

Sophomore International Experience: See the world around you

By Fira Zainal
Staff Writer

"The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes."

These are the wise words by well-known French novelist, Marcel Proust. This writer believes that a change in scenery definitely encourages the voyage of discovery – and one of the many ways to do this would be through traveling.

Even though our university offers excellent opportunities for students to travel abroad and seek global perspectives that are crucial in their areas of study, not all Bryant students take advantage of this chance. The Sophomore International Experience (SIE) program offers the perfect opportunity for students to travel in the company of their peers and professors. Students who have participated in the Sophomore International Experience find the program to be one of the most eye-opening and fun experiences in their time studying at Bryant.

So what exactly is the difference between Sophomore International Experience (SIE) and Semester Abroad?

Simply put, only sophomore students are eligible to sign up for the SIE program, whereas any Bryant student (second-semester sophomore and above) may apply to other study abroad programs offered by Bryant University.

Assistant Director of the Study Abroad office Beth Engwall explains, "Every year, the locations change, so understandably the top choices will vary with the program selections. For example, this year in 2011 we had winter programs going to three destinations: China; Costa Rica and Panama; as well as Germany

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Spring festival welcomes Golden Rabbit

By Ashley Fullard
Staff Writer

February 3rd 2011 marked the start of the Spring Festival, more commonly known as the Chinese New Year. The Year of the Rabbit is upon us bringing with it serenity and good fortune. The U.S. China Institute here at Bryant hosted one of the biggest celebrations of the Chinese New Year that Rhode Island has ever seen.

The event was held in the main gym and all the stops were pulled out for this celebration. In the hallway the walls were lined with tables for guest to learn more about the Chinese culture. One of the most popular attractions was the Calligraphy table. Parents and children lined up to have their names inscribed in the ancient Chinese art. Calligraphy was

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At the Chinese New Year celebration, there was a demonstration of calligraphy, shown above, as well as other Chinese traditions. (Kelsey Nowak)

Recycle this newspaper

By Lauren Jensen
Staff Writer

For the third year in a row, Bryant University will be participating in the nationwide RecycleMania Competition! The RecycleMania Competition runs from February 6th to April 2nd and represents 630 colleges, 6 million students and over 1.5 million staff and faculty. This friendly competition started in 2001 with just two schools: Ohio State University and Miami University, seeing which of the two could collect the most recyclables.

The competition has now expanded to schools reporting recycling and trash data, which are then ranked according to who collects the largest amount of recyclables per capita, the largest amount of total recyclables, the least amount of trash per capita, or have the highest recycling rate. Each college tracks and reports online the weights of items recycled during the weeks of the competition. All of the statistics from this year and previous years can be found on the official RecycleMania website: www.recyclemania.org

Here is a calendar of how Bryant plans to participate and engage students:

Friday, February 11th: Kick-Off Event: Rotunda from 10 – 2

- Students can participate in Recycling Trivia to test their knowledge of Recycling Facts and be entered into a raffle to win an InspireGreen Waterbottle!
- We will also be conducting a water tasting experiment to see if students can tell the difference between Brita filtered water and tap water.
- February 14th – March 2nd: Art Project Fair
Student Organizations and Faculty Office Suites are encouraged to create their own unique work of art using recyclable items to be displayed in the Rotunda on March 2nd from 10 – 2
- There will also be recyclable craft projects for students to do, including Tissue Box picture frames and tips on how to turn old t-shirts into new fun clothing items!

Please keep an eye out for more events in the coming weeks and continue recycling all bottles, cans, paper and cardboard! If students have any questions on the proper recycling methods at Bryant University, please visit <http://bryantsife.org/green> or email gogreen@bryant.edu.

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Sophomore

Continued from page 1 and Greece. This coming summer we have one going to London and Paris as well as Italy. We'll be advertising for the 2012 programs so the current freshman class will be able to sign up for their Sophomore International Experience by the end of their first year, keeping in mind that the programs may change as the university faculty are currently designing the course curriculum for the upcoming year."

The SIE program offers students the opportunity to explore a country and view it in a different perspective than that if they took a trip by themselves or with their family. It's not unusual for students who participate in SIE to make the decision to spend a semester abroad in the country they went to their sophomore year or even to other countries offered by the Study Abroad office. Senior Cristine Cox says "My SIE experience in Italy inspired me to spend my semester abroad in London, Spring 2010. It was one of the most rewarding experiences I've had to travel to another country where I didn't know a soul and had to depend on only myself. I learned so much from my semester in London."

Other students echo Cox's sentiments as well. "Since I'm an International Business major and Spanish minor, it was really interesting to visit businesses in other countries and learn about how they are run, while also getting to practice my Spanish," says Makena Sage '12. She continues, "It was eye-opening just to visit all of the incredible places we did, and ultimately, my experience on SIE was what convinced me to study abroad in Latin America during the fall of my junior year."

Other than offering students the chance of self-discovery, students are also able to immerse themselves in rich cultures they've only read about in books or watched on film.

"I've never been to Europe before, so it was a new experience for me," says Danica Kwan '12. "Going to Rome was eye-opening because I saw many faces of history. We saw the temples to the gods and goddesses and we also went to the Colosseum, which was really cool."

To some, the ability to travel is considered a privilege and at times, an extravagant cost, especially on top of tuition and housing at Bryant. For the programs in 2011, the cost is \$3,500 per student, which includes airfare, transportation in the chosen country, scheduled activities, and the tuition for



Groups of Sophomores travelled the globe. Some of the China group is pictured above. (Barrett Brooks)

the academic credits. Students are responsible for personal spending money and meals not listed in the itinerary.

It's interesting to note that while \$3,500 may still seem costly to some, the true cost per student for the whole trip is \$5000 (the school subsidizes \$1500 per student). However, payment plans are easily negotiated with the Study Abroad office and financial aid is still available to those who qualify.

No matter what point you are at in your college career, stop by the Study Abroad Office in the lower level of the Unistructure (near Faculty Suite J) to learn more about the countries and programs available.

Interested in the Sophomore International Experience or thinking of studying abroad? Drop by the Study Abroad office located in the lower level of the Unistructure (near Faculty Suite J). You can also email the Study Abroad office at saoffice@bryant.edu or call 401-232-6209 (ext: 6209 from a campus phone). You can also visit the SIE website at <http://bryant.edu/sophomore>

The Study Abroad office is currently accepting applications for summer and/or fall 2011 program.

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SASS brings the Post-Racial Comedy Tour to educate and entertain

By Fira Zainal
Staff Writer

It's that time of year again! The first Student Arts and Speaker Series (SASS) event of the semester will be taking place this coming week - and they're starting off with a bang! The Post Racial Comedy Tour will be making its way to Bryant University.

So what exactly is "post-racial", you may ask? After the election of Barack Obama as president some two years ago, some declared that America has entered a "post-racial" era. Well SASS, along with Christian Lander (best-selling author of 'Stuff White People Like') and Elon James White (host of the award-winning 'This

Week in Darkness') will elaborate on the meaning of this phenomena this coming Tuesday February 15th at 7pm in the Bello Grand Hall!

With Lander's expertise on "stuff white people like" and White's experience in "Blacking It Up", The Post Racial Comedy Tour will make you laugh and think about the absurdities of stereotypes and others misconceptions. The Comedy Tour has been hailed as insightful and has garnered praise from venues around the country. It has even been part of a Wisconsin University's well-known Distinguished Lecture Series!

So why bring the Post Racial Comedy Tour to Bryant you may ask?

"We thought it was important for this event to be early in the semester to start some dialogue, but also it seemed important to recognize the importance of Black History Month," says SASS Co-chair Angela Marchio '11. SASS Staff coordinator for the event Betsy Knowles says, "Topics of race are relevant in every community across the country and Bryant is no different in that regard. The Post Racial Comedy Tour addresses

these issues in a way that is both entertaining and thought provoking."

One of the student coordinators for the Post-Racial Comedy Tour, Zach Suter '12, echoes Knowles' and says "SASS wanted to start off the semester with an event that would be remembered, and so the committee came to the decision to bring The Post-Racial Comedy Tour so that the students who attend the event can have a good laugh while thinking critically about serious racial issues."

Knowles' adds, "Christian Lander is a well known (New York Times Bestseller) author and Elon James White is a popular name within social media (blogging/Twitter) circles. These two gentlemen certainly meet the high standards SASS strives for when bringing quality speakers to campus."

So what does SASS hope students will gain from the event?

Suter says, "I think students will gain a better understanding of some of the racial stereotypes and taboos that are prevalent in the US today while getting a good laugh as well." He continues, "Students need to understand that serious issues can be addressed sometimes in a non-serious manner while still having a thought-provoking discussion."

Touching on their expectations for the Spring 2011 semester, Co-chair Angela Marchio says, "I am hoping that because students know all of



TV Host Elon James White (Courtesy of SASS Events)

SASS' events for the entire Spring semester that attendance and participation will be much higher this semester!" She continues, "We have some great events planned and put a lot of work into planning them, so we hope the Bryant community will come out and join us for them!"

Interested in attending the Post-Racial Comedy Tour? You can still do so at the Center for Student Involvement Office on the 3rd floor of the Bryant Center until the day of the event. Tickets are free for all interested attendees. Outside community are able to reserve tickets by calling (401) 232-6160. Have a question? E-mail SASS: sass@organizations.bryant.edu. Also, join their group on Facebook @ Bryant Student Arts & Speakers Series.



Best-selling author Christian Lander (Courtesy of SASS Events)

Golden Rabbit

Continued from page 1 once considered one of the Three Perfections in ancient Chinese history and in order to become a scholar men had to master these perfections. Another popular table was the Chinese paper cutting table or better known as Jianzhi. Chinese paper cutting dates back to the Eastern Han Dynasty when paper was invented by Cai Lun. In China these paper cuttings are often used to decorate the windows in their homes. Children were able to partake in this ancient tradition when instructors taught them the basics of paper cutting.

Inside the main gym there were numerous live performances that kept the audience captivated from beginning to end. The first performance involved the use of a Chinese instrument called Yang Qin. A cross between a harp and a drum the instrument emitted beautiful sounds throughout the entire gymnasium. When the musicians finished their set I pulled one of the girls aside and asked her how she felt about U.S. China Institute and Bryant University putting this event together. She responded "I'm very happy because the show is similar to the Spring Festival at home. I feel like Bryant is my home".

Another performance that blew the audience away was by a young lady who performed Tian Lu. Tian Lu is a song that was written to commemorate the construction of the railroad through Tibet. With the construction of this railroad China was able to bring food and supplies to the people of Tibet who would have not gotten it otherwise. The young lady who sang this song did so with much grace and style as she took audience members on a historic journey through Chinese history. Emotions were high as she came to a close, and it was obvious that this performance was a

personal one for many.

The students of the Rhode Island Star Chinese School warmed audience members' hearts with their performance of "The Big China". They were full of pride as they belated out the words to this Chinese anthem. One of the most colorful performances of the evening was the Fan Dance. There are many types of fan dances all honoring different aspects of Chinese culture; this one in particular was paying homage to Chinese martial arts. The ladies moved elegantly across the stage as they waved the massive fans effortlessly. As the celebration came to a close one could sense the pride and happiness that was radiating off the audience. Their smiles attested to the success of this event as it drew in many people of diverse cultures not just Chinese people.

Through this event the residents of Bryant University and Rhode Island were able to take a brief journey through Chinese culture. In the global world we live in today it's so very important to be exposed to different cultures in order to gain a global perspective. Bryant is moving in the right direction by hosting events such as this one and I hope there will be many more to come.

愉快的中国新年
(Happy Chinese New Year!)

Announcement from the Bryant Center Operations Office

The Bryant Center is currently organizing the Annual Spring Art Exhibit, which will be on display in the Papitto Dining Room from March 21st through April 2nd. The exhibit is open to all students, faculty or staff who would like to submit their artwork for viewing.

If you are interested in participating, please print out the form below and return it to the Bryant Center Operations office by Friday, March 4th. For more information call x 6117.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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Completed applications are due back on **Wednesday, March 3 2011**. Questions? Contact Andrew LaPrade in the Conference Office at alaprade@bryant.edu or x6161.

Study Abroad Spotlight

Name: Erica Dawson
Class of 2011
University: Lorenzo De' Medici
Location: Florence, Italy
Partner: API
Semester Abroad: Spring 2010

Reason for going:

After going on the Sophomore International Experience to London and Paris I was eager to go abroad again. My advisor, Aaron Dashiell, who was also on the SIE trip suggested that I try a semester abroad. Following his suggestion I decided to get the total

abroad experience by studying in Italy for a semester. I chose Italy because I wanted to go somewhere where English wasn't the main language-- I wanted to challenge myself and step outside of my comfort zone. Italy is also centrally located making it easy to travel elsewhere in Europe. When researching the different Italian schools and cities available through the study abroad programs I chose Florence. When I looked at Florence I felt comfortable with the size of the city, and I had been told that it's a beautiful place. I knew living in a city

environment would be a drastic change for me, but at the same time I was excited for a change and to live someplace truly unique.

Best experience/memory:

During my time abroad I realized that you only live once and sometimes you just have to go for it. I visited Switzerland with one of my roommates and while there I faced my lifelong fear of heights. I went paragliding in the Alps. It was the most amazing experience just flying through the air over mountains and lakes. My pilot made us spiral and



Erica at the Roman Colosseum (Courtesy of Erica Dawson) swing through the air; it was awesome!

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Funny cultural experience:

While traveling around Europe I learned that many cultural stereotypes are actually true. In Greece they really do break plates. I had a plate broken on my head at a toga party, and it hurt, but only a little. My friends and I also learned the hard way that real Scottish men don't wear anything underneath their kilts. And in Florence vendors would shout out common American phrases to all the American girls. Their favorite thing to shout was "Oh My God!" Sometimes they would mix it up a little and say "Oh My Jiggy Jiggy!" My apartment was right next to an outdoor market, so I heard this phrase at least once a day.

How was the school different from Bryant University?

The Lorenzo De' Medici (LDM) campus was spread throughout the city of Florence. This was a big difference from Bryant. The LDM class sizes were relatively small like Bryant, however class was much longer. Most of my class periods were two and half hours long. On the plus side, most classes met only once a week. LDM also offered a larger variety of classes than Bryant. I was able to take a dance class and many of my friends took art, cooking, or wine classes. Lastly, I lived in an apartment rather than the traditional dorm style living I have here at Bryant. It was my first experience living independently in a real city—I had a lot of fun.

Would you study abroad again given the opportunity?

Yes, I would love to study abroad again. It was the best four months of my life. There are still so many places across the world that I would love to see.

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Is diet soda as bad as you think?

By Debbie Turner
(Salmonson Dietician)

Is it true that diet soda is really bad for you? Why? If you had to decide, should you drink regular or diet?

The only big difference between the two sodas is, the diet has artificial sweetener where the regular soda has sugar. Otherwise the two are much alike in that:

1. They aid in the increased likely hood of dehydration. Caffeine (and sugar) are diuretics, which eliminate water from your body. Even in the mildest form of dehydration, your body can not operate efficiently. The cells that keep your Brain, Muscles and Heart functioning are 99% water based. If the cells are not fed with proper hy-

dration the results could come in the form of Fatigue, Headaches, Poor Concentration all of which could negatively affect both Academic and Athletic Performance.

A good way to determine your hydration status is your urine color. A Gold/Dark color indicates dehydration where a Pale-Straw/Clear color is more hydrated.

2. Acids (phosphoric) are used in the carbonation process of soft drinks. These acids are doing damage to your bones in two ways:

a) They increase the risk of tooth decay. How? The acids react with saliva and form a bacteria that attacks the tooth enamel. The body has a natural defense of rinsing the

teeth, this process takes about 20minutes. With every "sip" you take, the acid attack starts over and the body can not finish the cleansing cycle.

b) Contributing factor in the loss of bone mass (i.e. easy to break a bone and longer to heal). In the digestion process, the acids attach to the body's calcium resulting in urinary calcium loss.

The Bottom Line: In order to help perform at your best and help prevent weak bones, fluid replacement is essential! If you chose to drink soda, drink what tastes good to you and try to drink water between sips. Just a word of caution, if you would like to cut back on soda, please do it gradually, otherwise you could get headaches. For ex-

ample: If you drink three sodas a day, try for two sodas and one water.

A good hydration guide from The National Institute of Medicines recommendation for fluid replacement is 9 cups*/day for Women and 13 cups*/day for men. Water is always the best choice. If you are not a water fan, decaffeinated tea & coffee, clear liquid soups, milk, raw fruits and vegetables all have hydrating properties. *8 oz. = 1 cup

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You do the math.

DPS Log

ACCIDENT (MVA) Motor Vehicle Accident JAN 21 2011-Friday at 16:05

Location: SENIOR APARTMENT ROAD

Summary: DPS received a report of a motor vehicle accident on the Senior Apartment roadway. There were no injuries reported. A report was taken.

BURGLARY (RESIDENCE) Burglary/B&E A Dwelling Anytime JAN 24 2011-Monday at 15:18

Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: DPS received a report of objects taken from a Residence Hall common room. The incident is under investigation.

ACCIDENT Leaving the Scene / Unattended Vehicle JAN 24 2011-Monday at 21:57

Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: DPS received a student report from a student that his car had been damaged by another vehicle. The second vehicle left the area. A report was taken as well as Smithfield Police responding.

DRUG (Possession of Drug Paraphernalia) JAN 24 2011-Monday at 23:20

Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: An RA informed DPS of a strong smell of marijuana in a Residence Hall. DPS responded and called Smithfield Police. One student was arrested and charges have been filed.

DRUG (Possession of Drug Paraphernalia) JAN 25 2011-Tuesday at 23:03

Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: An RA informed DPS of a smell of marijuana in a Residence Hall. DPS responded to the scene and charges have been filed.

ACCIDENT (MVA) Motor Vehicle Accident JAN 26 2011-Wednesday at 14:32

Location: ENTRY CONTROL STATION

Summary: A vehicle exiting campus slid and hit the cement post on the rear of the ECS. There were no injuries reported.

EMT CALL (Medical Services Rendered) JAN 26 2011-Wednesday at 17:11

Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A student called DPS to

report that his friend had an injured knee. EMS was activated and the subject was transported to Fatima Hospital by Smithfield Fire Department.

VANDALISM (School Building) JAN 26 2011-Wednesday at 17:45

Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: DPS received a report of vandalism to a Residence Hall suite window. The incident is being investigated.

EMT CALL (Medical Services Rendered) JAN 27 2011-Thursday at 01:04

Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: DPS received a report of a male having chest pain. EMS was activated and subject was transported to Fatima Hospital by Smithfield Fire Department.

THEFT JAN 27 2011-Thursday at 16:55

Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: DPS received a report of a stolen IPOD. The incident is under investigation.

THEFT JAN 27 2011-Thursday at 18:00

Location: CHASE ATHLETIC CENTER / GYM / MAC
Summary: A student reported his gym bag was stolen while he was at the Gym. DPS is investigating.

EMT CALL (Medical Services Rendered) JAN 29 2011-Saturday at 01:24

Location: TOWNHOUSE
Summary: DPS received a call requesting medical assistance in the townhouses. EMS was activated and a subject was transported to Fatima Hospital by Smithfield Fire Department.

DRUG (Possession of Drug Paraphernalia) JAN 29 2011-Saturday at 02:10

Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: DPS received a call of possible marijuana use in a residence hall. DPS investigated and confiscated drug paraphernalia. Charges have been filed.

EMT CALL (Medical Services Rendered) JAN 29 2011-Saturday at 23:34

Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: An RA requested an EMT for a medical evaluation of an intoxicated person. EMS was activated

and the subject was transported to Fatima Hospital by Smithfield Fire Department.

EMT CALL (Medical Services Rendered) JAN 30 2011-Sunday at 01:41

Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: DPS received a report of a male with a cut on his head. EMS was activated and the subject was transported to Fatima Hospital by Smithfield Fire Department.

EMT CALL (Medical Services Rendered) JAN 30 2011-Sunday at 02:19

Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: DPS received a report of a male with a laceration on the head. EMS was activated subject was transported to Fatima Hospital by a friend.

EMT CALL (Medical Services Rendered) JAN 30 2011-Sunday at 11:10

Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: DPS received report of a person with a cut on his foot. EMS was activated and subject was transported to Fatima Hospital by taxi.

VANDALISM (Vehicle) JAN 31 2011-Monday at 16:56

Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: DPS received a report of a broken taillight lens on a student's vehicle. A report was taken.

TOWED VEHICLE FEB 1 2011-Tuesday at 13:20

Location: HALL 16 LOT
Summary: DPS towed a vehicle that was hampering snow removal.

EMT CALL (Medical Services Rendered) FEB 1 2011-Tuesday at 19:04

Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: DPS received a call for medical assistance from a male experiencing an elevated heart rate. EMS was activated subject was transported to Fatima Hospital by Smithfield Fire Department.

VANDALISM (Residence) FEB 2 2011-Wednesday at 07:30

Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A student reported a blue recycle bucket full of water was propped against his door. When door was opened, water flooded a room. The incident is being investigated.

ACCIDENT (MVA) Motor Vehicle

Accident FEB 3 2011-Thursday at 11:45

Location: JOHN MOWRY ROAD
Summary: The DPS patrol vehicle was side-swiped by a Facilities dump truck. A report was taken and the damage will be repaired.

HARASSMENT FEB 5 2011-Saturday at 00:58

Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: DPS received a report of a group of males banging on a door and yelling. DPS responded and charges have been filed.

ASSAULT (and/or Battery) FEB 5 2011-Saturday at 23:07

Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: An RA called DPS to report a guests drinking and refusing to produce an ID. One of the subjects pushed the RA and ran out the building. The incident is under investigation and charges are pending.

VANDALISM (Residence) FEB 6 2011-Sunday at 00:44

Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: DPS received a report of a broken window. A report was taken and the incident is being investigated.

EMT CALL (Medical Services Rendered) FEB 6 2011-Sunday at 19:10

Location: DISPATCH CENTER
Summary: A DPS Officer was taken to Roger Williams Medical Center with an injured shoulder.

BIAS INCIDENTS None Reported
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Bias related incident – a threatened, attempted, or completed action that is motivated by bigotry and bias regarding a person's real or perceived race, religion, natural origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, or gender status. Examples of these incidents include name calling, offensive language/acts, and graffiti/behavior.

The DPS Crime Prevention Officers:

"TIP OF THE WEEK"

Many thefts occur when students leave their doors unlocked while they are not there.

Always keep your doors locked when you are not there.

All aboard: The investment train has just arrived

By Royce Brunson
Business Editor

One of the most iconic figures throughout childhood is the image of a train. It represents might, power and speed, but trains are quickly becoming the iconic image of many adults around the world as well. As the mounting pressure builds for the world to generate faster, more reliable and greener forms of transportation, trains are in the forefront of the transportation revolution.

This revolution is one the will implement trains into our transportation system for long distance travel. However, these are not your conventional trains that bellow smoke and tow hundreds of cars; these are not even the same trains that you would take from Providence to Boston. These are high-speed rail trains and mark my words, they are soon to change the transportation world as we know it.

High-speed rail trains or Maglev trains are being implemented in countries around the globe as the newest and most amazing form of transportation. The only alternatives to airplanes for long distance travel are cars, buses, boats or conventional trains; however these are just too slow for today's fast-paced society. Maglev trains are going to revolutionize transportation in the 21st

century the way airplanes did in the 20th century. The investment into this system is monumental, but the results are comparable to a science fiction movie coming true in every major city in America.

It is imperative that we look at the mechanics behind high-speed rail trains to see why they will change the world of transportation. Imagine this: a train that has no engine that is levitated off the tracks and is moved by electromagnetic propulsion with top speeds of 310mph. According to About.com the magnetized coil running along the track, called a guideway, repels large magnets on the train's undercarriage, allowing the train to levitate between 0.39 and 3.93 inches above the guideway.

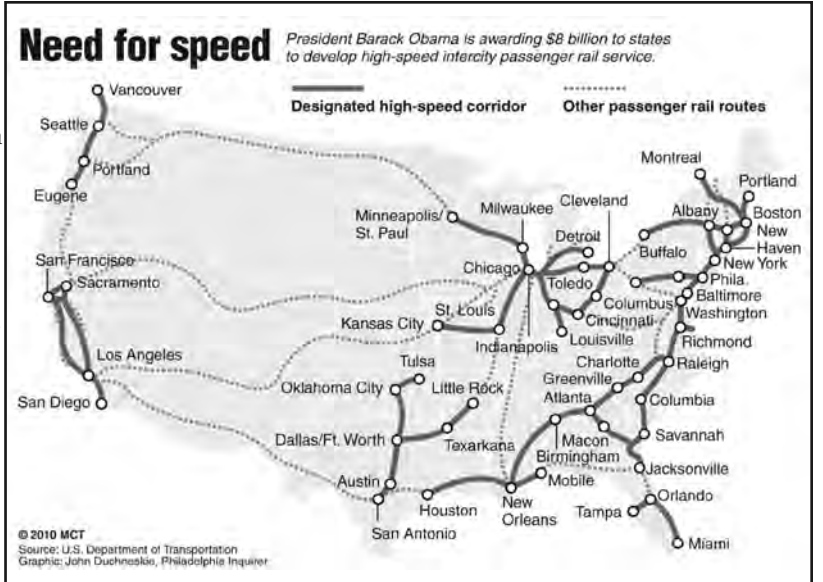
Once the train is levitated, power is supplied to the coils within the guideway walls to create a unique system of magnetic fields that pull and push the train along the guideway. The electric current supplied to the coils in the guideway walls is constantly alternating to change the polarity of the magnetized coils. This change in polarity causes the magnetic field in front of the train to pull the vehicle forward, while the magnetic field behind the train adds more forward thrust. The trains have minimal friction, which allows such blazing speeds.

However, do not think

America is anywhere near the forefront of this technology. Countries such as Japan, China and Germany have had high-speed rails since the early 2000's. China will soon have over 6,000 miles of rails ready for use, Spain will have over 2,000 miles of rail and Japan will soon have 1,500 miles of railway. These rails will soon allow a trip from Paris to Rome (a 13.5 hour drive) to be completed in a little over 2 hours.

On February 8, 2011, Vice President Joe Biden announced a plan to inject \$53 billion into America's high-speed rail system over the next six years. According to Reuters.com this plan has several different aspects. Biden laid out plans for three types of rail-regional rail with trains speeds of 90 to 125 mph; core express rail corridors that would form the backbone of the high-speed system with electric trains travelling at speeds of 125 to 250 mph; and corridors with trains travelling at up to 90 mph.

Vice President Biden said this about the \$53 billion investment, "If we do not, you tell me how America is going to be able to lead the world in the 21st century." This plan will give 80% of Americans access to high-speed rails over the next 25 years. However, The United States' investment into the high-speed rail sys-



tem is minimal in comparison to countries such as China who plans to invest upward of \$602 billion between 2011 and 2015.

Implementing these high-speed trains is a key for economic success. Such a project would employ thousands, if not hundreds of thousands of Americans and would connect cities like never before. Highways across America will be less congested and major cities would see a major decline in highway maintenance over the next 50 years. These rails would allow the human capital of cities to become linked in revolutionary ways, energizing the American economy.

The high-speed rail is undoubtedly the future of trans-

formation. In parts of Europe such travel is the norm and we can expect a similar circumstance to occur here in the United States over the next 25-50 years. With American highways more congested than ever before, alternate form transportation is necessary for the future of both we and our children.

Over the next six years high-speed rails will begin to appear in many major cities across the country and over the duration of the next 25 years expect high-speed rails to be the norm for city-to-city travel. It will be a massive undertaking an enormous investment, but this is an asset that is a necessity for our future.

Groupon ready for an IPO

By Kelsey DiCarlo
Contributing Writer

Google is a huge conglomerate of internet technology based companies. Groupon is an increasingly popular coupon selling website that advertises small businesses in cities across America. A few months ago, Google offered to buy out Groupon for \$6 billion, and Groupon refused. Are they crazy or is 6 billion dollars too low of an offer? Apparently, Groupon is expecting \$15 billion in IPO by refusing the deal and keeping their private ownership. How did Groupon come up with this incredible sum? Groupon obviously had to analyze the pros and cons of such a momentous offer by such a prestigious company. Eventually, the decision not to sell out seemed like the better one to the company, but at what cost? Where has the company gone since?

There are definitely advantages to refusing Google's offer. Groupon is marketed to people who utilize local small businesses and are always looking for the next up and coming trend. Groupon's goal is to be a differentiated service to its customers. They want to maintain an image of uniqueness and individuality. By selling out to Google, which is used by anyone and everyone, Groupon would lose its image of exclusivity. Keeping their image as an original was a huge advantage of declining the offer to sell out.

Similarly, another advantage of declining the deal is Groupon doesn't have to be a part of Google. Groupon can keep doing things they way they always have, which seems to be working for them just fine. The company can run itself however they choose, rather than losing management control to Google. Groupon can keep the client base they have been building since they launched in 2008, without running the risk of Google dropping them in a move. Also, Groupon can open up a new site location in any city they choose. Groupon has always made listings of coupons for different cities, since the same small business doesn't exist in multiple major cities. Instead of opening where Google told them to, or worse, not opening somewhere Google told them not to, Groupon kept its freedom of choosing when to open where by denying the offer.

So, now that Groupon has scored some free publicity off of the deal, how are they looking to make that \$15 billion they predicted? Well, if anyone watched the Superbowl on Sunday, they saw a brand-new television commercial for the coupon selling web site. Groupon is riding the wave of publicity they sparked for themselves by making attention-grabbing, slightly ostentatious commercials. Comparing global issues to wily situations, like deforestation to bikini waxing, Groupon attracts the viewer by starting off with a serious tone better suited for a nonprofit organization, then without warning, switching to the comic relief, and then introducing the company and how it works. The question is: will the commercials be as effective as they are coy? The only way to find out is to watch them for yourself and to log on to www.groupon.com to get your own deal of the day!

Entrepreneurship: Swaave Card

By Scott Merritt
Student Entrepreneur

If you are friends with me on Facebook then you've probably either heard it or seen the word "Swaave" pop-up on my profile or in your newsfeed at least once over the past few months. I get asked all the time "what does it mean?" or "what do you guys do?" Hopefully this article will help you understand what our company Swaave Media Group, LLC is all about - as well as what it means to "be Swaave".

By Definition - Swaave (swäv): Smooth, Sophisticated and Charming. Capable of Achieving One's Dreams.

A core principle of being Swaave is getting started at an early age on your own path towards achieving your own dreams. Success is out there for everyone, but one must be willing to: make sacrifices to get there, be passionate about what it is they're doing, and be persistent - because anything worthwhile is not easily attained. But before you get started, it has to be something you consider worthwhile to invest yourself in. After all, your time and effort is the most important investment you'll ever make.

What separates billionaires from the rest of society? They took accountability upon themselves to achieve greatness. The Oprah Winfrey's and Steve Job's of the world did not wait until tomorrow to get started on their path to success, but instead they took the initiative today and immersed themselves in what they loved. A person can be successful in a thousand different ways; the key is to realize what it is you want to accomplish in life and start working on it today. If you have big goals in life it is beneficial to start pursuing them now while still young and ambitious. One of the main goals of Swaave Media Group, LLC is to empower our nation's youth to achieve their dreams by being able to say - we did it, and so can you!

Now, let me give you some background on how this all started. This past October I was approached by my longtime childhood friend and now business partner Christopher Sacchinelli. We agreed to meet in person to discuss over a beer my interest in a company he had been building for a few years. He brought with him two pieces of paper that consisted of a brief business plan and a core

idea. This idea was both simple and complex all at the same time; that this company, Swaave Media Group, LLC, would change the world. After Chris explained the "how" side of things, I knew this company would be capable of achieving great things. Not only that, but I decided that I would be able to bring a lot to the table and agreed to committed myself one hundred percent. I must say that so far I've been right.

At 21 years old, with over a decade of investing and business experience, Chris originally created Swaave.com to guide and assist young professionals in the world of finance and entrepreneurship. It has since developed into a site that builds relationships amongst young professionals through the discussion of music, fashion and money with an overall theme of empowering one's lifestyle and being successful in your own individual endeavors.

As discussed in our first meeting, Swaave Media Group's goal as a company is to have a significant impact on society. The next step we had to take was figuring out how to successfully execute a plan in order to be in a position to do so. As Chris once explained to me, "Look at how many years' hippies tried to get America to go green, yet were unable to successfully do so. They had the heart, but they did not have the influence to effectively generate change. It was not until corporate America figured out how profitable it is to "be green" that it finally caught on... Money equals power, power equals influence, influence changes the world." With this concept in mind, Swaave is aimed to be a for profit conglomerate that will be able to have a significant positive impact in a socially conscious way.

With all of that in mind, the concept of The Swaave Card was born, and I have now successfully been able to extend our brand to this area. The most basic concept behind the card is that it benefits all parties involved; The Swaave Card holders, the businesses we affiliate with, and of course, Swaave Media Group, LLC. It is a win - win - win in every sense of the phrase, and the best part is the card's just the beginning! Be on the lookout for the Bryant/Smithfield release in upcoming weeks. I'm positive that you won't want to be caught off campus without a card in your wallet!

What did we learn—What can we learn?

By Lawrence Hershoff
Faculty Contributor

By now, everyone likely understands how the Residential Real Estate implosion of 2007-2008 set into motion a worldwide panic that threatened to unravel our financial systems and institutions. And perhaps, like me, you partly agree with Chairman Phil Angelides of the Congressional Commission that a lot of this was preventable—so the question for the day (and beyond) is what did we learn from all this and how can we avoid unwittingly participating in, and/or being hurt by, the next Big Mistake?

I just finished reading a terrific book (*On the Brink*) by former Treasury Secretary Hank Paulson, about how close the whole thing came to coming apart in 2007-2008, and what it took to hold everything together.

As I mused at the remarkable series of events, and the extraordinary efforts of Geithner, Bernanke, and Paulson et al to cobble together rescue after rescue within political, economic, regulatory, and legal constraints—as well as why none of this would allow Lehman Brothers to be saved—I thought about our growing course offerings at Bryant, and how well they can prepare you for the challenges you will face in the “real world.”

So, if you will permit some shameless PR for my fellow professors, think about the lessons we learned from the

crisis and what you might consider adding to your Bryant course of study:

- 1. Nothing Can Be Accomplished Without the Timely Cooperation of Multiple Parties**—and I don’t mean sequential beer bashes. Paulson was a very smart guy with a capable team, but he had to negotiate with bureaucrats, politicians, lawyers and foreign dignitaries to get many of his programmatic solutions accomplished. Treasury had to negotiate, compromise, and readily have Plan B and Plan C well thought out. Paulson had to think about who was in the room, and why, and who wasn’t in the room, and why, at every meeting—so think about taking PSY 260 Intro to Psychology, or COM 270 Interpersonal Communications, to help your thought process about how people interact and why.
- 2. Moral Hazard is All Around Us, and Current Regulation is both Out-moded and Inefficient.** The regulators and many politicians realized the mortgage mess was coming, and that FNMA and Freddie Mac were propagating a disaster, but nobody had the, ah....gumption.... to try to fix it—it was easier to hope it would go away. Nobody realized just how bad it would be, though. Greed and stupidity are persistent out there, folks, and you need to know who to trust, how they should work on your behalf, and how to identify financial risks. Think about taking FIN 315—Financial Institutions

and Markets. And remember that the Financial Adviser who calls you now and tells you how great things are going in the stock markets ISN’T quite as smart as the one who might have told you to get in back at a Dow 8000 or 9000 level.

- 3. International Considerations Must Be Made in the Solution to Any Problem**—in 2000 half the world’s GDP was in the US and Japan, and today that is less than a third, according to the IMF. Both the supply of, and demand for, financial (and non-financial) goods transcend geographical boundaries, and you must consider who holds what, who has pre-sold or pre-bought what, and how International Economics will affect anything you try to do—so consider taking ECO 471 International Trade, or FIN 368 Multinational Finance.

- 4. Problems Don’t Have to Be Legal, but Solutions Do**—Paulson had to determine what powers Treasury did (providing emergency liquidity through loans), and didn’t (buying assets and taking equity interests) have in his efforts to solve sequential failing financial giants. He had to negotiate with both houses of Congress through their leaders, and obtain documented approvals quickly while the bullets were flying. Please consider taking LGLS 211 The Legal Environment of Business, to insure your appreciation of the structure within which we must work, and within which we will be

prosecuted if we violate the rules.

- 5. The Value of Something is Not What People SAY They Will Pay for It—it is Exactly What They DO pay for It, If It Can Be Sold at All**—changing interest rates and future expectations will muddy the waters in any crisis, and liquidity (think: cash) will allow you to sell when markets are in equilibrium, not in turmoil. Consider taking something past the required FIN 201 to learn the finer points of both Valuations and Liquidity Management. In a world where the IMF has just noted the possibility of a US sovereign debt crisis, you should expect future problems, and be ready to deal with them.

- 6. Sometimes You Have to Do Something You Dislike to Protect the Things You Like**—Free-market Paulson had to meddle in the survival of particular entities which were crucial to a functioning world economy, lest the cost and consequences to the US taxpayer be far worse than if he had let the free markets destroy a number of significant institutions, like Citigroup and Fannie Mae. Consider taking HIS 354 Trends in Modern Thought, to insure you have the chops to see beyond the current issue to the so-called Law of Unintended Consequences.

- 7. When You Think It’s Over, It’s Not Over Yet**—as in Fatal Attraction and Die Hard, but for different reasons, Paulson learned that

some problems just keep popping up again, or setting the stage for new problems to develop. Think about taking MGT 301 Operations Management, or MGT 356 International Business Management, both of which should help you figure out the inter-relationships between variables, and organize a thorough remediation plan—including Plans B and C!

So this isn’t an all-inclusive list, and please don’t misconstrue my failure to direct you to any specific course as anything negative. Also, the professors are responsible for the contents of the courses, and my recommendations are based on our catalogue. We are a University, and therefore able to provide significant depth in many disciplines, on both an undergraduate and graduate basis. While we haven’t had a Treasury Secretary come out of Bryant yet, there is still plenty of time.

And for those of you who still think that Bernanke and Paulson should have just let it burn, consider the effect it would have had on the funds, investments, and loans that are putting you through Bryant today—many brave and resourceful people worked to rescue the International financial system. We are all better off for their efforts. And the world is counting on your generation to do a better job than the current one did in managing all this stuff in the future.

So keep learning.

Response: U.S.A.-China’s rising tensions are avoidable

By Julien Dumont
Contributing Writer

Fred Bergsten, in “A Partnership of Equals,” expresses the belief that the United States and China can avoid the major conflicts that often arise when an already dominant power [United States] is challenged by a growing power [China]. Bergsten explains that potential conflict can be avoided if the United States and China come together in the adaptation and setting of evolving norms and rules for a variety of economically and politically related issues and institutions.

Fred Bergsten points to a number of current factors that have the potential to lead to further tensions between China and the other established economic powers, most notably the United States. In terms of the major issues Bergsten first points to the Doha Round trade negotiations (of the World Trade Organization). China has refused to positively contribute to the Doha round of international trade negotiation and without the participation of China, the Doha round is unlikely to lead to any major outcomes. Bergsten believes that the WTO as a whole is at jeopardy here since the legitimacy and success of any world economic institution is sure to suffer without the participation of such a

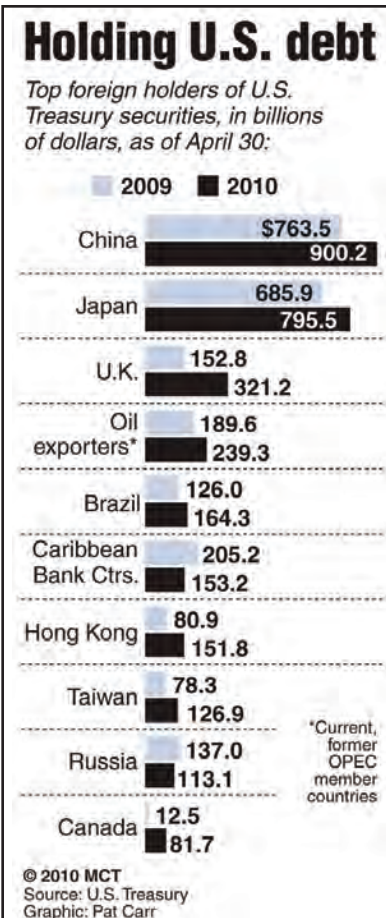
large economy as China. This system, which the United States helped create, is the source of much of the regulation related to international trade activities, and China’s refusal to participate could be a growing source of conflict.

Additionally China has supported the creation of a loose Asian trading bloc. A network of regional agreements and bilateral partnerships between China, ASEAN, and other Asian countries has been interpreted to discriminate against U.S. interests and traditional free trade. Bergsten believes that China’s challenge to the global trading system is most visibly exemplified in its opposition to the U.S. lead proposal at the Asian-Pacific Economic Cooperation (in 2006) for a free-trade deal for the Asia-Pacific. The initiative, which has the potential to limit some of the Asia-only trading bloc, was strongly opposed by China. An additional source of tension between the United States and China, that Bergsten examines, is China’s apparent efforts to maintain an undervalued Yuan in order to aid its international economic competition position.

Despite all of these tensions and apparent sources of possible conflict Bergsten maintains that major conflict between the United States and China can be avoided. Bergsten states that in

order for this to happen the United States must accept China as a global power and work with the country in order to help adapt and create economic institutions, norms, and rules. Bergsten expresses this as the “G-2” concept, with the United States and China working together to create rules that work for both countries (the author does mention other possible alternate solutions such as the G-3, with the E.U, U.S, and China all working together). Bergsten stresses that in order for the G-2 model to function is critical that while working together the countries look at failed trade initiatives, such as the Doha Round, as common threats to the both countries stake in an open economy.

I agree that major conflicts between the United States and China, over evolving economic and political tensions, can be avoided. As China continues to grow in terms of economic as well as political strength, the United States can work with its Asian counterpart in order help shape a world economic system beneficial for both countries. It can do this by showing China that it can continue to grow economically within an economic system not so different from the one currently in place - and can do so without the harms of great conflicts.



Biz Snipz: the current happenings of the business world

By Michael Silva
Contributing Writer

- Deutsche Boerse AG is in advanced talks to buy NYSE Euronext in an all-stock transaction that would create the world’s biggest exchange operator, accelerating a day of takeovers that began with London Stock Exchange Group Plc’s acquisition of Canada’s TMX Group Inc.
- Victims of the Bernie Madoff Ponzi scheme filed a lawsuit against New York Mets owner Fred Wilpon, Chief Operating Officer Jeff Wilpon, and President Saul Katz. Victims hope to recover \$300 million in lost money, resulting from misleading profits. Mets owner Fred Wilpon may be forced to sell part of the franchise.

- As Seniors look for jobs after graduation, Career Cast has ranked the 10 best jobs of 2011. They use criteria such as stress level, work environment and hiring outlook. The results ranged from actuarial statisticians, to software engineers.
- The Super-Bowl between the Pittsburgh, Steelers and Green Bay, Packers became the highest watched television program of all-time with over 111 million viewers (especially impressive for two small market teams).The expectations of the mass audience could be seen in the price for an advertisement during the commercials. A 30-second commercial during the Super Bowl costs upwards of 3 million dollars.
- Americans are beginning to brace for higher food prices in the upcoming months. Corn reserves

- have dwindled. Due to a spike in demand, expected reserves for corn, wheat, and soybeans are at record lows. This and higher fuel costs will certainly bring higher prices.
- The U.S. Defense Department will request about \$113 billion for weapons in the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, equaling this year’s spending plan and \$7 billion less than was forecast last year, according to government officials
- Both the National Football League and Jerry Jones, owner of the Dallas Cowboys, are being sued by season ticket holders for double booking 2,400 seats for the Super Bowl. The Cowboy organization is offering to cover airfare, hotel, food & tickets for next years Super Bowl.

A rally cry to Bulldog Nation

By: Tom Hansen
Sports Editor

Ask any athlete about their thoughts about playing on their own turf and I am willing to bet their answer will be along the lines of "There's no place like home." From baseball to basketball and from soccer to swimming, athletes thrive on the roar of the crowd, the all-familiar locker rooms, and the lack of a long bus ride home. However here at Bryant there is a missing ingredient in that recipe that should come to be expected in the fast-paced world of Division I athletics.

Despite the constant handing out of free tees, promotions, and contests that our athletic programs put on, students here on campus are pushing their school spirit aside, choosing instead to take a jog on the treadmill, fire up their Xbox, or sleep their lives away in our ever-so-comfortable Bryant Issue beds.

Just last semester alone there were no less than two 42 inch HDTV's given away for simply showing up to a home football game (as if a few of the football team's games were not entertaining enough.) Perhaps the most

concerning part of all this is the perennial cries of boredom that are heard screeching all across our fair campus.

If being involved in on-campus organizations, hanging out with friends, and competing for the prestigious Intramural Athlete of the Week award is not enough to fulfill your fun palette it may behoove you to take a peek at the top-notch athletic events we have to offer here on campus, as our student sections could certainly use you.

Taking a look at other premier Division I programs across the country, students live to throw on their school gear, cake on a layer of face paint, and scream their hearts out for their fellow students competing in the sports that put their schools on the map. Whether you are an ardent Bryant Bulldog fan or the occasional Archway Sports reader most can agree that Bryant's student attendance in our sports programs is lacking. However, this is not to say that we as a student body are out of hope for redemption.

Recently there have been several campaigns to foster some home field advantage at our home basketball games, which provided some laughs and some good old-fashioned



While we do not have the student population of an SEC school such as South Carolina, the passion for sports can surely be matched (MCT Campus)

adversity for our opponents. For example, at the Mount St. Mary's game, the Men's Lacrosse team stepped up and played MC for the evening's student section

However if we want to continue to foster growth of our student section and our reputation as an athletic powerhouse we need to improve on our presence in the Dog Pound. In order to do this there is one simple require-

ment that we should all strive for as Bulldog sports fans, attendance.

Take some time out of your day and go see the Basketball teams compete in some important end of season games against foe NEC schools as the season draws to a close. This also means taking a trip down to the outdoor athletic complex when the snow melts and the temperature gets above freezing and watching

the bevy of spring sports that Bryant has to offer.

Bulldog nation is in the hands of its constituents, and it is up to us to take pride in our school and will it to the heights of its potential. The Dog Pound is only as fierce as we make it out to be, so let's take some pride in our community, university, and identity and create an atmosphere that we can be proud of.

Bryant swimming cruises

Courtesy of
bryantbulldogs.com

In the last dual meet for multiple seniors, the Bryant University men's and women's swim teams finished on a strong note, as both sides defeated Holy Cross Saturday afternoon.

The men's side edged the Crusaders, 170.00-94.00, while the women's team won, 142.00-128.00, marking the second-straight year the Black and Gold have defeated the Crusaders.

The Bulldogs took the top spot in 19 out of 29 events and had 11 different swimmers touch the wall first out of the 19 first-place finishes. Bryant took three relay competitions out of the scheduled four and won its first dual meet since

both sides knocked off St. Francis (NY) on Jan. 18.

Reigning Northeast Conference Swimmer of the Year Casey Ostrander (Yarmouthport, Mass.) proved once again why she is one of the premier swimmers in the region, winning the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 25.14. The Massachusetts native went on to take the 100-yard backstroke competition with a time of 58.90.

Joining Ostrander as a top finisher on the women's side was senior Amy Howell (Clifton Park, N.Y.). Howell, who was competing in the final dual meet of her collegiate career, finished second in the 1000-yard freestyle right behind Kim Carballeira (East Setauket, N.Y.), who took the top spot with an 11:11.80

mark.

Freshman standout Taylor DeBever (Denver, Colo.) had another strong outing for the Black and Gold, recording two first-place finishes. The Colorado native took the top spot in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:57.70 and won the 500-yard freestyle with a 5:22.55 mark.

There was a quartet of swimmers who led the men's side to their fifth dual meet victory of the 2010-11 season. Nichols Karadimas (New Milford, Conn.) and Cameron Hessler (Southbury, Conn.) managed to finish first and second in the 1000-yard freestyle with times of 10:43.53 and 10:46.20 respectively.

Bryant recorded another ECAC qualifier in Alex Drogo (Sandwich, Mass.), who took



Taylor DeBever and the rest of the swim team cruised past Holy Cross. (Taylor DeBever)

the top spot in the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 2:01.04. Joining Drogo at the head of the pack was junior Thomas Hyunh (Malden, Mass.), who won the 200-yard butterfly with a 2:04.11 mark.

The women's side will now prepare for the Northeast Conference Championships in two weeks at MIT, while the men will begin practicing for the ECAC meet Feb. 25-27.

Bryant University Intramural Athlete of the Week: Jeff Birnie



Sport: Basketball

While Jeff certainly possesses a high degree of athletic ability it is his attitude that has put him in the spotlight this week as the B.U.I.A.O.T.W. Despite his team having a disappointing 0-3 start Birnie has preached resolve to his team and on-lookers saying "I just want my team to show up and have the will to win."

A mentaiity such as Birnie's is an intangible that we are constantly looking for in our feature athletes, and aspiring B.U.I.A.O.T.W.'s should show in competition.

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Catch an awesome on-campus sporting event that you want to tell the world about?

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Bulldogs beat the buzzer; down St. Francis (PA)

Courtesy of bryantbulldogs.com

Sophomore Frankie Dobbs (Berea, Ohio) nailed a fade away jumper as time expired to give the Bryant University men's basketball team the 70-69 win over Saint Francis (PA) Saturday afternoon at DeGol Arena.

Umar Shannon took a 3-pointer to put the Red Flash (7-16, 5-7 Northeast Conference) out in front, 68-69, for the first time since the 13:45 mark but left five seconds on the clock, giving the Bulldogs (8-16, 6-6) one last chance to walk away with the win. Those five ticks were all Dobbs needed to drive the length of the court and fire a jumper from just inside the paint that bounced off the rim and to the backboard before falling through the net as time expired.

The 70-69 victory was Bryant's third buzzerbeater and fifth last-second win of

the season, as Dobbs was one of four Bulldogs to register double-digit points. Fifth-year senior Cecil Gresham (Bloomfield, Conn.) paced the Bulldogs with 19 points on 6-of-8 shooting, including four 3-pointers, while Dobbs chipped in 15 points, rookie Alex Francis (Harlem, N.Y.) added 14 and frosh Matthew Lee (Bloomfield, N.J.) recorded 10 in just 13 minutes. Freshman Corey Maynard (Adelaide, Australia) added a career-high and team-best nine assists on the day.

Bryant shot a season-high 52.9 percent from beyond the arc (9-of-17), despite being edged by the Red Flash from the floor, 46 percent to 45.1 percent. The Bulldogs played superb defense in the game, particularly from long range, holding Saint Francis to just 5-for-18 shooting from 3-point land.

Down seven at the break, 33-26, the Bulldogs exploded out of the intermission after

struggling to keep up in the first frame, with Francis scoring Bryant's first seven points to cut the deficit to 36-33. With a breath of new life, the visitors forced three turnovers and used a Gresham three to take a 41-40 lead with 13:45 to play – their first lead since owning a 9-8 edge seven minutes into the game.

Stingy defense and tough play on the boards allowed Bryant to keep out in front over the next seven minutes, as a quartet of Bulldogs chipped in to push the lead to 49-45 with 7:24 left in the game.

The Bulldogs would take their largest margin of the contest at the 2:40 mark, 61-51, on a Vlad Kondratyev (Nikolayev, Ukraine) 3-pointer, but a 13-5 run by Saint Francis, capped off by a jumper in the paint by Shannon, would allow the Red Flash to pull within two with just 45 seconds remaining.

Dobbs would drain two free throws to push the lead



Coach Tim O'Shea and the Bulldogs pulled off another buzzer beating victory. (Kelsey Nowak)

back to four points, 68-64, but a jumper from Saint Francis's Will Felder and a turnover by Maynard would give the home side back the ball with just 16 ticks left on the clock.

Shannon would give the Red Flash the momentary lead with five seconds to play,

but the advantage would be brief thanks to the buzzer-beating game winner by Dobbs.

With the victory, the Bulldogs tied the 2008-09 team for the most wins over members of the Northeast Conference (6) in a season.

Sacrifice play: Coach gives his player a kidney

Courtesy of MCTCampus

When a coach says he would do anything for his players, it sounds like a cliché.

Then there is Wake Forest baseball coach Tom Walter. Monday, Walter donated one of his healthy kidneys to Kevin Jordan, a Wake Forest freshman outfielder talented enough to be drafted in the 19th round by the New York Yankees last year but sick enough to wonder if he'd ever play again.

Surviving became Jordan's challenge.

Walter and Jordan are recuperating together at Emory University in Atlanta, each with one healthy kidney and baseball in their futures.

"I wanted to help this young man," Walter, 42, said on a conference call last week.

"When we recruit our guys, we talk about family and making sacrifices for one another. It's something we take very seriously."

When no one in Jordan's family could give him what he needed, the baseball coach – for whom he's never played a game – did.

"It's something you can't imagine," said Keith Jordan, Kevin's father. "Somebody mentioned divine intervention when you look at how we got to Wake Forest ... it's just one of those things you can't express in words."

Hired by Wake Forest on June 16, 2009, Walter and his staff had their first contact with Jordan 15 days later. A switch-hitting outfielder at Northside High in Columbus, Ga., Jordan was a hot prospect by the time he

signed with the Deacons on Nov. 11, 2009.

Two months later, Jordan was diagnosed with the flu. Three months later, Jordan was 30 pounds lighter and struggling on the baseball field.

A visit to Emory University revealed Jordan was suffering from ANCA vasculitis, a condition caused by abnormal autoantibodies that attack cells and tissues. In Jordan's case, it led to kidney failure.

With his kidneys functioning at 20 percent of their ability, Jordan was put on medication – 35 pills a day. By summer, he was on dialysis three times a week.

Last August, Jordan decided to enroll at Wake Forest despite his illness, becoming a sick teenager away from home.

"Kevin showing up on our campus was a courageous act on his part. Far more courageous than anything I'm doing," Walter said.

"For him being a freshman, not knowing anyone on campus, having to be in his room on dialysis, took an incredible courage."

Two days before fall classes began, Jordan, Walter and team trainer Jeff Strahm met with Dr. Barry Freedman, a nephrologist at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. Freedman told Jordan his kidney function was down to 8 percent and explained a transplant was necessary.

While Jordan waited for a donor, attending practices but not participating, he attended classes, all of which he would pass.

"If you didn't know he was sick, you'd never know he

was," teammate James Harris said. "He never seemed down."

When testing Jordan's family failed to find a compatible kidney donor, Walter volunteered to be tested. He passed the first stage in December, a second in early January. More tests followed to confirm the match.

"Most of the anxiety came because it was a waiting game," Walter said. "I had made up my mind it was something I wanted to do. My biggest fear was I wouldn't be able to do it. I would be disappointed."

On Jan. 28, the Deacons were 30 minutes into their first practice of the spring when Walter, who doesn't typically carry his cell phone to practice, got the call.

He was a match. Eight days ago, Walter told Wake Forest athletics director Ron Wellman he wanted to donate his kidney to Jordan. Wellman immediately offered his support.

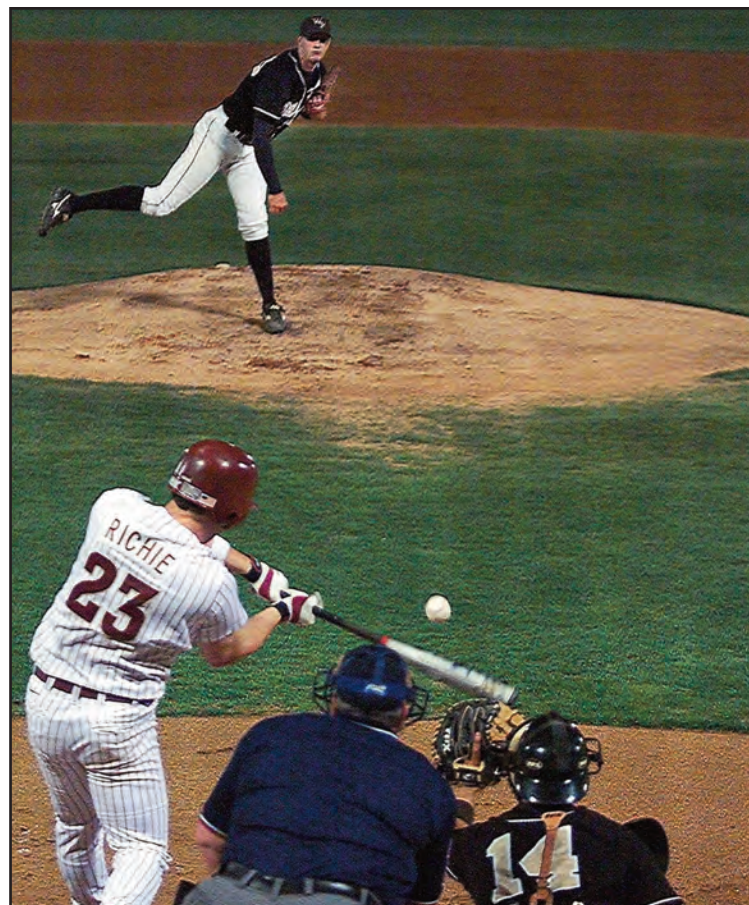
Walter, the father of children ages 8 and 11, had already talked with his wife, Kirsten, and other family members about his decision.

"They were certainly stunned, I guess. It was out of left field," Walter said. "Once they got past the initial shock, there was nothing but support."

On the day he told Wellman, Walter called his baseball team together and told them what was happening. For a moment, the players sat quietly. Then they broke into applause.

"It was like, is this really happening?" Harris said.

If everything goes accord-



Wake Forest baseball coach, Tom Walter, really stepped up to the plate for one of his players. (MCT Campus)

ing to plan, Walter will be with his team Feb. 18 when the Deacons open the season at LSU.

Barring complications, Walter is a few weeks from doing the things he enjoys – running, playing with his kids, playing golf, and coaching third base.

He knows living with one kidney has risks, but chooses not to dwell on them. "You can't plan for that," he said. "It's like telling yourself you can't leave the house because you might get hit by a car."

Walter also understood what Jordan faced if he didn't find a matching donor.

"I think it's everybody's first goal that Kevin have a normal life. Forget baseball for now. If he gets back on the field, that's another story," Walter said.

It's possible that Jordan can swing a bat again in April. The plan is for him to be in summer school.

"It transcends baseball," Harris, his teammate, said. "It's an inspiration."

TRIVIA QUESTION:

What NBA team just broke the record for most consecutive losses?

Archway readers can now find a trivia question somewhere in the sports section! The Archway fan who calls in the correct answer to the 'Archway on Air' radio show, Thursdays at 6 pm, on WMJF 88.7, will win a gift card!

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Epic fails of the Week No power, more problems

By Jessica Komoroski
Editor-in-Chief

The Epic Fail for this week will be the power outage that occurred on Friday, February 4th. President Ron Machtley sent a campus-wide e-mail at 3:11 P alerting us of the outage, which was scheduled to begin at 4:30 and end between 5 and 6PM.

Ultimately, we cannot fault the university for having to conduct this outage. The reasoning was well explained in President Machtley's e-mail.

The thing that had most Bryant students up in arms, however, was the timing of the outage. Basically - the timing was awful. The outage lasted past 6 pm and during this time (the prime dinner time) Salmonson Dining Hall and South Dining Hall were closed. Not only that, but the outage started just as dusk began to fall.

We are inclined to ask whether or not this was thought through. Why couldn't the outage happen after classes ended on Friday and between the lunch and dinner rushes? Was the University limited to when the outage had to occur? Why was dining services not told sooner in advance so that they could better prepare? Why wait until it is dark when students are not able to have alternate sources of light (candles, for example, as it states in the Bryant Handbook)?

Props to dining services, however, who were able to get Salmonson back up and running within 15 minutes of the power returning -- there wasn't even a limit on food options! We hope that next time, however, there is better planning; in the future we would like to see minimal interruption in our students' days.

Falling face first

By Stephanie Piech
Staff Writer

Last Saturday I was leaning over my bed to get a snack, and I thought my arms were long enough to grab it from under my bed. Well, I was seriously mistaken. My arm slid from underneath me, and I landed face first into the

carpet.

A few hours later, I looked in the mirror and noticed that I had a cut and severe rug burn on the left side of my face.

If you have your own epic fail of the week, e-mail it to archway@bryant.edu!

Phony solutions for real social ills

MCT Campus

Social conservatives say they're trying to address the problems of family breakdown, crime and welfare costs, but there's a huge disconnect between the problems they identify and the policy solutions they propose. It's almost like the man who looked for his keys on the thoroughfare, even though he lost them in the alley, because the light was better.

Social conservatives tend to talk about issues such as abortion and gay rights, stem cell research and the role of religion "in the public square": "Those who would have us ignore the battle being fought over life, marriage and religious liberty have forgotten the lessons of history," said Rep. Mike Pence, R-Ind., at the Family Research Council's 2010 Values Voter Summit. But what, exactly, are the policy problems they say they aim to solve?

Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, at the same summit, said: "We need to understand there is a direct correlation between the stability of families and the stability of our economy. ... The real reason we have poverty is we

have a breakdown of the basic family structure." And Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., said: "It's impossible to be a fiscal conservative unless you're a social conservative because of the high cost of a dysfunctional society."

'Abortion may be a moral crime, but it isn't the cause of high government spending or intergenerational poverty.'

Those are reasonable concerns. As a 2009 Heritage Foundation report stated, children born to single mothers "score lower on tests, have increased chances for committing a crime, have higher chances of living in poverty, experience more emotional and behavioral problems, are more likely to abuse drugs or alcohol and have higher chances of becoming pregnant as teens." And social problems like that do tend to lead to higher government spending.

But those problems have nothing to do with abortion or gay marriage, the issues that social conservatives talk most about.

The world has passed U.S. students by

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In these days of tiger-mother hysteria about raising children with academic backbone, President Barack Obama has weighed in with yet another cause for paranoia. The president dropped India and China into his State of the Union speech, just long enough to say they are educating their children earlier and longer.

Generally, school days are longer in Asian countries, and vacation breaks, though more frequent, are shorter -- no more than five weeks in summer. Subjects are introduced earlier. South Korean parents, for example, insisted that President Lee Myung-bak recruit more English teachers, so that kids could begin language lessons in the first grade.

Research supports these measures as important to kids' learning. Few educators would disagree that more time on task and shorter intervals away from the classroom are beneficial.

Obama's clear implication is that if we want to keep up, to hold on to a place of prosperity in an increasingly competitive world, we should be considering these things.

Americans have one of the shortest school years on the planet. Our kids attend school for 180 days each year, while Germany and Japan average 230 days. In South Korea -- where teachers are hailed as "nation builders" -- school is in session for 225 days each year.

By the time American students reach eighth grade, they've spent roughly 400 fewer days in school. So there's a lot of pressure on teachers to cover subjects in a shorter time, and in less depth.

Not coincidentally, perhaps, middle school is where American students begin to fall behind their global peers. By high school, among 30 developed nations, U.S. students rank 15th in reading, 21st in science, 25th in math and 24th in problem-solving.

'Few educators would disagree that more time on task and shorter intervals away from the classroom are beneficial'

People who study these trends, like Education Secretary Arne Duncan, believe that the United States has stood still while others have moved past us. In an October speech to the Council on Foreign Relations, Duncan said, "Here in the United States, we simply flat-lined. We stagnated. We lost our way, and others literally passed us by."

So while people of my generation might say to ourselves, "We didn't know much math, and we turned out OK," we'd be missing the point. The rest of the world is changing. We need to prepare our children for a knowledge economy.

It's not entirely bad for

Americans that other countries are growing wealthier and better educated. Having a market for our products abroad is essential to our economic growth, and an educated world is a safer one.

But we don't want to be left behind. Some U.S. schools have been experimenting with more time in the classroom. Roughly 1,000 schools -- including 800 charters and about 200 traditional district schools -- have expanded their schedules by more than one to two hours a day, according to the National Center on Time and Learning. KIPP Academy, one charter success story that started in the Bronx, requires parents to sign a contract saying they will not pull kids out for a family vacation.

Expect to see more of this. As Congress moves to reauthorize and rework No Child Left Behind, the Obama administration is pushing for flexibility for school districts to break from established norms. In November, the New York State School Boards Association advocated a longer school day and year "where it will serve students well."

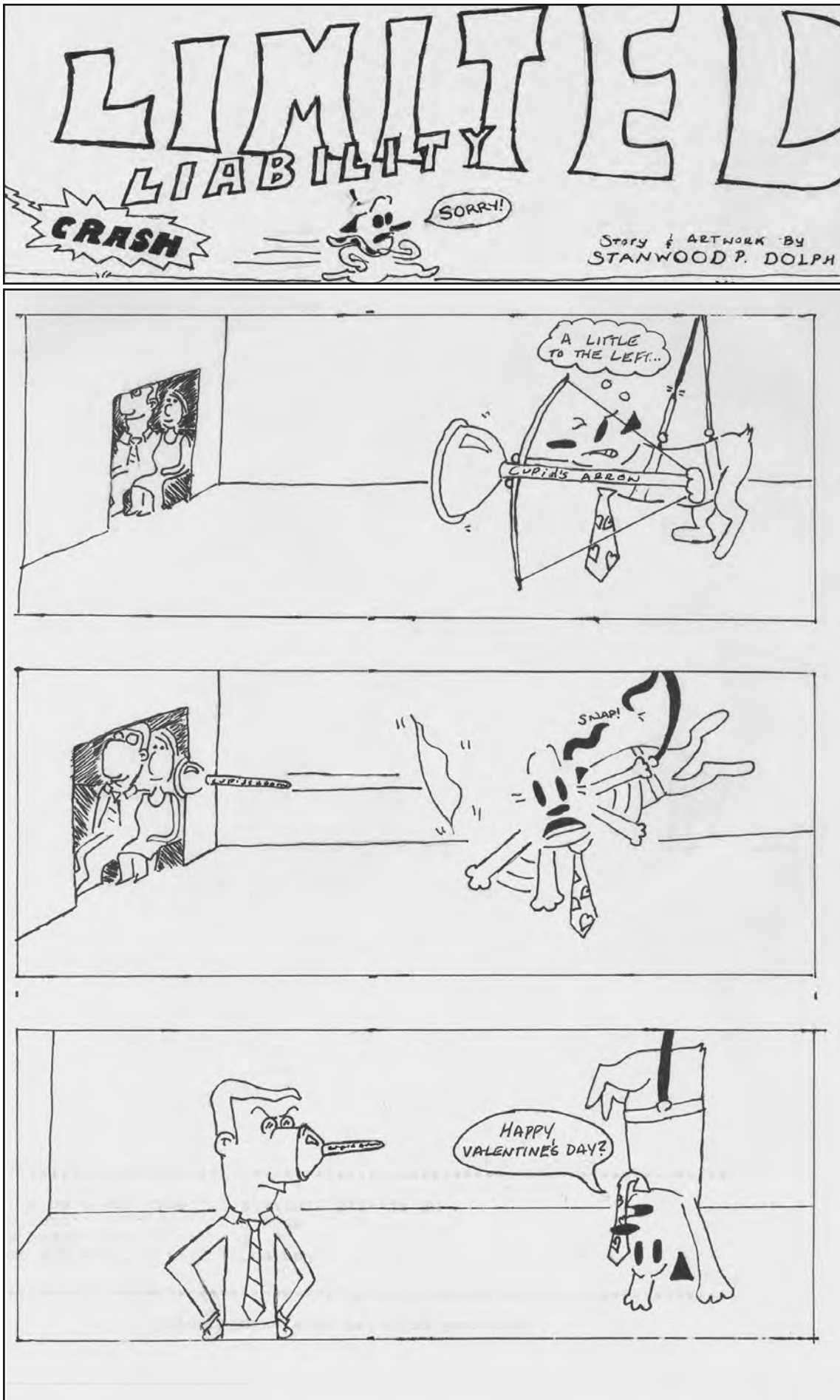
Mid-afternoon dismissal times and long summer breaks are impractical holdovers from an agrarian past -- increasingly so, as more homes are led by single parents or two working parents. It's time to dust off those problem-solving skills and put them back to work.



(MCT Campus)

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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.



A Request

Valentines day is right around the corner and love is in the air. I have a simple request for all you lovers. Keep love in the privacy of your dorm room. I have enough things going on that piss me off. The last thing I need to see is you getting freaky in the Rotunda.

Also whether you are single or going out on a date that the day is only as crucial as you make it out to be in your own head. Don't let yourself get to worked up over trivial details and everything will work out fine. Have fun.

Love always,
The Opinion Section

Profit and Loss

A True University

The college of arts and sciences is growing and establishing its presence. A reception was held yesterday hosting a number of honor societies.

Congrats

Christopher Reid, assistant professor of science and technology, receives a \$200,000 grant to support collaborative research of a fungal infection

Temperature control in the Unistructure

Apparently Bryant can't decide if it wants their students to be really hot or really cold. The classrooms in the unistructure range from sweltering to goose-bump central.

Bryant Said What!?

"I'm anal retentive about my texting"

"Did he hung up on me!?"

"Why are you people walking like antelopes and getting me all wet?"

"I literally had no idea Jenny From the Block could rock a flock on American Idol."

"Who sees fresh snow and is like...My urge to draw a penis can no longer be resisted!?"

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Phony solutions

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Or take a look at the key issues on the website of the Family Research Council, the chief social conservative group. It recently listed eight papers on abortion and stem cells, seven on gays and gay marriage, and one on divorce. Nothing much has changed since 1994, when I reviewed the council's publications index and found that the two categories with the most listings were "Homosexual" and "Homosexual in the Military" _ a total of 34 items (plus four on AIDS). The organization did show some interest in parenthood _ nine items on family structure, 13 on parenthood and six on teen pregnancy _ but there were more items on homosexuality than on all of those issues com-

bined. There was no listing for divorce. Since that time, the out-of-wedlock birthrate has risen from 32 percent to 40 percent.

Back then, conservatives still defended sodomy laws. These days, after the 2003 Supreme Court decision striking down such laws, most have moved on. Now they just campaign against gays in the military, gays adopting children and gays getting married.

Reducing the incidence of unwed motherhood, divorce, fatherlessness, welfare and crime would be a good thing. So why the focus on issues that would do nothing to solve the "breakdown of the basic family structure" and the resulting "high cost of a dysfunctional society"?

Well, solving the problems

of divorce and unwed motherhood is hard. And lots of Republican and conservative voters have been divorced. A constitutional amendment to ban divorce wouldn't go over very well, even with the social conservatives. Far better to pick on a small group, a group not perceived to be part of the Republican constituency, and blame it for social breakdown and its associated costs.

That's why social conservatives point to a real problem and then offer phony solutions.

But you won't find your keys on the thoroughfare if you dropped them in the alley, and you won't reduce the costs of social breakdown by keeping gays unmarried and preventing them from adopting orphans.

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5 best quick meals under \$10



(MCT Campus)

By Coburn Childs
Staff Writer

As a struggling college student, I'm always looking for places to eat cheaply. These days, there is certainly an over-abundance of restaurants, but how many are actually worth your money?

Once you've narrowed that list down, now try to find how many are actually affordable on a tight budget.

Here, I've picked my five favorite meals that are cheap,

quick, and within a few minutes of Bryant's campus:

1.) Giant Burrito – Chipotle Haven't been to Chipotle? What are you waiting for?! A new location recently opened on Thayer Street in Providence, and the restaurant's giant burritos are quick, filling, inexpensive, and to die for!

With options of chicken, steak, pork, a number of veggies, sour cream, cheese, and a few different types of salsa, you can get the burrito made

just the way you like in about a minute or two.

There is even a low-carb, healthy option to get a "Burrito Bowl" without the tortilla. Best of all, no matter what ingredients you get, you're only paying about 8 bucks.

2.) Best of RI Burger – Chelo's Hometown Bar and Grill

Located just minutes away near Smithfield Crossing (right near the Taco Bell that undoubtedly sees a countless number of we students there

for late-night runs), Chelo's has long been a staple of old-fashioned Rhode Island cuisine, from hearty sandwiches to fresh seafood.

But the "Best of RI Burger" is cooked just the way you want it, not too greasy, and tastes great! I always ask for their delicious peppercorn spread to add to the flavor. Cost: \$6.99, and it comes with fries.

3.) Veggie Pizza at La Salle Bakery

Bigger than any slice you'll find at Ronzio's, this square-shaped pizza is a filling and savory treat that will leave you wanting more.

Mouth-watering veggies are piled on top, and the crust may just be the best part of the meal. You can get one for under \$5—the cheapest item on this list—at either of La Salle's two Providence locations (Smith St. or Admiral St.).

4.) Mac & Cheese at Panera Bread

Sure, everybody goes to Panera. However, I am always surprised by how few of my friends have tried the delicious macaroni and cheese entrée.

The shell pasta is mixed with a thick, sharp cheddar sauce that makes it the perfect companion for the bread that we all know is heavenly.

My only apprehension is that it is not as filling as the other items on this list – I always want more than the small portion they give. But, for less than \$10 (even with a drink, side of bread, and half a sandwich), I'm certainly not complaining.

5.) Falafel at Pick-Pockets

Located right next to the more-popular—and occasionally disappointing—J's Deli, Pick-Pockets specializes in delicious Mediterranean food, from wraps to gyros to Greek salad, all reasonably priced at \$4 to \$8.

At the top of the menu is their falafel: a delicious vegetarian wrap that is the perfect size to leave you satisfied and healthy. Chick peas, tomatoes, lettuce, garlic, and an assortment of other spices are all rolled into a pita and deep-fried to perfection. My mouth is watering just thinking about it!

I hope some of these food suggestions have inspired you to get off campus and try something other than what Bryant has to offer. It goes without saying that we all occasionally get sick of Salmo, South, and Subway after a while.

And be sure to pick up the Archway again next week for another edition of "5 Best." Until next time, cheers!

The Show Must Go ... to America

By Stephanie Piech
Staff Writer

Many of you probably have never heard of the band Hedley. How come? Hedley is a Canadian band from Vancouver. If you watched the closing ceremonies to the 2010 Olympics, you might have seen their performance of their hit song "Cha-Ching."

The Show Must Go was actually released in Canada in November of 2009, but was recently released in the United States this past December. This album is also their third to hit shelves around the world; their freshman and sophomore albums, self-titled *Hedley* and *Famous Last Words*, went platinum in Canada.

Hedley is formed by frontman Jacob Hoggard, guitarist Dave Rosin, bassist Tommy MacDonald, and drummer Chris Crippin.

There are two versions of the CD: the one released in Canada and the one released in the U.S. For the most part,

both CDs have the same songs, with 1 or 2 exceptions.

"Cha-Ching":

Cha-Ching is actually a really fun song. It's a satirical piece that, in my opinion, is a good representation of what really goes on behind reality shows. They make references to *The Real World*, *The Biggest Loser*, *The Hills*, and also celebrities such as the Kardashians, Tila Tequila, Flavor Flav, and those idols who "paint on phony smiles."

Ironically, Hoggard (singer) was a contestant on *Canadian Idol* in 2004, which shows that Hedley isn't afraid to make fun of themselves and their own experiences. Celebrities shouldn't be offended since the song was created out of good fun. The electro pop rhythm doesn't disappoint and leaves the listener wanting more.

"Perfect":

This has to be one of the best ballads I've heard. Hoggard does a great job vocally

with hitting falsettos in the chorus. This song was released in the U.S. on August 10, 2010, and has had quite the warm welcome. With lyrics like, "I'm not perfect but I keep trying" and "I'm not alive if I'm lonely," it's no wonder that this single is slowly becoming a hit worldwide.

"Sweater Song":

The album concludes with "Sweater Song." This song is actually based on one of Hoggard's relationships. It's about leaving the one you love and doing whatever you have to do to keep them close to you, even if you're a thousand miles apart. Long distance relationships can be hard but when you have something as simple as your boyfriend or girlfriend's sweater, you feel like they are always right there with you; such a simple article of clothing can make a huge difference.

This is just a preview of *The Show Must Go*. Other



Hedley, a Canadian band, performed at the 2010 Olympic Closing Ceremonies. (MCT Campus)

songs on the album include "Color Outside the Lines," "I Do (Wanna Love You)," "Hands Up," "Shelter," "Amazing," "Don't Talk to Strangers," "Scream," and "Friends."

No matter what mood I'm in, when I reach for this CD

or put my iTunes on shuffle and hear one of these songs, I'm never disappointed. With Hedley's various song formats (rock, pop, love ballads, etc.), there's a song on the CD for everyone, no matter what your listening preferences include.

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Bryant at Night goes to see *The Roommate*



Minka Kelly and Leighton Meester star in the horror film, *The Roommate*. (MCT Campus)

By **Kelsey DiCarlo**
Staff Writer

On Friday, February 4, 2011, Bryant at Night took a large group of students to the Lincoln Mall to view *The Roommate* for free. The movie, starring Minka Kelly and Leighton Meester, seemed to put a horror spin on the situation of meeting your college roommate for the first time.

At first, everything seems casual. Sara (Kelly), from Des Moines, is incredibly excited to start college at UCLA. She makes friends easily and is looking forward to meeting her roommate. Rebecca (Meester) moves in the next morning, and seems friendly enough.

One night, Sara goes out to a party with her friend, Tracy (Aly Michalka), who ditches her to leave with an affluent guy she met. Desperate and without money or her phone (she left both in Tracy's purse), Sara has no choice but to make a collect call to Rebecca, who is waiting up for her. Sara is relieved that Rebecca is so willing to help her out, and the two quickly become friends.

This event sparks Rebecca's hatred towards Tracy. Perhaps the most famous scene from the movie is when Rebecca warns Tracy to leave Sara alone for good by stalking her in the shower, pinning her down to the ground, and ripping out her belly button piercing. Tracy makes a point of avoiding Rebecca from then on, yet Sara doesn't pick up on the warnings Tracy tries to give her.

Since Rebecca is a California native, she takes Sara out to a museum she knew of. After leaving the museum, the two pass a tattoo parlor, and Rebecca claims proudly that she is disgusted by tat-

toos. Sara reveals that she has one, of the name "Emily" on her chest. Emily was Sara's sister who died over a decade ago.

Sara's ex-boyfriend, Jason, won't stop calling her. Sara has moved on to another guy, but Rebecca wants to make sure Jason is gone for good. He calls one night while Sara is out, and Rebecca answers and pretends to be Sara. After having a long, intimate conversation, Sara suddenly turns cold, saying "Don't ever call me again" in a shrill tone that catches Jason completely

of the craziness her roommate is pulling off.

When the girls go to Rebecca's house for Thanksgiving, Sara is slightly put off by the tension between Rebecca and her parents and her hometown in general. She doesn't understand why a girl they met in a café looks exactly like the girl Rebecca drew portraits of that hung in her room, or why the girl fearfully says "We were never friends" to a sad looking Rebecca.

The real tip-off that something is wrong is when Rebecca's mother asks Sara if Rebecca has been taking her medication. Obviously, Sara had no idea that Rebecca was supposed to be on medication. From then on, Sara slowly loses trust in her roommate.

The trust boils over into full-on creeped out when Rebecca suddenly announces she wants a tattoo. When the tattoo is done, Rebecca has gotten the same exact "Emily" tattoo, and in the same spot as Sara's. "You can think of me as a sister", she says, "You can even call me Emily if you want." Sara can't do anything but back away slowly and move out of the room.

Rebecca is deeply hurt that Sara moves out, and her insanity reaches its breaking point. Rebecca goes on a violent tirade, killing Jason who flew to find Sara and tying up Irene in the bed of her apartment. Only Sara can put an end to the madness. A girl fight like no other goes down and you'll have to see the movie to find out who survives.

Sorry that you missed this Bryant@Night event? Be sure to keep your eye out for others coming up soon!

'A girl fight like no other goes down and you'll have to see the movie to find out who survives.'

off guard. The trick works, and Sara wonders what made Jason magically stop calling.

More creepiness ensues from Rebecca, and Sara hardly takes notice. When their RA threatens that the girls have to get rid of Cuddles, their pet cat, Sara attempts to move off campus into an apartment with her friend, Irene. To stop Sara from moving out, Rebecca puts poor Cuddles in the clothes dryer and comes crying to Sara that the kitty ran away.

Rebecca also seduces a professor who kissed Sara, only to reveal she voice recorded the encounter to get him fired. Rebecca also hunts down Sara's friend, Irene, and seduces her as well, so that she can stalk her and know her address. All the while, Sara remains completely unaware

Word Vomit

Obsolete

By Blair Worthington

No one hears you
No one sees you
No one talks to you
You're hidden
You don't know who you are
You don't know how you feel
You don't know how to respond
You're hidden
You know you exist
You know there's a reason
You know that you care
But you're hidden
None the less, you're still there

The Throw Away

A poem about my favorite season

By Jon De Costa

"To wait for you I tap my shoes,
The time goes by slowly,
The time goes by quickly
It changes and spins like a intrepid
maze
I sit and it crawls
I stand and it races
I make a decision
It is wrong, and it is right
How harsh it is to become,
to become what I've been
A sin, a curse, a jubilee
As this summer ends,
I still do not comprehend
the ripples where our souls collide
the fun we've had, the thoughts I've
wasted
How swiftly this will become our
evasion
the pain dies and the fun begins
The seconds, minutes, hours, days,
mean nothing now
for time is naught but a looking glass
what we've done will last forever,
imprinted in the sands of our
generation."

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J&T's Movies to See: The Rite

By Justin Thorpe
& Joe Lomuscio
Staff Writers

The Rite, directed by Mikael Hafstrom, presents a gripping take on the balance between demonic possession and mental illness. The two main characters in the film maintain opposing stances on the existence of the devil.

One is Father Lucas Trevant (Hopkins), a priest who performs exorcisms as though he were a pediatrician, and the other is Michael Kovak (O'Donoghue), a young doubter who is having a tough time deciding whether or not to continue with seminary school.

In light of Kovak having trouble with his faith, his mentor enrolls him in a highly competitive exorcism program in the Vatican. It is here in Rome that he is sent to Father Trevant. Trevant begins to include Kovak in several of his exorcism sessions.

At first the young priest continues to doubt the presence of the devil in the patients, citing that all of the behavior exhibited could be attributed to a plethora of mental illnesses. However, as the movie progresses, Kovak and the audience begin to simultaneously believe in the presence of something much more powerful than a simple mental issue.

Trevant continues to at-

tempt to show his young companion that believing in evil is his only attempt at defending against it. Another element of this film is a young Italian reporter determined to reveal the validity of the possibility of the existence of evil beings taking human form (Braga).

The plot of the film meanders throughout several cases of exorcism, culminating in a final scene in which Kovak must perform an exorcism on Father Lucas himself. The

'This was the most realistic of all movies relating to the devil and exorcism.'

devil proves to be quite cunning, but his arrogance overtakes him in the end as he makes Kovak believe in his existence. This epiphany about the presence of evil leads Kovak to conclude that if the devil exists, then so too must God. The two clash in an epic struggle between good and evil at the movie's climax.

We believe that this was the most realistic of all movies relating to the devil and exorcism. The plot very cleverly connected the dots between

the lives of the main characters and the presence of evil in our world. Also, the film introduced death as the central theme very early on, setting the tone and grabbing the attention of the audience.

Though certain scenes were slow and duly unnecessary, the eventful parts of the movie more than make up for it. The scenes involving exorcism sometimes forced the eyes of the audience shut out of sheer terror and disgust.

Another positive aspect of the film was the captivating foreign setting in the beautiful city of Rome.

Though O'Donoghue and Braga deliver solid performances, Anthony Hopkins is the star that truly shines in this film. He has a unique, innate ability to take on the very soul of the character that he is attempting to portray. The purpose of acting is to make the audience believe that you are someone else, and no one does that quite like Hopkins.

Overall, we thought that *The Rite* was very well done; it succeeded in scaring the audience, most likely leaving many unable to sleep that night. In order to truly enjoy the quality of the film, we would recommend that you maintain an open mind towards the idea of demonic possession. If you are able to do this, then *The Rite* is right for you.

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“What is the most awkward thing that has happened to you or that you received on Valentine’s Day?”



“I got Hershey kisses thrown at me at lunch in middle school one time”
-Eva Mahan '13



“I recieved a giant stuffed penguin one time from an ex girl friend”
-Marco Santacruz '14



“In middle school a kid drew a picture of the Titanic for me and wrote his address under it.”
-Olivia Woodrime '12



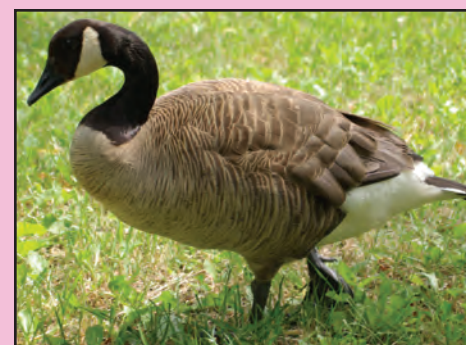
“I got a girl a build-a-bear one time and the store people wouldn't let me leave until I went through the process of singing, etc”
-Matt Caligaris '13



“One time in high school I went to the movies with a guy and neither of us could drive so his mom brought us, but she stayed and sat right next to us”
-Sarah Schell '12



“In my senior year of high school I gave a freshman girl a valentine, and she wouldn't accept it”
- Ryan Pesaturo '14



“Someone sent me a Valentine's Day card that said that I was as beautiful as a swan...
AWWWKWARD”
-Gary the Goose '82