Overhaul Tax faces tough road

By Nicholas Calabro
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Recently, there was a bill proposed that would significantly alter the tax code itself. The proposal was made by Republican U.S. Representative Dave Camp from Michigan. The bill has been brought into effect. In fact, according to even some Republicans, it may not ever be brought into effect.

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Getting immersed in Italian at Bryant

By Kelsey DiCarlo
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Studying a language has innumerable benefits. When it came time to select a college, I was already fairly limited because I was searching specifically for a school that offered Actuarial Science as a major. After compiling that short list, I started to look into which schools also offered a course of study in Italian. Lo and John John Bryant (R-Oklahoma) was at the top of my list. This unique combination of co-offerings is without a doubt the number one top of my list. This unique combination of co-offerings is without a doubt the number one.

Even though I already knew a great deal of the basics, I started in Italian 105 at Bryant with Professoressa Misuraca my freshman year. To complete the minor, students need to take Italian 305, a 300 level elective, and a 400 level elective in Italian. The class provides a lot of personal attention and chances to participate.

I stuck with it each semester and my language proficiency led me to study abroad my junior year, in the Fall of 2012. I studied abroad in Florence, and I highly recommend any and every Bryant student to study abroad at one point in their college career. I used Italian language skills every day. I took my Italian 300 level elective while abroad, a history of Italian Renaissance Art. I loved being able to spend half of class reviewing a PowerPoint of several famous works, and then using the second half of class to go to the museums that house them and see them for myself.

My fellow study abroad students sought me out as their tutor for their Italian classes, I was the one to call the landlord and speak to him in Italian when the Wi-Fi in our apartment broke for the umpteenth time. I was the one to decipher the menu items, to ask for directions, to read the maps, subtitles, street signs, you name it. And I loved every minute of it.

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This year, my senior year at Bryant, I have most utilized as the President of the Italian American Association. Last semester we hosted a cannoli - making event which was a huge success. For a small fee, students can sign up to make six cannoli, with all of the ingredients provided by the IAA. Cannoli are an absolutely delicious Italian treat indigenous to the region of Sicily. This semester, we are hosting all sorts of events, including co-hosting Taste of the World in April. We are also having a taramisu - making, similar to the cannoli making last semester, on March 19th at 3:30 PM in the Music Conference Room in the Fischer Center. The Italian American Association is also hosting a film, La Sicilliana Ribelle, co-sponsored with the Alliance for Women’s Awareness, on March 26th at 2 PM in U212.

I am completing my Italian minor by doing a directed study for my 400 level course on Italian Film. I am excited for the events the IAA will host this spring, and hope to find a new e-board who share the passion for Italian Language and culture. If you have any questions about the Italian minor, the IAA, or studying abroad, feel free to email iaa@bryant.edu and I or another e-board member will answer your questions. A presto!
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"Legally Blonde: The Musical" is coming to a Jenkins near you! Most people have either seen or heard of Legally Blonde: The Movie, but Legally Blonde: The Musical! With music and lyrics by Laurence O’Keefe and Nell Benjamin and book by Heather Hach, "Legally Blonde" tells the story of Elle Woods, a sorority girl who enrolls at Harvard Law School in a calculated attempt to win back her ex-boyfriend Warner Huntington III after he decides that she is not "serious" enough for him.

"We decided to do Legally Blonde this year after there appeared to be a lot of interest in the show around campus," said junior Ashley Knowlton. "A lot of people were coming up to me with excitement about it, even though we did not even make our final decision yet."

Knowlton currently serves as the president of the Bryant Players and this semester has also taken on the momentous task of directing this year's spring musical.

Knowlton expressed that her favorite aspect of the production were the elaborate musical numbers. "We have a professional choreographer from New York City that came to help us out and created numerous dance numbers that are definitely going to impress the audience," she said.

"Legally Blonde" follows Elle as she struggles to find her professional place at the world renowned university, while at the same time trying to stay true to her genuine, funny, pink-loving self.

"Being Elle is incredible," said freshman Mikayla Ott, who stars as Elle Woods. "I’ve wanted to play her since I first saw the movie many years ago, so this is an absolute dream come true. When I first read the cast list I don’t think I stopped smiling for like two weeks, and I’m still just as excited as I was when I actually found out!"

Freshman Liam Rice, who plays Warner, Elle’s pretentious ex-boyfriend, explained how the role is perfect for him. "I love tormenting Mikayla on stage. I think she’s a great actress, she plays Elle so well."

With rehearsals starting in January, the cast has been working Monday through Thursday from 9 PM to 11 PM, with many nights stretching near midnight.

"We have such a great time rehearsing," said Rice. "I love spending every night with this crazy cast. It’s so fun to interact with everyone’s different characters, both on and off stage."

Knowlton added that "the strength of this cast is their determination and overall excitement for the show. It is really helpful when the entire cast is really excited about the show and the songs" she said. "It allows for the rehearsals to be great environment. The entire cast has been dedicated to this production, and it will show during the performances."

The cast includes Mikayla Ott ’17 as Elle Woods, John DeMauro ’15 as Emmett Forest, Liam Rice ’17 as Warner Huntington III, Katie Tretiak ’15 as Vivienne Kensington, Maggie Keane ’14 as Brooke Wyndham, Ryan Miller ’14 asMaterial Girl, and Raheem Champion ’16 as Pauline, Michelle Sangolwy ’17 as Pilaf, Abby Armstrong ’15 as Margot, Ellie Badaracco ’15 as Serena, Alexandra Cyburn ’14 as Enid Hoopes, Jenny Brewer ’16 as Kate, Raheem Champion ’16 as Carlos, Bradley Zaremski ’16 as Kyle the UPS man, Jessie Hodges ’17 as Mrs. Woods and Chutney Wyndham, and Cristina DeGaetano ’16 as Lezlianne.

"Legally Blonde" will be performed Friday March 28th and Saturday March 29th both at 7 pm, and a Sunday matinee on March 30th at 2 pm. All performances will be held in the Janikies Auditorium. Discounted tickets will be sold in the rotunda throughout the week of the show, $3 for students, $5 for seniors and faculty, and $8 for the general public. Tickets will also be available at the door: $5 for students, $7 for seniors and faculty and $10 for the general public. Hope to see you there!
Bored with that plain chocolate brownie?

My suggestion to fix this is simple…introduce your boring brownie to its new best friend, peanut butter! Nothing can beat the peanut butter and chocolate power couple; sorry Beyoncé and Jay-Z.

First you turn your brownies into cups, so ultimately you can fill them with anything your heart desires. After the brownies are baked, you pour some melted peanut butter into the brownie cup and even add some peanut butter chips as well, if you’re really in a peanut-butter-crazy mood. This combination of flavors may be déjà vu to your mouth, but you’re sure in for a surprise when you bite into these brownie cups.

Yes, for you lazy people out there, Reese’s offer a quicker way to get that peanut butter-chocolaty taste, but which is more enticing: a warm brownie filled with peanut butter fresh out of the over or an overpriced candy fresh off the sale shelf it’s been sitting on for a week or two? I could make that decision for you in my sleep! What more do you need to make this recipe? I was convinced just by seeing the picture! Brownie Bite Peanut Butter Cups is a quick, clean, and simple recipe that’ll satisfy anyone’s dessert cravings.

Ingredients:

For the Brownies:
- 2/3 cup butter at room temperature
- 1 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon water
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 2 eggs
- 1 1/2 cup flour
- 1/2 cup cocoa powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. baking soda

For the peanut butter filling:
- 1/4 cup of peanut butter
- 1/4 cup of peanut butter chips

Directions:

For the Brownies:
1) Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
2) Beat butter, sugar, water and vanilla together until it is fluffy.
3) Next, add the eggs and beat well.
4) Stir together all dry ingredients. Gradually add to sugar mixture.
5) Refrigerate dough for at least 2 hours or overnight.
6) Line small muffin pans with paper (to make 48 bites). Shape dough into small-sized walnut balls, and place in cups. Bake for 10 minutes (will be soft).
7) Place peanut butter in a small microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on high for 45 seconds; then stir. While brownies are still hot, spoon about a tablespoon of peanut butter into the center of each brownie. Top the brownies with chocolate chips and peanut butter chips.
8) Cool completely in pan.

Additional toppings:
You may want to dust them with powdered sugar before serving. You can also press Hershey’s kisses into the middle of the brownies instead of using peanut butter.
Secrets of the Ukraine revealed

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regional language, effectively banning it for the second time in ten years. Even though one of the key protests points was the fact that many key government positions are held by oligarchs, the new regime has quickly replaced governors in the pro-Russian East by their own oligarchs, loyal to them. Up until February 21st, the East of the country has remained largely calm, however as the new regime has shown to be aggressive and hostile towards Russian language and culture which are predominant in the East, widespread pro-Russian demonstrations have swept across the region, being the strongest in Crimea. In all of this Crimea has its own unique role, as it is a semi-independent entity which has its own government. Not only does it have an autonomous status, but Crimea population is over 60% ethnically Russian, and historically used to be a part of Russia.

The reality of what is happening today with Crimea largely depends on whether you perceive the new Kiev (capital of Ukraine) government as legitimate or illegitimate. US and EU both perceive the new government as legitimate and refuse to acknowledge that what happened on February 21st was a military coup. Russia on the other hand refuses to acknowledge the new government in Kiev as legitimate, continuously pushing the notion that the agreement signed on February 20th should be upheld as it is the only truly democratic way to deescalate the conflict. With Russia’s perspective in mind, now exiled president Yanukovich has asked Russia for military help. In addition the Crimean government has refused to follow Kiev’s orders and also asked Russia for military help in securing the peninsula. This is where Russian military comes into play. It is currently estimated that there are over 16,000 Russian troops in Crimea; however President Putin has never given an order to send the troops in, so where did they come from? Crimea has been a staging ground for the Russian Black Sea Fleet for decades, with a military cooperation treaty, allowing Russia to maintain up to 25,000 soldiers in Crimea. Normally these troops are located in their military bases and ports on the peninsula, however as the new regime has quickly replaced governors in the pro-Russian East by their own oligarchs, loyal to them.

Crimea has been under Russian control for over a week now. However it is not just the Russian military that played a role in securing the peninsula. A majority of the Ukrainian Navy has switched sides, and sworn their allegiance to Crimean government, and so did over 80% of all military personnel stationed there. The complete isolation from Kiev, coupled with increased distrust towards the new regime, has resulted in a referendum, where over 75% of Crimeans participated and over 97% of voters have voted for separation from Ukraine in favor of rejoining Russia. International observers have confirmed that the referendum was fair and carried out without interference. This raises a huge question, of whether Crimea has the right to be independent. Russia says yes, while EU and US say no because such action is in violation of Ukrainian territory and constitution. However there have been precedents in the past that prove that right for self-determination supersedes all territorial authority. A clear cut example is Kosovo, which was a territory of Serbia, but was allowed to succeed from it, due to strong support from US and EU and them quoting the UN charter which states that all people have the right for self-determination.

Well with all of this being said, what about my personal opinion? I am Ukrainian, and I personally believe that all sides of this conflict are completely wrong, and everybody seems to forget the word of law and only use it when it is convenient for them. The Ukrainian constitution got thrown out the window during this revolution, but is now somehow used as a source of authority for the new regime. International law denounces military coups but somehow if you avoid using the word coup and call it democratic transition, then the law is not violated. People have the right for self-determination but only when it’s in the interest of big players. The double standards are almost laughable if you look at this situation from the outside. I know that nobody likes Putin, and if you watch the news they often portray him as the evil mastermind, which he often is, but for once he is taking a neutral stance, which is enactment of the treaty of February 20th, the only truly lawful and democratic way to get out of this mess, where everybody gets what they want.

However it appears that the point of no-return has been crossed. Crimean people have spoken, and they will never come back to us. Even if EU drags them back into Ukraine, they will still feel separate from us in their hearts. However none of this scares me as much as the fact that Right Sector is growing. Many key government positions are now occupied by radicals with extremist views and the Right Sector troops have been officially recognized as law enforcement. It is the kind of law enforcement that took and killed hostages in the city of Kharkov last week in order to stop the pro-Russian protestors. It is the kind of law enforcement that wears Nazi Swastika among their uniforms and is proud of it. Our previous government was god awful, but on February 21st we all woke up to something much worse.
Best places to launch a startup in 2014

By John Zeiner
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1. San Diego, CA
Small businesses ranked in the top five on nearly every category to lift San Diego into the top spot. There is heavy concentration in projected high-growth industries, specifically real estate, computer systems design and related services, support activities for mining and personal and household goods repair and maintenance. They are also highly likely to have websites, and are well-reviewed online.

2. Austin, TX
Largely credited with respect to high-growth industries and businesses in the computer software and service industry. Austin also leads in the top ten for the best-reviewed businesses category.

3. Denver, CO
The city of Denver is home to several companies and they are ranked in the top five on nearly every category to lift San Diego into the top spot. They have a high concentration in computer software and services, sixth for businesses most likely to accept credit cards and fourth among businesses with Facebook pages.

4. Portland, OR
The city of Portland is ranked in the top five on nearly every category to lift San Diego into the top spot. They have a high concentration in computer software and services, fifth for businesses most likely to accept credit cards and third among businesses with Facebook pages.

5. Seattle, WA
The city of Seattle is ranked in the top five on nearly every category to lift San Diego into the top spot. They have a high concentration in computer software and services, fourth for businesses most likely to accept credit cards and second among businesses with Facebook pages.

6. Boston, MA
Boston loves beer

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For business leaders, the question is: Which NFL free agents have the potential to reshape the market? For example, many teams have a hard time sustaining their high performance after switching teams via free agency. Still, some teams may have less dependence on interaction with teammates, knowledge of a particular system, and positions may have less dependence on interaction with other players. A wide receiver’s performance depends on the knowledge of a particular offensive system, experience within that system, time spent working with a particular quarterback, etc. A punter’s performance is not dependent on those around him to the same degree as a wide receiver. He claimed with Yunegling being one of the best-liked small businesses in Massachusetts coming up with millions of dollars invested from the breweries and distributor partners to make sure that the brand is viable. With an average of 5% Web-savviness, plus a high score among best-liked businesses rankings put this city on our map. Portland is near the bottom in terms of all high-growth industries, but they are likely to be in the top ten among computer software and services. These small businesses are also highly likely to have websites and Facebook pages.

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In New England this morning, the gnashing of teeth and cries of agony can be heard in the streets. The team autocorrected that super star player leave via free agency. Why can’t the Patriots just pay the money? Belichick and Kraft are too cheap. You heard it here first. However, some NFL writers have commented that signing high-priced free agents has been fool’s gold for the most part in past years. The Patriots fans do not want to hear the truth. They want stars.

Is there a lesson here for all business leaders? Boris Groysberg has done fascinating research on the mobility of star performers. He began his work by focusing on superstar Wall Street analysts. He found that many firms pay too dollar to recruit away superstar analysts from competing firms. In the end, many of those superstar experiences a performance decline at their new firm. Why? Groysberg argues that we underestimate the extent to which that high performance was driven by the team autocorrected that super star, the supporting organizational context, etc. In other words, we attribute too much of their high performance to their internal abilities. We underestimate external factors. We also discount the difficulty of adapting to a new organizational system and structure. Groysberg has argued that the same trap of chasing stars occurs in many fields.

Several years ago, he studied punters and wide receivers in the NFL. He found that wide receivers experienced a decline in performance when they switched teams (above and beyond the normal decline associated with age). Punters, on the other hand, did not suffer a performance drop after switching teams. What’s going on? Groysberg and his colleagues argued that some positions involve much more interaction with a wide receiver’s performance depends on the knowledge of a particular offensive system, experience within that system, time spent working with a particular quarterback, etc. A punter’s performance is not dependent on those around him to nearly the same degree. Now think about other NFL positions, many of them are much more like the wide receiver than the punter. Therefore, many players often have a hard time sustaining their high performance after switching teams via free agency. Still, some teams may have less dependence on interaction with teammates, knowledge of a particular system, etc. Coaches and general managers should be thinking about the “portability” of each position.

For business leaders, the question is: Which stars in your firm have talent and skills that are more portable than others? Think carefully about the work that these stars do. Think about their position and role on the team, not just their individual ability. In what ways do these stars experience a performance decline when switching organizations? For what types of positions will people be able to maintain a high performance in a new system and with new colleagues?
Corey Maynard: a true Bryant Bulldog

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Maynard’s sportsmanship against LIU gives him respect throughout Bryant community

By defeating Creighton, Providence College advance to the NCAA tournament for first time since 2004

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Madness at PC: Friars earn berth in tournament

Despite being a small state, Rhode Island has some great collegiate basketball programs. One of the most difficult disadvantages of being a small state is giving national recognition and making that big leap as a basketball team, especially in the NCAA. Providence College didn't let this stop them from making a huge splash in the NCAA, earning their first berth in the NCAA Tournament since 2004.

In the first year of the new Big East division, the Friars were able to outlast the Creighton Blue Jays in the final game of the Big East Tournament. The Friars outlasted the Blue Jays, 65-56, to become Big East Champions and earn its first tournament berth since 2004. Despite phenomenal play from Creighton’s Doug McDermott and a last minute comeback attempt, Providence College was able to hold on to the final minutes and get off the bubble to earn their ticket to the big dance and March Madness.

Senior guard Bryce Cotton, who has come up big for the Friars all year long, played all forty minutes in the game against Creighton. He led Providence College with 23 points, and scored some big buckets down the stretch to secure the victory for the Friars. The Friars ended the season with an impressive 23-11 record, and could not be more proud of their efforts after surviving in a very competitive Big East Conference. The team also came up against insurmountable odds by upsetting the heavily favored Creighton Blue Jays and defeating one of the nation’s best scorers in McDermott. The Friars should be proud of how far they have made it.

However, one of the biggest challenges awaits the Friars this coming Friday. Providence College will meet the UNC Tar Heels in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. UNC, a prestigious basketball program that has won multiple national championships, finished 23-9, and will be the best team the Friars have faced all year long. The Friars will be the 11 seed in the tournament, while the Tar Heels are the sixth seed. Since it is a tournament game, the game will be held in San Antonio, Texas on a neutral court, and the game is this Friday at 7pm. Even though this will be a huge test for the Friars, one of the most intriguing matchups to watch will be Cotton against Tar Heel guard Marcus Paige. The 6’1’’ sophomore guard has averaged just over 17 points per game and is shooting just under 40 percent from three point land. He will be one of the most dangerous scorers not just in the tournament, but he will be one the best players that Providence College has to play against. The Friars not only have a big challenge against the Tar Heels, but shutting down one of the nation’s best shooters will be a challenge all in itself.

In the opening round of NCAA play, it’s difficult for the underdog to upset the top seed because of how far apart the two seeds are. The Friars will face a huge test against the Tar Heels this Friday. Given the players on the roster and the history of each program, UNC is heavily favored in this game. However, if the Friars can manage to upset them and win in the opening round, they could really make some noise in the NCAA tournament, and it would be one of the biggest wins in their program’s history.

Guard Corey Maynard has been a great leader for the Bulldogs all year long

By Justin Beaucage
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Following a devastating loss to St. Francis by a mere one point in the first round of the NEC tournament, the Bryant Bulldogs’ season is over. Their tournament and NEC dreams have come to an end, and the team is looking forward to getting back to the top next season. Despite the loss, Bryant University has taken great pride in having phenomenal student athletes who show great character on and off the playing fields. Win or lose, Bryant is proud to call these players their own.

Bulldogs’ guard Corey Maynard proudly represents what Bulldogs’ sports are all about, and Bryant is glad he is wearing black and gold. In the regular season finale against LIU Brooklyn, the Bulldogs had the lead with just a few minutes left on the clock. Brooklyn point guard, Jack Brickman, was stuffing the stat sheet in this game, recording his eleventh assist to become the third player in NCAA history to record 1,000 assists in his career. However, the guard needed one more assist to become just the second player in NCAA history to average ten points and ten assists in a season. With both teams fully knowing the situation, with less than a minute to go, Maynard let a Brooklyn player go right by him on defense, allowing Brickman to find him for the easy score. This gave Brickman the final assist he needed, and game play was stopped to allow each team to react and the crowd to congratulate Brickman for his phenomenal accomplishment.

In his illustrious basketball career, he has Maynard to thank for his final accomplishment. Maynard’s act of sportsmanship and character is one that is hard to find in a lot of players. However, he knew that this was an achievement Brickman really deserved.

“Jason has been a great player for the last four years,” Maynard said regarding his actions in the team’s final game. “We’ve had some great battles over our careers, and I know how much of a quality person he is. So, it was an easy decision for me. If anybody deserved it, it was him.”

This wasn’t a normal situation, and his normal situation would irritate coaches. “After he told me Jason only needed one more assist to average a double-double on the year, I told one of their players to cut behind me to the hoop to get a score. It looked real obvious and left a few people a bit confused, but I was happy to do it.”

Of course, letting anyone score in a normal situation would irritate coaches. This wasn’t a normal situation, and his coaches and teammates were happy that he let Brickman have this honor.

“They were just happy we got the win,” said Maynard. “Everyone was in good spirits, and it always makes the team feel good about themselves when you can win and display good sportsmanship. To be viewed as good sports is a big part and we are happy we can represent Bryant the right way.”

It wasn’t just Bulldog nation that appreciated Maynard’s act of kindness. Brickman himself went up to Maynard following the game and thanked him for what he did.

“We talked about how we couldn’t believe how fast four years had gone by and how much fun we had competing against each other,” Maynard said. “We have had some great battles in our careers, and we have the utmost respect for each other as players and people. I was happy he could achieve such things on his senior day. He has left a great legacy on that program and in the NEC.”

Maynard knows that getting victories and having team success is one of the most important parts of college basketball. However, he knows being a good teammate and showing sportsmanship is just as important.

“It’s definitely something that should be present at all times on a sporting field,” Maynard said. “My family had always stressed to me how important respect was on any playing field. It’s truly a privilege to be able to compete and play a game that we love, and we should always have respect for that.”

As a senior, Maynard has finished his career as a Bryant Bulldog. However, he has always been a proud member of just Bryant athletics, but as a member of the Bryant community. With his phenomenal play and unbelievable sportsmanship, Maynard will always be respected by Bryant University.
The Grady bunch: Sizemore silences critics at Red Sox Spring Training

By Justin Beaucage
Sports Editor

Grady Sizemore has been a great story for the Red Sox in Spring Training (MCT Campus)

Earlier this month, the 76ers decided to reward him “AI” is one of the most accomplished, decorated NBA athletes of all time, and made impacts on the game that no one else could make in his 14 year career. At 6’0” even, many doubted him to have any success in the league whatsoever. However, despite his small size, he made a bigger impact on the game than most in the league, and he will be enshrined as one of basketball’s greats. Ever since he was drafted by the 76ers first overall in 1996, AI has changed the game, and wowed fans with his ability to be a steal for the Red Sox. He has never hit over .300 in a season, and he is batting .381 during spring training. Maybe all Sizemore needed was some time off to get healthy. “Jacoby who?” and will be one of the better players for the Red Sox this season.

Sizemore has looked like his old, healthy self in the 21 games he has played this preseson. In these games, he has hit .381 and has only struck out once. He has also had a diving catch and another catch on the way to his highlight reel catches every game. In his most recent game against the Cardinals, he took a deep breath when Sizemore hit the wall, thinking he might be out for the season given his injury history. Despite the fall, he got right back up, apparently unharmed. He also had a great day from the plate, going 3 for 4 with two singles and a double. His play has gotten coaches’ attention and has raised some eyebrows in Boston. Not only is he proving he can be a productive player in Boston, but he is making his case to be the Red Sox’s centerfielder on Opening Day. Head coach John Farrell has not announced who will be starting in two weeks when the Red Sox’s season opens, but Sizemore is certainly convincing the Sox it should be him. He has shown the potential that, after two years of not playing baseball, he is completely healthy. If this is the case, the Red Sox got an All-Star caliber player for quite the bargain.

Before this, Sizemore was an extremely good player with the Cleveland Indians. He was a two time Gold Glove winner and even won a Silver Slugger Award with the Indians. The Sox are hoping that, after his recent play, his comeback helps Sizemore get back to becoming this player. Although there is some concern about his injuries and how he might be held together by duck tape at this point, Sizemore can still be a productive player in this league. If his recent play suggests anything, the Sox might get the old Sizemore back and then some. He has never hit over .300 in a season, and he is batting .381 during spring training. Maybe all Sizemore needed was some time off to get healthy. “Jacoby who?” and will be one of the better players for the Red Sox this season.

Allen Iverson thanking the Philadelphia crowd (MCT Campus)

Iverson honored as Philadelphia all time great 76ers honor Allen Iverson by retiring his No 3 jersey

By Justin Beaucage
Sports Editor

An 11 time All-Star with over 1900 steals, averaging over 24 points per game in his career, over 5,600 assists, and a MVP is what 76ers shooting guard Allen Iverson’s basketball resume looks like. What else could Iverson add to this impressive trophy case of accomplishments? How about getting his number “3” retired by the Philadelphia 76ers, where he will always be remembered as a Philadelphia great.

He also said he will always be a part of Philadelphia, and that this city will always be a part of him. Plenty of players around the league had nothing but good things to say about Iverson. All-stars such as Lebron James and Kobe Bryant said Iverson’s impact on the game was unbelievable, and he will always be respected. These two players even said Iverson inspired them to continue playing in the NBA. James even said Iverson is the reason he has tattoos and wears a headband, as this is what AI sported every game. Even former players, such as Shaquille O’Neal, have nothing but respect for Iverson and what he meant to the game of basketball.

Iverson will always be known as a fierce competitor who paved the way for smaller players in the NBA. He always played with 100 percent competitiveness and effort, and gave everything he had to the game of basketball. As “pound for pound,” one of the greatest to ever play, Iverson is basketball, and he should see himself enshrined in the NBA’s Hall of Fame one day.
New York the next title town? Phil Jackson looks to help rebuild the Knicks

Knicks hire Phil Jackson as team president, hoping he can bring championship to New York

By Justin Beauchage
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It has been a rough season in New York, to say the least. If fans haven’t jumped on to the Nets bandwagon yet, they might soon. After being one of the biggest surprise teams last year and earning its first playoff series victory since the 1999 season, everything for the Knicks have been a disaster. The team has a disappointing record of 27-40, and is three games out of the eighth seed in the weak Eastern Conference. To say that the Knicks are one of the biggest disappointments this year would be an understatement. From wanting to run its coach out of town, to a lack of effort from players, and even a player getting arrested for possession of weapons, nothing has gone right for the Knicks this season.

This past Tuesday, the Knicks took a step in the right direction. The Knicks finally introduced their new Team President: former head coach Phil Jackson. This will be Jackson’s first stint as an NBA executive, as most people are used to him being on the sideline coaching. Jackson is a legend when it comes to being an NBA coach. As a 13 time NBA Champion (11 times as a coach, 2 as a player), Jackson is one of the most successful people in the NBA, and he knows how to win. He has coached some of the best players of all time, including Kobe Bryant, Shaquille O’Neal, and the legendary Michael Jordan. Jackson was the man behind the Chicago Bull’s two three-peat championships, as he and Jordan were a duo the rest of the NBA couldn’t compete against.

Jackson knows how to win, and that’s exactly what the Knicks need. Despite never holding an executive position before, there is a lot of optimism in New York about Jackson’s hiring. In many of the coaching situations he had, Jackson had the opportunity to have some say and input in the players that his team drafted or pursued in free agency. He had the chance to not just build the team that was around him, but the chance to also build a game plan that was best suited for those players. That’s what made Jackson one of the most successful coaches in NBA history. In New York, as a leader of the front office, he will have this same chance and will be able to build a championship roster.

One of the biggest pieces, and question marks to the potential of this championship run for the Knicks is All-Star forward Carmelo Anthony. He will become a free agent if he opts out of his contract at the end of this season, and has already said he will test the free agent market. New York hopes that hiring Jackson, in addition to the 30 million dollars extra only the Knicks can offer, will bring Anthony back to the Knicks in the offseason. Anthony has already said that he really likes the hire, and that this will really make him think about going back to New York next season. He knows Jackson is a proven winner, and he would be willing to do anything to help New York win a championship. At this point in his career, Anthony wants to win a championship, and he will be willing to do anything to have this opportunity, even if it means adjusting his playing style. This will certainly be something to watch as the Knicks move forward.

Other players, such as power forward Amare Stoudemire and center Tyson Chandler, have welcomed Jackson to the Big Apple. They know that they want to win championships, too. There isn’t a better way to winning championships than adding someone who has done it multiple times. If Jackson can get the talent on the roster, the Knicks could make a run. Although they may not be in position to make a run at a championship this season, his hire bring title hopes back to for the next couple of seasons for the New York Knicks.

Phil Jackson introduced as the Knick’s new team president (MCT Campus)

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Chuck’s spelling hasn’t improved quite as much as his wardrobe has. Shaq is a little jealous.

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Redskins need respectful name

In response to ‘Redskins may become red faced over controversy,’ Cameron Frye gives his perspective

By Cameron Frye
Contributing Writer

In response to Matthew Gil- len’s February 25, 2014 opinion article entitled Redskins may become red faced over controversy, I would like to take the opportunity to offer my opinion and sentiments. As the level of controversy regarding the name of the Washington Redskins continues to escalate, I think it is absolutely imperative to present both sides of the argument. With that being said, I will take a position that I hope will assist in better understanding the importance of taking the time to think more importantly, a position that will prompt one to look at this issue from a different perspective.

Clearly, the paramount issue remains that the term ‘Redskin,’ coined by Europeans, was used to identify Native Americans by their skin complexion. As mentioned in this article, it is thought by some to be a racial slur that is derogatory and offensive toward Native Americans. In contrast, others feel differently, resulting in a massive disparity as to the appropriateness of the term ‘Redskin.’

From a Native American standpoint, it is similar to other racial slurs used in reference to members of the African, Hispanic, and Asian community. The above slurs, among others, come from a non-native demeaning, insulting, inappropriate, and disrespectful. To help put this context into play, would the NFL ever allow a team to attach or associate such terms with their organization? So, why is the spirit of fairness, why should the NFL continue to allow Washington to use the term Redskins, as it is demeaning, insulting, inappropriate, and disrespectful toward Native Americans. Roger Goodell, the commissioner of the NFL, recently declared in a public statement that the Redskins, “have presented the name in a way that has honored Native Americans.” As one reflects on that assertion, one may find him or her questioning its validity given that the term ‘Redskin’ was coined and used primarily by the Caucasian community, in other words, it was

‘Redskin is in no way, shape or form respectful or even honorable.’

The use of the term Redskins is not only dishonorable, but it is also disrespectful. In the article, the author mentions, “the team has never showed any disrespect to the people it represents and everyone associated with it are proud to be called Redskins.” Well, if that were the case, there would be little disparity, and more importantly there would be no controversy surrounding the name and logo, however, that is not the case.

The simple fact that the logo inaccurately depicts Native American culture, and that the term Redskins has a negative connotation for many, make it disrespectful. It is easy for non-Native Americans to say it is not disrespectful or dishonorable, but if you put it into a different context that directly relates to him or her personally I am not sure how easy it would be to make that same assertion.

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It is all about perspective, and unfortunately many who are in support of keeping the name Redskins have neglected to look at this from a different perspective, mainly that of a Native American. So, in an effort to urge one to look at this issue from a different perspective, I will put this into context.

Instead of being called the Washington Redskins imagine if they were called the Washington Whiteskins and their symbol depicted a white Irish man who appeared to be drunk. Is that respectful or honorable? No. And although some may argue it is white others may argue it is not, one thing we can all agree upon is that it is not an accurate depiction of the Caucasian community. Obviously not all Caucasian people are Irish, and not all Irish people drink heavily; however, the connotation is that they are common misconceptions and stereotypes. Unfortunately, people do not understand the true impact or implications of such things until it applies directly to them. If Native Americans were the dominant culture, as they were prior to the arrival of the Europeans and a NFL team was named the Whiteskins I suspect there would be just as much controversy surrounding the name. Wouldn’t you? So, I suggest before one goes ahead and claims it is not a big deal or declares that it is an invalid argument supported by no evidence that one take a moment and truthfully consider how one would feel if put into the same position.

All things considered, it is time. It is time for the Washington Redskins franchise to seriously consider changing their name. Washington ought to act swiftly though, as the opposition is garnering increasingly more support from not just the Native American community, but the non-Native American community as well. Opponents like Senator Maria Cantwell and Representative Jim Cole are in no position to compromise with anything less than a name change.

As the controversy continues to heighten, it would probably be a good idea for Washington to carefully consider the impact their name has on the Native American culture. In order to do so, however, that may require decision makers to look at this from a different perspective.

No matter what perspective you look at it, though, the term ‘Redskin’ is in no way, shape, or form respectful or even honorable. In the spirit of fairness, it is only right that Washington reevaluates their decision on this controversial matter and takes into account the level of impact the term ‘Redskin’ has on many Native Americans.

Snow’s affects on parking

By Jenna Husted
Staff Writer

If you have a car on campus, you have probably realized how difficult it is to drive it through the parking lots during the winter. Especially when the plows come by and pile up all of the snow right around, there must be an answer to this problem.

Cleaning off your car and shoveling yourself out is not always enough to fully get out either. So what are you supposed to do when you have shoveled yourself out but there is a sheet of ice underneath your tires? After trying everything, calling DPS is not going to help either. They will let you borrow a shovel, then just tell you to call AAA.

In that case, they would just end up tow ing your car, and no one wants that to happen. You would think there would be a better system set up for when this happens, seeing as we live in Rhode Island and are very aware that there is the possibility of having significant amounts of snow throughout the winter. Unfortunately, this is a parking lot on campus has dealt with these problems firsthand. On a Friday afternoon after her classes, she needed to dig her car out to get to work. With her other friends in classes and after shoveling for an hour, she was still stuck and needed someone to push her car for her. She decided to call DPS, as she could not make any more progress on her own. She explained, “I was distraught and deeply frustrated, and calling them didn’t help me much. How am I supposed to get out by myself with just a shovel and ice all underneat my car?” She did what she could and needed to get to work but was running out of options.

Thankfully, a very nice facilities man happened to be driving around and saw that she was in need of help, basically crying and ready to give up. He was able to get her car out in less than 5 minutes. After she tried for over an hour, she was relieved, but still frustrated that it had taken her that long, when all she needed was a someone to push her car with her in the front seat.

Even though she was able to finally get her car out, the problem still remained long after. What about when she returned to campus? She would need to find a parking spot, which would bring about the same problem that everyone else would experience as well. Many people get stuck trying to get into a parking spot because they are still not cleared out, and there have been piles of snow spots for over a month.

But what is the solution to this? The freshmen parking area and way out by the football field is mostly cleared out, mainly because not many people park there. Usually, students would like to park closer than that, especially to not have to walk far in the cold. Some of the plows have already plessed while most of us were gone on Spring Break. However, this still does not make up for what many students experienced through such got plUs from Winter Break. Especially commuters who have to deal with parking every day. As facilities has been a huge help and we are so thankful for when they have been around, there must be an answer to this problem and an easier way to remove snow around campus.
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Kanye West has something to offer you

By Graham Beck
Contributing Writer

"Yeetus," "Ye," "Kanye To The," "Kanye Omari West," or just "that rapper from Chicago with the obvious Christ complex." Whatever their title or rap alias you may know him by, the man has more to offer than you might think.

With last month being the 10th anniversary of West's "The College Dropout," Kanye took to Twitter and spat out a barrage of tweets that commemorated his debut LP and thanked collaborators and fans for their support. Despite the way he's being repeatedly treated in the media, this series of tweets proved that he still wants to give something back to his fans, dream out loud, and bang on heavy doors that he has promised to break down.

On a similarly popular occasion (the epic hour-long interview with BBC radio host Zane Lowe) imbued with meaning and sincerity, West brought up one of the greatest entertainers of all time, Michael Jackson. "I would not be Kanye West if it wasn't for Michael Jackson." He then followed up that compliment to the King of Pop in a rather unexpected way by stating that he had reached a point in his career that Michael Jackson did not break down. Now, just think for a minute before you take Kanye's words for arrogance. It's unfair to make those kinds of assumptions without taking into account his credibility and more importantly his contributions to American culture.

Similarly to Kanye West, Michael Jackson's name was slandered by the media. We've made the two of them out to be monsters before, and we'll do it again. It's disgusting and unfair. We forget that we did it to Michael because we choose to forget.

Everyone remembers the day he died and how sad and terrible it was to have lost him the way we did, but those same news channels that broadcasted sympathetic reports on the day of his death and the days that followed were also the news channels that ogni children against him. Children: Michael's inspiration in every- thing he was, every song he wrote, and every dance he did. Just as there won't ever be another Michael Jackson, there won't ever be another Kanye West. History is in fact repeating itself, and we're allowing our media to twist words and judge those who really only want to share music, art, love, and the gift of entertainment.

Like Michael Jackson, Kanye won't be fully appreciated until his death. It's the sad truth, but you can choose to receive the free gift of entertainment artists like the two of them have to offer and look for all the goodness they see that awful tabloid bashing your favorite stars.

Like most celebrities, Kanye's lowest moments are also his most televised moments. There's more to him than that. He's talented, no doubt. It's his talent and success that should be celebrated, not his mistakes or failures. Absolutely no one is perfect, especially celebrities, but does that mean their imperfections should be televised? Would you like your imperfections to be televised? Of course not.

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That's what he has to offer you. Isn't that enough not to bash and judge him?"

Shouldn't we be celebrating, not demeaning? And shouldn't we be striving to be our own best selves with something as simple as a free download. Listen to a song, and most importantly, respect.

With a campus enrollment of around 3500 students, it is not unusual for athletes to be familiar with a large majority of the students here. Unlike larger schools, the fans at our sporting events show up to games ready to support not only their team, but also their friends which is much more being loud and taking part in the games.

It would be hard to find a university with a louder and more unified student body than the Bryant Bulldogs. It seems like every day the campus comes together to attend some sporting event whether it be packing the stands in the Bulldog Stadium or supporting from the bleachers in the Chace Center. No matter where the events are taking place, the dogs always know how to bring the noise. For anyone who’s left behind a group of friends, the Bulldog faithful, Bryant Bulldogs, and what they mean to the community is something that will never be forgotten. Bryant, no matter how big or how elite, they better watch their step when they enter the doghouse because our bark is just as bad as our bite.

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Supporting health

Group exercise is one of the most effective ways to improve physical health, social support, and overall lifestyle. Group exercise is challenging, yet fun and empowering! Of course everyone knows that exercise is good for the body. However, studies have shown that when exercise is performed in groups, it is not only great for improving physical health but for psychological health as well. It is an opportunity to be social, release endorphins, and improve your strength. Additionally, group exercise creates a community feel and the shared common goal motivates participants to work hard. The instrumental support of taking on a fitness journey with others is proven to be more effective than going to the gym alone. After all, you need social support.

Another beneficial aspect of group exercise is the informational support participants receive from the instructor. Many people fear the gym because they feel lost and don’t want to embarrass themselves. If you feel you can relate, then group training is an even better option for you. It is an awesome opportunity to learn more about fitness through the clear instruction and supervision of a fitness instructor. If you are tired of wandering around the gym wasting time and becoming bored; you can attend an upbeat group fitness class that will keep your workout on track. Don’t let fitness intimidate you!

College in particular is not an easy environment to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Staying up late, eating junk food, and packing away hundreds of calories from alcohol, are leading factors of weight gain in college. It also plays a major role in deteriorating muscle, dehydrating your body, depleting the body of vitamins and minerals, and increasing fat storage.

Moreover, if you are serious about wanting to live a healthy lifestyle, it is crucial to surround yourself with people who will provide you with the proper emotional support. I wouldn’t berate anyone for deciding to party on the weekends and in turn I wouldn’t expect anyone to insult me for focusing on my health. Surround yourself with people who uplift, encourage and care about your fitness even more fun by trying a new yoga, Pilates, Zumba, spin or any group fitness class, with a friend. Plan to go for a jog together or try hiking. Surround yourself with people who will provide you with the proper emotional support.

Summarizing yourself with people who provide you with the proper emotional support will make you more inclined to work towards reaching health and fitness goals. First, decide to do it for yourself and work towards maintaining a positive mind. Then make sure the people you surround yourself with are supportive. Don’t let negativity ruin your motivation.

6thFan event brings out spirit of Bryant

By Matthew Trelli
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When it comes to sports fans, the Bryant University student body certainly has some of the best throughout all of Division I sports. Over the last few months this became evident in the 6thFan contest in which the students voted against various other Division I schools to prove who has the best fan base. The strong push the students made here may have come as a surprise to competing schools, but to fellow Bulldogs it was all too ordinary.

The bulldog community is one of the strongest in the country; however, this year the 6thFan event was an opportunity to show those larger schools that we have what it takes to keep up with them, and we were just as serious about reaching that goal. Making the sweet 16 was just a small sample of what the fans here at Bryant were capable of when they came together. The real challenge came in the elite 8 when we were matched up against Arkansas St., a larger school with more than double the students attending. Those schools who thought it was time for us to throw in the towel must have been shockingly surprised when they discovered the battle we put up. Even though we failed to advance past this round we proved something to schools across the country; we are here to play. If our efforts in this contest is any indication of how our sports teams perform then competitors will know that it’s not the size of the dog in the fight but the size of the fight in the dog.

The sports teams here at Bryant are up and coming within the Division I ranks; with their recent move from DII. With each successive year it seems the teams are performing better and better. It is this continuous advancement that keeps the fans coming and engaged. As a result, this round we proved something to schools across the country; we are here to play. Whether you’re a fan of me, you’re a fan of what you can imagine in yourself. I’m just the espresso. I’m just a shot in the morning to get you going. But I hope you can overcome the situation that you’re dealing with all the time.

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Career Horoscopes
By Molly Funk
Staff Writer

Aries (March 21 - April 19)
There might be someone in your life that recently won an argument and is rubbing that in your face. This could have been a simple fact-based argument or a more complex battle. As challenging as it may be, try to get over it. It is obvious that this person is immature, and egotistical. It will be in your best interest to take the correct information from this person and move on. You may be feeling slightly defeated and down on yourself. Persevere and maintain a positive attitude. The ultimate victory is your, as long as you stay confident in yourself and your abilities.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)
There is someone in your group project that you believed to be your friend and ally. Taurus. Lately however, this career collaborator seems to be turning the other way, and countering your ideas and inputs. This may hurt your feelings but this new arrangement is simply for the best. This counter force is only going to help you generate better ideas and gain majority favor with your peers. Don't worry about losing a friend, appreciate his or her betrayal for its benefit to your personality.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)
You're feeling very scattered, Gemini. You recently attended the Career Fair and can't help feel overwhelmed by all the opportunities you encountered. Take advantage of these creative juices and form an innovative idea. Interview for as many opportunities as you can, what do you have to lose? You have much to offer these companies, whether it be in an internship or permanent position. Have faith in your abilities and don't let your own thoughts stress you, instead put them to use!

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)
Cancer, you are consistently stubborn and rigid—often this is beneficial especially when standing for personal morals. This week it is very important for you to really try to be extra flexible. Things are not going your way, and projects continue to spring out of nowhere. A stubborn attitude will only turn other people away causing others to be reluctant to help you. You will lose vital help and resources that would promote you to success. Open up, and allow yourself to roll with the punches.

Leo (July 23 - August 22)
You are in the perfect position to make a successful life decision, Leo. Don't be afraid to shine. If you are looking for a job, this is your time to find the perfect fit. The stars are in your favor, set your goals high, and do not accept anything less than your dreams. Make a pit stop at the Amica Career Center and run your resume through their services. It may also be beneficial to sign up for a mock interview. You want all the best tools under your belt.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22)
Your luck may be changing, Virgo. Changing for the better for that matter. Something happened in the stars and your financial luck is looking up. You will now feel like your life is moving forward in regards to finances instead of back-peddling. Give yourself some recognition for your hard work has finally paid off. Continue to work hard, implementing your previous techniques has obviously had a positive effect on your finances, there is no need to change, Virgo. Keep in mind your methods may not work for everyone, don't try to bombard your friends with advice, they won't want to hear it.

Libra (September 23 - October 22)
Networking is going to be your best friend, Libra. It is amazing how much useful information you can pick up by chatting with people around campus be it in the roto, with a professor during office hours, or even at the gym. Light-hearted discussions with peers and faculty will ultimately be extremely valuable. Keep these contacts in mind, they can prove to be very helpful when you need a reference. Remember to be open and honest with those around you.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21)
You may think that you have it all figured out. You know what your major is, you know what you want to do, and you even know where you want to work. Don't close your mind off too quickly, Sagittarius. There are so many options available here at Bryant, don't be afraid to branch out. It is not a sign of weakness to change your mind about what you previously thought was the correct path. Who knows, maybe you're right and you will be happy in your chosen profession. Just simply be open to the other options available to you.

Sagittarius (November 22 -December 21)
Lately you might be thinking that a certain person in your life is only giving you half-truths. This is probably your fault, imitating productively. You may feel as though you are spinning in circles without accomplishing much. It may be wise to consult the other individuals involved in this situation to get the full scoop. This research will be worth the time it takes to uncover the truth. Don't stress about the individual who lied to you, that may have not been their intention.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19)
You have been feeling pretty down about your future. It's understandable—Bryant is very career oriented and sometimes it feels like everyone has it together but you. You've applied to internships, you've been feeling pretty down about your future. It's understandable—Bryant is very career

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18)
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Academy Awards: A Night to Remember

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On March 2nd, Hollywood showcased its most dazzling and talented stars at the 86th Academy Awards. Throughout the night, host Ellen DeGeneres kept the mood light with her signature humor while Oscars were handed out to predictable, yet most deserving winners. Acceptance speeches were filled with heartfelt gratitude and declarations of love, passion, and the pursuit of dreams. The live telecast lasted more than three hours and despite reviews that claimed boredom, it was truly a night to remember.

Ellen’s monologue was playful and borderline offensive in a way that only she can truly pull off. From speaking loudly and slowly to 75 year old June Squib (Nebraska), first time and oldest ever nominee, to referring to the real Liza Minnelli as an impersonator, “Very good job, sir.” Ellen also made a suggestion to bring the Oscar to Jennifer Lawrence (American Hustle) so that she wouldn’t have to risk falling on her way up the stairs. In her closing Ellen revealed the chances 12 Years a Slave had at winning Best Picture. “Possibility number one, 12 Years a Slave wins best picture. Possibility Number 2, you’re all racists.”

The first award, Best Supporting Actor, was presented by a sparkling Anne Hathaway. From first time nominee Barkhad Abdi (Captain Phillips) to the returning Bradley Cooper (American Hustle), it was the long, lusciously haired Jared Leto (Dallas Buyers Club) that ultimately received a golden statue for his role as a transgender woman. Leto started his acceptance speech by thanking his inspirational mother and then continued with a strong dedication, “This is for the 36 million people who have lost the battle to AIDS and to those of you who have ever felt injustice because of who you are or who you love. Tonight I stand here, in front of the world with you and for you.” To say the least, Jared Leto’s speech left a

Lupita Nyong’o wins Best Supporting Actress (MCT Campus)

welcoming warm fuzzy feeling. Fortunately for Bradley Cooper, Ellen decided it wasn’t “fair that only person from each category won,” so she handed Cooper a couple of lottery tickets as a consolation prize. Along with this generosity Ellen had a few other tricks up her sleeve, starting with pizza. Edgar Martirosyan, co-owner of Big Mama’s & Papa’s Pizzeria in Hollywood, was surprised when he was brought onto the stage to hand out pizzas at one of the most talked about award shows of the year. Celebs Keri Washington, Brad Pitt and Joaquin Phoenix were just a few of many who screamed down a slide midshow. Ellen utilized Pharrell Williams’ iconic fedora and passed it around for tips;

some threw in a couple of hundreds while Lupita Nyong’o only had her lip gloss to donate. On Ellen’s post-Oscar show, she gave Edgar $600 in tips collected plus an extra $400 from Ellen herself. Apparently, the pizza was appreciated.

Their acceptance speech included a short and sweet tribute likened to a modern day Cinderella. Her happiness was infectious and her words were beautiful, “When I look down at this statue, let it remind me and everyone that no matter where you’re from, your dreams are valid.” This was Lupita’s first film and first Oscar win.

Lupita wasn’t the only one with a big smile that night. A historic “selfie” showcased more than ten star-studded smiles. Jennifer Lawrence, Channing Tatum, Julia Roberts, Kevin Spacey, Brad Pitt, Lupita Nyong’o, her brother Junior, Angolina Jolie, Meryl Streep, Bradley Cooper, Jared Leto (well, at least his eye), and Ellen all squeezed into one photo during the live show. Ellen provided her Samsung smartphone and declared, “I want to see how many retweets I can get!” Well, she got a lot. She got so many that Twitter actually broke down. Less than one hour and 2.2 million retweets later, Ellen and her crew of celebrities had officially created the most retweeted tweet ever to occur in the history of Twitter. This surely means that one day soon there will be an Oscar category for tweeting. Get your thumbs ready, folks.

Too bad Leonardo DiCaprio wasn’t a part of the world famous tweet – it would have been nice for him to win anything at all after losing out on the Oscar for Best Actor once again. This ceremony marked the 20th anniversary for DiCaprio’s first nomination as Best Supporting Actor for What’s Eating Gilbert Grape, and it was his fourth overall loss. Leo gave a widely acclaimed performance in Wolf of Wall Street but Matthew McConaughey went home with the gold for his work in Dallas Buyer’s Club.

For the most anticipated award of the night, Best Picture, Will Smith was front and center to present. He led by declaring that “I now pronounce you Mr. and Mrs. DiCaprio” and presented the award to 12 Years a Slave. “This surely means that one day soon there will be an Oscar category for tweeting.” Get your thumbs ready, folks.

For the 86th Academy Awards, a Night to Remember.
Free games are not so free after all...

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When was the last time you paid for an app, more specifically a game, on your smartphone? When I got my first iPhone in 2008, the majority of the games were a couple of bucks, now everything is free. This is terrible. I really do not like free-to-play games. I swear it’s not as crazy as it sounds, because I like free stuff as much as the next guy, but hear me out. Some free games work, but most seem broken to me. If you’re a broke college student without enough stress in your life, then the free smartphone game “Flappy Birds” is for you (or one of the hundreds of spin-offs now that it’s gone). Most of the time however, when I see that a game is free, I assume the worst. What do I mean by that? The dreaded new buzzword of the app community, “freemium”. A freemium game is free, but still makes money based on “micro-transactions”, small in-app purchases.

One of the most successful freemium games right now is “Clash of Clans.” In Clash of Clans, you level up your town and join a clan, eventually battling other towns with the help of your clan. Sounds harmless enough right? Well not really. In order to be competitive in Clash of Clans, you need to upgrade your town. Upgrading your town can take hours or even days of simply waiting. As your town becomes more powerful, you get access to new units and spells that help you be more competitive when raiding other clans.

Here is the problem, you can speed up the process of upgrading your town with an in-game currency called “gems.” Gems allow you to speed up town and unit construction, making it instant instead of hours or days. Players with more gems have a huge advantage over players without these gems, and the only viable way of getting gems is by repeatedly buying them from the app. This totally breaks the game. Players who are willing to spend more than others have the best towns and are the highest ranked in multiplayer. The buzzword should not be “freemium”, it should be “pay-to-win.” Supercell, the developer of Clash of Clans, makes $2.4 million a day from in-app purchases, with top players spending hundreds a day to stay at the top of the leaderboards. That’s a lot of suckers.

Despite how broken Clash of Clans is, there are free-to-play models that work. Take the insanely popular PC game League of Legends, developed by Riot Games, for example. The game is completely free to play, and spending money on micro-transactions gives you no advantage in the game whatsoever. Like Clash of Clans, League of Legends also has an in-game currency that you purchase with real money called “Riot Points.” Unlike Clash of Clans, these points are used to buy new costumes for players or boosts that allows you to get more “Influence Points” faster. The new costumes are purely cosmetic, and give no advantage to players who buy them. Influence Points are used to unlock more characters to play in-game.

At the time of this writing, I out of the top 50 Top Grossing apps in the Google Play store is not free. The freemium model clearly works from a business perspective. And hey, I’m willing to bet the majority of players do not care about pay-to-win. Take the still popular Candy Crush for example, in order to keep playing you need more lives. You can get lives from your friends or basically just buy them. When have you heard anyone complain of the model for Candy Crush? Every time I ask someone if they’re bothered by having to pay to be able to play, they shrug and say it’s fine. Granted, Candy Crush’s freemium model is not nearly as pay-to-win as Clash of Clans (it’s a single player game after all), but you still have to pay to play the “free” game. So maybe it’s just me.
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Book review: Picoult’s Nineteen Minutes
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There are an infinite amount of things that can happen in nineteen minutes. “You can mow the front lawn, color your hair, watch a third of a hockey game. You can bake scones or get a tooth filled by a dentist; you can fold laundry for a family of five. It’s the length of a sitcom, minus the commercials. You can order a pizza and get it delivered. You can read a story to a child or have your oil changed. You can walk a mile. You can sew a hem.”

In nineteen minutes, you can change a life forever. On the morning of March 6, 2007, many lives are changed. Nineteen Minutes by Jodi Picoult is a novel about high school student Josie Cormier, the daughter of Judge Alex Cormier, who is sitting on the largest case Sterling, New Hampshire has ever seen. The small town has always been a safe haven until one act, a school shooting, destroys the security that was found there. Picoult tells the story of two people who, once close friends, are now entangled in a web so complex that when the truth surfaces there is nothing anyone can do to save them. Josie and Peter were inseparable as children, yet at time moves forward they grow up and lose touch with each other. However, on this day their lives will once again be twisted together.

When Josie is called as a witness to the case, she claims not to remember anything from that day, even though she was there throughout everything. With her mother being on the case, she is finding herself to be in a complicated position, and Judge Cormier is torn amongst being there for her daughter or taking the biggest case of her career. Meanwhile, Peter’s parents are beside themselves with grief over the events that occurred, and unsure of whether they should be on their son’s side or not. Over the course of the book, Picoult goes back in time to reveal different occasions of Josie and Peter’s interactions. The brief peeks into their past help to put the pieces of the puzzle together, and eventually will determine what the outcome will be. “In nineteen minutes, you can stop the world, or you can just jump off it. In nineteen minutes, you can get revenge.”

When I started reading this novel, I was captivated from the beginning, as I have been with every Jodi Picoult novel I have ever read. On the first page, she is able to hook readers into continuing to find out what happens next. Over the course of the book, there are many surprising plot twists, something for which Picoult is known. The most shocking twist, however, occurs towards the end, just when you think there cannot be any more surprises. As with My Sister’s Keeper, Picoult ends the story in a way no reader could have ever imagined. She does an excellent job of incorporating factual information into the fictional works, and has you believing the story actually happened. In both novels, she touches upon some very serious issues that although scary, are very real.

Picoult does an astounding job of writing about such a difficult topic. Putting into words the emotions that come with being involved in a school shooting is not easy, yet Picoult does so with care and sympathy. Reading Nineteen Minutes is both devastating and shocking, and will leave you feeling very unsettled. The fictional tale is not only not shattering, but is parallel to the reality of events in our own lives, making this book extremely difficult to read. Even though it is challenging to read, it will give you a better understanding of the frightening events that happen in our world. It is tremendously written and is relatable to all readers.

“With Nineteen Minutes, Picoult once again proves she’s one of the best storytellers in the business, presenting a fast-paced, contemporary tale from every imaginable angle, giving her readers a chance to understand the motivations of a veritable army of players, all of whom are well-rounded, distinct and memorable.” —Edmunton Journal