Credibility crisis: Rolling Stone and UVA

By Allie Miller
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In November 2014, Rolling Stone published 'A Rape on Campus' which recounted a University of Virginia student's alleged violent gang rape at the campus' Phi Kappa Psi fraternity house. Upon further investigation, the credibility of the story was completely damaged, ultimately leading the magazine to retract it.

According to Rolling Stone, the story was written by their writer Sabrina Rubin Erdely in collaboration with the survivor of the alleged rape, a UVA rising junior now known to millions of readers as "Jackie." Erdely, who specializes in stories about crime, was referred to the student by Emily Renda, a UVA staff member and rape survivor dedicated to sexual violence issues at the university.

While Erdely has been the face of this Rolling Stone credibility crisis, she is hardly the only person to blame. Erdely was one of many members of the Rolling Stone team who believed Jackie's story, which included editors and a fact-checker who spent over four hours on the phone with Jackie going over her story. It was unfortunately after the story was published that Erdely first questioned Jackie.

During the entirety of the investigation and writing process, Jackie refused to give Erdely the name of the man who orchestrated the supposed gang rape, referring to him only as a lifeguard. After the story was published Erdely finally convinced Jackie to share the name with her. But Jackie was unsure of how to spell his last name, and that is when Erdely became suspicious, as stated in the report compiled by The Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, 'A Rape on Campus: What Went Wrong.' She thought "how could Jackie not know the exact name of someone she said had carried out such a terrible crime against her — a man she professed to fear deeply?"

Upon further conversation with Jackie, Erdely's doubts became more serious, to the point that she contacted her principal editor. The story has since been officially retracted, and the magazine has formally apologized to readers, members of Phi Kappa Psi, and the UVA community.

This journalistic blunder has made it more difficult to involve victims of sexual violence. But instead, many are concerned about sexual assaults on college students in progress. Erdely's initial motive for the article was good — to support readers' questions. Erdely is a regular columnist for O, The Oprah Magazine. Her columns discuss how to effectively balance work and life, as well as how to manage career challenges. Speaking directly to this is Welch's book, See "Welch", page 3

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The other side of Jack: Suzy Welch

By Molly Funk
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Many are aware of Jack Welch, former CEO of General Electric, and were looking forward to his visit to Bryant on April 13th, 2015. Many forget about his equally impressive wife, Suzy Welch, former editor-in-chief of The Harvard Business Review. Born in Lexington, Massachusetts, Suzy attended Phillips Exeter Academy, Harvard College, and then Harvard Business School, where she graduated in the top five percent of her class.

As stated in her biography, Suzy began her career as a reporter for the Miami Herald, then turned to the Associated Press. Using her business degree, Suzy also worked for the management consulting firm Bain & Company in Boston. She then rose to the editor-in-chief of the Harvard Business Review until 2002.

Currently, Welch is an active writer working with her husband to publish a weekly column in The New York Times entitled "The Welch Way". The column discusses in a cut-throat approach the specifics about business and career success as answers to readers' questions. Suzy is a regular columnist for O, The Oprah Magazine. Her columns discuss how to effectively balance work and life, as well as how to manage career challenges. Speaking directly to this is Welch's book, See "Welch", page 3

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Department of Public Safety Log

EMT CALL / MEDICAL SERVICES RENDERED
Apr 06, 2015 Monday at 05:12
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: DPS received a 911 call from a student stating that his roommate was having an allergic reaction.

EMT CALL / MEDICAL SERVICES RENDERED
Apr 06, 2015 Monday at 07:22
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: DPS received a 911 call from a student stating severe abdominal pain in the lower right side.

BURGLARY (RESIDENCE)
Apr 08, 2015 Wednesday at 14:48
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: Students reported that PS4 games and a controller were stolen from their suite.

THEFT (STOLEN PROPERTY)
Apr 08, 2015 Wednesday at 14:48
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: Students reported that PS4 games and a controller were stolen from their suite.

THEFT (STOLEN PROPERTY)
Apr 08, 2015 Wednesday at 14:50
Location: CHASE ATHLETIC CENTER
Summary: DPS responded to a malicious fire alarm caused by an activated pull station.

VAISALISM
Apr 09, 2015 Thursday at 23:25
Location: CHASE ATHLETIC CENTER
Summary: DPS received a call for a female with general weakness. EMS was activated. Patient was treated on scene by EMT’s but refused transport to the hospital.

DRUG (POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA)
Apr 09, 2015 Thursday at 23:25
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: An RA called DPS to report he had two students on the 1st floor of a Residence Hall with a Marijuana Joint.

FIRE (BUILDING)
Apr 10, 2015 Friday at 02:42
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: DPS and Smithfield Fire Department responded to a malicious fire alarm caused by an activated pull station.

ASSAULT AND/OR BATTERY
Apr 11, 2015 Saturday at 16:15
Location: TOWNHOUSE
Summary: DPS received a report of a vandled restroom in a Residence Hall.

EMT CALL / MEDICAL SERVICES RENDERED
Apr 12, 2015 Sunday at 00:15
Location: TOWNHOUSE
Summary: DPS received a call reporting an intoxicated male. EMS was activated. Patient was transported to Fatima Hospital by Smithfield Rescue 3.

The Archway goes to the stands midday on Thursday!

We hope you pick one up then!
Tsarnaev found guilty on 30 counts

By Stephanie Johnson
Staff Writer

Victims of the Boston Marathon bombing and Bostonians all around breathed a somber sigh of relief this week. Dzhokhar Tsarnaev was pronounced guilty on all 30 counts against him on Monday. The Boston Marathon bombing trial jury announced that Tsarnaev is responsible under the court of law for murdering four individuals, using weapons of mass destruction, and bombing a public area, among others charges.

The two year anniversary of the Boston Marathon bombing came this week. On April 15, 2013 shortly before 3 pm, two bombs exploded on Boylston Street, right before the finish line. Hundreds were injured by the impact, sending a wave of panic across the city and then the nation as the fact set in that this is the greatest terrorist attack on American soil since 9/11.

Over the next two days, three victims were identified. It took just three days for the FBI to release photographs of the Tsarnaev brothers as the alleged bombers—then the manhunt began. As the brothers tried to flee the Boston area, they took down an MIT police officer, bringing the death toll to four.

The struggle by officials to track down the suspects continued until the night of April 19th. After putting the city on lockdown and taking part in a car chase and shoot out that left Tamerlan Tsarnaev (the older brother, 26) dead, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev was taken into custody after being surrounded while hiding in a parked boat in a Watertown driveway. Tsarnaev, only 19 then (21 now), has since awaited his fate until his trial began on March 4th of this year.

According to CNN, the jury serving on the case was comprised of eight men and 10 women, and choosing an impartial jury in Boston was harder than anticipated. The trial began with a twist as according to CNN. The defense attorney stated “It was him” in reference to Tsarnaev being guilty of the 30 charges brought against him, even though he had pled not guilty by all counts.

The remainder of the days spent in court was dedicated to discussing the influence of Tsarnaev’s deceased brother, whether he felt guilty, and many emotional witness testimonies. Tsarnaev’s beliefs concerning radical Islam and his desire to punish western culture in the United States as a state were also brought into account according to sources in court. His remorse is called into question as a timeline of Tsarnaev’s seemingly normal activities following the bombings.

The jury deliberated for 11.5 hours before reaching the verdict of guilty on all accounts. Over half could result in the death penalty. For this reason, Tsarnaev has hired attorney Judy Clarke, who is known for keeping clients off death row.

The penalty phase of the trial will begin on April 21st, where Tsarnaev faces the death penalty on 17 of the 30 counts. As Boston continues to look forward, they hope that some closure can be found with the rulings. This year’s marathon will be held on April 20th. Widespread participation and support is expected for the event as usual.

Yoga guru denies sexual assault

As of April 7th, 2015, six women have come forward with accusations of sexual assault against Bikram Choudhury, the 69-year old pioneer of “hot yoga.” The six women have filed civil lawsuits claiming sexual misconduct against Choudhury and four are also accusing him of fraud. Choudhury is denying all allegations against him and defending his yoga empire.

Bikram Choudhury is the founder Bikram’s Yoga College of India and Bikram yoga, a style of yoga practiced in a 105-degree Fahrenheit, 40% humidity “torture chamber,” as Choudhury himself calls it.

Choudhury’s yoga empire has made him one the richest and most successful yoga gurus in the world. Although it may seem that Choudhury has it all, for the past two years he has been subject to many accusations regarding inappropriate relations with female students.

In an ABC News Nightline interview, the first victim, Sarah Baughn, explained, “He is a sick man.” Baughn was assaulted at one of Choudhury’s teacher training courses, a nine-week program that costs more than 10 thousand of dollars to attend. At the time, Baughn stated Choudhury had made multiple unwanted sexual advances each of which she denied. After the training, she went on to compete in a 2008 yoga competition run by USA Yoga. She explains that her coach instructed her to visit Choudhury at his home for feedback regarding her routine. At this time, Baughn alleges that Choudhury pinned her to the ground, tried to fondle her, and told her the only way she would win was if she had sex with him. Baughn bought herself away, and before leaving said, “I will never have sex with you. I don’t need you to win. I am going to do it on my own.” She placed second in the competition.

Two years ago, Baughn filed a civil lawsuit against Choudhury and the Yoga College of India. This action motivated five other women to come forward with their accusations of sexual misconduct against Choudhury. In an interview with The New York Times, Mary Shea Hagebols, the lawyer representing the six women suing Choudhury, states “The cases are moving very quickly…and we’re moving full steam ahead.”

As described by Sarah Baughn in The New York Times, these lawsuits hit the Bikram yoga community like an earthquake. Some people are removing the Bikram name from their studios so they are no longer associated with the brand, however, there are still many devoted Bikram yoga students who hold Choudhury in high regard.

Choudhury denies all wrongdoings. According to statements issued by Choudhury’s lawyers, “Their claims are false and dishonor Bikram yoga and the spirit of its men and women. Their claims are an attempt to tarnish Bikram’s good name and reputation.”

Choudhury adds “I have never had a sexual relationship with any student, female or male, and I have never violated any student in any way.”

According to Choudhury, the allegations are tearing apart his marriage and family. In a previous interview for ABC’s Nightline Choudhury said “How can I share my heart, my spirit? Twenty four houses a day. I work harder than any other human being. And this is my reward? I’m a rapist? Shame on our culture, Western culture. Shame. Shame. Your job (is) to go and tell the world the truth.” Baughn’s trial date is set for this August.
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In America it is possible for anybody to do anything. This can be proven through the story of Jack Welch, the former CEO of General Electric (GE), who made it the most valuable company in the world at a time when large corporations were struggling. According to Businessweek magazine, the market value of General Electric moved up from $18 billion to $280 billion. In fact, this was done so well that many people on Wall Street believed that Jack Welch would have created more shareholder value than anybody ever, but given the stumbling of large corporations at the time, one needs to wonder how Jack Welch and General Electric had done so well.

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The first thing to understand is that the success of General Electric was not caused exclusively by Jack Welch. For example, Gary C. Wendt led GE Capital Corporation to new heights, and Robert C. Wright brought back a huge turnaround of NBC. However, his magic was successful all across the company. According to Businessweek magazine, the appliance operation had seen earnings fall 39 percent. In accomplishing the significant rise of GE, Jack Welch had turned what was once an American industrial giant into a competitive global growth engine and reshaped the company with more than 600 acquisitions.

One would think that it would be difficult to manage what had become the most far flung organization in the world. Businessweek magazine has said that Jack Welch did it with his personality, passion for winning the game, attention to details that others overlook, encouraging near-brutal candor at meetings, and as a believer in the power of his people. Speaking of his people, he knows them better than CEOs at any other company do. Bloomberg reports that Jack Welch liked to consider General Electric like a grocery store and that allowed him to know every employee. Jack Welch has said that the same things that are important in a grocery store are also what matter for engines and medical systems. It also helps that Jack Welch does not get hung up on formalities, everyone can call him Jack and expect him to surprise with an unexpected bonus.

Also worthy of note, is Jack Welch’s actions with certain corporate events. He made them become meaningful levels of leadership, according to Businessweek. He was therefore able to challenge and tests the strategies of the company and the people. Related to this, was Jack Welch’s habit of having weekly surprise meetings with people. Through these he could lead, guide, and influence the behavior of his organization, again according to Businessweek.

The marketing manager of industrial products, Brian Novak, has said that Jack Welch makes people give more effort based on who he is and how well he knows the people. Welch had learned themes that would become part of his thinking as CEO from Reuben Gutfreid, who was only a layer above him. They were about giving people a small company environment that had big company resources, according to Businessweek.

In terms of quality programs, Jack Welch thought that the popular ones from the 1980s put too much emphasis on slogans and too little on results. Jack Welch believed that there were no bounds to human creativity, which allowed him to explore the most demanding quality standard known in the business world, Six Sigma (3.4 defects per million). Doing this would require a lot of investment to “train employees in a disciplined methodology heavily laden with statistics,” according to Businessweek.

Still for other businesses, this proved to lower costs and increase productivity, therefore turning more profits from operations. Every year since launching the initiative in 1995, it has required more projects and training, but despite this the standard would bring more than double the productivity gains that Welch had for an initial goal. Jack Welch also knew that you need to talk to more people than the few hundred at the top, you need to repeat the key messages at every opportunity.

Jack Welch and General Electric have really been exceptions to the rules of business. Often, a company that engages in unrelated diversification (engaging with different types of industries) does not do as well as ones that are more focused. In other words, it is very difficult for unrelated diversifiers to make the whole be worth more than the sum of its parts. This means that unrelated diversified firms have business units that would be worth more apart than they are all together, because there is often a lack of synergy between them, and they do not work well.

### Why people are tweeting #TIDALforALL

By: Olivia Smith Contributing Writer

“Water is free. Music is $6, but no one wants to pay for music. You should drink free water from the tap - it’s a beautiful thing. It is the same with your beautiful song, then support the artist.”

This is a quote from one of the most financially successful hip-hop artists and entrepreneurs in America. He has sold more than one hundred million records, and received 19 Grammy Awards for his music. He is also known as one of the greatest rappers of all time, and has a net worth of nearly 520 million dollars. His name is Shawn Carter, also known as Jay Z.

Just recently, Jay Z announced his new business venture - Tidal. Similar to Spotify and Pandora, Tidal is a music streaming service. It provides millions of songs, and thousands of high definition music videos that are available in 31 different countries. It was originally started in Scandinavia in 2009, and it was known as WiMP. It wasn’t until 2014 that WiMP was rebranded to Tidal, and it was launched by a technology firm called Aspiro. With 500,000 already paying subscribers, just last month, Jay Z decided to buy the company for 56 million dollars.

His vision for Tidal is to restore the value of music in the eyes of the listeners. In an interview for Billboard Magazine, he said, “people are not respecting the music, and [are] devaluing it and devaluing what it really means. People really feel like music is free, but will pay $8 for water.” He believes that it is inequitable for people to be able to listen to artists’ music for free. Therefore, in order to enjoy the perks of Tidal, a subscription of $9.99 a month must be paid. With this subscription, there is unlimited listening time, and no advertisements. There is also an optional premium subscription of $19.99 a month. The premium subscription comes with, lossless high-fidelity sound quality, high definition music videos, and expertly curated editorial.

Jay Z is not the only artist that feels this way. Last fall, Taylor Swift withdrew her music from Spotify because she does not think music should be listened to for free. She argued in a Business Insider article that, “Music is art, and art is important and rare. Important, rare things are valuable. Valuable things should be paid for. It’s my opinion that music should not be free.”

Other Major artists such as Arcade Fire, Beyoncé, Calvin Harris, Coldplay, J Cole, Kanye West, Madonna, Nicki Minaj, Rihanna, Usher, and others artists are all backing Jay Z’s plan. Not only are they full supporters of Tidal, they also all have equity in this new business venture as well. The company is pitching itself as “the first official artist owned global music and entertainment platform.”

As a way of promoting Tidal, these artists have changed their profiles pictures on Instagram and Twitter to the color blue, and using the hashtag #TIDALforALL. Beyoncé and Rihanna have each released new exclusive songs that can only be heard on the Tidal website. Stay tuned, maybe Taylor Swift will be the next artist tweeting #TIDALforALL.

There has been an ongoing battle about streaming music for free in the music industry. Artists’ arguments are that everyone else within the working field gets compensated for their work, so they should have this luxury as well. With Tidal, each artist will receive a royalty payment every time their music is played. Spotify will probably be Tidal’s biggest competition for a few different reasons. The first reason is because it provides almost all of the same options that Tidal offers, but for free. Listeners can use Spotify Premium for $9.99 a month, but it is just an option not a requirement like Tidal. Another reason is because Spotify already has 45 million free users, and 15 million paying users. However, Jay Z says that he is not concerned about the competition as long as he is able to put forth the services he envisioned. “I just want to be an alternative,” Jay Z posted on the Tidal website. “They don’t have to lose in order for me to win.”

While there are many people that are excited for Tidal, there are also a lot of others that don’t see the point in paying 10-20 dollars a month just to listen to music. Many people are interested to see if Jay Z and the other Tidal supporters are going to be able to put Tidal on the map.
**Early Apple Watch reviews are mixed**

By Andrea Chang  
MCT Campus

The best wearable gadget available, but it still has a long way to go.

That’s the gist of early reviews for the Apple Watch, which goes on sale April 24.

Here’s a roundup of what tech writers are saying so far:

**CNBC:**  
“Apple Watch is a beautifully constructed smartwatch ever seen, but first-gen shortfalls make it feel more like a fashionable toy than a necessary tool.”

Among the gripes: a short battery life, slow response, recharge interface and slow performance. 3.5 stars out of 5.

**Bloomberg Business:**  
“The notification scheme is a little maddening at first. Apple sends a push notification every time you get a corporate e-mail, personal e-mail, direct message on Twitter, message on Facebook, and for interactions in countless other services. Each of these notifications ping the watch. For every message, there is a sound, a vibration, or both. (You can mute them.) If you’re a busy person who communicates constantly on your phone, this gets overwhelmingly distracting. I found myself turning off notifications from entire apps, which seems to defeat the purpose of the watch in the first place.”

**The Verge:**  
“When I’ve just got this out of the way: the Apple Watch, as I reviewed it for the past week and a half, is kind of slow. There’s no getting around it, no way to talk about all the potential and hints of greatness without sometimes it stutters loading notifications. Sometimes pulling location information and data from your iPhone over Bluetooth and Wi-Fi takes a long time. Sometimes apps take too much time to load, and sometimes third-party apps are sluggish. It just isn’t as responsive for a few seconds while it thinks and then it comes back.”

**New York Times:**  
“It took three days three long, often confusing and frustrating days for me to fall for the Apple Watch. But once I fell, I fell hard. It was only on Day 4 that I began appreciating the ways in which the elegant $50 computer on my wrist was more than just another screen. By notifying me of digital events as soon as they happened, and letting me act on them instantly, without having to fumble for my phone. The Watch became something more than the natural extension of my body to a direct link, in a way that I’ve never felt before, from the digital world to my brain.”

**Mashable:**  
“I started testing the Apple Watch almost a week ago, I insisted on wearing the Pebble on my left wrist while wearing the new device on my right to compare. However, a few days in, I realized I was no longer glancing at the Pebble. I finally left the Pebble behind, and I don’t miss it. That’s because the Apple Watch is an excellent, elegant, stylish, smart and fundamentally sound device.”

**Wall Street Journal:**  
“After a week of living with Apple’s latest gadget on my wrist, I realized the company isn’t just selling some wrist-worn computer, it’s selling good looks and coolness, with some bonus computer features. Too many features that are too hard to find, if you ask me.”

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**Digital Savant: 10 effective ways to be better (and happier) person online**

By Omar L. Gallaga  
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Are you a good person? Before you answer, let me add a word to that. Are you a good person online?

You may be the exact same person in email correspondence, while sending texts and in posting to social media networks who you are “IRL” (in real life). That would make you a very genuine virtual person, but it would also make you a little unusual. For many people, themselves included, the Internet is a place to exaggerate the good looks and coolness, with some bonus computer features. Too many features that are too hard to find, if you ask me.”

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**Business**

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Spring 2015: baseball is back!

By Zane Smith
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Last season the San Francisco Giants won the World Series, outlasting the Kansas City Royals in a thrilling seven game series. The Giants have been crowned the World Series champions three times since 2010. The Giants are looking to repeat as champions in 2015 with the help of both Buster Posey and the reigning 2014 World Series MVP Madison Bumgarner.

However, to open the 2015 Major League Baseball season, the Giants are not favored to repeat as champions. The Washington Nationals are favored at 6 to 1 to be this year’s best team in baseball. During the offseason the Nationals picked up pitching standout Max Scherzer. Scherzer has won an astounding 39 games in two seasons for the Detroit Tigers.

Scherzer is not the only big name in baseball that has found a new home for the 2015 season. Twenty-nine year old slugger Yoenis Cespedes was traded to the Detroit Tigers. The Mets and Harvey made a very smart choice and decided to have Harvey undergo Tommy John surgery to repair the torn ligament.

When it comes to taking care of business, nobody does it like Coach K.

Adapt.

Krzyzewski won his first title 24 years ago, when players often stuck around four years. This year’s Duke team will probably have three one-and-dones. Rent-a-players often stuck around four years. This year’s Duke team will probably have three one-and-dones.

Players were given responsibility. They’ve responded by winning gold medals in 2008 and 2012.

It’s hard to argue with the Coach K Way

By David Whitley
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If you’ve ever worn an “I Hate Duke” T-shirt, the introduction Mike Krzyzewski got Monday was enough to make you want to drink a bottle of prune wine.

“An American treasure,” he was called.

Krzyzewski was the keynote speaker at the Wine & Spirits Wholesalers of America convention. With more than 2,000 attendees, there were undoubtedly at least a few Duke detractors in the audience.

Loathing the Blue Devils is almost as big an industry as selling booze. So what was the man who unleashed Christian Laettner on America doing in Orlando?

Krzyzewski was preaching the Coach K Way of doing things. He’s always fancied himself a leader who just happens to be a basketball coach.

Some consider that pretty darned accurate. Others consider it more of the smugness that oozes from Krzyzewski’s kingdom.

All I know is whatever he is selling, it’s worth hearing the pitch.

Krzyzewski awoke last Monday in Indianapolis too nervous to eat. About 15 hours later, he’d won his fifth national championship. Since then, “I’ve been on this constant surge to find wine,” he said.

The man knows how to work a crowd. He stalked the stage for almost an hour, talking about basic principles that can lead to success in any business.

When it comes to unvarnished success, the speaking business could be Exhibit B for Krzyzewski. His fee is confidential, though the Washington Speakers Bureau lists it at “$40,000 and up.”

Think up. Not Hillary Clinton up, but still good money for a morning’s work. If you don’t have that in the budget for your next Kiwanis meeting, allow me to give you the bullet points:

Treat everybody right.

Example: Before each season, Krzyzewski introduces his team to the crew that cleans Duke’s basketball facilities.

“Need to treat these people like they’re your family,” he says.

Give your team ownership.

The U.S. Olympic team was a spoiled-brat mess when Krzyzewski took over in 2005. Before the first practice, he told players there would be no team rules, but he wanted them to come up with “standards.”

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Allen didn’t get up and beat his chest. He looked at the Duke bench as he yelled, “Let’s go! Let’s go!”

Duke rallied to win 68-63 in Indianapolis. The emotion in Krzyzewski’s voice was still crackling in Orlando.

You could almost feel 2,000 guys in business suits want to jump up and yell, “Let’s go sell wine and spirits!”

Well, there was one attendee wearing a Duke T-shirt. “It was inspiring,” Josh Berton said.

The 11-year-old crashed the keynote address with the help of his father, Peter, an industry executive from Norwalk, Conn.

“It was fantastic,” Peter said.

He’s a Duke grad, so his review wasn’t surprising. But even the Duke haters in the crowd had to admit:

When it comes to taking care of business, nobody does it like Coach K.

It’s hard to argue with the Coach K Way
Sox week one recap

By Pat Curran
Staff Writer

The Red Sox have won their first two series of the season. This is a very good sign for this team, as the fans and front office's patience were at an all-time low since the team has finished in last place two out of the last three seasons.

The Sox relied on effective starting pitching and timely hitting to win four out of their first six games. Clay Buchholz pitched a gem on opening day against the lowly Phillies and was backed by five home runs as the Sox cruised to an 8-0 victory. Buchholz proved once again that he just might be the best pitcher in the league.

The next game was a tough one, as they dropped a 4-2 decision to the Phillies. Rick Porcello was largely average in his Red Sox debut, throwing six innings and letting up three earned runs. He kept the team in the game, but he is going to need to be better if he wants to live up to his recently signed four year 82 million dollar contract.

A positive in this game was that the Sox managed to drive in a run with an RBI double from Xander Bogaerts who had a bases clearing triple in the effort. This hit seemed to propel him to better things as he tore up the Yankees in the next series.

The Red Sox were also able to take two from the Yankees in their series in New York. Game One featured a 19 inning affair that ended around 2:30 a.m. EST. The Sox came out on top 7-6. Bogaerts had four hits after the ninth inning which is a truly remarkable feat. Mookie Betts drove in the winning run with a sacrifice fly to center.

Steven Wright somehow escaped with a victory, even though at times his knuckleball looked like a beach ball to Yankee hitters.

Game two of the series was the Joe Kelly Show as the Sox were able to win 8-4. Kelly pitched seven innings and let up only one run. He also hit 99 MPH on the radar gun on Saturday. Brock Holt provided a much needed spark for a tired team, going four for five and driving in three runs.

Holt is the energizer bunny of this team and can really add a lot of life and value.

Game three of this series was a national Sunday Night ESPN baseball game and is one many Red Sox fans will want to forget as the Sox dropped the contest 14-4. Clay Buchholz proved once again that he just does not have the mental toughness to be an ace. Not only did he get smacked around, but he did not hustle to back up any bases after the ball was hit. This shows laziness and arrogance, two things the Red Sox do not need. Cash needs to learn from these mistakes, although if history repeats itself there is a good chance he won't.

The Sox won their Fenway opener on Monday April 13, 2015 against a strong Nationals team. They will be home until the middle of June. It was a great day, a good start to the season. The Sox won 7-6. Bogaerts had another key hit with an RBI double, clearing triple in the effort. This hit seemed to propel him to better things as he tore up the Yankees in the next series.

Exercise regimen stands the test of time

By Barry Saunders
MCT Campus

Oops. I almost missed my interview with Bobby Gersten twice Wednesday. The first time was when we had to reschedule around his afternoon tennis match. The second was when I walked right past him.

Gersten is 94, and I was looking for a 94-year-old man to dodder into the Friday Center. The trim dude who bounded through the doors, voice booming as he joked with the receptionist, looked and sounded decades younger. He, thank goodness, recognized me.

Gersten, the oldest living former UNC Tar Heel basketball player, has been committed to physical fitness his entire life and it shows. His handshake is firm, and when you put him on the back, it’s like petting a cat.

“I love physical fitness,” he said. “When Thorpe first signed up for the job of driving the then-93-year-old to play tennis and golf, he said, ‘I figured it would be for a couple of weeks and that would be that.’ ”

That was almost two years ago, and Gersten rarely misses a day playing one or the other. “If the weather’s bad, he’ll go to a movie. He’s doing something every day,” Thorpe said.

“Almost as big a deal as it is now, but not quite,” he said. “First he said ‘Would you like the job?’ I said, ‘I can’t do it,’ ” Gersten recalled. “He said ‘Do me a favor, then. Go through this package of applicants.’”

McGuire was preparing to fire his assistant coach yes, there was a time when head coach at UNC, Frank McGuire hired Smith. Smith had been the team’s head assistant coach for 10 years. Gersten had been the team’s assistant coach since 1956.

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Bryant goes MADD for mocktail competition

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) partnered with Bryant University’s Greek life committee Greeks Advocating for the Mature Management of Alcohol (GAMMA) to promote positive decisions this evening. They held a Mocktail Competition with the Greek Organizations on campus in order to encourage awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving. The winning group was Tau Kappa Epsilon.

Judges Jay Gibbs, sergeant in the Rhode Island State Police, Sue Zarnowski, Bryant Greek Life director, Renee Weidele, MADD youth program coordinator, and Stephen Bannon, Bryant DPS director. All seven teams created a responsibility themed non-alcoholic drink. The members of each group attended the event to make the drink, present it to the judges, and give a taste test.

“You are ambassadors for your generation,” said Sergeant Jay Gibbs. “Life is short. Life is what you make it. Cheers to you.”

The groups created mocktails with names like “The Designated Dawg,” “See the Next Sunrise,” and “The Safety First Sangria.” Tau Kappa Epsilon won the competition with their “Designated Driver,” made with kiwi, pears, lime juice, simple syrup, and soda water.

“It is no secret that Greek life organizations across the country have abused alcohol which often leads to dire consequences,” said Elena Freedman, president of Gamma. “At Bryant, we do everything we can to prevent this abuse from happening.”

Before the winning team was announced, the four judges discussed the dangers of drinking and driving and how to continue promoting safe decisions.

“We are so proud of you all for coming here during your Greek Week,” said Renee Weidele, a MADD representative. “What you’re doing as an organization is so admirable.”

The mocktail event served as a kickoff event to Greek Week to remind Greek life members to be responsible.
For schoolchildren, eating well is learning well

By Urban School Food Alliance

MCT Campus

Serving food to students is what we do. As the Urban School Food Alliance, we represent six of the largest school districts in the nation (New York City, Los Angeles, Chicago, Miami, Dallas and Orlando), feeding more than 3 million elementary, middle school and high school students every school day.

Our mission is more than just supplying healthy meals for our children. We believe that school breakfast and lunch are integral to a student’s education. This is why we believe that meals need to be healthy and tasty, why we believe meals need to be accessible to all students and why we believe that mealtime needs to be viewed as part of the educational day.

The USFA strongly supports the vision of the first lady and backs the larger goals of the 2010 Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act. The recent and ongoing debate in Washington on whether school food standards should be rolled back misses what we believe is the whole point of important nutritional standards: to bring healthier food onto our students’ plates and into their lives. And yes, we need to get them to eat it too.

Our districts have had success in exposing students to and having them eat meals under these new standards. Our districts have developed creative menus and innovative ways of providing lean proteins, whole wheat, low-fat dairy, and fresh fruits and vegetables. We can and should demonstrate actionable leadership in this debate.

These healthy and delicious meals need to be accessible to all students. And we need to get away from the attitude that school meals are only for the kids who can’t afford to bring lunch from home. The new approach to serving American children should mean offering free lunches to all students regardless of a family’s financial need. This would not only directly benefit the children and their families, but it would also cut through the current bureaucracy and enable American companies to sell more of their healthy products to our cafeterias. We need to acknowledge that this would benefit American workers in American companies providing food to American children in American schools. It is money invested in us.

To that end, there should also be more funding allotted to the commodity food program. Doing so will allow districts to make their food purchasing dollars go further and to remain focused on bringing healthier food into our cafeterias. The USFA can and should lead the way in setting standards and recipes that all districts, even the smaller ones, can use.

Eating is part of the educational day and mealtime needs to be treated as such. Students should be given enough time to eat so that they are not rushed or forced to skip meals altogether because of dwindling meal periods. Just like math and science, food and eating should be thought of as part of, and not an intrusion upon, the educational day. Eating well is learning well.

This is also why the debate arising from the issue of plate waste and of “healthy trash cans full of fruit” misses the point. Exposure to healthy and wholesome food takes time and has long-term value. Children should grow up knowing that fruits and vegetables are indeed part of their meal experience.

We challenge our teachers, our administrators, and our state and government officials to look at the school breakfast and lunch not just as a meal program but also as what they were originally intended to be: enrichment programs. School meals enrich students’ developmental growth. They enrich healthy eating habits for life. More importantly, they enrich student success in school.

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“Didn’t lose anything at Effins last night so I guess this is what growing up feels like.”

“In other news I sat on a table today and broke it so happy hump day.”

Profit and Loss

$ 60 degrees and climbing! Happy spring!

$ We hope everyone made it out alive from the Spring Concert ticket sale line!

Since when does South not have blue powerade?
Community colleges commit to more overseas students
By Bonnie Miller Rubin

MCT Campus

Despite the fact that they don’t play football, basketball or soccer, Sergio da Silva and Armindo Goncalves were both recruited by Joliet Junior College.

The two young men arrived on campus in January, leaving behind their island home in the South Pacific—a leap of faith, considering they are the first members of their respective families to ever board an airplane, much less pursue higher education.

“Right away, we learned that we should have brought socks,” said da Silva, 20, who is studying agri-business. The duo represent a new push by community colleges nationwide to attract students from not just around the block, but from around the world. No longer content to be known as sleepy commuter schools, these two-year institutions are hiring international coordinators, attending overseas college fairs and setting lofty enrollment goals in places far beyond their surrounding ZIP codes.

A culturally diverse student body is an essential component for success in an era of increased globalization, experts said. But there’s another payoff as well: Foreign students pay three to four times as much in tuition as their district peers.

“Most countries don’t have a community college system, so they are sending students here for training,” said Karen Hunter Anderson, executive director of the Illinois Community College Board. “It helps globalize our campuses, but it’s also an extra revenue source. It’s a win-win for everybody.”

While foreign students have flocked to four-year U.S. colleges more than 886,052 international students were enrolled in 2013-2014, up 40 percent over the past decade, according to the Institute of International Education (IIE) community colleges are just beginning to catch up. There were almost 88,000 foreign students nationwide at community colleges on student visas last year, about an 8 percent increase over the past decade, with almost 20 schools hosting 1,000 or more international students, according to IIE.

Some of the top destinations are in Illinois, but Anderson said that should change, as more people become familiar with the third largest community college system in the U.S.

“People are discovering what we have here,” said Anderson, who just returned from a trip to Cuba to help raise awareness of the state’s 48 community colleges.

Still, evidence of an impending boom is everywhere. A few years ago, Joliet Junior College had two students from overseas. This semester, 14 are on campus—a number projected to double by next year, according to Dayna Crabb, the school’s international student services coordinator.

Crabb, who was hired in 2013, attributes the growth to an emerging middle class and a lack of capacity in their own countries. She went on a recruiting trip to Vietnam, Thailand and New Zealand last fall and considers South-east Asia “the next hot market.”

Other factors that make community colleges an increasingly popular option include small class size, skills-oriented curriculum and affordability the same reason that has attracted American students.

The story is much the same at the College of Lake County in Grayslake, which reports 119 students from 46 countries. At Harper College, 123 foreign students are enrolled at the Palatine campus.

“There’s no question that recruiting has exploded,” said Jill Inumikawa, Harper’s coordinator of international student services.

At College of Lake County, a center for international education was established five years ago. But even more telling is the school received a U.S. State Department grant to open an American Culture Center in Xi’an, China in 2012, explained Tammy Mireles, CLC’s international student recruitment coordinator.

“Diversity and global engagement are written into our strategic goals,” Mireles said. “It’s an area that is extremely important to us.”

Popular areas of study include business administration, computer science, engineering and allied health fields. Many students use it as launching pad to four-year institutions, but others like da Silva and Goncalves... plan on returning to their home countries with a two-year associate degree.

The students are from Timor-Leste, a small nation between Australia and Indonesia, which was liberated in 2002 after decades under Indonesian rule. They belong to a new generation focused on jump-starting economic development at home, where their farming families work much the same way as they have for decades.

Their tuition and living expenses are covered by the Timor-Leste Hillary Clinton Scholarship Program, a USAID-funded scholarship to expand opportunities and nurture future leaders. They chose Joliet because it was the first community college in the U.S., they said.

“We also liked that it was quiet here, so we could focus,” said Goncalves, 26, and the quieter of the two.

They praised Americans for being friendly, even helping them navigate their way from O’Hare to Joliet. They marvel at the size of their apartment near campus, the ease of public transportation and the sheer size of America’s supermarkets.

Said Crabb: “Everyone else’s shopping carts are filled with processed foods...and then there’s Sergio and Armindo, with their produce and rice.”

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While the temperature in Timor-Leste rarely dips below 65 degrees and their wardrobe was mostly limited to T-shirts and hoodies. As they recounted their first experience, Crabb made a note to include “what to pack” in future orientations.

That she concerns herself with their food and wardrobe needs is typical for international student coordinators, who consider it their job not just to recruit students, but to look after them once they arrive, so they can thrive academically and socially.

Most schools have implemented some kind of support system to assist with the transition. Last fall, Crabb started the International Friendship and Mentoring Program. Faculty and staff volunteers have stepped up, from hosting Thanksgiving dinner to sightseeing to helping the new-comers find where to get their hair cut.

“While the initial reason was to benefit our international students, it is equally beneficial for the mentors and their families, who have shared how rewarding they’ve found the experience,” Crabb said. “They are thrilled to have the opportunity to invite someone from another country into their home...and to establish that sense of family.”

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Accolades for Furious 7

By Al Beldis
Staff Writer

Never in a million years would I expect to see myself calling a Fast and Furious movie the best of its year so far. Yet, here we are. You could attribute this to the lack of good movies that have come out in these past three months, or you could attribute it to its unmatched sense of fun. I choose both. For the record, this is my first Fast and Furious movie, and to be honest, it’s made me want to go out of my way to see more movies in the franchise. Furious 7 pits a ruthless British criminal, Deckard Shaw (Jason Statham), against a team of professional street racers with experience forking for the government. The group consists of Dom (Vin Diesel), Brian (Paul Walker), Letty (Michelle Rodriguez), Roman (Tyrese Gibson), Tej (Ludacris), and Agent Hobbs (The Rock). Deckard wants to avenge the death of his brother following the events of the previous film, and teams up with Mose (Djimon Hounsou) to steal an incredibly powerful tracking program from a hacker (Nathalie Emmanuel). The good guys team up for one last ride to save their lives, their families, and put a stop to Shaw.

The movie knows how to let its viewers have fun in the theater, even though it sometimes crosses the fine line of ridiculous fun and unbelievably absurd impossibility. If you thought dropping a half dozen cars out of an airplane onto a windy mountain road in another continent, landing them, and then driving them along a cliff couldn’t be made into a prolonged, irrevocably entertaining, 20-minute action scene, then you’d be completely wrong. Yet sometimes, these scenes aren’t as fun, entertaining, or feasible. Specifically, when Vin Diesel survives falling off both a cliff and a dilapidated parking garage through the power of love, when The Rock is blown out of a glass window by a grenade, falls four stories, and concaves a car unsathed, or when Jason Statham is slammed in the face by The Rock’s Texas-sized elbow and shakes it off like it was a tree branch, I found it a chore not to mutter “bull$#!t” under my breath.

Yet despite these moments of absurdity and a final chase scene that seemed to lose itself towards the end, Furious 7 is 2015’s best movie so far, and among the most fun movies I’ve seen in theaters in a long time. It’s emotional, action-packed, and contains enough context so that Fast and Furious first timers can enjoy themselves as well. While Vin Diesel’s prediction that Furious 7 will win Best Picture at the Oscars is a bit bold, it doesn’t mean that we shouldn’t be supporting these kinds of movies. It’d be stupid to say there aren’t better action movies as well. The Best Picture at the Oscars is a bit bold, it doesn’t mean that we shouldn’t be supporting these kinds of movies. Yet despite these moments of absurdity and a final chase scene that seemed to lose itself towards the end, Furious 7 is 2015’s best movie so far, and among the most fun movies I’ve seen in theaters in a long time. It’s emotional, action-packed, and contains enough context so that Fast and Furious first timers can enjoy themselves as well.

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The Town captures essences of Boston

By Tucker Smith
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In 2010 The Town, an action thriller movie about a group of bank robbers in the Charlestown section of Boston was released. The movie starred some big names, such as Ben Affleck, Jeremy Renner, and Rebecca Hall. Ben Affleck, a Boston native, directed and produced the movie, and in my opinion he did an excellent job in capturing the small details helping to make the movie seem very authentic.

The movie is about a group of friends born and raised in Charlestown who make their living through what seems to be the neighborhood business, robbing banks and armored cars. Doug MacRay, played by Ben Affleck, grew up in Charlestown and was a very talented hockey player in his early years. So talented in fact he made it to the NHL, but was cut from teams multiple times for starting fights with his own team members.

At a very young age James Coughlin, played by Jeremy Renner, became almost a brother to Doug, as his family brought him in and took care of him when Doug lost his mother, and his dad went to jail when he was very young. After Doug got kicked out of professional hockey he began to get involved in drugs and the “family business” of robbing banks. Doug and James work for the local Irish gangster, the owner of a flower shop. Together Doug, James and their other two crew members pull off multiple high risk bank robberies around the city of Boston while being tailed closely by the FBI. An interesting theme within the movie is the lead investigator of the FBI, Adam Frawley, knows that Doug and his crew are committing all of these crimes but cannot come up with sufficient evidence to prove them guilty.

Overall I would rate this movie a 4 out of 5 bulldogs. I think that there are a lot of excellent action scenes spread throughout the movie to keep the viewers on the edge of their seats. However there are a lot of internal struggles between characters as well, which makes the viewer have to think and draw connections with themselves throughout the movie.

Since I am from Massachusetts, I have seen many movies filmed in Boston or based on characters from Boston, but I would have to say that The Town portrays the characters’ accents, actions, and attitudes the most authentically. If you like very intense, realistic action movies, “The Town” is an absolute must see.
Spieth ties all-time record at the masters

By Will Montero
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Like most soap operas and dramatic movies filmed in Hollywood, there was a live event in Augusta, Georgia on Sunday, April 12 that held the attention of millions of viewers. The main event, or holy event, was created by Bobby Jones, who is the greatest golfer to ever live. The green jacket, symbolizing victory, was almost as green as the grass on all 18 beautiful holes, and then there are the players. There were to be a heavy weight battle with a number of star golfers in the hunt going into the final round. Jordan Spieth, the Texas college dropout who pursued a profession of golf instead of an education at the age of 20, is now 21 and holds the largest lead in the history of the Masters. In the other contender for Tiger Woods, arguably one of the three greatest players ever coming back to golf after a leave of absence for his abysmal play the past two years. Another plot twist to the story is the fact that the last person to have a score similar to Spieth’s score holder for being the youngest Masters winner is Tiger Woods. In 1997, Tiger Woods at the age of 21 shot an 8 under par through four rounds of golf at the Masters. Jordan, on Sunday, was 15 under par with one more round to play.

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Yet another side story is of one of the Masters greats Phil Mickelson who hung around for three rounds of golf and was only three behind the leader. Phil Mickelson has worn multiple green jackets and has always been a crowd favorite for his attitude towards golf and his ability to seem like the average Joe. But Phil has put himself as he did so many times in the past, right in the hunt for the jacket, and you can guarantee he will be chasing down Jordan in the final round.

The final heavy weight contender is Rory McIlroy, whose amazing play has put him in the spotlight of golf that was once so dedicated to Tiger Woods. Rory is at the same score as Tiger and is paired to play with Tiger during the final round of the Masters. It is quite ironic to believe the old face of Nike golf will be going against the new face of Nike and golf in general. The rivalry match up could be an epic one. Not only do you tell you how this all ended. Spiker alert. Tiger’s performance on Sunday was lack-luster, and his play died out as he finished six under par, but could this comeback be just the beginning for him? Rory fought hard moving up and down all day on the leader board, but ended up short finishing 12 under par and in 4th place. Phil did exactly as predicted and gave the young Jordan Spieth a run for his money in the home stretch. Letty (nickname) couldn’t pull off the come from behind win as he finished 2nd with 15 under par score.

Jordan Spieth created a real life Cinderella story on Sunday in Augusta, as his play created what one would call a masterpiece. Not only did he set a course record with his 18 under par finish, but he also became the second youngest Masters winner, right behind Tiger Woods. This was a real life movie with all the drama one could hope for on this beautiful Masters Sunday.

May’s planet parade for the astronomy enthusiast

By David Huestis
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The significant snow cover that blankets our local region this past winter is now just a bad memory (though it is highly likely some snow piles may still remain). Seagrave and Ladd observatories were closed for months, and even those astronomers who had their own telescopes and/or observatories seldom ventured out due to the frigid temperatures. Many nights over the last several months were spent sub-zero temperatures. As the weather now continues to moderate, let’s hope the skies will finally permit astronomy. Throughout this favorable apparition try using a waxing crescent Moon will join Venus for a beautiful sky scene.

Venus goes through phases like Mercury, but the phase change occurs over a much longer period of time. During May, a telescope will show this cloud-embroidered planet’s phase appearing like a first quarter Moon. As the months progress, the phase will decrease until it looks like a crescent at the end of July. All the while, due to our respective orbits, the Earth and Venus will be moving closer together. So as the phase decreases, the apparent size of Venus will increase. Even a small telescope will reveal these changes over time. Every few weeks monitor Venus to see if you can follow the phase progression. Continue recording what you observe with pad and pencil. What a novel idea!

Shifting your gaze up and to the east (left) of Venus you can find the largest planet in our solar system, Jupiter. This giant world is exciting to observe through any sized telescope. The primary bands and zones are easy to see, though the centuries old Great Red Spot is no longer very vibrant as it was once. Jupiter’s four Galilean moons parade around the planet, providing interesting orbits to observe. You might see a moon disappear into Jupiter’s shadow, or reappear from behind it. It’s also possible to observe the shadow of one of these moons as it transits (moves across) Jupiter’s cloud tops.

In fact, on Wednesday, May 20, from approximately 8:06 to 8:35 p.m. EDT, a telescope will reveal the shadows of both Callisto and Alcrite. A week later, on Wednesday, May 27, between approximately 10:00 p.m. and 12:18 a.m., the moons of Io and Ganymede will be seen. At around 11:45 p.m., with Jupiter just ten degrees above the western horizon, these two shadows will appear to merge.

The most beautiful planet in our solar system is Saturn. It is noted for its exquisite system of rings. Without the rings this sixth planet from the Sun would be just boring, for its cloud bands are not as prominent as those of Jupiter. Saturn rises around 9:20 p.m. on May 1, but you should wait until it rises higher into the sky before observing it with a telescope. Saturn is closest to the Earth on May 22 when it will be approximately 833,500,000 miles away.

Saturn is quite bright right now (though not as bright as Jupiter) because its rings are tilted towards us at an angle of about 24 degrees, therefore reflecting more sunlight. They will reach a maximum tilt of just over 25 degrees in 2017. While the rings are moving slightly, try to locate a few of Saturn’s brightest satellites. Titan, its largest, is even larger than the planet Mercury. Four to five additional moons of Saturn can also be seen with small telescopes.

Don’t pass up an opportunity to view any of the planets highlighted in this article. While the instruments at all the local observatories provide spectacular images of these distant worlds, if you have your own telescope I strongly recommend dragging them out and putting them to good use. It should be collecting light, not dust. Or simply step outside to enjoy the beauty of the night sky with just your naked eye. And by all means, please introduce your children to the heavens.

Throughout the year astronomers are available at Rhode Island’s fine observatories to share views of the cosmos during free public open nights. Seagrave Memorial Observatory (http://www.theskywatchers.org) in North Scituate is open to the public every clear Saturday night. Also, Ladd Observatory (http://www.brown.edu/Departments/Physics/Ladd/) in Providence is open every clear Tuesday night. Frosty Drew Observatory (http://www.frostydrew.org/) in Charlestown is open every clear Friday night year-round. And don’t forget the Margaret J. Jacoby Observatory at the CCR1 Knight Campus in Warwick (http://www. ccri.edu/physics/observatory.htm) is open every clear Wednesday night. Be sure to check all the websites for the public night schedules and opening times before visiting these facilities.
Top 4 mystery books this year

By Salem Macknee
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“The Stranger” by Harlan Coben; Dutton (400 pages, $27.95)
Harlan Coben is a master of “the hook,” the art of grabbing you on the first page. In this case he manages it in the first sentence: “The stranger didn’t shatter Adam’s world all at once.”

See? How can you not read on? Impossible.

The stranger rocks Adam Price’s world with the staggering news that his wife faked a pregnancy and miscarriage. Adam’s wife then goes missing, and when he tries to find the bearer of bad tidings, he discovers a pattern of startling disclosures all connected somehow with unsavory websites and a related pattern of deaths.

Coben is a great storyteller who never disappoints.

Where They Found Her” by Kimberly McCreight; HarperCollins (336 pages, $26.99)
A small-town reporter struggles to keep her objectivity when covering her first big news story, about the discovery of the body of an infant girl in woods near a university campus. Because Molly Sanderson is just climbing out of a depression caused by a miscarriage, her husband and others keep urging her to hand the story off to another reporter, but she feels driven to prove she can handle it.

This is one seriously twisted college town. McCreight runs through a whole range of dysfunctional families and sexual predators, but manages to keep us guessing right to the end about exactly which of them took their dysfunction over the edge into murder.

“The Bone Tree” by Greg Iles; William Morrow (816 pages, $27.99)
The Bone Tree picks up the action where Greg Iles’ “Natchez Burning” left off, with Natchez Mayor Penn Cage chasing conspiracies across the Deep South with his newspaper-publisher girlfriend and an FBI agent.

There’s a prologue to catch you up on the plot, and then we are in the midst again as remnants of the deadly Double Eagle group try to finish off Cage and the others before they can deliver evidence of involvement in pretty much every assassination of any magnitude in the past century.

Meanwhile, Penn’s elderly father is on the run from law enforcement officials who are in the pockets of the conspirators. It’s 816 pages of blood, pain, pursuit and narrow escapes against a backdrop of Mississippi and Louisiana scenery.

“House of Echoes” by Brendan Duffy; Ballantine (400 pages, $26)
Who can resist a “family moves to a spooky house in the woods” opening? This spooky house in upstate New York has 65 decaying rooms and a basement full of rotting debris. The family is also a little shaky and escaping the New York City rat race to renovate an old manse into an inn may not have been the best way to deal with their issues.

Dad Ben has roots in the small village nearby, and in flashback diary entries we learn why his ancestors are among what’s called the Winter Families. He also is interested in the statistically suspicious incidence of fires around the old estate, including a fatal fire in the 1980s that was deliberately set.
Comic of the Week

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