17th Women’s Summit is successful

Be the CEO of your life!

By Kati Machtley
Director, The Women’s Summit

March 14th, was a fabulous day to be at Bryant University with more than 1,000 energetic people ready to network and hear what our accomplished, talented, and fearless speakers had to share with us. Twenty-one workshop sessions led by experts in their fields provided great tools for personal and professional success.

Carley Roney, co-founder and chief content officer of XO Group Inc. (formerly The Knot, Inc.), kicked off the day with an animated opening keynote about the variety of paths that led her to co-founding The Knot with her husband. She illustrated that there is not always a straight path to success, and that once you discover what it is that you love to do, you must work very hard to achieve success. She demonstrated how her previous experiences prepared her for a successful career in creating The Knot, The Bump, and The Nest, helpful websites for those who are planning a life together. Roney also stressed the importance of a struggling economy, forming serious obstacles in overcoming poverty. In a recent publication from The Dallas News, the United States is proclaimed a world leader in reducing extreme poverty on a global scale. The task of decreasing poverty levels is one that is easier said than done; to do so requires an increase in spenders and market stimulators and an increase in education.

According to Professor Jonathan Morduch, there are new ways to address poverty. On Thursday, April 3rd at 3:30pm in Janikies, guest speaker, Professor Jonathan Morduch, will be at Bryant, courtesy of University Relations. Professor Morduch is an economist at New York University’s Wagner Graduate School of Public Service and former Harvard professor of economics.

Morduch leads research centers on microfinance, social investment, and the economics of poverty and has held visiting positions at Stanford, Princeton, and the University of Tokyo. He is associated with the United Nations and World Bank and advises global NGOs. He currently serves as the Associate Editor of the Journal of Economic Perspectives and as a member of the Journal of Globalization and Development board. Morduch holds a BA from Brown University and a Ph.D. from Harvard, both in Economics. In December of 2008, he was awarded an honorary doctorate from the Université Libre de Bruxelles in recognition of his work on microfinance.

Professor Morduch will be discussing how understanding the economic strategies of the poor opens up new ways to address poverty. Professor Morduch will detail topics such as how families in underdeveloped countries, such as South Africa, India, and Bangladesh, manage to sustain themselves on less than two dollars each day or less. Morduch’s co-authored book, Portfolio’s of the Poor: How the World’s Poor Live on $2 a Day, reveals the truth about the financially impaired: even the poorest families are borrowing, saving and coping with risk. Morduch is knowledgeable on new financial tools that can be utilized to aid the poor in succeeding financially and is currently working to develop a theoretical framework with Jonathan Conning to understand how governments and philanthropists can use market forces to create social change.

Please join the Bryant Community in welcoming Jonathan Morduch to Bryant on Thursday, April 3rd at 3:30pm in Janikies. This event is free and open to the Bryant Community.
VANDALISM (AUTO) Mar 23, 2014-Sunday at 08:02 Location: BRYANT POND DPS received a report of a golf cart in the Bryant pond. The vehicle was on the Bello Centre side, and the front wheels were submerged. Willy's towing came to remove the vehicle from the pond.

LARCENY Mar 23, 2014-Sunday at 17:04 Location: UNISTRUCTURE A student came into dispatch and reported his laptop was stolen.

LARCENY Mar 24, 2014-Monday at 13:14 Location: TOWNHOUSE A student came into dispatch and reported his laptop was stolen.

EMT CALL EMT CALL / MEDICAL SERVICES RENDERED Mar 28, 2014-Friday at 23:53 Location: RESIDENCE HALL DPS received a report of an intoxicated male. EMS was activated. Patient was transported to Smithfield Rescue to Fatima Hospital for treatment.

VANDALISM Mar 29, 2014-Saturday at 21:28 Location: RESIDENCE HALL DPS received a call reporting a smashed toilet top in a Residence Hall bathroom.

EMT CALL EMT CALL / MEDICAL SERVICES RENDERED Mar 30, 2014-Sunday at 00:59 Location: RESIDENCE HALL A DPS received a report of an intoxicated male. EMS was activated. Patient was transported to Fatima Hospital for treatment by Smithfield Rescue.

VANDALISM Mar 30, 2014-Sunday at 02:04 Location: TOWNHOUSE DPS received a report of two vandalized laptops.
In the life of a soldier, there are two things one must deal with. The obvious obstacle is the enemy combatants, but there is something not obvious. When the soldiers arrive at their home, they return home, and must adjust back to civilian life. Part of that involves having to pay for things like cell phone service, which can be difficult. Making this easier is the purpose of “Cell Phones for Soldiers,” (www.cpforsolders.org). Given what these three soldiers have sacrificed to defend us, it is time for us to help them in return.

The way this organization works is that a prepaid phone card is sent to the soldiers in a care package. This card will allow them to call their loved ones at home for free. The fact of the matter is there are always going to be soldiers away from home, so this will always be helping them. It does not stop there either, because there is another piece called “Helping Heroes Home.” Here helping keep families connected with their loved ones.

Lastly, because the soldiers have been away from home for so long, forty-two percent of them worry about how just a guest in their own home, it is time for us to help them adjust to civilian life, this organization alleviates that discomfort.

The following is a summarized transcript of an interview with the presenters, about the organization:

What is the nature of this cause?
What is the nature of the organization is to support the troops and allows them to call home.
We want to spread the word to collect cell phones for this cause.
What inspired you to want to do this?
Robert B. and his sister heard about a soldier with an $8,000 cell phone bill, and they also had two cousins serving overseas, so they created this organization together.
It was created with the intent of making sure that the soldiers can call their loved ones at home for free.
How does this help the soldiers?
There can be large cell phone bills, costing a lot to call home. The cards allows for a free call home, which also makes it easier for them to adjust to life back home.
This is important because, there are soldiers that cannot pay the initial payment, so the organization provides free calling time.
What kind of rewards would you say await people that participate?
A lot of us know somebody in the military. War affects everybody, so it gives a good feeling to people that support the troops. People give the old cellphones, so it is rewarding for people that do not have a lot of money.
There is a real satisfaction in knowing that you have helped the soldiers call home.
Have you thought of things, other than cell phones, to send over? If so, what?
We have partnered with care package programs, which vary with their contents.
Besides the cell phone that is sent over, but a prepaid phone card, within the care package.
Do they (the soldiers) respond to you? If so, what do they say?
The soldiers do respond. The military is very humble, respectful, and understanding of the work being put in by Robert and his sister.
The troops always thank you for the service being provided. They are serving our country, and they appreciate the assistance being provided by “Cell Phones for Soldiers.”

If you met a soldier that benefitted from the program, what would you say?
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on the importance of conservation and the linkage between the environment and economy. Without the probiscus monkeys, fewer tourists would visit the country and less money would be invested into their economy.

I strongly believe in Congressman Udall’s philosophy that energy, environment and economy are intertwined and interconnected. If Brunei Darussalam diversified their energy supplies to gradually include alternative energies such as solar power, they would stand to have a much stronger economy in the years to come. The country’s location on the equator makes Brunei Darussalam the perfect candidate for solar panels. To diversify their economy from solely relying on oil, the country could greatly improve their tourism opportunities such as the probiscus monkeys, tropical rain forest, Kampong Ayer (a village that lives on the water) and Empire Hotel.

All of these places show biodiversity and beautiful attractions only found in this geographical location. Brunei Darussalam’s Sultan must begin to greatly intensify tourism in the country before all fossil fuels are run out. However, Brunei Darussalam cannot diversify its tourism unless the environment is preserved. With the conservation of the country’s beautiful environment, the probiscus monkeys and surrounding bio-diversity will not disappear. The local population needs to understand how energy, economy and environment are all interconnected and be better prepared to preserve special habitats such as the mangrove forests mentioned above.

Congressman Udall’s ideals on the environment can be applied to every country across our globe. Governments must understand the importance of preserving the environment to better their countries infrastructure and economy. With a more stable economy and increased jobs, countries will have the money to invest in alternative and renewable sources of energy. If we can spread this ideal throughout the world, we can save mother Earth before it is too late.

As Congressman Udall said, “Bringing the facts into the light, and convincing the American public of the only really sound energy course, will not be easy. We will be blocked — we are today being blocked — by those who would profit in the short run from slowing down the environmental movement. I’m speaking of those in industry and in politics who have posed this phony choice for the nation between jobs and environmental quality.” The path to an environmentally sustainable future will be fraught with hardship but bright and open minded individuals working together can accomplish the most difficult of goals. Together we are strong and greatness will be achieved.

By May Vickers
Staff Writer

Congressman Morris K. Udall truly committed himself to the protection and conservation of Earth’s environment and over the course of his career dedicated himself to not only the preservation of our environment for future generations but strove to make the American public believe that a healthy environment could equal a healthy infrastructure. From reading Congressman Udall’s speech on “Environment vs. Economy: Exploding a Phony Issue” presented at the Iziaak Walton League Annual Meeting in Des Moines, Iowa in 1975 I felt at a loss for words because of the astounding clarity of his vision. His environmental principles provide a strong foundation and infrastructure not only for America but for our global civilization.

Morris K. Udall believed that the three E’s: energy, environment and economy, “are inextricably intertwined, and decisions about them will determine the quality of our lives in the decades ahead.” This idea proposed in 1975, seems prophetic of the future to come. Morris K. Udall’s ideas have become a driving force for me because the field of environmental science can be applied to our global world.

I grew up on the Island of Borneo, in Brunei Darussalam in South East Asia for the first fourteen years of my life. I have always felt a sense of connection to the country from the lavish oil reserves. As fossil fuels run out, the country’s sole source of economy will vanish. Despite this knowledge, the government has taken little action to diversify and expand into alternative sources of energy and other means of income such as solar power and tourism.

On my most recent visit to South East Asia, my family and I sailed down the Belait River in Brunei Darussalam to see the world renowned probiscus monkeys. These endangered monkeys are famous for their large noses and are native to the Island of Borneo. Probiscus monkeys only live in coastal environments like mangrove forests. During the middle of the tour, we reached a spot called “The Area” where many probiscus monkeys congregate.

Contrary to the healthy mangroves I had seen sailing down the river, all the mangrove trees in this specific area were dead. I felt puzzled and worried about the cause of the death of the mangrove trees in this area. If the death of the trees spreads, the probiscus monkeys would lose their only remaining habitat and Brunei would stand to lose a true gem and means of economy from tourism. I researched online and presented to students at the University of Technology Brunei (UTB) on the environment and economy, which will be published in the future.

The top three finalists of the colloquium (from left to right): Matthew Thompson, Ugonna Iheime and John Logan. The 5th annual Public Speaking Colloquium, organized the event along with The Podium. In the preliminary round of competition held on Friday, March 21st, there were 45 participants. The judges for this round were John Garcia from the Advancement Office, Krystal Ristaino from Undergraduate Advising, Kathleen Brown from Alumni Relations, and Chris Morse from the Communication Department. The five finalists who were chosen to speak at the event on March 24th were Austin Beltis, John Logan, Enxhi Elezi, Catherine Emond, Matthew Thompson, and Ugonna Iheime. These five final six participants were judged on overall confidence, speaking volume, body language, quality of speech, passion, infection, vocal variation, attire, ability to hold the audience’s interest, pausing, pacing, ability to avoid using notes, provide credibility, etc. All of which are important skills to have either when speaking in front of large audiences or having a personal conversation.

The judges for the final round of this event were Stanley Baran, the Communication Department Chair; Derek Snow, a public speaking teacher at Southfield High School; Katlin Beauchamp, who works for Human Resources and Marketing at The Hanover Insurance Group; and Jennifer DeLuca, a spokesperson and Communication Director for Village Retirement Communities.

After listening to six excellent speeches, it was announced that the winner of the 2014 Public Speaking Colloquium was Ugonna Iheime. Her speech was titled “Being African Simply Isn’t For Me.” Ugonna talked about the stereotypes that the people of African origin face on a day to day basis. She explained how people do not realize how many unique cultures, traditions, and countries exist within the continent of Africa. As the first place winner she took home $1,200.

In second place was Matthew Thompson who was awarded $550. His speech was titled “A Gift. Not A Disorder”. Matthew’s speech focused on ADHD and the challenges those affected by it.

In third place was John Logan. His speech was titled “Does Ultimate Happiness Really Exist?” John took a philosophical approach to this long standing question. He talked about how complex yet simple ultimate happiness is. John was awarded $250 for his speech.

The following finalists, Austin Beltis, Catherine Emond, Enxhi Elezi, and the 7th place “alternate” speaker, Breanne Lubsinski, were each awarded cash prizes of $55 each. The contestants were chosen to speak at the event on March 24th were Austin Beltis, John Logan, Enxhi Elezi, Catherine Emond, Matthew Thompson, and Ugonna Iheime.

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On Monday, March 24th, the 5th Annual Public Speaking Colloquium was held in the Bello Grand Hall at Bryant University. There were about 260 people in attendance including President Ronald Machtley and his wife Kati. This year’s event was sponsored by The Hanover Insurance Group, the College of Arts and Sciences, the Department of Communication, as well as The Podium.

Mike Cronin, news reporter and anchor for Charter TV3 News in Worcester, MA hosted the event this year. Professor Susan Baran, director and creator of the Public Speaking Colloquium, organized the event along with The Podium. In the preliminary round of competition held on Friday, March 21st, there were 45 participants. The judges for this round were John Garcia from the Advancement Office, Krystal Ristaino from Undergraduate Advising, Kathleen Brown from Alumni Relations, and Chris Morse from the Communication Department. The six finalists who were chosen to speak at the event on March 24th were Austin Beltis, John Logan, Enxhi Elezi, Catherine Emond, Matthew Thompson, and Ugonna Iheime.

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The power of a single class

By Sariga Pillai

Contribution Writer

Before coming to Bryant I knew I wanted to be a Finance major, but what I wanted my liberal arts minor to be was completely different. I never knew any social science classes in high school and was never a fan of history so it was a little stressful to say the least that I did not know what I wanted to focus on. I tried to get into an Intro to Psychology class but all the spots were taken. And I am so thankful for that.

Instead, I signed up for a lower level sociology class and I realized that I wanted to minor in Sociology, as it taught me the significance of social phenomena and showed the complexity of society. Sociology examines the relationship between the individual and society and society’s impact on the individual and other matters. You start to realize that decisions that we make to affect our own lives may be part of a greater scheme in society and that our own decision making is affected by society as a whole. I became more interested and intrigued with each class I took, and by my sophomore year, I decided to bump my minor up to a concentration. However, it was one class I took my junior year that completely changed my concentration to a major.

While it was a pilot class, I took Social Entrepreneurship with no expectations. I was thinking, “Well it’s a sociology class and I am also a business major, why not?” It was the best academic decision I’ve made at Bryant. At the time, Professor Enos was pioneering a new concentration called Social Entrepreneurship, which intertwined sociology, business, and community service. The class I was taking was one of the first ones of its kind and it opened my eyes to the problems that many social enterprises and nonprofit organizations faced, but aren’t known to the general public. When we think of businesses and organizations that give back to the community, we think of large enterprises such as Tom’s Shoes and the Susan G. Komen Foundation, but what about the other smaller organizations who are trying to do the same thing? Small social enterprises and nonprofit organizations share a great deal of pressure and strain as they fight every single day to sustain their businesses and keep their vision and goals alive. Many of these institutions have great ideas that can change society for the better, but they don’t have the necessary business knowledge to start the business and most importantly, survive in a competitive market.

It was after this class that I realized I wanted to use my business knowledge I gained from Bryant and help these businesses need it the most. For my sociology capstone project, I am working with a local arts-based nonprofit in Providence called Everett Company Stage and School, in which my main focus will be nonprofit sustainability. By conducting outside research and using this nonprofit as a case study, I want to find creative alternatives for social enterprises and nonprofit organizations to fund themselves instead of going to the traditional sources of donations, foundations, grants, and charities. With new innovative ideas such as microfinancing, these businesses can survive and possibly flourish in a “business-eating,” profit-driven, competitive market.

With my new interest in finance, my new love of sociology and my passion for giving back to the community, I have found my true calling. My decision of double-majoring in the business and the liberal arts fields has allowed me to see new opportunities unbeknownst to me. I encourage every student to look into liberal arts programs and take one class that either piques your interest or is out of your comfort zone. If one class is never planned on taking changed my plans for my future, maybe this class will do the same for you.

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Paradigm shift in the auto industry?

By Sam Phillips
Contribution Writer

The electric car market has enjoyed the highest level of success in recent years, providing the next level of automotive sustainability for consumers already enamored with hybrid vehicle technology. However, success in the mass market has been elusive for burgeoning electric vehicle technology, held back by a myriad of consumer concerns ranging from battery safety to limited vehicle range. In response, one California-based automaker is intent on demolishing all consumer misconceptions and ushering the electric car into the mainstream.

Tesla Motor Co. was founded in Palo Alto, California during 2003 by entrepreneur, Elon Musk. After a mildly successful initial public offering in 2010, the company launched their first full electric car in 2012. The Model S has already enamored with hybrid electric vehicle technology, held back by a myriad of consumer concerns ranging from battery safety to limited vehicle range. In response, one California-based automaker is intent on demolishing all consumer misconceptions and ushering the electric car into the mainstream.

Tesla Model S is currently the third best-selling electric vehicle in the U.S behind the Nissan Leaf and Chevrolet Volt. In addition, the Model S was the highest safety rating of new car in 2013 by receiving five stars. In addition, Tesla's Model S set a new record in 2013 and New Jersey's first four Model S battery fires in 2013 and New Jersey's first four Model S battery fires. Both of these events were made possible by the financial aid that is available through Santander Universities International Experience grants. Santander's commitment to higher education has resulted in the creation of a long-term, strategic alliance with universities that is unlike any program of its kind in the world. The Bryant Development Office started working with Santander Universities, the philanthropic arm of Santander Bank shortly after Santander completed its takeover of Sovereign Bank.

At that time, Santander had nearly 1,000 partnership agreements with Universities in 20 countries – but fewer than 10 partnerships total in the U.S. Bryant signed our first 3-year Partnership agreement with Santander in March, 2011 and became one of the first universities in the US to partner with Santander. Over the course of the next couple of years, Santander expanded their philanthropic support for Bryant to include financial support for the Bryant World Community Scholar Program to assist in bringing international students to Bryant, and with leadership support of the Bryant Sustainability Summit. Most recently, they have agreed to provide Santander smart cards to Bryant, free of charge. The new smart card promises to be more durable than existing ID cards and have greater future functional potential.

Santander has just agreed to renew the partnership agreement for an additional three year period. This new agreement will renew all existing philanthropic support, and will also create a new faculty research collaboration award. This award would foster research collaborations between Bryant faculty and universities around the globe with a focus on Spanish language studies, as well as aid in reporting the future of sustainable and sustainable energy.

Keep your options open

By Matt Theriault
Contributing Writer

It seems that pretty much every college student, especially at Bryant University, is in search of the perfect internship or job that best matches them. But who are we to say if we match that job or don’t match that job? Leave it up to the employer whether you are a good fit or not.

Many students feel cornered into which jobs they can apply for based on what their major is. However, that should not be the case. Many job openings and internships can be filled by students with varying majors and job experience. Even students who are majoring in a particular field are definitely eligible for a job or internship that matches or relates to that minor.

If you see a marketing internship, for example, posted on the Bryant Career Connection (BCC), go check out the company’s website and find the position. Many companies are looking to hire for different skills and experiences. Even if you have never heard of a company does not mean you are not qualified for the job.

Oftentimes, being involved in campus clubs and organizations can be shaped to fit different levels of experience. Whether you were a general member of the club, leader, you contributed to its success and potential employers would want to know how. Even campus projects are excellent experience for an internship or job because of the communication skills, time management, and organizational skills you acquired while working on such a team.

Another factor that seems to influence whether or not students apply to certain job positions is whether they already know or heard about the company. Preconceived notions, ideas or rumors about a company can be a deal-breaker. What if you have never heard of an internship or job but have heard of the company’s success? The fact that you have never heard of a company does not mean they are unsuccessful or don’t offer “the perfect internship experience” you have seen in informational videos.

Some extremely successful and profitable businesses that you might not have heard of in the area are Unfit Natural Foods Inc., Biogen Idec Inc., and Activis Plc. All of these companies are in the New England area and offer various jobs pertaining to many different majors and interests. And lastly, there is nothing about the job search process or the interview process that will be wasted time. The interview process is great for future interviews and helps you build your confidence with each potential employer. You will also notice that after several interviews, you can basically talk with anyone about how well qualified you are for any position. Having said that, good luck with the internship or job search process, and may you have more than enough choices at your fingertips if you keep your options open.
Bulldogs’ women’s lacrosse make impact

The Bulldogs are making history and are one of the most exciting teams in NEC

By Skylar Zotsnick
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At this time of year the Men’s Lacrosse and Baseball teams at Bryant will continue to show Division I followers the true competitiveness of these programs. The Baseball and Lacrosse teams will continue to make history, as they have since the school made the transition from Division II. With less fans and fanfare Bryant Women’s Lacrosse team is headed in that same direction.

The Bryant Women’s Lacrosse team may not be nationally ranked in the top 20, but these lady Bulldogs, currently ranked 40th in the country, are also very determined and destined to make history. The team returned this year with nine seniors, who have greatly contributed to the team’s impressive growth and success. Lead by Coach Jill DePetris-Batcheller, in her second year, the dogs are off to a historical start on the season. This freshman Women’s Lacrosse has a winning record of 6-2 with three exciting overtime wins. Off to its best start, Bryant beat respectable teams such as Holy Cross, Lehigh, and Lafayette which has propelled the team to a Division I laxpower ranking below 50 for the first time in team history.

The only two losses recorded this year were against teams ranked in the top 20 nationwide. Before the NEC conference games start Bryant plays its second home game of the season against cross town rival Brown Tuesday April 1st. Rhode Islanders know this game as the Ocean State Cup, which has never been won by Bryant. Coming off a huge 18-5 win against former NEC rival, Quinnipiac, on March 20th, the Bryant women have had 13 days to prepare for this game. Coach Jill DePetris-Batcheller, was the assistant coach at Brown before being recruited to become Head Coach at Bryant. DePetris-Batcheller has held very rigorous and focused practices daily in preparation for this intense and personal rivalry. The energy and desire to win the Ocean State Cup and beat a nationally ranked team is strong among the team both on and off the field. After the game on Tuesday, Bryant heads into conference play with the potential to make program history. In the preseason Northeastern Conference poll, the women were ranked number one for the first time since joining Division One. The opening conference games start on the road at Wagner Friday April 4th followed by Mount St. Mary’s on Sunday the 6th. The team hopes to start conference play with two huge wins.

The lady Bulldogs were ranked 7th prior to the start of the 2013 season. Being the underdogs was not something the team was afraid of, as the team proved in conference by playing in the NEC championship final game against Monmouth University. The dogs lost a heartbreaking 9-7 game to Monmouth University. The dogs lost a heartbreaking 9-7 game against Monmouth University. The dogs lost a heartbreaking 9-7 game against Monmouth University.

For both the coaches and members of the team, this opportunity is much deeper than just making history and winning a title. The lady Bulldogs are viewing this opportunity as a chance to be a part of something bigger than themselves. Captain Lindsay Langella shared her thoughts on the season, and what is expected to come in the next month for the Bulldogs. Her perspective is not only a reflection of her drive and her teammates, but also a symbol of the pride and unity this team has for Bryant.

“This season is all about ‘firsts’ for us. To start, it was the first time in program history we were picked to finish first in the Coaches NEC Preseason Poll. From there our success of ‘firsts’ continues. In our first game of the season we beat Holy Cross for the first time in program history and to top it off we want to be the first team in program history to go undefeated in conference play.”

The message from the team to the students of Bryant University is clear. On a spring day when the Women’s Lacrosse team can be heard throughout campus warming up on the athletic field, go watch history in the making. Although this team has already accomplished many of their “firsts” for the season, they plan on making permanent history in the Bryant record book of athletics, a moment in time that should not be missed.

Bryant alumni share how to make it in sports

By Justin Beauchage
Sports Editor

The sports industry is one of the toughest fields to make it in. Whether it is the media, marketing, or the business aspect of sports, it can be one of the toughest industries to crack. It is such a highly competitive and industry, it can take students years to make an impact in the field. Beginning a career in this field can be difficult. However, alumni at Bryant have done it, and they recently shared their advice with students.

Introducing Wednesday at the Amica Center, four alumni, who all have different paths and journeys shared their experience with some thirty students. All of them have different jobs and perspectives in the sports field, and they all took different paths to get there. They were: All of them spoke with students for about an hour, and all of them offered a unique perspective on sports and how to be successful in the field.

Each member of the panel had a different path they had taken to get into sports. The first member, Mark Dondero, graduated in 2008 and is currently a sports reporter and anchor for WPRF. It wasn’t always easy for Dondero to make it in sports. After graduation, he had to work for Toshiba in order to make a demo video for other opportunities in television. Then, he had to work in Georgia and Michigan before getting a job with WPRF back at home. It was a journey that certainly brought him all over the country.

The next member of the panel was Lauren Dunnico, a member of the class of 2011. She currently works as the Director of Hospitality for the PawucketRed Sox. She said that, despite working for an up and coming minor league team, it wasn’t easy making it with the company. She first had to start an internship with the team and then had to climb her way up through the ranks with the company. She says that her job is always different, and there is always something new to do.

Eric Loh, who graduated in 2008, has made quite the career for himself at the most prestigious sports industry in the world. He is the Associate Manager of Programming and Television at ESPN. Loh is in charge of television contracts with all the college football conferences, and striking television deals with big programs. He says he is always busy, especially around football season, and his job has a lot of demand. Loh also said his journey began by starting a radio show and television program with Dondero at Bryant. With his involvement at Bryant, Loh was able to establish himself as a serious employee, which led to his hiring at ESPN.

The most interesting journey, perhaps, came from Colin Mayberry, who graduated last year. Currently, he is working toward his masters in Sports Management at Seton Hall. Part time, he works as an NHL scout, where he travels all around New England scouting potential hockey players at the college and professional ranks. His job requires him to drive for over two hours all around the region scouting players. He said he could never see himself doing this, and knew that it would be great opportunity for him for other employers.

All of these alumni all had different paths, but offered the same advice. They said it’s all about making connections, and contacting as many people in the industry that you can. In the sports department, someone must take every opportunity in the field, no matter how small the job may seem. They said there is no small job in the sports field, and every single opportunity can give someone the experience and chance to move further along in their career. They said if someone puts in the effort, the sports world can be an industry to begin a career. So, as competitive as sports can be, the sports industry can be just as fierce. However, it’s all about passion and hard work, they can make it in, the sports industry.

Do you enjoy talking about sports? You should write for The Archway

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You call that a sport? Check out some strange sports from across the globe

By Lauren Kordalski
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We’ve all heard of football, soccer, field hockey, and even cricket. But have you ever heard of bike polo, or urban golf, or wife carrying? There are tons of strange sports which originate from all over the world, many of which we’ve never heard of! Let’s expand our knowledge and delve into some eccentric sports from across the globe!

1. Bike Polo:
Founded in Ireland back in the 19th century, bike polo is pretty much what you would expect – polo on bikes. Getting away from traditional polo games involving riding on horseback, this version of polo generally takes place in more of an urban setting such as a tennis court or hockey rink. You definitely wouldn’t want to take a tumble on the hard concrete! Slow moving in popularity, 2009 was the first national bike polo championship, though tournaments have been held ever since. If you’re looking for a less traditional version of polo, I’ve got your sport!

2. Pumpkin Boat Racing:
Ah, our good ole quirky neighbors to the north. Taking place on Lake Pesaquid in Windsor Nova Scotia, this entertaining event draws thousands of spectators every year. I mean, who wouldn’t want to watch a bunch of people paddling across a lake in giant hollowed out pumpkins? Using a half-mile long course, contestants are free to compete in three categories, motor, experimental, and paddle; though paddle is the most popular by far. Since 1999, spirited Canadians have been hollowing out their huge pumpkins, training – yes, training, and excidedly competing in this fun October race. If you’re looking for something fun to do this fall, head on up north, but remember to train before you go. These pumpkins can weigh up to 1,000 pounds! What a great pumpkin! Charlie Brown would be impressed…

3. Wife Carrying:
Yes, that does say wife carrying, and it’s exactly what it sounds like. Allegedly, in Finland in the late 1800’s some wife stealing forest dwellers would break into homes and quite literally carry women on their backs out of the village. Why was this awful criminal activity turned into a funky sport? Who knows, but the modern version is pretty hilarious. With major competitions taking place in Finland and Maine (Yes, we Americans participate too), male challengers lug their female counterparts through a series of obstacles including fences, pools, and rocks. Silly or not, this sounds like an intense and difficult race to me!

4. Urban Golf:
I generally don’t have enough patience for golf, however I would definitely make an exception for a chance to play this awesome sport, derived from Scotland in 1741. Taking place in urban environments such as rooftops, college campuses, and camp sites, golf holes are replaced with objects such as trash cans, drains, and chairs. I’m pretty sure this sport is just as dangerous as it seems, as it takes place in largely public places and the point of the game is to hit the designated objects with a golf or tennis ball. I definitely wouldn’t want to be in the line of fire! I’m sure Bryant wouldn’t be too happy with this, but often on college campuses, this is used as a day time drinking game with makeshift courses set up around dorms and quads. What a fun twist on a traditional game!

5. Footvolley:
Those Brazilians loved soccer so much, they turned volleyball into a no-hands game! As expected, this version, created in the mid 1960’s, is very similar to traditional volleyball, however it uses the ball-touch rules of soccer and a soccer ball. Created as an alternative to the much-loved sport of soccer, this fast-paced game showed great innovation in sport. Surprisingly, the United States actually has their own professional league which competes in the spring and summer months. In recent years, this creative sport has spread to various countries such as the United Kingdom, Israel, Italy and Australia. Such a creative twist on a already-fun game!

While some sports are clearly more wail than others, and there are tons more from around the globe, these competitions prove that creativity is endless when it comes to the world of sports. Whether you want to create an entirely new sport or build on a current one, the options are limitless. So go out and make your own new sport, or try out one of the funky sports listed above! Have fun and be safe…
Kings of the hill: Sox could have one of best starting rotations in the entire league

By Mark Gallant
Staff Writer

The Boston Red Sox could potentially have one of the better starting rotations in baseball this season, but it’s a bit more complicated than that. Jon Lester is really the only starter that fans should be comfortable with. His only bad season was the disaster 2012 campaign in which he posted a 4.82 ERA, and he has started over 30 games every year since ’08.

Clay Buchholz should be the number two starter, but he could end up as the number five. His injury history and inability to pitch at his best for extended periods of time make it tough on Sox management to throw him out there for all of his starts, hoping that he feels good after the game. It’s unfortunate because he has better stuff than Lester and could easily be an MLB ace if he could stay healthy.

Similar to Stephen Strasburg and the Nationals’ problems in the past, the Red Sox may need to ‘baby’ Buchholz this season in an attempt to keep him healthy. The thing is, how much would starting him fifth really matter? Sure, he might get to skip a start here or there, but he would still be on pace to start 25 games or so, a feat he has only done twice so far in his career. Perhaps he should start the season on the DL and stay fresh for the stretch run. He doesn’t exactly have the heart of a warrior, so we shall see just how his season unfolds and how manager John Farrell decides to use him.

John Lackey was great last year in his comeback campaign, but has looked lackluster at best this spring. He and Felix Doubront have both posted ERAs in the nines so far, but they can easily turn around and have great seasons. Lackey is 35 though, so perhaps his arm is on the decline. Last year was his best statistically since ’07 with the Angels, so it may be hard to ask him to repeat his performance. The prospects that had hoped to boast their potential this spring were all quite underwhelming. Every one of the bunch, including Anthony Ranaudo, Allen Webster, and Henry Owens, all posted ERAs over five. This doesn’t exactly give the Sox much faith in their young arms if they need to call a pitcher up for an extended time. Brandon Workman hasn’t looked great either.

Week’s Best Sports Tweets

John Calipari @UKCoachCalipari

Some of you didn’t agree with me when those five guys went in the first round ...

John Calipari @UKCoachCalipari

... but just like I said then, they laid the groundwork for three Finals Four and a championship in the last four years.

Aaron Rodgers @AaronRodgers12

Is that a Pig... bear... man? No stupid... It’s Manbearpig. #supercereal

Boston Red Sox @RedSox

President Obama: “Even a White Sox fan can love these guys. Boston and the @RedSox were one.” #SoxAndStripes

SHAQ @SHAQ

Charles Barkley your belly looks tired, you should rest it on the desk. What’s up Kenny Clark and the legendary MR Gumble tell to brothah hi
How do you feel about B.O.B. playing at Spring Weekend?

Mallory Wilczynski
Freshman
“It should be fun!”

Nick Perry
Freshman
“I’m excited”

Chris Ciarlone
Freshman
“It’s gunna be great”

Jen Tomasetti
Junior
“Should be awesome”

Shannon Foglia
Freshman
“Excited, but I wish I knew more songs”
The truth about carbs

By Kendra Hildebrand
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CARBS. Our society has given them a bad name; so much so that many mistakenly consider carbs the main culprit for gaining weight. Too many ludicrous diets use the word “carbohydrate” to denote “weight gain” and preach that eliminating the macronutrient is the key to cutting fat and losing weight. Contrary to popular belief, carbohydrates are an essential part of a healthy diet.

Carbs are one of the three macronutrients required by the body. Together, these components help fuel the body to function properly. It is imperative to make sure carbs are present on your plate because they are the main source of energy for the body. The body’s cells, central nervous system, muscles, tissues, and organs all require the macronutrient for this very reason. Likewise, the brain relies on a constant supply of glucose. And where does that glucose come from? CARBS.

While the circulating claim that carbs are a huge no-no should be disregarded, the statement does hold some truth. The key to understanding carbs is getting rid of the notion that all carbs are bad and realizing the difference between good and bad carbs. Simple carbohydrates are bad because of the limited nutritional value they hold in the body. Their chemical structures are composed of one or two sugars; these simple sugars are easily broken down by the body. Although they may provide short term energy, this rapid digestion leads to a huge insulin spike, which triggers appetite and potential fat storage. These refined and processed carbs should be limited. Examples include table sugar, baked goods made with white flour; bread made with white flour, rice, candy, cereals, some fruits, and corn syrup. Keep in mind that fruit is an exception. While fruit may be a simple carb, it provides healthy nutrients. Fortunately, there is an easy way to avoid simple carbs: replace them with good carbs. Good carbohydrates are good carbs that should be consumed regularly. Structurally they are comprised of many sugar units. Thus, they take a longer time to break down and digest, which leaves you feeling full longer. Nutritionally they are extremely vital to the body’s performance because of the energy they provide. Complex carbs can be found in vegetables, fruits, starchy vegetables, whole grain foods, and legumes. Examples of the good carbs that should be on your plate include potatoes, beans, oatmeal, quinoa, whole wheat breads and pasta, broccoli, and spinach. The list goes on. These are the foods that provide the body with the energy it needs to function.

So, the lesson here is there is no connection between simple and complex carbs, and recognizing this is the first step towards understanding the truth about carbohydrates. Although simple carbs are in some foods that taste amazingly delicious (cake, cookies, candy!) they need to be eaten in moderation. Carbs should never be avoided or eliminated from your plate. A lack of the macronutrient deprives the body of its main source of energy. Eating complex carbohydrates is a step towards leading a healthier lifestyle.

SAT change for 2016

By Caroline Butts
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The dreaded SATs. For some this test was all a blur but for others the stress of doing well will forever be etched in memory. For every one, however, it was a big part of Junior and Senior year of high school due to the weight the SATs hold in the college acceptance process.

It has been announced recently that the 2400 point SATs that we have all come to know are being redesigned to become more accessible to test takers. It is being designed to develop and test skills that will actually be used in the workforce, opposed to the seemingly random and impossible difficult questions of the current format.

However, it is not only the question topics that are in the process of changing, the overall set up of the exam is being altered as well. Returning to its former 1600 point scale, one major format change is that the essay portion will become optional. The test will also be available, in certain locations, on the computer. These changes will give different kinds of test takers the chance to excel on this exam where they would have been restricted by the current format.

The other adjustments will be based on the “eight key changes”, according to the CollegeBoard SAT website. Some modifications were made in light of the current test takers’ opinion, and with recent trends, documents used for excerpts will be more like the Declaration of Independence rather than unfamiliar novel passages, and incorrect terminology will no longer be penalized. More focus will be put on real world objectives, asking test takers to analyze current global problems having to do with science, history and social studies.

This change will not only negate the effect that the SATs have on the college acceptance rates of United States colleges. By using more common vocabulary words, not deducting points for incorrect answers, and making the test more optional, critics believe the SATs will be easier. Therefore, more people will score higher on the exam and colleges will accept more students who would have previously been denied because of their scores.

Contrary to this belief, the redesigned SATs will actually have a more positive effect. It is becoming more and more accepted that standardized testing is not the best measure of academic ability. By adjusting the SATs to focus on job, like situations the exam will evolve into something more relevant for colleges to evaluate. As for making the exam easier for more students, this will create less anxiety for the text takers who were previously expecting the perplexing format the SATs is known for. It will also create more of an equal playing field that accounts for different curriculums in schools, as the focus will be on real world objectives.

This change will not go into effect until the spring of 2016. With two years of development, I believe this exam will become a better way to equally measure the relevant skills of prospective college students. Creating an exam that is more accessible to all juniors and seniors will allow a more balanced acceptance in the college process in the years that follow.

What is your spirit animal? Deer? Turtle?

By Molly Funk
Staff Writer

The Opinion pages of The Archway feature the opinions of the identified columnists and writers, which are not necessarily those of the newspaper or Bryant University.

The Bear: strength, confidence, leadership
Your spirit animal provides you courage to face challenges and adversity. You are strong and others admire you for your power. Due to your strength and powerful presence, you are often looked at as a leader in academics and daily life. You find balance and comfort in solitude; you have no set number personal boundaries. Call on your inner animal to guide you to your center and build a foundation to build your busy and noisy life upon.

The Deer: determination, persistence, wisdom, emotional strength
You are naturally tuned into the elements, land, plants, people and animals of the Earth. You have the ability to make a home wherever you happen to be located, while still recognizing your roots. You are determined and strong despite obstacles and distraction. You tend to stick with hobbies, relationships, and projects—it may take you longer to make a decision, but once you have, you stick with it. Allow your spirit animal to instill peace into your world, externally and internally.

The Fox: awareness, swift acting, shrewd, cunning
You have the unique ability to see through the deception of others, whether in relationships, or business. You have a strong sense of humor and are smart when faced with an obstacle, you always have a plan B. You are most active by night—this is when you have your most profound thoughts. You are simply the most productive. For this reason you are very in touch with your dreams and apply visions into your life. You are witty, quick, and intelligent; many may see these as deceiving qualities.

The sheep: self acceptance, family oriented, virtue
You are fully enjoying your youth, and hoping it never stops. You feel vulnerable when facing an overwhelming and difficult situation and long for the days when you didn’t have responsibilities. You are not a leader but instead a powerful contributor, adding quality and purity to those around you. You are most comfortable following the herd, you tend to join any and all social and academic groups of interest. You look at your discomforts and vulnerabilities with compassion, you are a friend of care yourself of instead of wasting energy blaming the world for your mishaps. You are a healer; friends look toward you for guidance and more importantly, acceptance.

The Turtle: gentle, innocence, intuitive, sensitive
You are able to bring gentle-ness and grace into your entire life, even when you feel overbur-2752509 dened and overwhelmed. The deer can be strongly determined and overwhelmed. The Turtle: determination, persistence, wisdom, emotional strength. Many may see you as a leader in academics and daily life. You find balance and comfort in solitude; you have no set number personal boundaries. Call on your inner animal to guide you to your center and build a foundation to build your busy and noisy life upon.

The Butterfly: playful, emotional, spiritual, in touch with psyche
You are constantly transform-2752509 ing your life to better suit your ever changing personalities and perspectives. You have the won-2752509 derful ability to let things go. You don’t allow experiences, people, and interactions to weigh you down with burden. Your friends describe you as vibrant, empathetic, expan-sionizing your tendency to appear bright and alive. This is being said people gravitate to your positive friendship. You accept and em-brace change; you are willing to relocate, drop relationships, and leave responsibilities if you feel you will find happiness elsewhere. You often assume others are not as self aware of your transparency and express yourself openly.

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1. Perpetual Bitch Face

I don't know. This one might be considered a medical condition, so I am sorry if I offend anyone. Everyone knows those girls with that constant serious, stone cold look on their faces, sometimes combined with a slight scowl. Maybe you're the nicest person in the world—I probably not—but maybe. No one will ever know if you're normal and just shy if you don't smile and express a little personality once and while. The word 'unapproachable' comes to mind because everyone is most likely scared of you.

2. Cockiness

It pains me to even have to address this widespread issue but the man-ies need to stop. Personally, I think all selfies are cockiness. If people want to possess; I would encourage anyone who is more masculine. And what girl wants to feel masculine? For this reason, I truly sympathize with short men…gonna to bang me in high school. "I'm calling you. Don't tell me, "I'm a good listener" or "I'm a good person," or whatever. I choose to back off or do nothing about it. It's a much more pleasant way of life than me. I perceive him as more feminine. And what girl wants to feel masculine? For this reason, I truly sympathize with short men. They're just not that tall.

3. Sticking to old fashioned gendered stereotypes

I am sure many other ladies can relate. Most student have, I've come a long way since freshman year. When I joined the Bryant community in the fall of 2011, I was a naive girl from a small town in New Jersey. Over the years, through my interactions with others, experiences in various clubs, and rowdy week-end adventures, my maturity and outlook on life have evolved immensely. I'd like to say I've become a person who withholds judgment, befriends people from all different backgrounds, and cares more about having fun and maintaining happiness, rather than crying or thinking. It's just a waste of time to be unhappy, and I could never be with someone who does not see that.

Anyone who has three tests in a week and thinks the world is over, judges someone for tossing a few drinks back on a week night, or has their future planned out to a tee is just not for me. Being closed minded is a flawed personality trait I used to possess; I would encourage anyone who still suffers from this to join me on the other side…it's a much more pleasant way to live. And people will like you more!

Being open to interacting with different kinds of people and their individual lifestyles and views, looking forward to an unknown future full of adventure and change, and disallowing anxiety to ruin your good time will make you a much more interesting person to enjoy around. It's fun.Taking on a different type person; the type of person I'm interested in!

Symptoms of PBF include judgmental remarks, self-consciousness, and putting up a figurative wall so thick that one laser ever makes it through. I've also found it to be utterly laughable. A quality that very attractive girls hold is being open, playful, and quick to a smile. You might also be referred to as being feminine. Call me sexist, please. How dare I enjoy being around girls who are not so friendly people.

2. Lack of Reciprocity

The guy texts the girl first, initiates the date, makes the first move blah blah I get it. That's natural, it's the way things are for a reason. What that 'act first' principle doesn't do is it doesn't all of a sudden allow the girl to sit back and make the bare minimum of effort.

I don't entirely blame girls for this because it's something they've become comfortable with. They've probably been chased by guys since middle school and have had the luxury of choosing how they respond. The funny thing is, that if they choose to back off or do nothing a lot of guys just come at them even harder. I'm sure many girls never even developed the habit of making an effort.

Chasing/initiating is a masculine trait but the men who do it relentlessly when they're not getting anything in return, those are boys. Men will initiate if they're interested but they don't need you to respond, and if you don't, they have options and you will fade into the background. If you don't learn to recognize the right guys and meet them halfway then you lose.

3. Whining

No one likes those girls that are always complaining about how that girl with perpetual bitch face looked at her weird or her marketing professor hates her or whatever else is "going wrong." According to her, her life sucks. Yeah her parents are paying for her tuition and bought her a car for her birthday, but she doesn't have it easy. Between having to walk all the way to class from her townhouse every day to having to wait in line for her coffee in the morning, the universe is pretty much out to get her.

We're all human, things piss us off and we complain about them. It gets taken to a new level with this kind mentality that a lot of girls (and guys) have; I absolutely cannot stand it. Everyone wants to be happy. People complain when something is "making" them unhappy. If you don't do anything to change that thing that you're upset about then you are useless in my eyes.

Personally I consider myself to have zero problems. Problems aren't real. Certain setbacks arise, obstacles present themselves, and I deal with them. Walk to class is too long! I go back to sleep. Don't want to wait in line! Yell, "Fire!" and everyone else scatters. I am in complete control of my life. We create these issues in our own heads, and that's the only place they really exist. If you truly want to be happy, just take action to make problems go away or change your mind set about them. Or keep being helpless, that works too. No one likes that.

4. Stage 5 Clinger

I like some flattery and attention like everyone, it feeds my ego a little bit. You like people, that like you. Sure, I schedule a 2 hour block when I can stare at myself in the mirror and take selfies every single day but too much attention from a girl gets annoying. When she acts as if I am the best thing that ever happened to her and can do no wrong, the feeling slowly turns from attraction to resentment. Actions like constant texting and staring at me while I sleep for 6 hours straight are too much. I much prefer someone who doesn't like me, than I am in love with me, but they watch me like a hawk. And don't forget, a lot of guys just come at them even harder even when they choose to back off or do nothing. It's just a waste of time to be unhappy, and I could never be with someone who does not see that.

Everyone scatters. I am in complete control of my life. We create these issues in our own heads, and that's the only place they really exist. If you truly want to be happy, just take action to make problems go away or change your mind set about them. Or keep being helpless, that works too. No one likes that.

5. Game Playing

I've been fortunate enough in my life to have met some real quality girls that have tried almost every game in the book on me. At this point it's just insulting to my intelligence. Girls, if you think about playing a game with a guy to get him to act or feel a certain way then just stop right there. You're being manipulative. Again this is something we've all done, probably something small like deliberately not texting back or giving them the cold shoulder in person, but it's time to grow up. Be a real person and use those communication skills to send your message rather than being passive aggressive. That's all I have to say, now if you excuse me I've got to go, I have about 200 mantises to take and send to Lauren.
Opinion

Why is Frozen an instant classic?

By Zach DiFranza
Staff Writer

After prizing my self-on-being-alone mentality, I held out for several months I finally caved and watched Disney’s latest masterpiece. My expectations were significantly low, and I was assuming the rave was simply the exaggerated opinions of girls and children, who had fallen in love, with another prince charming storyline. However, I was pleasantly surprised at just how entertaining the plot was and how the characters generated immediate affection.

Disney crafted the film around a handful of main characters, each warm and kind, yet perfectly unique. Anna, the younger of the two princesses, displays herself as the fearless optimist whose energy and excitement draw an instantaneous connection with the audience. Elsa, the other princess, is tainted with magical snow powered abilities. After an accident in their youth, Elsa was forced to conceal her powers and isolate herself from her unknown sister. Despite being painted as a villain for her powers, Elsa is admirable as the individual who’s proud to be different.

The male characters also capture the hearts of the viewers, but with a twist. Hans, the handsome prince from the neighboring kingdom, quickly steals Anna’s heart on the first day of their meetings. But when Elsa’s powers accidentally strike Anna, and only a true act of love can save her, he coldly refuses, “Oh Anna, too bad there’s nobody that loves you.” The other male characters are genuinely compassionate. Kristoff, an ice harvester, and his sidekick Sven the Reindeer offer a dynamic that’s often seen since Shrek and Donkey; a wisecracking sidekick, and a reclusive partner, teaming up to save the princess. The vibrant duo highlights true friendship and play an essential role in helping Anna for the cold spell to kill her. Olaf somehow stumbles upon her, knowing the danger she was in, he escorts her close to the fire where she promptly warms him that the heat will melt away his existence. Olaf looks at her with a crooked smile and whispers “Some people are worth melting for.” The other aspect of Frozen that sets it apart is the songs. Against my own personal will, I find Do You Want to Build a Snowman? Or Let It Go, playing in the back of my head more than any other song. Canny, witty, and just predictable enough, the songs steal the ears of adults and children alike.

Each character has distinct and clever personalities that mesh together well and perfectly compliment the music: a song that has landed atop the Billboard charts. Frozen is an instant classic, with a plot, characters, and twists guaranteed to tug at the heart strings of the viewers while keeping them glued to their seat.

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Bryant Said What?!

Compiled by Bryant Students

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“Options: stay up until the flight, or chug this .75 cent wine next to me!”

“Asked for a bagel with cream cheese, got 5 chocolate munchkins... thanks Dunks.”

Profit and Loss

$ Get your Greek on for Greek Week! Keep it up ladies and gents.

$ Get your SASS tickets for this Sunday’s show at the Opera House. Only $5!!

$ Keep those fake smiles on! Yearbook pictures have begun.

$ Will spring semester weather EVER get here?!

Real Talk

By Brendan Barstow
Staff Writer

Bryant students share their opinion on controversial topics that affect the community

How satisfied are you with B.O.B as our spring concert?

I went more flavor on the tissue paper under my two boots!
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By AJ Beltis
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The Memory Keeper’s Daughter

By Sarah Rozenberg
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It is March 1964, and outside snowflakes are falling, slowly at first, and mesmerizing premise, drawing you deeply and irrevocably into their entangled lives of two families and the devastating secret that shapes them both.” Sue Monk Kidd

Once they realize how difficult it will be to drive to the hospital, David decides instead to go to his own clinic which is closer to their home. When they arrive, the nurse tells them the other doctor was not able to make it in the snow, and David accepts that he will have to deliver his own baby. Together, he and Nurse Caroline Gill are able to deliver what turns out to be twins, a boy and a girl. His son, Paul, is perfectly healthy, but when David sees Phoebe’s face, his heart sinks. His daughter is born with Down syndrome. Without much knowledge about this condition during this time period, David makes a decision that will impact him for the rest of his life. He tells Caroline to take her to a place for children like her. When his wife wakes later, he tells her that their daughter died right after she was born.

Norah is heartbroken, but grateful for their beautiful son at the same time. Little does she know that her daughter is alive somewhere. The next day, Caroline arrives at the institution David told her to bring Phoebe to, but upon walking inside the building and observing the people, makes a choice that way David’s, will affect her life in ways she never imagined. She quickly gets back in her car and starts driving far, far away, Phoebe in the car with her. She eventually settles down and is able to find a job and a place to live. She has decided to raise Phoebe as her own. She tells David this, and he is unable to do anything about it, already caught up in his own web of lies. Years pass, and the two separate lives of Paul and Phoebe go on. Norah still feels like there is emptiness about her, the loss of her daughter has affected her greatly. Although she has Paul, she is depressed nonetheless. David sees this in his wife, yet cannot bring himself to tell her the truth, thinking it will only bring her more pain. Meanwhile, Caroline’s life is turning out better than she thought possible. She gets married, and AI proves to be an amazing father to Phoebe. Phoebe is growing every day, and Caroline is so grateful that she has such a beautiful daughter.

Author Kim Edwards writes a novel that deals with challenging matters. Readers will be shocked at the decisions the characters make and how those decisions carry on through the rest of their lives. Between the lies, secrets, and surprises, there is also a slight found in the amount of love and compassion shown. Upon reading this, I could not help feeling drawn into the two separate lives, split by mysteries so acutely intricate. I could not stop reading, waiting to see what would happen next for Norah, David, Caroline, Paul, and Phoebe. I have always liked books where there is more than one storyline to follow, and The Memory Keeper’s Daughter is one where the separate stories will keep you fully engaged.

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Minnesota’s duck controversy

By Jeff Strickler
MCT Campus

The game is Duck, Duck, Gray Duck. Or is it? If you think it’s Duck, Duck, Goose, then either: a) You’re wrong, b) You’re not from Minnesota, or c) Both. Minnesota resident Christopher Pollard is the pre-eminent national expert on Duck, Duck, Gray Duck. He didn’t ask for the job, but, as in the game itself, when he was singled out, he jumped to his feet and charged into action.

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To Daffodils
By Robert Herrick

Fair Daffodils, we wEEP to see
You haste away so soon;
As yet the early-riseNing sun
Has not attain’d his noon.

Stay, stay,
Until the hasting day
Has run
But to the even-song;
And, having pray’d together, we
Will go with you along.
We have short time to stay, as you,
We have as short a spring;
As quick a growth to meet decay,
As you, or anything.
We die
As your hours do, and dry
Away,
Like to the summer’s rain;
Or as the pearls of morning’s dew,
Neér to be found again.
Mr. Peabody and Sherman good but could be better

By AJ Beltis
Staff Writer

Mr. Peabody & Sherman is a clear attempt at going back to past ideas in order to make money, but to the naked eye, this might not be so obvious. With its sweet, fit-for-family atmosphere, the movie kept my grin constant and my eyes on the screen. But to me, the filmmakers’ true intentions were occasionally evident in the film. This was simply a way to get parents and grandparents who watched these characters growing up into the theater with their kids. But, with that said, I enjoyed it.

Mr. Peabody & Sherman centers around genius canine Peabody, who tells us he’s obtained various degrees and invented Zumba, planking, and time travel. One day, he adopts abandoned baby Sherman, who soon becomes Peabody’s reason for living. On Sherman’s first day of school, a jealous girl named Penny bullies Sherman to the point of Sherman biting her. The school board comes in and, seeing Peabody as a bad guardian, threatens to have Sherman removed from his custody.

In the interest of peacemaking, Peabody invites Penny and her family over for dinner. When Sherman shows Peabody’s time machine, the WABAC, to Penny, it sparks an adventure across time to rescue Penny, return home, and most importantly, save Mr. Peabody from losing custody of Sherman.

Consistently, the movie failed to be a letdown in any sense of the word. The only reason I come across as a bit unenthusiastic is because I feel that if a tad more effort had gone into the making of this film, it would have been fantastic. Otherwise, the film only benefits from splendid comedic timing and from Ty Burrell’s voice work on Mr. Peabody.

Also, I feel compelled to say a few words about Penny, who makes Angelica Pickles from “Rugrats” seem like Mahatma Ghandi. Even though Penny grows a heart towards the end, she’s more violent and selfish than probably any other character her age that I’ve ever seen, and watching everyone in the movie bend over backwards to cater to her isn’t very uplifting.

Good-natured and lacking any detrimental flaw, Mr. Peabody & Sherman offers enough satisfying entertainment to make you leave the theater smiling. Although it doesn’t deliver to its full potential (maybe this would’ve served better as a reboot to a new TV show), it’s quite enjoyable once you can get over Penny’s character. It ever-so-slightly breaks the surface of average, but even though there weren’t any boring or unnecessary moments, I can’t help feeling like Mr. Peabody and Sherman could have been so much more worthwhile had a bit more effort gone into it.

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