bulldog fans have certainly gone out of their way to root for the "black and gold."

If Bulldogs fans keep it up, this support could pay off in a huge way.

As of February 3rd, the Bulldogs were ranked 11th out of all college basketball in the "6th Fan" competition. The "6th Fan," is a contest between every college basketball team that gives out a $100,000 scholarship to the college basketball team that gives its fans the most supportive fan base. The most supportive is based on social media feed, votes online, and attendance at games. More than halfway through the season, the Bulldogs are ranked out of the top 250 in this competition before the season began.

Bryant should be extremely proud of this," said Bryant Sports Marketing Director Alexander Achorn. "It just shows all the hard work and commitment that not just the players, but fans, put in every night to put the Bulldogs on the map."

As of right now, Arkansas St. is ranked #1 in the polls. However, in two weeks, the contest will be cut down to the top sixteen teams in the voting polls. Following this, it will be a week by week voting in head-to-head matchups to decide who moves on in the next round of the contest. If the voting ended today, the Bulldogs would enter as the 11th seed in the contest. Even if Bryant can't win the contest, if they can finish in the top sixteen, they will still be rewarded. The top sixteen teams are guaranteed a $10,000 scholarship toward their respective program, which would be a well deserved award for the Bulldogs.

The hype and competitive nature of this contest has begun to really spread amongst Bulldog fans. Posters, emails, and social media have exploded since word about the competition reached the Bryant community. President Ronald Machtley has even joined the social media fun, tweeting about the contest. Bryant has even made its national impact, with a Bulldog fan featured as one of the main pictures on the March Madness website. Needless to say, Bryant's notice is by the rest of the NCAA.

It really speaks to both the support and character of the Bulldogs and their fans.

"There has been such an improvement in the last couple years here," Achorn said. "Students and fans have really begun to rally around their team, and it's awesome that this team is finally getting recognized."

After this season, with this competition, the Bulldogs will be recognized not just as a dominant team in the NEC, but as one of the most proud teams in all of college basketball.

Bullsgars forward Alex Francis is one of many reasons for Bryant's success this season

New look in Beantown: a preview of the Red Sox's outfield as defending champions

By Mark Gallant
Contributing Writer

With Jacoby Ellsbury off to the evil empire in New York, the Sox will have a void to fill, left by the speedy center fielder. The Red Sox have had a steady center fielder on their squad for most of the 2000s, dating back to Johnny Damon, who also left for the Bronx. Coco Crisp was the next to take over, but was overshadowed in the 2007 playoffs by the up-and-coming Ellsbury, who helped Boston win its first of two World Series patrolling center field.

With Jacoby gone, the next speedy Boston center fielder appears that he may be ready to take over the starting job. Jackie Bradley Jr. surprised everyone last spring training by batting .419 and making the big leagues right out of camp, but was unable to produce on a regular basis at the MLB level, batting only .189 in 37 games. Bradley, who will turn 24 in April, has all the tools Ellsbury had (disregarding Ellsbury's 32 HR outburst in 2011) and can hopefully stay healthier than Ellsbury could in the past. Bradley is #21 on Keith Law's top 100 prospect list, which is down from #40 last year, but seeing regular playing time should give him a boost in confidence and allow him to find his groove.

Shane Victorino will be back in right field, coming off a year in which he hit .294 with 15 home runs in 122 games. The 33 year old had a slew of injuries that had him on and off the field and kept him from hitting from the left side of the plate for the latter part of the season, but solidified a spot in Red Sox nation with his grand slam in the ALCS and bases-clearing double in the World Series clinching Game Six. The Flyin' Hawaiian may have lost a step on the basepaths, but still provides excellent defense in right, which he proved by winning his fourth Gold Glove last season.

Daniel Nava, Jonny Gomes, and Mike Carp will all see time guarding the green monster in left, with Nava most likely getting the majority of the starts. Nava can play all three outfield spots if need be, while Gomes and Carp are less versatile. Nava put up his best season so far, batting .303 with a .385 obp, the best numbers of the trio. Together, the three combined for 34 home runs and 161 RBIs while splitting time between the outfield, as well as some occasional 1B starts for Carp and Nava. All three are capable of 10-15 home runs and I believe that Carp's power numbers could spike if he sees a bit more regular playing time.

The wild card of the gang is the newest acquisition, Grady Sizemore. The surprise signing which took place last week may end up being forgotten in a few months. However, if Sizemore is able to show some of the skills that he had with Cleveland in his prime, he could end up being a key piece of this roster. Concerning there is not much immediate help down on the farm if any outfielders get hurt, Sizemore may get a chance to prove himself. Although he hasn't played a game in over two years and could potentially be wearing quite a thick coat of rust, he is able to hit the ball to the opposite field to utilize the monster, something Jacoby was not great at, he could be a very successful hitter at Fenway. While Grady Sizemore was not exactly that big free agent name Sox fans were looking for, writing up a story about fans voting for Comeback Player of the Year if the show promises in Fort Myers.

Reason to believe that they aren't capable of putting up similar production. Bradley has plenty of upside, and if he is able to hit the ball to the opposite field to utilize the monster, something Jacoby was not great at, he could be a very successful hitter at Fenway. While Grady Sizemore was not exactly that big free agent name Sox fans were looking for, writing up a story about fans voting for Comeback Player of the Year if the show promises in Fort Myers.
Bryant Intramurals: ‘Join the Club,’ but enjoy it wisely

By Alex Baine
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As we all know, being a student-athlete is not easy. Balancing your time between school, work, and sports can be a bit tough at times. Ask anyone and they will tell you that time management is the key to being an organized college student. Classes and homework can be more than enough at times but playing a sport can really take up most of your time. The “work-life” balance is always emphasized because after all, everyone needs time to relax. It seems that if you don’t play a varsity sport on campus then you are considered a “narp” (Non-athletic regular person). But that is not true. You can play a sport even if you don’t have a varsity sport on campus that don’t have to be varsity level competition. For example, club sports and intramurals are always going on here and are very important in college life.

Recently, I sat down with fellow Bulldog classmate and racquetball phenomenon, Nicholas Zacchilli, to talk about the Intramural Program. We talked about things such as how effectively to be the best student and athlete possible. “I try and plan my work around practices and tournaments. This is the only way I can stay active, and it is a good way to make new friends.”

Traveling is required to play games against other schools. It is a big time commitment so you have to make sure your school work is done on time,” said Brad. After defeating UMass Lowell in a divisional championship game, the rugby team traveled to Maryland for a

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There are numerous club and intramural sports that are provided on this campus. Get to know some of the best players on the team. It must feel great being an intramural champion. Besides, who doesn’t love winning? I’m sure Nick and Brad do.

Do you enjoy talking about sports?

You should write for The Archway.
Love hurts: Middlebrooks and Dell relationship causes controversy

By John Scorzelli
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In case any of you Red Sox fans have been put to sleep by the Red Sox quiet offseason and have not received word of it yet, NESN broadcaster, Jenny Dell, and Red Sox third baseman Will Middlebrooks have gone public with their relationship through posting pictures as a couple on Twitter on New Year’s Eve. Soon after the announcement, NESN announced that Dell, sideline reporter for the Red Sox, had been demoted to host of NESN Sports Today, and been relieved of her duties as sideline reporter, where she’s worked for the past two seasons. Dell would probably get more looks walking through South Station than she ever will hosting that horrendous excuse for a sports show, which is more or less a New England version of SportsCenter watched only by those who are half asleep and fail to turn off the television following a Bruins or Sox game broadcasted by NESN.

Clearly, NESN feels there’ll be a conflict of interest if Dell were to continue interviewing players while her significant other plays with them on a daily basis. Dell has been well-received by fans in Boston, as her professionalism and sports knowledge have collaborated with her dashing looks to create a popular, beloved member of Red Sox Nation. It’s hard to blame the network for shooting her down though, as one of the golden rules in the world of media is to keep personal matters personal. Imagine the awkwardness and fan response if Dell were to conduct a professional interview with Middlebrooks after an ugly public break-up. Quite possibly, players may feel uncomfortable around her, knowing she has a direct contact in the locker room while dating Middlebrooks.

I also wouldn’t hesitate to believe that Red Sox ownership could have played a role in her demotion, for fear that Middlebrooks, who struggled greatly last season, would be hindered by the distraction of his girlfriend on the field on a daily basis. Red Sox owner John Henry actually owns NESN, and most likely would have executive power to remove Dell as he sees fit.

Essentially, this move may have been far more about the internal implications of “Jen and Will” than the way fans and viewers would feel. Frankly, I think most Red Sox fans would love to keep watching Dell on the sidelines and Middlebrooks working the corner of the infield, about thirty feet from Dell’s in-game broadcasting position at Fenway. Also, this is not the first time Dell has been in hot water with NESN. During the 2013 season, Dell was seen on live TV barking at a fan who walked in front of her to sit in the middle of the shot. Following that episode, Dell appeared less frequently on game broadcasts as she shared sideline duties with Jamie Erdahl, who was well-received by Sox fans also.

The announcement of Dell’s romantic life may have simply been the final straw for NESN’s management. This is not the first time we’ve seen this situation arise, as Dell’s predecessor, Sox fans’ other crush, equally beautiful and talented Heidi Watney, was frequently rumored to be romantically involved with catcher Jason Varitek back when both were still performing at Fenway on a daily basis.

Watney, of course, saw her career take off after her NESN stint, becoming a valuable member of the nationally televised MLB Network where she remains to this day. New England reporters tend to experience tremendous success as we’ve seen Watney, along with NESN graduates, Wendi Nix, Hazel Mae, and Don Orsillo perform broadcast duties at a national level either during or after their time with NESN. Ultimately, if Dell fails to regain her role as Sox sideline reporter she’ll likely receive offers from other prestigious networks such as ESPN, FOX Sports, or MLB Network. Dell is far too talented to be left in the broadcaster’s graveyard that is NESN Sports Today. Sox fans can only hope that NESN elects another high-class, exceptional reporter to work with Don and Jerry, and more importantly that Will Middlebrooks lives up to his potential in 2014 and beyond.

Until then, let’s hope that Middlebrooks and Dell have a happy relationship, and that they’ll both be on the field at Fenway for a “Fever Pitch” ending when the Sox win their second straight World Series in late October of this year.
Join us on MONDAYS at 5:30pm in FSC Room 3 for article brainstorming!

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**The truth about rapid weight loss**

By Madysen Millordi  
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Having the reputation of being a ‘health junkie’, I am asked questions about nutrition and fitness very often. Recently, someone sent me a link to an article from Women’s Health. The headline states: ‘Lose 23 lbs of Belly Fat in 1 Month With This Diet Cleanse That Celebrities Use.’ The headline states: ‘Lose 23 lbs of Belly Fat in 1 Month With This Diet Cleanse That Celebrities Use.’

While the product may be natural and have health benefits, the expectations Doctor Oz set for this product are not realistic. Garcinia Cambogia may be able to help improve certain functions within the body but not drastically. Instead of falling for gimmicks like this one, it would be much more beneficial for consumers to do some research on super foods and other natural foods to learn about their amazing health benefits. Living a healthy lifestyle and working hard for something that you really want is so refreshing and rewarding. Do it the old fashioned way by doing the research, as well as putting in the time and effort. No one said it would be easy, but it will be worth it!

By Kendra Hildebrand  
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Welcome to 2014! It’s a new year, and a new year comes the opportunity to make resolutions and actually stick to them, bringing with it newfound motivation.

The optimistic atmosphere is a fresh start here on campus as we enter the beginning of the semester. Perhaps now is the time to break out the guitar that has been sitting in the corner of your dorm. Or maybe opt to learn a new language. However, there is one theme that remains popular year after year and once again it has circled in on our Bryant community: fitness.

Exercise. Lose weight. Eat healthier. Or any other aspiration we all make to maintain a healthier lifestyle. It’s difficult to start a new habit, so what better time to take the first step than the beginning of a new year? So you figure out your entire workout schedule, maybe even buy a pair of new sneakers, and finally head to the gym only to find that everyone else has the same plans as you. Face the facts: you are one of the many people who vow to hit the gym and commit to a fitness goal. Don’t fret. The excitement over starting a fitness journey tends to fade or get lost amongst the numerous term papers, excuses, and daily stresses of life. But this year things will be different. This year you can be one of the few who persevere and pursue a goal many struggle to undertake.

Commonly, people become discouraged and the gym visits start to dwindle in number until it’s no longer of importance. In order to prevent this and reach success, here are a few helpful tips to remember when you start to feel unmotivated or when the eagerness of pursuing a healthier lifestyle wanes off.

1.) Consistency is key.  
Without consistency, there won’t be results. You can’t go to the gym for a week and expect to start seeing differences, just like you can’t quit every other week and expect to see any changes in your body. If you stick to your goal, the results will come.

2.) Use your time. This intertwines with consistency. Changes don’t happen overnight; it won’t occur over a few days or even a few weeks. As cliché as it sounds, it takes patience, dedication, and persistence. If you want to achieve a goal badly enough, you have to work for it. Many people tend to abandon their fitness ambitions because of a lack of results. The earlier you accept the fact that you’re not going to wake up one day with a perfectly chiseled body, the easier it will be to understand that progress takes time.

3.) Set realistic goals and track your progress. Pledging to lose thirty pounds or gain thirty pounds of muscle in a month is ludicrous; you’re only setting yourself up for failure. Aim for goals that are attainable, yet still challenging. Tracking your progress on the way towards reaching these objectives can be encouraging. This can help you to realize the small improvements you’ve made along the way; which are equally as important as the final target.

4.) Don’t compare yourself to others in the gym. It’s so easy to become discouraged that way. It is important to realize that everyone starts somewhere. The only person you should be comparing yourself to is yourself. Think of every personal achievement as something to celebrate over every day you’re becoming stronger. Every day you’re making progress.

Make this year yours. The only obstacle standing between you and your goals are the excuses you make. Don’t hinder yourself or your capability to achieve your goals. Challenging yourself, setting goals, and pursuing them leads to the gratification of achieving a goal. Whether it is that you are more conscious of what you’re eating, losing a couple of pounds, or putting on some muscle, this year is yours. 2014, here you come.
China: one hell of a semester

Our Variety Editor of Archway, Sarah Rudkin, takes on China for a full semester during fall of 2013

By Sarah Rudkin
Variety Editor

I am currently a junior in the International Business program so naturally, I went abroad this past fall semester. I have been to France, Italy, Spain, Ireland, England, and almost every other country that is offered at Bryant, so I figured why not really get out of my comfort zone and go to China (my minor is Mandarin so it was also beneficial to my overall education for me to go there).

Deciding between Shanghai and Beijing was an extremely tough decision. One would think that the two cities are both in China, both are large and dirty, and they speak Mandarin in both. After some research and

not, I repeat do not, let her get an inch in front of you or else she will show her way into the last space in the subway car and you are left on the platform, mouth agape, and at large. For class. Think- ing of taking a taxi instead? Well, if you are lucky enough to have flagged one down on the side of the road, someone else will slide into that seat as you open the door for yourself and off they go in the car you so patiently waited for (this happened to me on several occasions). The bus system is completely nonexistent. If you are not fast enough, you will get left behind in the dust of the others who knowingly step on you. The transport system was per- haps the most frightening thing I’ve encountered in my life. The next thing that left me speechless was the fact that it is allowed in Shanghai for people to hack up the mucus in their lungs and spit it out wherever they please. I don’t think you, they certainly enjoy taking their time hacking that mucus up.

On top of that pleasant habit that will leave you without an appetite, children will wear pants with slits on the rears so they can urinate and defecate whenever and wherever. I have witnessed so many babies and small children pooping on the side of the road that by the time I left, even I started to do it. Then there was an extremely depressing aspect of life in Shanghai. The poor are left destitute and very few people have the desire to even look at them let alone help, and animals are treated worse than garbage. Sympathy for those in dire need of a meal seemed nonexistent. Kicking and throw- ing around newborn kittens and puppies seemed to be funny to many people. Shanghai has some of the most luxurious streets that rival those of Paris, but also some slums like you have never before seen.

Fortunately, there were aspects of Shanghai life that left me breathless with excitement and wonder. The food, prepared either by the illegal street carts or by the best chefs in Shanghai, was decu- dent. The fashion that I witnessed was bizarre but also vibrant and daring. The architecture was breathtaking as well as fascinating. The sheer variety of restaurants, shops, cafes, styles of food, and amenities left me with a spinning head and a list of over a hundred places to visit before my three month stay in Shanghai was over.

Even after departing Shan- hai, I keep finding out about new places that I wish I could have gone to. Looking back on my stay there, I would do it all again. There were some aspects that I certainly did not enjoy, but many more wonderful and remark- able aspects that made me fall in love with Shanghai time and time again. Not only did I learn quite a lot of Mandarin, but I also learned so much about the cul- ture and everyday life of Shan- hai. Leaving in December was not a goodbye, but a see you soon to one of the most marvelous cities I have ever been to.

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**Bryant Horoscopes**

By Molly Funk  
Staff Writer

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
Clashing ideologies with your new professor may tempt you to form a negative outlook on the semester, but this is an opportunity for personal growth. Don’t allow your first impression to be your only impression. It is often the most valuable relationships are those that were unpredicted. This professor might just turn out to be a mentor and good friend if you release your stubbornness. Listen to the opposing ideas and carefully analyze the argument before closing your mind. You never know what could happen.

Picces (Feb. 18-March 20)  
You have recently concluded a potential relationship is unfeasible because of a self-judgment. In the New Year you will learn to love yourself and realize that others love you as well. Typically shy, you will break from tradition and approach an attractive companion, be it at Salmo or while relaxing at the Fisher Center. Allow yourself this spontaneous interaction. You won’t be disappointed!

Aries (March 20-April 20)  
You may be playing it safe and trying to protect those around you. In this instance it is important to be upfront with how you feel. You cannot expect others to read your mind and act accordingly. Stating what’s on your mind may seem harsh, but it is better than playing games.

Taurus (April 20-May 21)  
It would be easy to continue to fall back on your traditional habits and ideas. You have high aspirations for the semester, which cannot be accomplished through your usual practices. Steep out of your comfort zone and success will follow. Did you make a fitness goal for 2014? Attend a group exercise class. Don’t be afraid to talk to new people, a close friendship awaits you if you try something new.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)  
You will soon fall into a potentially uncomfortable situation if you don’t prepare beforehand. Your smooth tongue will not help you if the spotlight is suddenly aimed at you. When the moment hits, think before you speak. Thoughtless words are bound to make your situation worse. If you have an interview coming up, it may be wise to stop by the Amica Center beforehand to avoid unnecessary embarrassment.

Cancer (June 21-July 23)  
You have recently drifted from your moral code—but don’t fret. It is important to get yourself in new situations to allow for personal growth. However, it is in your best interest to reflect on the new “you” you’ve been exposed to. Simply as a caution, don’t stray too far from your morals and remember to prioritize your happiness.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 23)  
You have a made a mistake since the start of the new semester. It may appear to be unimportant but understand the ramifications of your actions. What may seem trivial to you, may strongly effect those around you. Watch out for your close friendships; attempt to mend the fence before it’s too late. It may only be until you lose someone close to you that you realize where you went wrong.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 23)  
You have been staying in lately and focusing on your studies. This is a great trait as you stay focused on your future success. However, don’t be afraid to have a little fun. Enjoy time with your friends. While your academics are a significant portion of your future, don’t forget the importance of experiences outside the classroom. Many valuable lessons are learned during times spent with your friends. It will serve you well to remember that college is all about finding a balance between work and play.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)  
You have the tendency to take what you want without considering the outcomes of your actions. While this serves you well in most situations, it may not be the best approach in this instance. You exhibit confidence and an air of approachability. Play it safe and let others come to you. You are less apt to step on others toes using this mindset.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 22)  
This may not be the week for you, keep an eye out for bad luck. This misfortune is not the result of karma; it is simply written in the stars that you come across a bout of bad luck. The best way to overcome this hardship is to remember your usual good luck. If you keep a smile on your face and good thoughts in your head, you’ll be sure learn a valuable lesson. And just as a precaution, don’t enter into any bets with President Machtley.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)  
You will find that difficult tasks become increasingly easy. Some things that seem like an obstacle, are simply an opportunity in disguise. While you may not see your challenge as difficult, it is important to exert all your energy into the task at hand. You will be thankful you did when major success follows.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)  
You had a fun birthday and are looking into the future with positivity. Keep it up Capricorn! Your positive attitude about the New Year will carry out for many months and could evolve into a permanent mindset. You will notice better luck if you continue to exhibit positivity. You’re also more likely to have better relationships with all others if you are a positive force.
The movie is based on the true story of New York stockbroker Jordan Belfort. After the 1987 stock market crash, fresh-out-of-college Jordan (Leonardo DiCaprio) takes a job selling penny stocks. His prior experience on Wall Street earns him enormous profits. When he concludes that enough is never enough, he opens up his own firm with his neighbor Donnie (Jonah Hill).

The movie illustrates the idea that some roller coasters in life are ones you can’t get off of so easily. Once Jordan’s firm, which he names Stratton Oakmont, earns billions in revenue, the company expands, and Jordan’s behaviors become rather racy. He begins using drugs and sleeping with prostitutes several times a day and divorces his good-natured wife to marry a model.

As expected, following years of being on top, ‘The Man’ comes to bring Jordan down. In The Wolf of Wall Street, The Man is FBI Agent Patrick Denham. Jordan starts moving money around internationally, and when prompted to leave the company with what he’s already made, he tells his employees that nothing will ever take him away from Stratton Oakmont. That is, except for corruption and ignorance.

DiCaprio delivers his usual effortless on-screen brilliance in this film, especially in the scenes that require most of him. Whether he’s throwing himself down a flight of stairs and crawling into his car under the influence of aged drugs, telling colleagues to sell him a pen, giving the best motivational speeches I’ve ever seen on film, or punching his wife in the stomach, he, like Terence Winter’s screenplay, is totally immersive.

The movie is very long, and so naturally it slows down at points. However, thanks to DiCaprio, it never gets boring.

But, like the movie, regardless of length, I hope it will be worth your time. The movie made in 2013 in a massive Hollywood wedding of 33 gay and straight couples officiated by Queen Latifah and performances by Macklemore & Ryan Lewis, Mary Lambert, and Madonna. They performed a big-room rendition of “Same Love”, Macklemore’s gay rights anthem – recorded in support of Washington’s Referendum 74 to legalise gay marriage in the state. The song powerfully rejects the homophobia that plagues show where she spoke against the bullying of gay teens and the then-recent string of related suicides, to her presentation of the Vito Russo Award to gay journalist Anderson Cooper in 2013; to her controversial on-stage kiss with Britney Spears at the 2003 Video Music Awards. Madonna’s appearance in the “Same Love” performance was no surprise, then, singing the closing line “She keeps me warm” alongside Mary Lambert. Lambert, as an openly lesbian, is no stranger either to the struggle of gay rights at both a societal and personal level. Growing up in a Pentecostal Christian home, her family was expelled from their local church when she was six, after her mother came out as a lesbian. This exile, and her own struggle to reconcile her Christian faith with her homosexuality, has fueled Lambert’s music career. Exemplified in lines like “Not crying on Sundays” in “Same Love”, Lambert stresses her difficult homosexual experience in her music and was presumably thrilled to aid in the marriage of 33 couples.

These artists have shown their unwavering dedication to the cause of furthering gay rights, and what better a way to continue doing so than by performing an over-the-top marriage of mixed-sexuality couples for 28.5 million people.

Those are 28.5 million minds that might be profoundly impacted by a nationally telecasted celebration of boundless love. Undoubtedly the organizers behind the awards show were elated at the opportunity to identify as good people, but regardless of intentions the performance helped to make support of gay marriage ‘cool’. In a fad-driven world, that may be the single most important way to advance the cause and to achieve equality.

The Wolf of Wall Street: abridged version

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**‘Same Love’: When Gay Became Cool**

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The Grammy Awards, like them or not, are a popular culture phenomenon that serve as both a summary of the previous year and a foreshadowing of the coming one. Although I don’t expect to see sales of all-white cowboy suits skyrocket in the next eleven months, this one night of concentrated Hollywood glamour has a way of celebrating and influencing fashion, music, and politics in America and beyond.

Last week, The Atlantic’s Spencer Kornhaber cynically attacked the event as an explicable publicity stunt for the music industry whose pawns are the people it pretends to applaud. Certainly the Grammys’ are designed to make the industry look good, but Kornhaber fails to see that this doesn’t preclude this right of fanfare from inspiring positive change.

2013 was the year for gay rights. Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Minnesota, New Jersey, New Mexico, and Rhode Island all passed laws to make gay marriage legal, bringing the total count up to 17 states plus the District of Columbia. The Supreme Court struck down the Defense of Marriage Act, and overturned California’s gay-marriage ban. Although only 27% of Republicans supported gay marriage in an April NBC/ WSJ poll, a number of Republican politicians voiced their support including Mark Kirk, Rob Portman, and Lisa Murkowski.

Naturally, the Grammys paid tribute to the progress made in 2013 in a massive Hollywood wedding of 33 gay and straight couples officiated by Queen Latifah and performances by Macklemore & Ryan Lewis, Mary Lambert, and Madonna. They performed a big-room rendition of “Same Love”, Macklemore’s gay rights anthem – recorded in support of Washington’s Referendum 74 to legalise gay marriage in the state. The song powerfully rejects the homophobia that plagues...
Queen Beyoncé Strikes Again

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As if to solidify her reign as music’s queen, our beloved Beyoncé dropped a surprise album back in December. Not only does this self-titled album unveil 14

new songs and 17 videos but it was also released without any promotional marketing. Initially, this visual album was sold exclusively on iTunes for a week, and it was one

that the world just couldn’t resist. In three short hours, Beyoncé sold over 80,000 copies. A couple of days later, and Queen B’s album had officially become iTunes fastest

selling album with 828,773 copies sold over the course of its first weekend.

In addition to enthusiastically buying the collection, people everywhere were tweeting about it. Data from Twitter confirms that the album generated over 1.2

million tweets in 12 hours. Some of the most popular tweets came from Beyoncé’s celeb friends, having been surprised as well. Katy Perry, as the Twitter world’s

favorite tweeter, expressed to her 48 million followers how excited she was about the album. “Don’t talk to me today unless it’s about @Beyonce THANX.”

She even made note that the massive social media craze over the release pretty much “broke the internet”. Bey’s sister, Solange Knowles, also utilized Twitter to let the world

know just how cool her big sis was, “I’m sitting here watching THE most artful and perfect project ever...@Beyonce,” she wrote. “Just laid me out. #proudsister.”

Though Beyoncé ordered no promotions, Twitter certainly did do the job.

Shortly after the album was made available, Beyoncé released a series of short videos explaining her bold moves. She said, “I see music; it’s more than just what I

hear,” about the decision to film a music video for every song on the album. Beyoncé wanted us to experience her music instead of just listening to a few seconds of a single.

This is also the reason that she said no to all pre-release marketing. When commenting about music in today’s society she said, “It’s all about the single, and art, and the

fans. I felt like, I don’t want anybody to get the message, society she said, “It’s all about the single, and art, and the fans. I felt like, I don’t want anybody to get the message, when my record is coming out. I just want this to come out when it’s ready and from me to my fans.”

When listening and watching Beyoncé’s music take place, it is truly breathtaking. From New York, to Paris, to Rio de Janeiro the videos were shot all around the

world, giving a feel of authenticity and spontaneity. The genre of music has its roots in R&B with different flairs of electro and hip hop based on the story of each song.

Going through the track list, you’ll find big names like hubby Jay-Z, Kelly Rowland, Justin Timberlake, Michelle Williams, Drake, Frank Ocean, Pharrell Williams and

even daughter Blue Ivy. To say the least, Beyoncé kept this album interesting.

Her goal was to have people experience her music, it was thoroughly accomplished with the combination of the unique sounds and videos. Beyoncé’s voice is strong

and clear as she relates her experiences and most intimate feelings through her work. No stone is left unturned with Beyoncé’s honesty about feminism, becoming a mother,
musings, and other subjects. Some critics, including previous co-worker Michelle Williams (Destiny’s Child), believe that the collection reveals too much of Beyoncé

personal life. Specifically, “Drunk In Love” featuring husband Jay-Z which explicitly outlines details of their intimate relationship.

Another slightly controversial issue with Beyoncé has to do with the way women are portrayed. Since Mrs. Carter’s rule as queen of R&B, she has led movements to help

women find an equal place in society. Her name, alone, stands for confidence, inner beauty, and individuality to millions of women. Some are worried that too much importance

was placed on sex appeal in the provocative videos, undermining her symbol as a feminist. Others were pleased because it represented that a woman could be an individual and still have a man by her side. Either way, no one can resist the voice of an angel or the beat of the songs.

Be as it may, Beyoncé continues to spice up the world of music and, now, film. Her look, her voice and her symbolic persona stand out in our culture and is something we can’t resist. The surprise album, Beyoncé, embodies mystery, love and vulnerability. Its record breaking sales speak for themselves and continue to grow. The monarchy may not exist anymore, but Queen Beyoncé still reigns over the R&B music world.

THE LAST LEAF

Self-Inflicted

When life is wonderful,
Full of bliss and laced with euphoria,
A picture painted in vivid color and splattered with happiness,
Don’t stop painting for it’s all in your head.

When life is full of hope,
Overflowing with encouragement and drunk with confidence,
A run into a breathtaking sunrise with scenery of a better future,
Once the sun sets, don’t stop running for it’s all in your head.

When life is stressful,
Measured by deadlines and worries inhaled with each breath,
An assignment with no end in sight, the ink like small black holes stealing away your dreams and aspirations,
Don’t stop writing for it’s all in your head.

When life is horrid,
Drowning in depression and injected with doubt,
A fight consumed by fear,
Don’t stop fighting for it’s all in your head.

~Ashley Smith

Beyoncé at the Gammys. (MCT Campus)
Comic of the Week

When Green Lanterns Go Mad

The College Scoop

SEE WHAT STUDENTS AT OTHER COLLEGES ARE READING ABOUT

The Stanford Daily
Stanford College

Office of undergrad admissions is expanding to meet rising interest. Stanford has just had its largest applicant pool in its history and to keep up with this trend, they have made serious expansions to their staff. Ten new part time application reader positions have been made, raising the number of application readers to a total of 64.

The Miscellany News
Vassar College

Despite a mixed record, women’s rugby team strives for Nationals. This fall, Vassar women’s rugby team has a 1-1-1 record, tying their first match with Albany State University, beating Hofstra 66-7, and losing to the undefeated Quinnipiac University team.

The University Star
Texas State University

Moment of silence is a suitable alternative to prayer. The Hays County Commissioners Court is potentially coming under legal fire for having a sectarian Christian prayer at the beginning of their meetings. Some believe that religion should have no place in the rulings of elected officials and constituents should not feel isolated or underrepresented because of particular religious practices conducted in the public meetings.

The Heights
Boston College

The Boston Pops celebrated its 20th anniversary with a performance in Conte Forum to kick start Parents’ Weekend. The basketball courts and hockey rink were completely transformed to hold the semi-formal evening event. A cappella groups opened for the Boston Pops.