Being black at Bryant
By Marisa Ebli
Staff Writer

Today a moment of silence was held by our Multicultural Student Union in honor of the life and work of Martin Luther King Jr. His message of equality is no less poignant today than it was fifty years ago on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. There is no doubt that progress has been made in the last half century, but few would agree that it is no longer an issue. To address this, Black History Month organizers provided a forum for this conversation. Last week, a panel of four black students was held to discuss their experiences within the Bryant community.

The panel consisted of sophomore Tyree Roulac, juniors Paul Taylor and Tyriq Deshields, and senior Walisha Curry. Each provided a unique perspective on how their identity has been affected in their time at the university. Many topics were brought up as to what supported or challenged their identities, the differences between being a black male and black female on campus, and what the hip-hop culture means to them.

The open atmosphere allowed for the panelists to share their personal stories freely. Many experienced an extreme culture shock upon their arrival, having come from primarily black high schools and communities. For them, the small group of people that they found some connection with led them to cling to this and stay strong in their black identities. On the other hand, Curry, having previously gone to a predominantly white school, expressed a

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Public speaking: stand and deliver
By Susan Baran
Faculty Contributor

It’s that time of year once again, Bryant’s annual Public Speaking Colloquium (PSC) is scheduled for Monday evening, March 24th at 7:00pm, with the preliminary competition planted throughout the day on Friday, March 21st. The PSC is sponsored by The Hanover Insurance Group along with the Department of Communication and the College of Arts and Science. It is organized by The Podium, Bryant’s premier public speaking club.

It is required to compete. You will first prepare a polished public speaker – writing, critical thinking, and success are communication skills that will prove to be quite beneficial for class presentations, job interviews, prospective employers to alumni and local celebrities. The PSC has been featured on Channel 12’s Rhode Show numerous times, and has been applauded by the academic community throughout the region.

Each year, over 50 students compete to become Bryant’s best public speaker. Over $2,000 in cash prizes will be awarded to the top six competitors on the evening of the event, with the largest cash prizes awarded to our top 3 winners - $1200 (first prize), $500 (second prize), and $250 (third prize). Applications are now being accepted with limited slots available, so do not delay! All undergraduates are welcome to participate. The top criteria in determining job attainment and success are communication skills – writing, critical thinking, and speaking. Students who have participated in past years have found this to be a remarkable way to jumpstart their careers. Some have been hired by major companies, thanks, in part, to their PSC participation; others have found that during job interviews, prospective employers are particularly interested in their involvement in the Colloquium.

Because many employers struggle to find qualified graduates with outstanding interpersonal skills, this is your chance to stand out amongst the many! Additionally, students have found it to be an influential factor on their graduate school applications as they attempt to “stand out” from other competing applicants.

The PSC has been called the “American Idol of public speaking.” Students who attend are stunned by the talents of their peers and also benefit from seeing exactly what it takes to be an excellent presenter. Attendees also have a chance to win great prizes in the program’s raffle. Last year, two lucky winners walked away with iPads.

This year will mark the fifth year of this highly successful event which has attracted everyone from potential employers to alumni and local celebrities. The PSC has been featured on Channel 12’s Rhode Show numerous times, and has been applauded by the academic community throughout the region.

The judging process is very systematic. Criteria include: a polished public speaker and other significant cash prizes for being among the top six. The deadline for applications is Friday, February 28, 2014.

More information about the PSC can be obtained by contacting Podium President, Austin Beltis at abeltis@bryant.edu or by emailing the event’s Director, Communication professor Susan Baran at susanabar@bryant.edu. For your convenience, the application process can be completed entirely through email.

Martin Luther King Jr. giving the “I Have a Dream” speech on the Lincoln Memorial.
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DPS Log

**DRUG (POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA)**
Feb 11, 2014-Tuesday at 21:48
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
DPS received a report of possible drug activity in a Residence Hall. Drug paraphernalia was found and confiscated by DPS officers.

**VANDALISM (SCHOOL BUILDING)**
Feb 11, 2014-Tuesday at 23:29
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
DPS received a call from the Residence Hall 17 elevator emergency phone stating two males were stuck inside. The Smithfield Fire Department was contacted and responded. The two males were freed from the elevator by an Atlantic Elevator technician.

**VANDALISM (AUTO)**
Feb 15, 2014-Saturday at 10:25
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
DPS received a report of vandalism for a broken car window.

**ASSAULT**
Feb 15, 2014-Saturday at 16:31
Location: TOWHOUSE
DPS received a report of an assault in a townhouse. A fight between two room-mates was broken up by DPS—Residence Life to handle the situation.

**BIAS INCIDENTS**
None Reported

To report a bias incident or hate crime, go to www.bryant.edu/bais or call the Bias Incident Hotline at x6920. Bias related incidents are a threatened, attempted, or completed action that is motivated by bigotry and bias regarding a person’s real or perceived race, religion, national origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, or gender status. Examples of these incidents include name calling, offensive language/acts, and graffiti/behavior.

**Marge - a Bryant legend**

By Matthew Trelli
Staff Writer

It’s a well-known fact that if you have spent any time here at Bryant University then you know Marge Yansick. For those of you who aren’t aware, aside from being a campus wide celebrity, she is the gatekeeper of Salmanson Dining Hall and has been doing so for 42 years. In her time here at Bryant she has met a number of students, some of whom she is still in contact with to this very day, even after they graduated nearly 40 years ago. When asked what keeps her coming back year after year, she did not hesitate to answer, the students are the reason she loves what she does. Perhaps Marge can teach us all an important life lesson, if you enjoy what you do, you will never work a day in your life. Marge certainly cannot forget the earlier years of her career when plastic IDs were a fidget of the imagination and everyone had to be signed in by hand. One can only imagine the lunch line waiting to get into Salmo if that were still the case today. Marge also recalled being a witness to a food fight that took place in the 70s. However, being the mother of four boys, she was well equipped to handle a situation such as that and made it uncathed. Overall, Marge has noticed a significant improvement from the students compared to back in the food fighting days. Now-a-days they are all good to her, she commented, which shouldn’t be hard to do seeing as how one conversation with Marge is enough to cheer up even the worst of days.

When Marge isn’t swelling students in or tearing up a crossword puzzle in the daily newspaper, she still manages to stay busy. Her weekends are occupied with volunteering at her son’s workplace. It should not come as much of a surprise that she even supplies the employees with lunch. She enjoys spending whatever free time she has left reading anything she can get her hands on. With everything she does she still manages to stay dedicated to the student body. Over the course of the past 42 years she has accumulated a large number of sick days. Even her recent injury couldn’t keep her away from work. Her dedication to the students here at Bryant is just another reason she found her way into the hearts of each member in the Bryant community.

For the rest of her time here and maybe there after, Marge will continue to be the face of Salmo. She has set out to reach the milestone of swiping students in until she reaches the age of 90 which seems to be plausible, especially with the relationships she has built with the students as well as her boss Shawn who is a big reason she walks into work with a smile on her face every day. It would be difficult to find someone who could disagree that a conversation with Marge is certain to brighten their day. It is staff members like her that bring together the campus and create a sense of community. Marge Yansick is arguably the best part of Salmo and her time here at Bryant is certainly appreciated. A Salmo meal wouldn’t be the same without her.
For a well known Bryant University’s ongoing participation in Recyclemania from February 2nd to March 29th, the Sustainability Ambassadors in conjunction with the Facilities Department will be hosting an electronic recycling drive on February 25th from 9 am – 2 pm. Faculty and students can bring any of their old electronics to the Universal Waste Shed (located at the base of John Mowry Road) or the Long Island Parking Lot next to the Fisher Center. If any individuals have large electronic items such as televisions, please drive these directly to the Universal Waste Shed.

Electronic items you bring to be recycled will help Bryant University place higher in Recyclemania to beat universities such as Brown University, Babson College and the Rhode Island School of Design (RISD). Recyclemania is a nationwide competition between colleges and universities to improve waste reduction through increased recycling. Examples of acceptable electronic items include air conditioners, televisions, cell phones, circuit boards, coffee makers, computers, iron, lamps, stereos, stoves, typewriters, vacuums, video game systems and many more.

Electronic waste represents a special category of waste in Recyclemania that can be recycled to improve the University’s overall recycling rate. This category differs from the other categories in the competition such as paper. Because all electronic waste can be counted, universities are encouraged to include electronics collected from the general public by working with their local communities. The category is ranked on a per capita basis and universities must use third party certification. Bryant University receives information and third party certification from Goodwill Industries of Rhode Island Free Electronics Recycling. Third party certification is necessary to avoid negative health and environmental impacts created from improper handling practices. In 2013, Stony Brook University won Recyclemania’s electronic waste category by recycling 120,302 pounds of electronic waste.

According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Americans now own approximately twenty four electronic products per household. Donating electronic waste for reuse extends the lives of valuable products and prevents valuable materials from entering the waste stream. When electronic waste is illegally dumped into the environment the mismanagement of it can lead to nickel, lead, cadmium and mercury exposure which can pose serious risks to humans and the environment. The benefits of recycling electronics include reducing greenhouse gas emissions, reducing pollution, recycling valuable energy and saving valuable resources. By participating in the electronic recycling drive on February 25th, you are causing direct positive impacts on the environment and improving Bryant University’s recycling percentage and overall sustainability efforts.

Bryant University is not responsible or liable for any information damaged or lost on items turned in during this event. University owned waste must go through the help desk to be removed from inventory and wiped of any information.

You have the power to have a direct impact on Bryant University’s rank in Recyclemania for 2014! Help our university win by recycling as much as possible. For more information on this event please contact Jessica Vickers: jvickers@bryant.edu, David Leduc: dleduc@bryant.edu, or Mark Russo: mruss08@bryant.edu.

Got old electronics? Participate in Bryant’s Electronic Recycling Drive!

By May Vickers
Staff Writer

Being black at Bryant

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Hello Bryant University Students! During the past couple of weeks the Student Senate has been overwhelmed by the various complaints and new/current events that have been happening on campus. As many of you know, winter is in full swing and the amount of snow in the parking lots as well as on the walkways has been quite a challenge for students entering and exiting campus. Many of the students have come to various Senators asking what we could do about the snow. I assure you that Bryant College will not let the snow be mentioned and will be brought up to facilities. In the meantime, the Student Senate still continues with important university topics as scheduled.

During last week’s 2/5 Student Senate meeting, Jowan Back, member of the 2016 class, was formally sworn into the Student Senate to fill the vacant 2016 chair. The position was formally vacated a month ago. The Student Senate genuinely looks forward to working with Back for the rest of the 2013-2014 term.

In addition, many clubs came forward for various Requests. The Men’s Soccer Club came forward with a new Club Constitution and was formally recognized by the Student Senate as a new club on campus. There are currently 80 active members in the Men’s Soccer Club. Within those 80 members, 25 elections will be held later on to designate the remaining e-board positions. The club already designated a captain. At present the club has a practice location, necessary equipment, and a club practice schedule. The club will practice but will not formally compete as of yet.

Several clubs and organizations also came forward for Requests for Additional Funding during the 2/5 Student Senate meeting. These include CEO, Men’s Volleyball, and the Wrestling Club. CEO requested funding in order to fund Sodexo catering and miscellaneous items, including name tags, for their conference. Men’s Volleyball requested funding in order to stay at a hotel while they compete during their tournament. The Wrestling Club requested funding for equipment necessary to continue as a club on campus. All of their Requests for Additional Funding were passed.

Men’s Crew also came forward with a Request for Initial Funding to initiate their recently formed club, which was also passed. They requested this funding in order to purchase a rack for their boat, which will be damaged during storage otherwise.

During Committee Reports, the Student Services Committee announced that they are trying to have more engaging conversations discussing said changes with Shawn Monahan. Any progress in negotiation will be announced.

Discussed at this week’s 2/12 Student Senate meeting were several subjects from previous meetings. In continuation of the dorm improvement project, the surveys administered to Bryant students have been collected and are being counted. There will be an open forum at the Student Senate meeting at 4:00pm on Wednesday 2/20 with Residence Life Staff to discuss the results. This will be a part of this week’s regular Senate Meeting. It is important to attend to voice your opinion about key points where the Student Senate should focus their attention during the dorm enhancing process.
During the cold winter months nothing tastes better than a warm, freshly made brownie. All you need to make one yourself is six simple ingredients and a microwave safe mug. In a few minutes you can make yourself this sweet treat. One quick trip to the supermarket and under $15 later, you can have supplies to make 7 or more brownies in a mug. You will need...

- 4 tablespoons flour
- 4 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons water
- 2 tablespoons cocoa powder
- 2 tablespoons butter
- pinch of salt

Optional ingredients: pinch of cinnamon, a few drops of vanilla extract, or chocolate chips

1. Take your mug and place the water, flour, butter (melted), and pinch of salt inside. Stir well until mixed.
2. Add cocoa powder and sugar, stir until smooth.
3. Place in microwave for 60 seconds. Remove and check for how well it is cooked. The brownie should be thoroughly cooked. If needed, cook at additional 10 second increments until it is done.

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Do it yourself: Dorm Room Treat Brownies

By Bradley Padula
Staff Writer

Learn how to meet the demands of global business with the Bryant Graduate School of Business. Bryant offers full-time master’s degree programs specifically designed for recent graduates who want to prepare for success in the competitive job market.

Application Deadlines:
PRIORITY: April 15
REGULAR: July 15

To learn more, visit www.bryant.edu/BeInDemand

The Archway will be out on stands midday on Wednesday this semester! We hope you pick one up then!
About two years ago, Hillary Coombs and Makena Sage heard about Her Campus, an online community for college women written entirely by the nation’s top college journalists, and took a leap of faith to start a chapter here at Bryant. The two Her Campus Bryant founders met through their on-campus jobs as Research Assistants in the OPIR office.

Part of Bryant University’s plan for the year 2020 is to increase female enrollment to 50 percent. Her Campus became their contribution to help Bryant succeed in this plan. The idea behind starting a Her Campus chapter at Bryant was to create a new outlet for females on campus to express their feminine and creative sides. Both Sage and Coombs are firm believers in the importance of developing female leaders. Their hopes were that Her Campus Bryant would become the perfect community for women at Bryant to not only come together and meet, but also connect through the articles written.

The fruits of their labor can be seen today as Her Campus Bryant has become a very well-known organization on campus. The organization went from being just ten girls to now having over 60 members, and being one of the top chapters in the nation, also known as a “Pink Level Status.” 60 members, and being one of the top chapters in the nation, “Attaining Pink Level Status is an amazing example of the hard work that has gone into this organization, and strives Bryant has taken to raise the percentage of female enrollment.

As Her Campus Bryant prepares to celebrate its second birthday this month, female faculty members on campus reflect on how bringing Her Campus to our community has made a difference at Bryant. Toby Simon, director of the Gertrude Meth Hochberg Women’s Center, to bring awareness to One Billion Rising. It is a global campaign to bring women everywhere together to put an end to violence against women, rape, and inequality. As a group, they stood in the rotunda, all wearing red, and put one finger up in the air.

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As Her Campus Bryant chapter celebrates another birthday, they continue to work diligently on the publication and to talk about, write about, and read about topics that really interest them.

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Olympic sponsors for gold

By Ronald Wagner

Every two years, athletes from all over the world gather in one city for the Olympic Games with only one goal in mind, the gold. A time when competitors all gather to prove who trained the hardest, sweated the most, overcome the greatest adversity, and gave it their all. It is also a time for the world to come together for what is one of the greatest sources of entertainment to ever see television. But are our expectations of the Olympics too high?

According to the New York Times, the total cost for Olympic Games has reached record setting marks including $50 billion in London, $49 billion (London, England 2012), and $40 billion (Beijing, China 2008).

How will the International Olympic Committee deal with the rising cost of Olympic Games? The answer falls into the hands of brands such as Coca-Cola, McDonald’s, BMW, and more. Though this effort that goes into hosting the Olympic Games, we may not know what the unintended consequences could be.

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Government sponsorship is a title, for example, Coca-Cola as the sponsor of the Olympic Games, but this is the answer that got the right sponsors cleared out of the Olympic Games, and now it is a problem that could have potentially ruined the reputation of the Games if further continued. The Olympic Games started to see more competitiveness between its sponsors than it did its athletes. Sponsors had resorted to bribing athletes to utilize their products before, during, and after their events in order to give that product publicity around the world.

Competing sponsors Adidas and Puma, forcefully tried to persuade track athletes to wear their shoes over the competing brand during events in the 1968 Mexico City Games. Coaxing tactics included stuffing thousands of dollars into envelopes in order to influence the athlete to wear them during events. Blatantly ignoring Olympic regulations, shoe companies distributed $100,000 in cash and over $300,000 in shoes and gear during the 1968 Olympic Games according to CBC News. The athletes were clearly abusing their rights in partnership with the Olympic Games, the International Olympic Committee created a global sponsorship program named “The Olympic Partner (TOP).” TOP reduced the total number of Olympic sponsors to 15 companies. The program was created to ensure that the right sponsors are represented for the duration of the Games, including the broadcasted Olympic events.

According to CBC News, during the London Olympic Games in 2012, all cars were distributed by BMW and all sidewalks were supplied by Coca-Cola. In addition, the only foreign fives on the entire premises were provided by McDonald’s.

So what is the next step for the International Olympic Committee? More money needs to be generated for the Olympic Games in order to avoid worldwide expectations.

The International Olympic Committee could raise the number of sponsors allowed at the Olympic Games, but this would also lessen the value of those paying nearly $100 million to be an exclusive official sponsor. The only way I foresee a successful increase in funds is to charge more to an official sponsor of the Olympic Games, a title, for example, Coca-Cola does not want billion-dollar corporate rival, Pepsi, to possess.

Weekly Business Quote

“It’s very important for leaders in business to work to create human capital, a team that has the same sense of purpose and alignment.” - Carlos Slim
Kings of the NEC: Bulldogs baseball ready to defend their conference crown

By Danielle Scheur

Contributing Writer

Following a year of history - making, ring - winning, and an unbelievable overall team effort, the Bryant Baseball team is starting up their 2014 season this weekend. The team has been looking forward to this day and cannot wait to begin.

We all can look back at last spring as a time that will forever be a part of history for the Bulldogs. In their first year eligible for post-season playoffs, the Bulldogs did nothing but exceed expectations in their 2013 season.

After starting off a little rocky in the NEC playoffs, the bulldogs became the 2013 ring winners and first Sacred Heart in the finals. The team was nothing but thrilled as they came back to watch the championship game in May to continue their training and learn where they would be going next season. The bulldogs hope to hopes to reach the College World Series.

The Bulldogs flew all the way to Kansas to compete in their first Regionals. Although they did not make it past Regionals, the Bulldogs made history and gave themselves a great start at their first year of competing post-season. They are working even harder now to be more successful than last year, and hope to record more history for Bryant Baseball.

Craig Schriller, a senior captain, plays a huge role in the pitching staff for the Bulldogs. He has played a major role for the team since his freshman year, and is eager to start his last season as a senior. With a lot of experience behind him, Schriller will help lead the team in hopes of having an extremely successful 2014 season.

"Coming off a season where we accomplished many goals, we have been working even harder this season towards our expectations," said Schriller, "We are all very excited about the season and can’t wait for the first game."

The Bulldogs were recently picked first in the NEC preseason poll to repeat their success of last year. Schriller said "with our team getting so much recognition throughout the nation, it is important that we keep level heads and focus on our goal, which is an NEC championship." The Bulldogs are recognized as a dominant team in the Northeast Conference all due to their hard work, team coherece, and talent. Their style of play and team effort is taught by head Coach Steve Owens, who was chosen last season as the Northeast Coach of the Year by the American Baseball Coaches Association.

This team, along with many other successful teams here at Bryant such as Men's Lacrosse and Men's Basketball, has helped spread the name of our school outside of the NEC and across the country. With playing games last year in other regions such as Oregon, Ohio and Kansas, they have helped spread the Bryant University name and have gotten a lot of recognition after making it into Regionals.

With ten newcomers, there will be new talent added into the crew after losing some major role players on the team last year. The upper classmen have and will continue to show the new members what the team is about, and will hopefully lead them to another championship that they can experience firsthand.

The new Bulldogs will be led by many teammates with great experience at a high level of play. Many members of the team have played with great players across the nation through their summer league teams, and many have great experiences as members of the Cape Cod League and the NYBA.

The Bulldogs will be opening up this weekend on the 21st of February, at the University of Maryland at College Park. They will be heading south to Maryland to compete in a four-game series that the team has been preparing for since the end of the season. Their opening game will be played midweek on March 18th against UMASS Lowell. The Bulldogs will be played against Albany starting on Friday the 28th of March.

Where's Rondo going? All-star point guard could be moved at the deadline

By Justin Beaucage

Sports Editor

During the offseason, the Boston Celtics were one of the busiest teams, beginning their rebuilding process. Boston sent away their second leading scorer in franchise history, Paul Pierce, and forward Kevin Garnett. The trade suggested one thing about the Celtics: they are ready to move on from the past and start building a new, young team around their franchise point guard Rajon Rondo.

So, the cornerstone of this team will be built around young, All-Star point guard Rajon Rondo, right? Not quite.

Ever since he broke out as one of the top point guards in the NBA, it seems like Rondo has been on the trade block. The 4-time All-Star has been linked to many teams over the past couple of seasons. His explosive play, superb ball-handling, and highlight-reel assists have made him one of the deadliest point guards in the league. The rest of the NBA knows that, and many teams have tried as much as they could to try to lure Rondo away from Boston. Despite this, the Celtics stayed strong, and kept him at the leader of the franchise for all these seasons. However, as this NBA trade deadline approaches, something must finally give, and Rondo may call a new place home this season.

Rondo just recently returned this season after suffering an ACL tear last year. He struggled to find his offensive rhythm during the first six weeks, as he had to shake the rust off. In the last couple of games, Rondo has finally found his groove. In his last two games, Rondo has averaged over 15 points and 8 assists. His PER has increased to 16.17, which is ten points higher than when he initially returned.

The Celtics’ phones have been ringing about trade offers since Rondo has improved his play. Before, general manager Danny Ainge has insisted that his best player wouldn’t be traded. However, this season is a different story. As the team is in re-build mode, Ainge has not shut down chances of Rondo being shipped out. Even though Ainge is more reluctant, the asking price is quite high for Rondo. The team wouldn’t consider trading him without two first-round picks being offered to start, and then a high impact role player to go with it. Even with Celtics’ demand, there are still teams that are interested in Rondo’s services. There are teams that are willing to calling right up until the deadline to convince the Celtics to trade Rondo. Rondo is looking to go to a contender, and the Celtics are ready to start from scratch and build an entire new team. With that being said, here are the top teams that would be most interested in Rajon Rondo as the trade deadline approaches (from least likely to most):

1. Phoenix Suns: Although the Suns are loaded at point guard, this is the only team that has the pieces to trade for Rondo. Phoenix has two first round picks available, and also has young role players that would fit in the Celtics’ offense. If the Suns shipped off the two first round picks and one of their guards, Goran Dragic or Eric Bledsoe, this could be a move that would help the 7th seeded Suns become a legitimate playoff contender in the West.

2. Detroit Pistons: This would make sense for both teams. Detroit has to clear up a loaded backcourt, and Boston needs retooling help. Forward Greg Monroe would give the Celtics the big man they need, and Rondo would be the point guard Detroit needs to help distribute the ball. A frontcourt of Rondo and Brandon Jennings, who is a great shooter, would be dangerous.

3. 1. Philadelphia 76ers: The 76ers have been trading for years, but have not seen significant gains to justify a rebuild. This season, the 76ers have the pieces to deal for Rondo, with a first round pick, and Evan Turner, who will help the Celtics with their threepoint shooting. The 76ers would love to add Rondo’s playmaking ability to a young lineup. The Celtics would need a player with scoring ability, and Evan Turner fits that bill.

4. 2. Memphis Grizzlies: The Grizzlies would love to add Rondo to their lineup, which would give them a scoring boost at point guard. Memphis would have to give up longshot Zach Randolph, who’s having a career season this year. The Grizzlies would be trading for a point guard that could score in the NBA, and Rondo fits that bill.

5. Sacramento Kings: The Kings are one of the few teams that have already made an offer to Boston for Rondo. The Kings are hoping to add a young star to their lineup, and Rondo would do just that. The Kings would have to give up draft picks, guard Kyle Lowry, and another role player for this trade to even be considered.

6. Toronto Raptors: The Raptors are on the brink of their first playoff berth in a long time. In a lackluster Eastern Conference, Rondo could help this team make a leap as one of the top offenses in the East. The Raptors would have to give up draft picks, point guard Kyle Lowry, and another role player for this trade to even be considered.

The Celtics moving Rondo could help another team become one of the best in the NBA.
By Mark Gallant  
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One area where the Boston Red Sox have plenty of depth for this season and the future is starting pitching. Although this is good news for Sox fans, manager John Farrell will need to decide what five guys to put in the rotation, which may become increasingly difficult as the season progresses.

Jon Lester will most likely get the ball on opening day, which would mark the fourth straight time for the lefty. Lester posted 15 wins last season with a 3.75 ERA, and was the only Boston pitcher with over 200 innings pitched. However, his solid regular season pales in comparison to his postseason numbers, where he had a 1.56 ERA and won both games he pitched against the Cardinals in the World Series.

Clay Buchholz is coming off a season that could have been Cy Young worthy if he had stayed healthy, which should be his goal this upcoming year. A strained neck was the main cause of a three month stint on the disabled list, limiting him to only 16 starts on the year. Many questioned the 29 year old's toughness for taking off as much time as he did, so it will be interesting how he handles any injuries in 2014.

John Lackey will most likely be back in his number three role after a great bounceback season in 2013. Lackey, who was highly criticized during the 2012 locker room disaster, a year in which he did not pitch due to Tommy John surgery, showed up at spring training last year in terrific shape. The thinner Lackey had a very solid return, posting a 3.52 ERA and a 4.03 strikeout to walk ratio, which was sixth highest in the American League.

The four and five slots could have a number of potential suitors after spring training is finished, but for now, Jake Peavy and Felix Doubront are the front-runners.

Peavy, who was acquired by the Red Sox in exchange for Jose Iglesias in a three-team trade on July 30th, is past his prime, but has the ability to be a top of the rotation quality pitcher. The former Cy Young Award winner for San Diego was inconsistent during his stay in Boston, posting a 4.04 ERA in ten regular season games along with an unimpressive postseason, which included a loss to Detroit where he allowed seven runs over three innings. Peavy turns 33 in May, so he should still have plenty left in the tank despite declining numbers over the past few years.

Doubront will also be looking to solidify a starting job after a shaky end last year. The 26 year old lefty was very reliable for much of the season, including a stretch of 16 starts in which he did not allow more than three earned runs. However, the Venezuelan had a tough go of things in September, allowing 17 earned runs in 15.2 innings, ballooning his season’s ERA from 3.74 to 4.32. Doubront was a very critical asset during the ALCS and World Series, however, coming out of the bullpen four times and only allowing one run. Perhaps he is more suited for a long relief role, but Farrell could very well want a second lefty in his rotation to supplement Lester.

Several younger players and prospects will be trying to earn the occasional spot start and establish themselves in the big leagues. Brendan Workman did just that last year, making three starts and several relief appearances after being called up in July. Workman was his best in the playoffs, making seven appearances and allowing no earned runs.

Two prospects the Red Sox received from the Dodgers in the blockbuster trade two seasons ago will be looking for more regular playing time in Boston after having cups of coffee last year. Allen Webster wasn’t his great in his seven starts at the MLB level, but the 24 year old still has plenty of time to improve and should be more comfortable this year. Rubby De La Rosa, who saw bullpen work last season, could be making starts during the spring and could also see starts later in the year if he can perform well in Pawtucket.

Other prospects include the highly touted Anthony Ranaudo, Henry Owens, and Matt Barnes. While we may not see all of them this season, these three youngsters all have bright futures and should be exciting to watch at Fort Myers.
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Communication covers it all

By Christine Forte
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Not knowing what you want to do with your college career is scary... just flat out frightening. How are you supposed to know what you want to do with your entire life up until retirement in just 4 years? ESPECIALLY when you’re only 18 years old.

Those were my exact 18-year-old self thoughts. I was completely lost and I had no idea whose advice to follow. I figured following my guidance counselor’s advice was useless because I had no interest in being a guidance counselor. Why would someone take your advice when they did not even have bachelor’s degrees? How could I follow in my sister’s artistic footsteps when I was not even half as good of an artist as she is? These thoughts and questions were simmering inside my head.

I was and have been completely lost and I had no confidence: even if I was so completely lost that I could have been trekking through the Antarctic, I was still smart enough to be able to have options to choose my school. Drum roll, please... ... ... ... OBVIOUSLY, Bryant was the final decision. I came into school undeclared and nervous about my future. I eventually chose the communication field. It encompasses everything! So, you want to be a marketing wiz? Okay, learn how make your marketing team effective. You’ve changed your mind and want to be an entrepreneur? Sure! Now try to appropriately tell your business partner that you no longer want to be in business with them. You think accounting suits you well? How will you take social responsibility when a crisis befalls because of incorrect bookkeeping? Communication can inform you about all these issues – it can be applied to any field.

Although it may have taken me two entire years as a college undergrad to declare my major, making the decision to study communication was an easy one. How could I not choose the one area of study that would allow me to branch into so many other fields?

This, my friends, is what makes communication so beautiful and awesome. I learned that I am not restricted to just one interest in my studies. I have taken communication courses related to many different interests ranging from the interpersonal field to the mass communication field all the way to the studio production field. The most significant thing that communication allowed me to do was to be more independent and travel the world.

That whole semester that I spent studying abroad in Firenze, Italy was the absolute BEST thing I could have ever done. I was able to experience communication on a completely different level as a foreigner. I observed, I learned, and then I acted. Discovering how a different country communicates, lives, and thrives as a culture is something everyone should be able to experience.

The personal stories I got to create as a study abroad student are the ones that I will tell for many years to come. Communication is the basis for the creation of these stories – without my knowledge of it, my experiences may not have been as fulfilling. Unless there are compelling reasons holding someone back from studying abroad, it really is a shame to not do it. Everyone deserves the experience.

I have come to mature at Bryant University through the communication department as a writer, a listener, a scholar, a friend, a sister and a daughter, a student, an employee, an athlete, and human being. Merging that fast into the bigger outlook, I can say and know that I have become an efficient, effective, and successful communicator.

I learned through my communication experiences that not knowing what you want to do with the rest of your life is quite alright – I have met plenty of adults who have reminded me that they are still unsure about what they want to do... even if they have been an auditor for the past forty years! This is the best news any person looking for opportunity in the world could hear.

Without purposely trying to sound cliché, there are so many paths for us to choose from in life. For me, going to college and studying communication are two actions that I believe were successful decisions for my future. Choosing the remaining paths to come my way may involve advice and guidance from others, but I have no reservations.

Every successful mentor that you encounter will remind you to have your 5 year plan ready for after graduation. Well... mine is still being tweaked in my head as I have come up with about twelve different 5 year plans. What I can tell you is that you can be sure I will never work a day in my life. I will find a career (not a job) and I will love every second of it as if I was born to do it. Most importantly, I will develop my communication knowledge through new, real-world experience.

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The price of Valentine's Day

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The price of Valentine's Day spending is $13.19 billion. In recent years, though, this number has been closer to $13 billion, according to a CNN study. This includes the whopping $19.6 billion roses produced for the 61.8% of consumers that participate in Valentine's Day celebrations. While 73% of those flowers were bought by men, some single ladies embodied the holiday in good spirits by representing 14% of flower sales with roses bought to send to themselves. Even with all those flowers being bought, themed cards were actually the gift most often given at 32.1% of all gifts. Candy comes second with 47.5% followed by a romantic dinner out at 34.6%. As a holiday just after New Year’s and right before the sweet smell of spring, the nation loves an excuse to spend a little extra for the sake of love.

Here at Bryant, the average student follows suit. Popular Valentine celebrations for the couples on campus last February included a dinner out at Thayer Street, flowers for the lady and chocolates galore. When asked about how much a college student should spend for their Valentine, the response was varied. Some said it depended on the stage of the relationship while others proclaimed “go big or go home!”

Next to Christmas, Valentine’s Day is the second most expensive holiday on the calendar. It can be looked upon as charming or sinister depending on most cases, romance prevails. Billions of dollars go into things that virtually are only meant to be enjoyed for one day in your life. People show their love for others and find a reason to go out of their way for someone they care for, no matter the cost. As many Bryant students like to describe their spending for Valentine’s Day, “it was priceless”.

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nearest open cluster to our solar system at about 153 light years distant. Please note that Aldebaran is much closer to us and is not part of the Hyades cluster. It’s simply a matter of perspective from our vantage point.

Need another clue to find the Hyades? There is another bright open cluster of stars called the Pleiades just above and to the right of the Hyades. This grouping of six stars resembles the shape of the little dipper (with which it is often confused), only on a much smaller scale. The Pleiades stars also formed from a common dust cloud, perhaps similar in appearance to the Orion Nebula today. They are much farther from the Earth at a distance of approximately 425 light years. Long photographic exposures show some dust surrounding the cluster, but it is now believed it is a dust cloud through which the Pleiades is passing, and not remnants of the original stellar nursery from which it formed. (See accompanying image obtained by Skyscrapers’ secretary and past president Tom Thibault.)

Does the Pleiades open cluster look somewhat familiar to you for some reason? It should if you are an observant person. You see it every day as you drive down the highways and byways of every city and state. It’s the symbol for the Japanese car brand Subaru! Still can’t find this region of sky? You can download your own planisphere (star map) from Uncle Ali’s Sky Wheels on the Internet at http://www.lux.berkeley.edu/StarClock/kskywheel.html free of charge. I suggest printing it on heavy card stock so the paper stays intact during use. Simply follow the numbered directions.

Like most of the constellations, many diverse cultures have a history with Taurus similarly, usually giving it the attributes of an ox or bull. It may even be one of the oldest constellations. Why? From around 4000 B.C. to around 1700 B.C., the veiled equinox (beginning of spring) was in Taurus. This fact alone made it revered among ancient peoples.

In addition, let’s examine what classic mythology says about Taurus. Tanais, the Bull’s lover, fell in love with the beautiful Europa. To attract her attention the Bull transformed into a snow white bull. When Europe saw this beautiful animal, she climbed on to his back. By now she had been beautiful, but she wasn’t very smart. Jupiter made of wood a thornless separate. This thornless separate is commemorated in the sky as Taurus, and Europa had a continent named after her.

Also, the prominent Pleiades have a mythology of their own. They were seven beautiful sisters who were pursued by Orion. They didn’t want to marry him, so they pleaded with Jupiter for help. He changed them into doves and away they flew to the sky to find refuge among the stars. There the Pleiades dwell today, still being pursued by Orion to the east, with Taurus lying between them. Taurus is too busy fighting off the bull to even notice them.

Observing objects within Taurus can be quite rewarding with even low magnification optics. That includes both the Hyades and the Pleiades open clusters. While the more compact Pleiades look good to the unaided eye, a pair of 7x50 binoculars offer an even more striking view. Using a low-power eyepiece on a telescope so the entire cluster appears in the field of view will be very rewarding. The Pleiades reminded me of diamonds scattered upon black velvet. What do you see?

And last but not least, Taurus contains the remnants of a supernova explosion. A smudgy smudge of nebulosity, called the Crab Nebula (also known as M1), can be seen with a low-power eyepiece. Dark sky areas need a telescope. Larger telescopes show the intricate detail of the gases that were spewed out by the cataclysmic star explosion that occurred in 1054 A.D. A good star chart is required to find this beautiful object. Ask the telescope operators at any of the local observatories to show this spectacular remnant some 6,500 light years away.

While you’re enjoying the beauty of Taurus and his star clusters, direct your gaze to the east (left). You’ll see a bright object nestled within the stars of Gemini. (See star chart again.) It’s the planet Jupiter. Even a small telescope will reveal his four bright Galilean moons. If you don’t have a telescope, visit an observatory to observe the banded belts and zones detail of Jupiter’s cloud tops and possibly experience an event involving one of the moons.

So far this winter the extreme cold has kept many amateur astronomers indoors. However, once the temperatures moderate, spend some time out in the clear and transparent skies to marvel at the wonders of the sky. If possible, I’d suggest printing it on heavy card stock so the paper stays intact during use. Simply follow the numbered directions.

Bryant Horoscopes
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Pisces (2/19 to 3/20)
A couple rumors may be floating around about you this week, Pisces; perhaps you made a questionable decision over the weekend. Your friends may be reaching out to you to discuss the matter in depth, which could make you quite uncomfortable. Don’t take these rumors seriously; there is little realistic value. Try not to get yourself involved—the gossip will dissipate quickly. These rumors shouldn’t prevent you from having fun during the weekend ahead!

Aries (3/21 to 4/19)
It is important to be receptive to other people’s emotions this week, Aries. You have the tendency to close others off unintentionally. You will find a sensitive attitude towards your close friends will be extremely profitable. You must be willing to work hard to fulfill your responsibilities and promises in order to achieve extreme happiness. Don’t be afraid to say how you feel—it will be a pleasant change for those around you.

Taurus (4/20 to 5/20)
You have been trying to find a job after hearing some disturbing news about the world economy. You’re worried, that is understandable. Don’t stress about finding a job or you may settle for something unfavorable. The future is probably going to shape up far differently than you expected. With a little faith, your personal finances may turn upward.

Gemini (5/21 to 6/20)
You are very very very busy, Gemini. Whether it be with classes, internships, or your social life, you have quite the full plate. Take a few minutes to take a deep breath and relax. You may be feeling stress in extreme ways. Try an alternative like the gym, or a movie date with your BFF. Next week may be just as busy, but with a few simple techniques, you’ll get through it safely.

Cancer (6/21 to 7/22)
You have lately taken charge of your romantic situation, Cancer, and may be regretting taking such a strong stance. Stay true to your beliefs, and assure yourself you made the right decision. You might be afraid you came on too strong, but you will be respected for respecting yourself. Good things come to those who deserve them, no need to fret, Cancer.

Leo (7/23 to 8/22)
A roommate conflict may be in your future, but is easily solved! There has been miscommunication between you and your BFF, simply typical of those who live together. Don’t get nervous, this is bound to blow over. Meet your roommate at Nick’s and talk it out. If you share how you feel, and they do the same, the conflict will be resolved. It could be as easy as making sure you send a text before bringing a cute home from the bar.

Virgo (8/23 to 9/22)
Cherish your peace and quiet, Virgo. You have had quite an exciting month thus far. Your wishful mind will encourage progress. Allow yourself to consider other people’s fantasies, not simply your own. All this thinking will lead to amazingly creative ideas and opportunities.

Libra (9/23 to 10/22)
Your group project has been driving you insane, Libra, and its effecting all parts of your life. You’ve had some great past group experiences, but this semester’s project is just dragging you down. It’s normal—with all the Aries group projects there’s bound to be a bad experience. Just remember to take a step back and recognize this group probably won’t matter in ten years. As corny as it is, try to learn something from this experience, if you make this stressful time worthwhile.

Scorpio (10/23 to 11/21)
You will be caged with physical energy today, Scorpio. You’re going to want to visit friends, run around campus, and never stop! Embrace this surge of liveliness, deserve it. You’ll be happily tired at the end of the day, content to collapse into bed after a day well spent. Your friends will enjoy the excess energy as it will invigorate them as well. If you keep the positive energy, it could last for days.

Sagittarius (11/22 to 12/21)
You are going to have a great week, Sagittarius. Enterprises you worked hard for, involving your creative side (writing, speaking, drawing), are coming together nicely. Success is in the wind, embrace it. This reward will serve as a reminder to continue to pursue your interests. Who knows what the future will hold.

Good luck Sagittarius!

Capricorn (12/22 to 1/19)
You’re learning a new form of technology this week, Capricorn, most likely computer related. You’re confused, that’s understandable due to the modernism of the technology. Take it slow, let your brain relax. Learn the technology step by step, and take frequent breaks. Too much information at once will result in not being able to absorb any.

Aquarius (1/20 to 2/18)
You are strong and determined and more importantly, willing to do whatever it takes to get what you want. Take a few minutes this week to determine what your ambitions are and set a couple of goals. Your positive and goal-oriented attitude will help you accomplish these goals with little hardship and great success.

Fighting obesity
By Madyson Milordi
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According to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 35.7% of U.S. adults are obese. Some of the leading causes of preventable death are heart disease, type 2 diabetes, stroke, and certain kinds of cancer, all obesity-related diseases. In turn, obesity has drastically increased the annual medical costs in the United States.

Although obesity has become rather common, those who battle obesity are still often scrutinized. Do you ever find it hard not to stare at someone who is very overweight? Are you ever curious to see what they buy at a grocery store, or what they order in a restaurant? Does it frustrate you that this particular group of people is causing your health insurance rates to rise? They are ‘lazy’, they ‘did this to themselves’, they should ‘just stop eating so much’, right? This common thought process has caused a stigmatization of obese people.

While, everyone makes their own choices about what to eat and whether or not they will exercise, our country has not made it very easy to maintain a healthy weight. The majority of our foods are highly processed, which strips them of their nutritional value, adds harmful chemicals and synthetic ingredients. Furthermore, as America is such a fast-paced country, we tend to seek food options that are quick, easy and readily available. Eating out makes it even more challenging to find healthy options, and there are virtually no truly nutritious fast food options. When eating out, so many people fall for the advertising scams of restaurants promoting meals under a certain amount of calories. Just because a meal has a low calorie count, doesn’t mean it is good for you.

Not only is fast-food effortless, it is very cheap. Statistics have shown that lower-income Americans tend to have a higher obesity rate. The truth is eating healthy doesn’t have to be expensive. Additionally, many immigrants have the tendency to face significant health issues when they adopt U.S. mainstream diets and lifestyles. Due to the unhealthy change in diet for immigrants, they face significant rises in diabetes, obesity, and heart disease. All a result of U.S. adults obesity began in their childhood. Since 1980, childhood obesity has increased by 11%, leaving the U.S. with an 18% obesity rate for children. More likely than not, obese children are stigmatized by their peers in school, being known as the ‘fat kids’.

For the most part, children are not in control of what they eat or how active they decide to be. But, should they be. Most children don’t understand the importance of health, and that is why it is our duty to make sure they do.

Instead of looking down on people who struggle with the never ending battle against weight gain and disease, we should uplift them. It is also crucial to educate children and Americans about how to live a healthy lifestyle and the importance in doing so. Without education it is very difficult to see the criticality of leading a healthy lifestyle. So the next time you see someone who is very overweight, think twice before you judge them. Health is something we have learned and perceived from our surroundings. America has not given us a very good guideline of what ‘healthy’ is. That may be why 35.7% of Americans are suffering through the struggles of obesity.
**Don’t let them ruin your gaming fun**

By Nick Arabascio  
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Games are supposed to be fun, at least that’s why I play them. You know what makes games even more fun? Playing them with friends. You know what ruins the fun? People who take them too seriously. If you’ve ever played a competitive multiplayer game, you know the kind of horrible person I’m talking about. I like to call them the popular internet term “try-hard.” When they are winning, the game is going perfectly and they insist you are being no fun. When they are losing, they insist that there is something wrong with the game, something about the game has wronged them. The excuses fly, and they decide that they do not even want to play anymore. You all know this person. Next time you’re playing any kind of game, whether it be Call of Duty or even just Scrabble at a family party, here is your guide for dealing with (and having fun with) the try-hards that ruin the fun for everyone.

First you need to decide how you want to deal with the try-hard. This will depend on your current mood. Are you sick of them and just want them to shut up? Or are you in the mood for having some fun at their expense? Let’s take a game of Madden NFL for example. You are beating your friend by a sizeable margin, but it’s not over. Your friend is still holding out hope that he can make a comeback, until his running back fumbles and you recover it and run the ball in for a touchdown. Your friend erupts in rage, maybe he throws the controller at the wall. He calls the game cow droppings and claims it doesn’t count. So how should you deal with this rage-quitting friend of yours?

If you’re down to make this unfortunate situation fun for yourself, troll him. Tell him it’s just a game and that he is over-reacting; he’ll hate this. Nothing makes a poor sport more upset then telling him he’s a poor sport. Keep trolling until maybe he throws the controller at the wall. He calls the game cow droppings and claims it doesn’t count. So how should you deal with this rage-quitting friend of yours?

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2014 Oscar Nominations - Snubs and Surprises

By AJ Beltis
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As expected, this week’s announcement of the 2014 Oscar nominations raised a few eyebrows in Hollywood. Ranging from the foreseeable snubs for certain movies like Mud and Don Jon to shocking absences like Tom Hanks in Captain Phillips, several deserving names didn’t make the cut for the 2014 Academy Awards ballot in exchange for a few unexpected nods.

SNUBS:

Tom Hanks for Captain Phillips

Seriously, Academy?! My love for Captain Phillips wasn’t enormous, but I fully agree the biggest and most unexpected snub this year was for Tom Hanks. In the slowest parts of Captain Phillips, it was Hanks who kept me wanting to watch, and his acting in the final moments of the film should have been worthy of a nomination alone, not to mention his distressing character shift throughout the whole film.

Joseph Gordon-Levitt for Don Jon

Don Jon didn’t pick up much steam for awards season, but in my eyes Gordon-Levitt gave the best performance of his career, and his screenplay was near-perfect. I had hoped he would have been recognized in one of those categories, but no luck.

Carey Mulligan

She was the best part of both The Great Gatsby and Inside Llewyn Davis, but I guess the Academy didn’t agree with me.

The Way Way Back

In an ideal world, we’d see nominations for its screenplay and for the impressive performances by Allison Janney and Sam Rockwell. Very ideally, we’d see one for Best Picture, too.

Mud

This isn’t the first time you’ve heard this from me, and it’s not the last. I’ll keep it short this time. While most hope of Tye Sheridan being recognized for his powerhouse lead performance and for the film itself getting a Best Picture nomination was gone, I was crossing my fingers for a Best Screenplay nomination, a Supporting Actor nod for Matthew McConaughey, Best Music, or maybe even Cinematography. Nope. Nothing. Not one nomination for the best film of the year.

Pacific Rim

There’s no way it would have won over Gravity, but Pacific Rim’s visuals were definitely worthy of a nomination.

Epic

I’ve only seen Frozen and Despicable Me 2 on this list and how the latter somehow made it in over Epic is a disappointment.

Sally Hawkins for Blue Jasmine (and the whole mess of the Supporting Actress category)

In the movie she was just kind of there. What the Academy saw in her over Allison Janney, Carey Mulligan, Sarah Paulson in 12 Years a Slave, Oprah in The Butler, and even Chloe Grace Moretz in Kick-Ass 2, or Julianne Moore in Carrie is a bit puzzling.

SURPRISES:

Leonardo DiCaprio and Jonah Hill for The Wolf of Wall Street

I was happy when Leo won a Golden Globe because I was almost certain the Academy would overlook him yet again. Thankfully, they didn’t. Jonah Hill was another surprise and somehow edged in over predicted nominees like James Gandolfini.

Christian Bale for American Hustle

Didn’t see that coming. His last performance in a David O. Russell flick got him an Oscar win, but many thought he didn’t stand a chance at a nomination this year due to how tightly packed the Best Actor race was.

Blue Jasmine for Best Screenplay

So it didn’t get its worthy nomination for Best Picture, but thankfully Woody Allen’s script shows the Academy at least acknowledged his work.

Dallas Buyers Club

Everyone saw the nominations for McConaughey and Leto coming, but its nominations for Best Original Screenplay, and more importantly, Best Picture, were surprising to say the least, and if you ask me, extremely undeserved.

By Brendan Barstow

We’ve been friends for four years
Yet never spoken a word
Only verse and chorus, sung and heard.

I helped make you who you are
And you returned the favor.

Sharing Sounds
when I was down
A naïve life saver.

We stand together,
Long-lost brothers
As a party of two in wild elation
and as soldiers surviving devastation
You’ll attend my funeral
But we still won’t speak
After lifetimes fulfilled
in attempts unique
You’ll be terrified
and so will I
Scared to death to truly die
But in one final moment
before the future has rendered
we’ll remember we were happy
Just to be contenders.
Providence’s night life explored

By Matthew Gillen
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Sick of dealing with that creepy guy from your Marketing class every time you go to Rentes? Or maybe you’re tired of shaking off that girl you hooked up with two years ago when she “coincidentally” shows up to the same party as you every weekend. Whatever it is, you need a change of scenery. I’m not saying you’re boring for only partying on campus and at the same two bars with the same people every single weekend, but…

nope actually that’s exactly what I’m saying. Campus parties, Rentes and Efflins are fantastic, don’t get me wrong, but you’re severely limiting your potential for fun and adventure going to the same places weekend after weekend, semester after semester.

Providence may be small, but it is up there with Boston and NYC as one of the top party cities in the North East. Home to PC, RIC, RISD, Brown and JWU this city isn’t messing around when it comes to night life. With all of those local colleges and a combination of over 100 bars, clubs and restaurants, what Providence Rhode Island provides is variety and a whole lot of new, interesting people to meet.

I’ve spent many, many nights doing investigative journalism in Providence. I’m here to highlight a hypothetical night out for you from start to finish and narrow down the host of choices it contains.

Start: Pregame Bar(s) – Empire Street/Washington Street – No covers

My favorite place to kick nights off is on Empire Street. There are a ton of bars in this area and there is a very rare, free parking lot on Empire. I’ll usually start at,

Muldowney’s Pub – a friendly Irish dive bar with a pool table and a karaoke machine. After a few drinks here I’ll possibly bounce over to,

Finnegan’s Wake – also on Empire Street. Saturday night at Finnegan’s, college students get in free with their IDs. They have a pretty big dance floor and decent drink prices. I’ve met a lot of JWU and PC students here. Another option is to hop over to Washington Street which is perpendicular to this one. There we have,

Blake’s Tavern – Similar to Muldowney’s, a more low key bar, tables and chairs to sit and talk with your friends. Across the street is

Start: Bar 21 – This is a bar with a medium sized dance floor, the crowd is older and it’s always packed. It gets very tight and it’s kind of hard to maneuver here. People love the DJ though. These places are more of an appetizer but if you’re having a good time feel free to stay for the rest of the night. If you’re like me and have to keep moving we’ll move on.

Main Course: Popular Bars/Clubs

Many options here but I’ll narrow it down to the better favorites but there are about 7 other restaurants on Thayer. I’ll leave you with that. Do yourself and your friends a favor and branch out a little bit during your time here. By spending a night in Providence once and a while you’ll be opening yourself to so many more fun, crazy experiences and new people. Finally, as always, please drink responsibly when you go out. Get a DD, call a cab or leave yourself plenty of time to sober up before driving home.

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