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Bryant welcomes a GLBTQ center

By Sara Elder
Editorial Assistant

You may have noticed that behind that small, rectangular table on the third floor of the Bryant center (yes, the one by the big rolls of colored paper), there's a room with a rainbow flag on its door. Many days, the door is open, and I'm in the room. It's amazing how many students walk by each day and don't know what this room is for or why I'm in there. For those of you who don't, the ones who walk by with confused expressions, it's Bryant's new GLBTQ Center.

Shortly after gender neutral housing was passed last semester, Bryant University allotted a space in the Bryant Center for a GLBTQ center. Students of Bryant Pride had been submitting proposals for years to Bryant University. The office had once been home to The Gertrude Meth Hochberg Women's Center—back when it was just getting started. Needless to say, the space has good history.

The GLBTQ Center also has the help of Ashley Malenfant, a graduate student at URI. She's working towards a Master's degree in College Student Personnel. She's interning at the GLBTQ Center as part of her practicum. She's also a Resident Director at Rhode Island School of Design. Ashley has done extensive research on what other GLBTQ centers have done at other schools and what we can learn and apply from them.

Over 200 colleges and universities in the United States have some sort of established center for the GLBTQ community. Among them are 8 schools in Massachusetts and Brown University in Rhode Island.

See 'New GLBTQ Center' on pg. 5

Say hello to the new Director of DPS: Chief Bannon

By Kelsey Nowak
Assistant Editor-in-Chief

Looking for a more positive and bit lighter career path, Stephen Bannon came to Bryant University to head the Department of Public Safety on January 17th, just three days after retiring with the rank of Major from the Rhode Island State Police force after serving for 25 years. Chief Bannon graduated from the RI State Police Academy in January of 1987, then began serving right away.

Now at Bryant, his day is filled with many meetings, getting to know the campus, and planning ways to better our community. Chief Bannon said, jokingly, that the geese are on his priority list. He finds walking around campus quite entertaining because of the geese and their leftovers saying that one must always watch where they are walking here at Bryant. When asked what his actual priorities on campus were in regards to safety, he instead asked what were some of the key areas that needed improvement from a sophomore student's perspective.

He said that he is working on the



New Director of DPS Chief Stephen Bannon. (Joelle Sopariwala)

emergency notification system to see if he can streamline it and make it better for students, faculty, and staff. He has spoken with the Senate to hear their concerns and is currently developing a plan to address the pool of concerns he has collected from various sources. Chief Bannon is also getting to know his staff by meeting with each officer individually

to gain their perspective of Bryant and find out their concerns as well. He plans to have some training sessions coordinated for the summer time to keep all of the DPS officers sharp and busy, as well as coordinating other Rhode Island college's public safety training programs. He is quite the busy man.

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An intimate look at where our tuition money goes

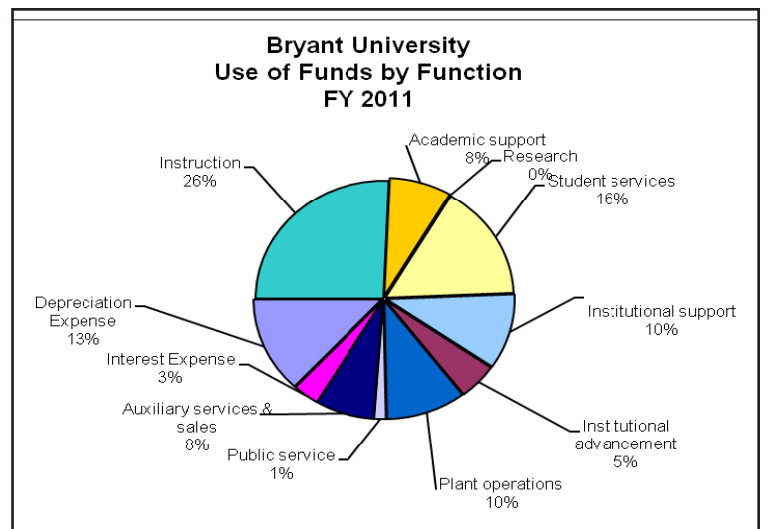
By Margaret Wong
Contributing Writer

It has been brought to my attention that students are curious about our tuition breakdown. The students want to know where our tuition goes and have it published in the Archway for the general student body. I proceeded with this proposition by emailing our Vice President of Business Affairs/Treasurer for this information. Vice President Barry Morrison immediately provided me with the following pie chart and information.

"Our tuition dollars (tuition, room and board revenues) do not cover all university expenses, as we have to take out 5% of our trailing 3 year average endowment asset value to help

meet our budgeted expense base. The value of this amount this past FY11 (fiscal year July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011) was \$7.6 million. Our tuition (Undergraduate, Graduate and Executive Education), room and board revenues, net of financial aid amounted to \$106 million in FY11. Our expense base total for that year was \$118 million. That is one example of how our tuition, room and board revenues do not total our expense base. As with most schools of higher education, we need to take funds from our endowment fund to help fund the budget gap." – Vice President of Business Affairs/Treasurer Barry Morrison

Some of you may be wondering why the numbers



don't add up. They are not supposed to add up because there are also other University revenues, for example, the Bryant University Bookstore revenue, interest income, annual giving, and

government grants, etc. which is not included in the tuition, room and board revenue number shown above.

If you have any other questions, feel free to contact the Student Senate.

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Letters and submissions must be submitted electronically. Bryant University community members can email submissions to: archway@bryant.edu. Letters and articles can also be given to *The Archway* on disk. They can be left in *The Archway* drop box on the third floor of the Bryant Center or disks can be mailed through campus mail to box 7.

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Campus Calendar

February	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	10:00pm Bryant@Night - Build Your Own Critter, South	1:00pm Men's Lacrosse, vs St. Joseph's			7:00pm HEAL presents Judson Laippley, inspirational co- median, Janikies	10:00am Bff:Designer Jew- elry Sale, Ro- tunda	
		10:00pm Bryant@Night, Mini-golf, South				4:00pm Senate Meeting, Papitto	

Bulldog Bulletin

Actuarial Association: General Meetings, *Wednesdays 2:00pm*, in Bryant Center 2A/2B
The Archway: Writers' Meetings, *Mondays 4:30pm*, Bryant Center Room 2A/B!
Bryant Chamber Ensemble: Open Rehearsals, *Mondays 6:15pm*, Interfaith Center West Room!
Bryant Players: General Meetings, *Tuesdays 5:00pm*, South Dining Hall
C.E.O: General meetings, *Thursdays at 5:30pm* in Room 2C of the Bryant Center!
Christian Fellowship: *Thursdays, 7pm* in the Interfaith Center West Room
Colleges Against Cancer: Meetings, *Wednesdays at 3:00pm*, Bryant Center 2C
Cricket Club: *Sundays at 5:30pm*, MAC
H.E.A.L: Judson Laippley will be performing on Thursday, 2/23 in Janikies.
SIFE: General Meetings, *Mondays at 5:00pm* in Papitto
SPB: General Meetings, *Mondays at 4:30pm*, South

Want to see more people at your meetings or events?
 Advertise for FREE through the news feed or calendar.
 Email your club/org's information to archway@bryant.edu

Department of Public Safety Log

VANDALISM (AUTO)
 FEB 7 2012-Tuesday at 19:16
 Location: SENIOR APARTMENT LOT
 Summary: A student reported that her passenger side mirror had been broken off her vehicle. DPS is checking into the incident.

LARCENY
 FEB 11 2012-Saturday at 01:26
 Location: RESIDENCE HALL
 Summary: A Student called and reported their leather jacket and keys were missing.

ASSAULT (Assault and/or Battery)
 FEB 11 2012-Saturday at 01:44
 Location: RESIDENCE HALL
 Summary: A student reported to DPS that he had been assaulted by 3 males. The incident is being investigated by DPS.

VANDALISM (AUTO)
 FEB 11 2012-Saturday at 19:49
 Location: TOWNHOUSE 'N' PARKING LOT
 Summary: A student reported finding damage to the trunk of her vehicle. DPS is investigating.

EMT CALL (Medical Services Rendered)
 FEB 12 2012-Sunday at 23:17
 Location: RESIDENCE HALL
 Summary: DPS received a report of a student with a laceration. EMS was activated and the patient was transported via Smithfield Rescue to Fatima Hospital for further treatment.

VANDALISM (School Building)
 FEB 12 2012-Sunday at 19:30
 Location: TOWNHOUSE
 Summary: DPS received a report of damage to the central air conditioning units in the Townhouses.

LARCENY
 FEB 12 2012-Sunday at 20:45
 Location: CHASE ATHLETIC CENTER / GYM
 Summary: A student reported the theft of a wallet.

EMT CALL (Medical Services Rendered)
 FEB 13 2012-Monday at 02:20
 Location: TOWNHOUSE
 Summary: DPS received a request from a student that EMS services were needed for a semi-consciousness person. EMS was activated and the patient was transported to Fatima Hospital for further treatment.

BIAS INCIDENTS None Reported

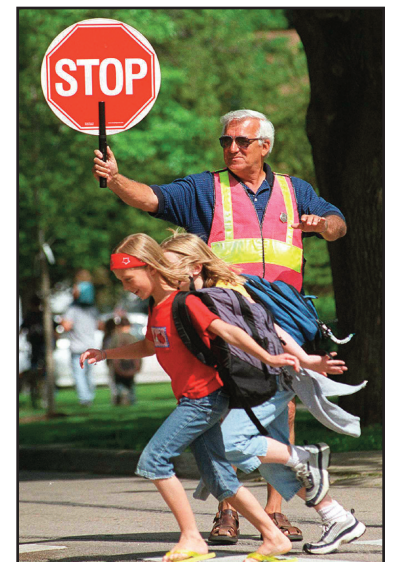
To report a bias incident or hate crime, go to www.bryant.edu/bias or call the Bias Incident Hotline at x6920

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 Officer's:

"TIP OF THE WEEK"

Bryant University has a large amount of pedestrian traffic at all hours of the day and night. Please drive slowly on campus and stop for pedestrians in crosswalks.



Do you like to write or take pictures?
 Come to Archway meetings!

Mondays @ 4:30pm in room 2A

DPS Chief Bannon

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When asked if he had been on campus to experience a typical Friday or Saturday night, he said he was waiting for his uniforms to come in so that he can join his fellow officers on patrol on a weekend night but that he was here for Super Bowl Sunday and was pleased that nothing too catastrophic occurred on campus.

On a lighter note, when our new Chief was asked if he could remember a weird moment in his career, he said that one of the weirdest calls he ever responded to was when someone reported half sticks of dynamite being thrown into Narragansett Bay by clam diggers. There were clam diggers in boats who were angry because there were now divers digging for the same clams. He was able to locate the perpetrator in a local bar bathroom and the fellow was arrested. Chief Bannon was pleased to report that no one was hurt in that situation.

Chief Bannon was born and raised in Rhode Island. He spent his college years as a clam digger in Narragansett Bay while getting his BS in accounting from the University of Rhode Island, a BS in Criminal Justice from Roger Williams

University, and a law degree from Roger Williams University School of Law. He reminisced about his college days on Narragansett Bay, and when asked if he still dug for clams he said that he would like to in future.

He still lives in Rhode Island, and now enjoys cooking for his family and spending as much time as he can with his two kids and wife. Golfing and other outdoor activities are also favorite pastimes of Chief Bannon. He and his family enjoy spending time in North Conway, NH when they can.

When asked what he would have done if he hadn't become a police officer, Chief Bannon reported that he would have enlisted in the military. He had been accepted to Officer Candidate School for the US Navy, however the State Police offered him a position just before he was scheduled to leave for the Navy. He sometimes thinks that would have been a good career path for him except for the frequent world travel.

On behalf of The Archway, welcome to Bryant University and we wish you luck on your first Friday or Saturday evening on campus.

An update from WJMF 88.7 HD-2

Eric MacCarthy
Campus News Editor

After successfully transitioning to 88.7 HD-2 Smithfield, RI radio last semester, Bryant's student run radio station WJMF plans to continue its success this semester.

After holding their semi-annual DJ Lottery two weeks ago, WJMF went back on the air last week with shows such as "Monkey Business," featuring professors Adam Rubin, Glenn Jefferson, and David Greenan, and "Super McWednesday's," featuring seniors Tyler Pepe, Royce Brunson, and Matt Llewellyn.

WJMF is buckling up for a wild ride with four major events coming up this semester. The first event will be held on February 29th in Salmonson Dining Hall. The event, titled "Eat Your Face Off," is the first of its kind for WJMF, with students

participating in an eating contest. They will also be holding an on-air "Politics Night" on March 6th, which is known as Super Tuesday for the Republican primaries.

WJMF will also be holding its two annual events, "Bryant Held Hostage" on April 13th, which raises money for a local charity, and "WJMF Presents Springstock" on April 28th, which is the station's annual concert. The names of the performers will be released in the coming weeks via Facebook and Twitter, so be sure to follow @WJMF-Radio and "Like" WJMF on Facebook.

Bryant's student run station is also looking for students and/or faculty to host their own shows. Although the DJ lottery has passed, it's never too late to pick up a time slot for your own show. If you are interested, email Tyler Pepe and he will be sure to help you out.

See WJMF's programming schedule on page 4 to see when to tune in!

88.7 HD-2

Scoop now has NACHOS!
Come load up on nachos and cheese at Scoop!

At only \$2.00, everyday can be Nacho Day!



Also, check out Scoop's MONSTER Promotion!

For any Monster purchase receive a chance to enter a drawing for a Monster hat, shirt, hoodie or even a SNOWBOARD!

Turner's Thoughts

Improve your mood with food

Debbie Turner
Dietitian

Fun with Folate: Broccoli, Kale, Spinach, sunflower seeds, oranges, melons, and fortified whole grains. Why? Part of the B-vitamin family, Folate is responsible for cell division and blood cell production. Low levels of folate have been associated with depression, fatigue and anemia.

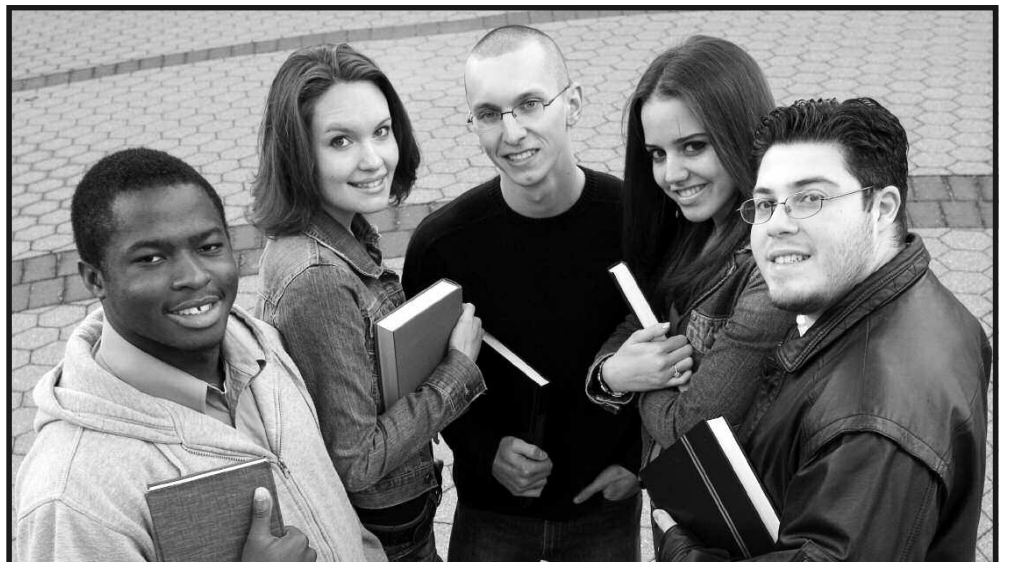
Boost your B's: Bananas, chicken, garlic, Brussels sprouts, red peppers, avocados, watermelon and potatoes. Why? They carry oxygen to your tissues for repair and maintenance, convert carbohydrates to energy, and also aid with protein metabolism for immune and muscle stability. Low levels have been related to headaches, depression and inability to shake a bug.

Go Carbs! The good ones that is: Whole grains, fruits and vegetables. Why? This food group provides the body and brain with prolonged energy, fiber, and nutrients that keep your performance top notch. Good quality carbohydrates also trigger serotonin, recognized as the "happy hormone". This hormone directly affects our mood and sleep: good Carbs = good mood, good sleep; bad Carbs = bad mood, sugar spikes, sugar crashes, and poor sleep.

Fight back with Omega-Fats: Nuts, seeds and fish. Why? Omega-3 fats have too much to report. But among others, Omega-3's maintain healthy brain and eye function, improve inflammation of joints and keeps skin looking its best.



Avocados are a fruit but are usually found with the vegetables in your grocery store!
(MCT Campus)



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WJMF Programming Schedule

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12 - 2 am		Bad Girls Club 12-1	Lost Boy Radio		Midnight Mayhem		
2 - 4 am							
4-6 am							
6-8 am							
8-10 am							
10-12 pm		Holy Hipster		Rev Dev Rocks	The Moshpit	Joe and Matt Show - Joe St. Thomas, Matt Pechenik	
12-2 pm	Current Events w B Ross				12:30-2 Heller & Mitten "Glove & Glory Radio Show"	Lifeology -Eric MacCarthy	Freedom Radio
2-4 pm	The Infamous	Two Dudes Talking Sports		The Dish	The Schatzman Update- Matt Schatzman, Mike Silva	Good N10-tions	
4-6 pm	The Hangover	Rush Hour Sports	Andy and the J Dogs	Monkey Business / "The Right Way"	China Today	Nick and Brendans Self Titled	
6-8 pm	Rock N Metal	Miss B	Aaron and Andy	Breakbeat Barricade	Archway On-Air / "CEO Goes Live"	Calabration Sports -John Calabro	Isabel and Elise
8-10 pm	Untitled Alternative	GP Lounge Pat Murry	Bro Sesh	DJ Bishop	Top 10 Til 10	Real Time Sports	Underground Beatz
10-12 am	An Evening with the Beatles - Caroline Van Allen	Real Talk Radio	Thoughts with no Reason	The Super McWednesday Drive-Thru Radio Program	DJD Presents Radio Goodness		

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And catch us on the air!  
WJMF 88.7 HD-2

Thursdays 6pm  
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**Support Services would like to thank everyone who participated in the Coke Bottle Prize Giveaway. It was a great success, and several people received wonderful prizes.**



**The following are our winners of a \$50 Gift Card: Jessica Benacquista, Paul Deary, and Rich Hurley. Nicholas Janna was the lucky winner of two \$500 Southwest Airlines vouchers. The iPod Nano was won by Dennis Sunday.**

**Congratulations to all our winners. But it's not over! There are still two bottles with winning stickers for \$50 Gift Cards. So keep buying Coke products from the vending machines, and you might be our next lucky winner!**



# A O I I

## Informational Night

February 23rd  
6:00 p.m. - Pappito

## Colonization Events

Friday, February 24th

*Picture Yourself in AOII*  
6:00 p.m. - Pappito

Saturday, February 25th

*A Black Tie Affair*  
6:00 p.m. - Pappito

Sunday, February 26th

*Bid Day*  
1:00 p.m. - Pappito

*Colonization Ceremony*  
6:00 p.m. - Bello

## North Smithfield News

### Siddhani Yogo Studio

By Emily Dupuis  
Staff Writer

For many people, the school year means a hectic schedule that can cause stress and anxiety, with little to no time for oneself. While many people spend the majority of their time fulfilling duties and responsibilities, it is also important to remember to take some personal time. The Siddhani Yoga Studio, located in Slatersville Plaza in North Smithfield, is the perfect place to relax and get in a great workout.

The studio offers a range of classes. You can purchase packages of 8 classes to be used in 8 weeks or pay eleven to

thirteen dollars for a drop-in session. There are three adult yoga classes available, including classical Hatha Yoga, Mindful Flow Yoga, and Yoga Fusion. The classical Hatha Yoga class offers sustained poses and muscle conditioning, and is a mixed level class appropriate for beginners. The Mindful Flow Yoga is seventy five minutes of yoga suitable for more advanced practitioners, and enforces the breathing techniques necessary to a successful yoga workout while going through a flowing practice. In the Yoga Fusion class, Pilates moves

are combined with fluid yoga poses creating both flexibility and strength. This class is fitting for all levels, both beginners and those more advanced.

Siddhani Yoga Studio also offers belly dancing classes and Zumba classes. One on one yoga classes are also available for those who are interested. Cash, checks and credit/debit cards are accepted. More information, including the class schedule and contact information, can be found at the studio's website, [siddhaniyogastudio.com](http://siddhaniyogastudio.com).

## New GLBTQ center

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Come visit the new GLBTQ center on the third floor of the Bryant Center! (Sara Elder)

Bryant's GLBTQ Center has resources such as books, brochures, movies, games and educational videos for anybody who wants to borrow them. When the Center is open, everyone is welcome to come in, take a seat, and relax in a safe environment. The Center will be staffed by Ashley or me who are willing to sit with anybody who needs to talk.

At the Center, we're lucky to have tons of support from the administration, faculty, and staff. The space

is coming along great, and we hope that it grows and thrives this semester. With gender neutral housing and the new GLBTQ Center, Bryant has made a lot of great steps towards equality and acceptance on this campus.

The GLBTQ Center is open during the following hours: Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:00-4:00PM, Thursdays from 11:00AM-2:00PM, and Fridays 10:00AM-12:00PM.

## Delta Sigma Pi wins award

By Eric Budlong  
Contributing Writer

Bryant's chapter of the professional business fraternity Delta Sigma Pi recently attended its Northeast Provincial conference in Philadelphia.

Members participated in workshops focusing on leadership and educational development in order to im-

prove themselves personally, professionally, and fraternally. This year's conference was very special because Bryant's own Erik Budlong was presented with the New England Region Collegian of the Year award.

This award is in recognition of exemplary fraternal commitment, professional and

academic achievement, and leadership and service with integrity. It's great to know that Bryant surpassed the other schools in New England to take home this award! If anyone is interested in learning more about Delta Sigma Pi, please visit Bryant's chapter website: [web.bryant.edu/~deltasing](http://web.bryant.edu/~deltasing).



Members of Delta Sigma Pi L-R Top: Samir Sanariya, Kevin Kelly, Andrew Youman, Anthony Franco, Ravi Pandey, Erik Budlong, Hillary Dolloff. L-R Bottom: Margaret Wong, Nicole Schwab, Lauren Fuller, Dana Siska, Shirley Chan

Know about a campus event?  
Write about it!

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## EU debt crisis continues to unfold

**Nicholas Calabro**  
Staff Writer

The European Union's debt crisis is still plaguing the region, and it will soon have an adverse effect on the rest of the world, unless it is resolved. The first country to have really fallen victim to this was Greece, so it is fitting that Greece would be the battle ground in an effort to resolve the crisis.

As the Wall Street Journal reports, the Greek Government is trying to pass a piece of austerity legislation. However trade unions have denounced the legislation as a "tombstone for Greek society". A senior

socialist party official has said, "If they had the choice, no one would vote for the austerity bill." But even if there were no protests, it may not matter.

This is because other Euro-zone governments consider the austerity legislation not enough to persuade them to approve a 130 billion euro bailout for Greece, according to the Wall Street Journal. According to finance minister Evangelos Venizelos, "Greece must choose between the lesser of two humiliations: totally give in to the creditors' demands or let Greece default and be kicked out of the euro," (Wall Street Journal). And there are even more problems than

this.

Another major problem occurred when four members of Greece's nationalist Laos party, who so happen to have been members of Prime Minister Lucas Papademos' party, have resigned over the austerity package (Wall Street Journal). The party spokesman Haris Kaloudis has said, "From the moment we said we would vote against the package, one of the main reasons for which this government has been formed, it was necessary for them to submit their resignations."

Also, according to the Wall Street Journal, more resignations came from a deputy labor minister and "several

members of parties that promised to support the new cuts were wavering."

Even with all this said however, the austerity legislation seems almost guaranteed to pass. This is because, "the government of Mr. Papademos is backed by 252 deputies in a 300-seat parliament, supported by both the mainstay socialist Pasok party and the conservative New Democracy."

However, there is still mystery about how it will go down with the Greek people, with an election tentatively set in late Spring. One thing remains certain however, the crisis does not look like it will be resolved anytime soon, if it even will be resolved.

## Prof. Roberto Blogspot: Larry Page reforms decision-making at Google

**By Michael Roberto D.B.A.**  
Faculty Contributor

Google Vice President of Operations Kristen Gil has written a terrific memo explaining how Larry Page changed decision-making at Google when he took over again last year. Page worried that decision-making had gotten bogged down at Google, that the firm wasn't acting with the same agility as in the past. What did Page do? First, he outlined some new rules for how and when meetings should take place. Here's an excerpt from Gil's memo:

For starters, we noted that every decision-oriented meeting should have a clear decision-maker, and if it didn't, the meeting shouldn't happen. Those meetings should ideally consist of no more than 10 people, and everyone who attends should provide input. If someone has no input to give, then perhaps they shouldn't be there. That's okay – attending meetings isn't a badge of honor – but the people who are attending need to get there on time. Most importantly, decisions should never wait for a meeting. If it's critical that a meeting take place before a decision is made, then that meeting needs to happen right away.

As I wrote in a recent blog post, Alan Mulaly also changed decision-making at Ford by setting out some new ground rules for his key Thursday morning business review meetings with his senior team. Clearly establishing new ground rules and shared norms can be very important for altering patterns of behavior that have become dysfunctional. Page made a second change at Google that I find even more interesting and potentially quite effective.

He recognized that, as a firm grows in size and complexity, senior executives often find themselves disconnected. Senior teams become fragmented. Travel schedules, meetings, and the needs of their particular units take them away from their peers.

As a result, members of the senior team do not communicate often enough. They don't share and integrate information effectively. Page set out to change that dynamic. Here's another excerpt from Gil's memo:

Besides fast decisions, another key hallmark of start-ups is their fast-paced, densely populated offices. We've always promoted this approach at Google, organizing around small teams and working in close proximity to one another. Even Eric Schmidt shared his office with an engineer when he first joined the company. But as Google grew, the executives spread out to the far reaches of our campuses so they could work side-by-side with their teams. To make sure our key decision-makers could work and make decisions in an environment more reminiscent of a start-up, we created a 'bullpen' in one of the buildings on our main campus, which was specially designed as a place for members of our executive team to work and talk in an informal setting. These execs now set aside a number of hours per week to be there. It's amazing how fast things can get done – even in a large company – when you put so many key people together and don't give them an agenda.

**Prof. Roberto's blog can be read in its entirety at <http://michael-roberto.blogspot.com/>**

## Biz Snipz: the current happenings of the business world

**By Michael Silva**  
Staff Writer

- Gas Prices continue to rise; the national average has hit \$3.52 (I wish, Smithfield). The increase in prices is speculated to be from the long term oil futures being purchased, driving up the price, even though demand has remained stagnant.

- The U.S. manufacturing industry has brought a serious boost to the American economy. Factory output increased 1.5 percent from December to January. The increase can be linked back to an increase business investment into property and equipment.

- General Motors said Wednesday it will end traditional defined benefit pension plans for workers, and few, if any, workers will see pay increases throughout 2012.

- On Wednesday, Kellogg CEO John Bryant announced that his company will be purchasing Pringles brand for \$2.7 billion purchase from Procter & Gamble. Pringles are sold in

150 countries and the brand gets two-thirds of its \$1.5 billion in annual revenue from overseas.

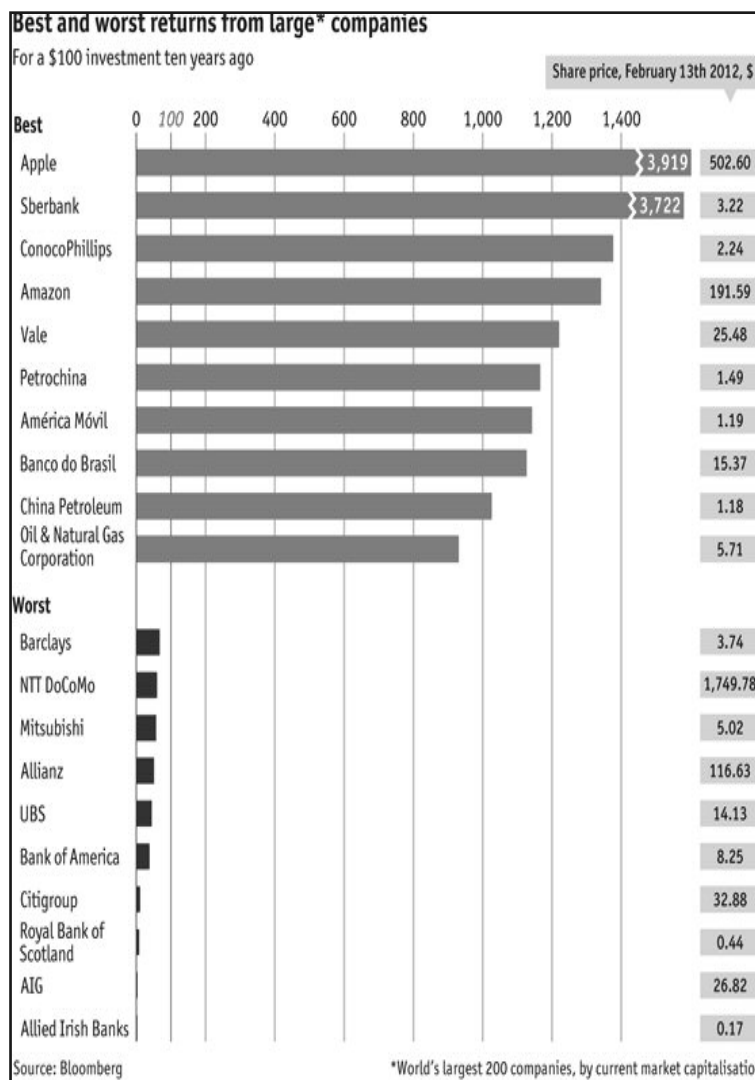
- According to AmericanSchoolSearch.com, full-time Bryant faculty have an average compensation of \$97,000; right behind Brown University whose average compensation is \$105,000 annually. Bryant outpaces RISD, PC, RIC and Johnson and Wales for compensation.

- While Google (GOOG) has turned Android into the most popular operating system as far as users in today's market, Apple's iOS software has been gaining serious market share in the form of new applications. Over the past year, Apple has outpaced Android in new applications at a rate of 3 to 1.

- Comcast Corp. reported a 26% higher 4th quarter profit than quarter 3. This is due to the inclusion of NBC Universal entertainment business in their base package. The increased profits lead to a 44% dividend increase on their stock and a 6.5 billion repurchase agreement.

## Graph of the week: Our world through numbers

**By Royce Brunson**  
Business Editor



It was not too long ago that many financial advisors were screaming for their clients to get out the equity markets and find safer harbors in the investing world. With mounting concerns over both the U.S. and EU debt crisis growing greater by the day, markets around the globe are still very volatile. However, since Jan 1, U.S. markets have been performing well due to higher hopes on a debt resolution with Greece along with strong domestic economic numbers.

The graph above shows the superstars and the super-flops of the past decade. Apple, not surprisingly is leading the way with a \$100 investment 10 years ago, today your money would be worth upwards to \$4,000. Banks such as Barclays, UBS and BOA saw massive drops in value in the past few years due to toxic assets, failed acquisitions and low performing markets.

On Wednesday, we saw the DJIA lose the most points all year and that trend is likely to continue for a few weeks. Data from the markets are showing massive volume pullbacks, which leads me to believe we will see a 4-6% pullback over the next month. However, overall the markets will perform well YTD.

Historical data suggests that the markets will perform well in 2012, fingers crossed for investors. Expect tech stocks to perform well, leading the way will be Apple and IBM. Also, oil companies will have a promising year as both oil and gold prices continue to rise. Improved unemployment along with increased manufacturing will provide a decent year domestically.



## Hear the bark of the Lady Bulldogs

By Tom Hansen  
Sports Editor

As members of Bulldog Nation, fans have plenty to watch and be excited about for each and every NCAA season. From the battles on the gridiron for the Football team in the fall to the high octane energy on the dirt diamond from the Softball team, there is always a spectacle to be had across this campus. In fact our school is the benefactor of having twenty different Division 1 squads all competing against top-notch competition in the NEC.

Having said that it is easy to lose sight of several of those teams over the course of an academic year amidst the plethora of teams here at Bryant. This season is certainly no exception with the relatively unheralded success of the Women's Basketball team. Despite it only being the team's third season playing a full Division 1 schedule they are posting an impressive 13-10 record thus far (and are currently in a conference match-up against conference leading Sacred Heart as this is written).

This kind of success is not sustainable without a talented roster of athletes, and the Lady Bulldogs certainly are in no shortage of that. Standout

athletes include Sophomore Forward Naana Ankoma-Mensa who currently sits at fourth in the conference in rebounding with 222.

Playing behind her in the back court, Junior Point Guard Katie Wittington is one of the best in the NEC with 88 assists putting her at seventh in the conference. Katie is also leading the conference in free throw percentage at 89.4 percent. Finally, no team is complete without the intangible asset of reliability. Someone that can always stand up and perform regardless of the circumstances; and for the Bulldogs that someone is Meredith Soper. Her 795 minutes played this season put her at seventh in the conference and just 50 minutes behind the conference leader.

Alongside this bevy of talent the Bulldogs have the supreme advantage of an

coach, and the Dogs have not looked back since. She had a long reign as one of the top coaches in the NE-10, with her team showing up in the top 25 polls five times during her career. Now in her 21st season at the helm of the Lady Bulldogs, Coach Burke looks to improve on their 2011 record of 10-19.

Regardless of record, no season is successful without several key wins along the way, and through their hard work, stingy defense, and top notch shooting the Bulldogs have had several over the course of the year. The first one of these came early in the season on November 30th against in-state rival University of Rhode Island.

Both Juniors Katie Wittington and Meredith Soper combined for 20-10

*'Alongside this bevy of talent the Bulldogs have the supreme advantage of an excellent coaching staff, which is headed by veteran Mary Burke.'*

excellent coaching staff, which is headed by veteran Mary Burke. Coach Burke's tenure started in 1991 when she was promoted from assistant

games in a rout totaling a score of 75-63. Alongside this victory was a January 9th thriller against Robert Morris in which Soper was the shin-



The team concept is the reason for the Lady Bulldogs continued success. (Bryant Athletics)

ing star once again, sealing the game in the final possession for the Bulldogs with a lay-up.

The Bulldogs have a challenging schedule to close out their last season of their transition into NEC membership. Games to be played include the reciprocal conference matchup against Robert Morris in their home gym as well as a difficult home game against rival Mount St. Marys on Saturday, February 25th. While they are sometimes overlooked across the platform of Bulldog Athletics, the Ladies Basketball team here at Bryant is every bit as success-

ful as any of the programs here in their transition to Division 1. Their senior leadership, including standout Brittany Stahura, the young talent pool coming in, and the top flight coaching staff are all to be credited for the victories and accomplishments that this team has achieved this year as well as in years past.

Be sure to catch their remaining two home games next weekend including the aforementioned matchup against Mount St. Marys at 1 pm and the season finale against Wagner on Monday, February 27th at 7 pm.

### Bryant University Intramural Athlete of the Week:

## Alli Salzberg

### Sport: Floor Hockey



The inaugural BUIAOTW for the Spring Semester goes to Alli Salzberg for her efforts on the Floor Hockey rink. Though her stats in her first game of the season were not amongst the highest in the league, it is her courage in breaking the sport's largely unspoken gender barrier that earns her this week's honor. Not only is she one of the few women involved in the sport at Bryant, she is also breaking ground by being a part of the first student/faculty team in Intramural history. There is a lot to be said for her creativity and innovation in this regard, and for that we at Archway Sports thank you Ms. Salzberg.

Know an athlete that you want to nominate for the B.U.I.A.O.T.W.? Send all nominations and comments to [archway@bryant.edu](mailto:archway@bryant.edu)

## Sports Shorts: the world of sports at a glance

By Jackie Ammirato  
Editor-in-Chief

Honor Roll is reserved for athletes who have maintained a GPA of 3.75 or above.

- New York Jets quarterback Mark Sanchez tweeted at his number one receiver on Valentine's Day saying, "@santonio10 you want to be my Valentine?" accompanied by a picture of a heart-shaped box of cookies. Jets fans can only hope Sanchez's attempt at humor might help repair the tension between two key components of the Jets' offense.

- Just in time to avoid the arbitration process, David Ortiz has agreed to a deal with the Boston Red Sox. The two sides settled on a one year deal worth \$14.575 million splitting the difference between what each side had originally wanted. With Ortiz signing, the Red Sox have avoided an arbitration hearing for the tenth consecutive year.

- Seventy eight members of Bulldog nation were named to the Northeast Conference Fall Academic Honor Roll, including 13 who earned Commissioner's Honor Roll distinctions. Athletes named to the NEC Academic Honor Roll have maintained a cumulative GPA of at least 3.20. The distinction of Commissioner's

- Journeyman wide receiver Randy Moss has informed the media that he plans on rescinding his retirement for the 2012-2013 season. No word on whether Moss will request to be paid with the normal wire transfer method or resort to his usual "straight cash homie."

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# The legend of curling debunked: Oddity of the sports world explained

By Jackie Ammirato  
Editor-in-Chief

Whenever the Winter Olympics come around most people will just turn on the television and tune into whatever happens to be on at the time. At some point however my brother and I decided we loved curling. So every four years we consult the tv schedule and wake up at bizarre times to watch as many hours of curling as the tv producers decide to share with the world.

Understandably when Professor Tom Zammarelli invited my Sports Media Production class to go watch the Ocean State Curling Club with him, there was no way I could miss the opportunity (I don't anticipate getting the chance to watch live curling many times in my life). So last Friday night I drove out to Cranston with



The team aspect of curling is as dynamic as mainstream sports such as football. (Joelle Sopariwala)

my unofficial photographer, Joelle Sopariwala in tow to watch some curling.

The Ocean State Curling Club was formed in April 2009 to bring the sport to Rhode Island. The league is made up of twelve teams who compete during the winter against each other every Friday night. Additionally according to the club's website,

ing tournaments) in the United States and Canada."

There is a Bryant connection to the Ocean State Curling Club. Professor and Chair of the Computer Information Systems department, Janet Prichard is a member of the club. When Joelle and I arrived at the rink Professor Prichard was quick to come over and greet us and immediately asked us if we wanted to go out onto the ice. Obviously we said yes. We went and put grippers on our shoes. The grippers are basically giant pieces of rubber that go outside your normal shoes to help give you traction on the ice. Most of the club members wear grippers while others have Teflon-coated shoes to give traction and help move on the ice.

Once on the ice, Joelle and I had the chance to pick up a broom and stone. The stone was surprisingly heavy.

members of the club compete in "friendlies with other curling clubs in New England and in numerous Bonspiels (curl-

## Bryant Softball tabbed fourth in Preseason NEC Poll

Courtesy of  
Bryant Athletics

The Bryant University softball team has been tabbed to finish fourth in the Northeast Conference according to the 2012 NEC Preseason Coaches' Poll, the league announced Tuesday.

The Bulldogs, who set a new single-season high in victories at the Division I level by means of a 25-19 overall record and a 14-6 mark in the conference, nearly captured the NEC regular season title last spring while fielding a team comprised mostly of underclassmen. Experience will play another key role in a successful campaign this year, as 12-year bench boss Lisa-Ann Wallace will look to reach even greater heights in the team's final season of reclassification.

Looking for its seventh league title in 2012 will be top vote-getter Robert Morris. The Colonials led all teams with six first-place votes while edging out second-place Quinnipiac to take the top spot. The Bobcats did, however, earn three first-place votes in the poll. Rounding out the top three is last year's tournament

champion, Sacred Heart (one first place vote), who will have to regroup after losing last year's NEC Player of the Year in Taylor Froelich.

LIU Brooklyn and Central Connecticut follow the Bulldogs in fifth and sixth place, respectively, in the poll. The Blackbirds will look to rebound from a sub-.500 season while making a claim for their 11th league title. The Blue

games over .500, while the Knights will be looking to match the high bar set last season when the program set a new single-season high in victories.

Wagner and its youthful lineup were slated to finish ninth in the league, while Mount St. Mary's and Saint Francis (PA) round out the 11-team field. The Mountaineers finished 16 games under .500 last season but return 15-of-23 letter winners, while the Red Flash will look to gain ground under the reigns of first-year coach Jennifer Patrick-Swift.

With the 2012 campaign just days away, the Bulldogs will look to start off the season amidst a group of competitive foes that will challenge the team right off the bat, as Bryant heads to Albuquerque, N.M. this weekend to participate in the University of New Mexico Lobo Classic.

The Black and Gold will face off against Northern Colorado (twice), Purdue, Central Arkansas and the tourney-host Lobos - who received votes in the most recent USA Today/NFCA Coaches' Poll - over a three-day span.



Bryant University's 2012 softball team. (Bryant Athletics)

Devils, meanwhile, will be looking to return to the post-season for another year by means of its potent bats that sparked one of the league's best offenses in 2011.

Garden State rivals Monmouth and Fairleigh Dickinson were ranked seventh and eighth, respectively. The Hawks, who garnered the lone other first-place vote, just missed out on an appearance in last year's conference tournament despite finishing nine



Curling, a misunderstood sport. (Joelle Sopariwala)

It turns out the stones are 40-pounds each and are made from special granite that comes from just two quarries in the world. From our vantage point on the ice, we were able to watch the sport from some cool angles and really gained an appreciation for the skill involved.

Though not widely appreciated in the United States, curling has a history dating back to the 1500s. The game pits two teams of four players each against each other in an attempt to score the highest number of points. The players

take turns sliding the rocks down the ice towards a bulls-eye type target. Once released the path of the rock is influenced by two sweepers who use brooms to speed up the rock and straighten out its path. The sport relies a great deal on teamwork and strategy giving it the nickname "chess on ice."

Professor Prichard is working with SPB on setting up a "learn to curl" night so be sure to stay on the lookout for that!

**Congratulations to the 78 Bryant student-athletes who earned a spot on the NEC Academic Honor Roll!**

### Bryant @ Home

Friday, February 17th  
Men's Tennis vs. Connecticut 2:30 PM @ Brown University

Saturday, February 18th  
Men's Lacrosse vs. St. Joseph's 1:00 PM

Wednesday, February 22nd  
Women's Lacrosse vs. Holy Cross 4:00 PM

Thursday, February 23rd  
Men's Basketball vs. Wagner 7:00 PM

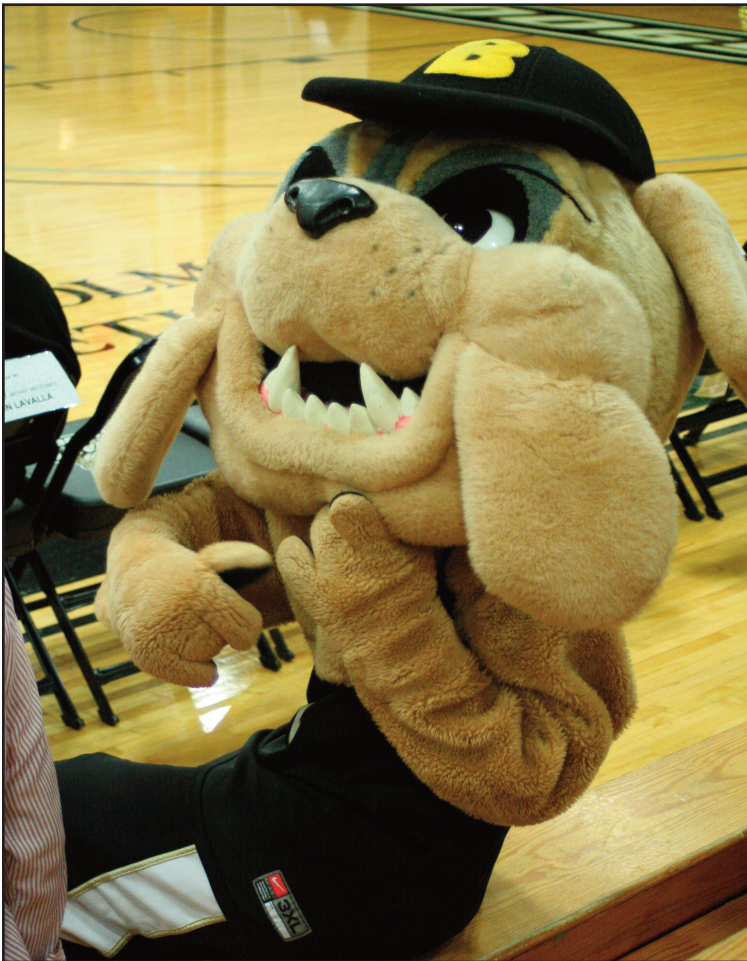
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### TRIVIA QUESTION:

**Who is the career rushing yards leader in NFL History?**



# Caption Contest!



# Bulldogs tabbed to finish fourth in NEC

*Courtesy of Bryant Athletics*

Led by the return of first team all-conference selection David Soltis (Plainville, Conn.) and top pitcher Peter Kelich (Jackson, N.J.), the Bryant University baseball team has been selected to finish fourth according to the Northeast Conference Preseason Coaches' Poll, the league announced Wednesday.

A year after capturing the NEC regular-season championship, the Bulldogs finished 19-12 in conference play in 2011 and won 30 games for the fifth consecutive season. This year, head coach Steve Owens returns six starting position players and three starting pitchers to a team that won five-straight games, and seven of eight, to end 2011.

After finishing 25-7 and earning the top-seed in last year's postseason tournament, Monmouth has been selected to repeat in 2012, receiving four first-place votes. The Hawks return 18 letterwinners from a year ago, including the conference's top Major League prospect, right-hander Pat Light.

Last year's conference champion, Sacred Heart is slated to finish second and also received four first-place votes. The Pioneers beat Monmouth twice in last year's tournament and bring back

nine-game winner Troy Scribner and seven-game winner Nick Leiningen. Central Connecticut was picked to finish third, receiving the final first-place vote. LIU Brooklyn, Mount St. Mary's, Wagner, Quinnipiac and Fairleigh Dickinson round out the poll, slated to finish fifth through

conference-only games last season and was selected to play in the New England Intercollegiate Baseball Association (NEIBA) All-Star game.

The Bulldogs also bring back 2010 NEC Rookie of the Year Kevin Brown (Northborough, Mass.), the Black and Gold's leader in doubles (16),



The Bulldogs pitching staff has been a big reason for their success recently. *(Bryant Athletics)*

ninth, respectively.

Bryant returns a strong core from last year's team including one of the league's best pitchers in Kelich. The right-hander has won 15 games in his first two seasons, going 5-2, including complete game shutouts of Sacred Heart and Mount St. Mary's, last year. Soltis finished third in batting average (.392) and on-base percentage (.468) in

triples (4) and home runs (5) last season.

The Bulldogs open their 2012 campaign this weekend, Feb. 17-19 with a trip to Cary, N.C. Bryant will face four opponents – St. Joseph's, Wright St., Marshall, and Youngstown St. – over the three days at the USA Baseball Complex, with Friday's opener against the Hawks slated to begin at 2:00 p.m.

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A Greek Complex called  
Greek Row  
~Brendon Carpenico, Ryan Gimler,  
Jimmy Delucia



*If you could have  
any Bryant  
building named  
after you what  
would it be?*

The Entry Control  
Station named the  
Brunson Incarceration  
Center  
~Royce Brunson

The Eric MacCarthy  
President's Office  
~Eric MacCarthy



A photography building  
called JMZ headquarters  
~Joelle Sopariwala

Music building  
called SMD Hall of  
Music & Arts  
~Stephen Diamond

An Athletic Center  
called Eringis Arena  
~Tina Eringis





## The latest king of the everglades

By **Andriana Evangelista**  
Opinion Editor

It's not the first time that an invasive plant or animal has made it over the U.S. border and it won't be the last time either. However, pythons are not a natural wild species in the United States for a reason—they don't belong here.

The American pet trend, specifically in the last two decades, has been the domestication of Burmese Pythons. According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, approximately 99,000 of this species were imported into the U.S. from 1996-2006, which doesn't even take into account the amount of pythons imported in the last six years.

Pet owners are able to purchase pythons for as low as twenty dollars for a twenty inch-long hatchling. The catch: within two to three years these little guys grow into eight-foot long predators!

What's happening is that when people finally realize that their pets are going to grow much larger than previously expected and don't have enough space in their homes, they dump them in the wild. The Everglades, a vital element to local ecosystems that has required a lot of

time, effort, and money to ensure its preservation, now faces ecological devastation due to irresponsible discarding of these non-native creatures.

Burmese pythons are extremely invasive animals. Here's why:

1. They have long life spans of up to fifteen to twenty-five years.
2. They have a high reproductive output—a mother was found nesting eighty-five eggs.
3. They have the ability to move long distances.
4. They are excellent swimmers
5. Most importantly, however, is the fact that in Florida they have no natural predators.

In the Everglades there have been sightings of these pythons that are up to fifteen feet in length. They have the ability of consuming animals as large as deer and alligators. They also eat rodents, birds, and other smaller snakes. With this in mind, they have the capability of consuming entire woodland or marsh ecosystems. According to a study in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, observations of many mammals such as raccoons, bobcats, and possums have declined by more than 85% in



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the south.

This issue is not limited to Florida. They can move long distances, can survive in warm climates, and are capable of inhabiting the entire bottom third of the United States. Additionally, these snakes are "near threatened" in Southern Asia due to their value as an export as pets and being hunted for their skin.

Many state governments, specifically Florida, have implemented stricter pet licensing laws. In Florida it costs around \$100 a year to own a python. Unfortunately, owners continue to feel the need to dump their pythons, this

time due to the financial burdens of both permit and maintenance fees.

I understand it must be pretty cool to show off an exotic pet in your own home, but first you should do some serious research. Buying and maintaining exotic animals comes with a vast amount of responsibility. People shouldn't feel entitled to own a pet just because.

The governments, both federal and state, should also be held responsible. There is a possibility that pythons will be prohibited from being imported or brought across borders, which I personally agree

should be the case. Why do we really need pythons in our homes anyway?

These pets were being handed out like candy at a parade. We take a driving test before we get our driving license. Why? Because being irresponsible behind the wheel affects more than just the driver. Exotic pet owners should be educated about their responsibilities, rather than simply be asked for a \$100 permit fee. It's not that the actual python is the true danger, but more specifically the social responsibility of the people who choose to own one.

## Why you should own both Verizon and AT&T in your portfolio

By **Joe Cunningham and Chris Bekel**  
Contributing Writers

Every day, there are dramatic headlines highlighting the uncertainty of the global economy. In this volatile environment it is difficult to invest long term but as any great investor knows, there is always money to be made. It is impossible to ignore the interdependence we are forming with our smartphones.

In the fourth quarter of 2011 alone 157.8 million smartphones were sold domestically. Smartphones are more profitable than regular cell phones because of the data plan and AT&T (T) and Verizon (VZ) have a dominant position as America's most utilized cell phone networks. The industry is growing fast enough that you do not need to pick one of these great communications companies to invest in; owning both in your portfolio would be a wiser decision.

Both companies have steady earnings because of a strong, diverse revenue stream. AT&T has seen revenue increases in their wireless service and data segments over the past three

years while Verizon has increased their total average revenue per customer per month by 17.3% year over year.

They are both able to offer complementary products, such as AT&T's U-Verse and Verizon's FiOS, to customers at a discount helping them get more revenue out of each customer. Many customers are also under contract making revenue very consistent and appealing to investors. They

*'It is impossible to ignore the interdependence we are forming with our smartphones.'*

both also have large cash reserves opening the door for a possible acquisition that could even further diversify revenues.

Moreover, the products and services these two companies offer are of the highest quality in the industry, making them the only two real players in the game. Sprint, their next largest competitor, has not been profitable since 2008, when the company broke even for a single quarter. Seeking Alpha, a prominent equity analysis blog,

says that, "you might want to think about this industry as a two person race where either company can bring you significant success."

Demand is increasing so much that these two companies will not cannibalize each other's market share and both be able to grow. I see parallels in their competition to that of Coke and Pepsi where there is room for both to profit without having to engage in price wars.

Accompanying the strong earnings and minimal competition is a 5+% annual dividend for both companies. Verizon has actually increased its annual dividend by 3% over the past 2 years showing it is still growing and committed to shareholders, even through a recession.

On top of that, both AT&T and Verizon have low betas signaling that they are less susceptible to shifts in the overall market, making them a safer investment in today's volatile economy. Such a high dividend and the real potential for

stock appreciation make AT&T and Verizon strong long-term plays.

Instead of looking at these companies as competitors in a

zero sum game it is best to group them together and own both in your portfolio for maximum return.



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## Memorable singer, and a cautionary tale

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The story is familiar. Beautiful, talented singer, actor, dancer, and on down the list, succumbs in a tragic likely accident that may have involved drug abuse. Whitney Houston was added to that roll call Saturday. She was 48. Like so many others, she is gone too soon, and yet she will always be with us.

Almost from the time the little girl from Newark, N.J., opened her mouth in song, it was clear she would one day be a star. And why not, given her lineage? Gospel great Cissy Houston was her mother, pop music icon Dionne Warwick her aunt, and the queen of soul, Aretha Franklin, her godmother. Little "Nippy," as they called her, surpassed them all in the millions of records she sold globally.

But the singing sensation, who as a youngster gained a reputation as being too squeaky clean to be believed, passed into maturity with an appetite for cocaine and marijuana, she admitted. Her tempestuous marriage to equally drug-dependent R&B singer Bobby Brown failed. Three times she went to rehab. Her voice suffered. The comeback that always seemed so close never came.

Houston's life may serve as a cautionary lesson to some, and that's fine. It's a lesson that can't be taught too often, or too early. But that's not the only Whitney Houston who should be remembered.

Remember her as the only pop singer to have seven consecutive No. 1 singles on Billboard. Remember her as the singer who put Francis Scott Key on the Top 10 charts as a lyricist for her thrilling rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner." Remember her as the talented actress in films like "Waiting to Exhale." Remember her as the voice heard on tape in countless weddings, singing her signature hit, "I Will Always Love You."

Remember her as the memorable singer she was.

## In Darfur, it's women who bear the burden

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NYALA, Sudan \_ It's an all too common sight in this city in the western section of the country: Women weighted down by the heavy buckets as they work at construction sites. "This work is very hard. Most days, we stay on the site from six in the morning to six at night without eating anything," said Aisha, a worker at one of the building sites. "We drink water perhaps once or twice a day. Anything we do eat is

taken out of what we are paid." So why do they do it? Most say because

they have no other way to support their families.

And sometimes, their pay isn't enough to even do that.

Khadeja, another construction worker in Nyala, said, "We earn about 50 cents a day, and sometimes we don't even get that. There are men working with us, but they earn \$1.25 a day or more. We asked if we could be paid the same as men, but our employers refused."

Ahmed Musa Adam is a primary school teacher in Kabkabeya, a region of northern Darfur; his wife works in construction in the town of El Fashir.

"Building work and making bricks and concrete is very hard for women," he said.

"Sometimes she has fever and pain all over her body, and she is stressed all the time

from thinking about the work that she has to do. For two to three days she doesn't feel good at all, and when she starts to feel better she goes back to work again."

Even getting to the job site can be a hazard for women. They're often subject to attack as they make their way to and from work.

"The security situation isn't very good and there is always danger," Adam said. Adam says his wife's job is taking a toll on the entire family.

"My wife leaves home before six in the morning and comes back at night. All day, the children are alone with no one to look after them.

After I come back from school, I'm forced to stay with them and organize their things until she returns," he said.

But there is no alternative, Adam explains.

"Circumstances mean that we have no choice but to let these women work in these kinds of jobs," he said. "My basic salary isn't enough for someone with a family. This is why I let her work. The money she brings home is barely enough to improve our lives, but it is better than nothing."

Laws intended to prevent employers from hiring women and children to perform arduous or dangerous work are routinely ignored.

"In Sudanese labor law, there is a provision to prevent the employment of women and children in arduous

*'Circumstances mean that we have no choice but to let these women work in these kinds of jobs.'*



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labor," said Omer Musa Omer, a local labor lawyer. "However, there is nothing in the text that provides for specific criminal responsibility for those that hire women."

Adam Fadoul, an employer in the construction sector, defended the policy of hiring women.

"If a woman comes to us and says, 'I have nothing, my children need to eat and they need clothes to wear' \_ what can we do?" he said. "We just tell her this is the work we have, and at the end of the

day we pay them for what they have done. It is up to them. They know the dangers they face."

And there's another reason Fadoul prefers female employees.

"Men don't work," he said. "They say that the wage is not high enough for them. Women come to us and they say they have nothing and they need to work, so we pay them. We can't raise the wages because the economic situation here is weak."

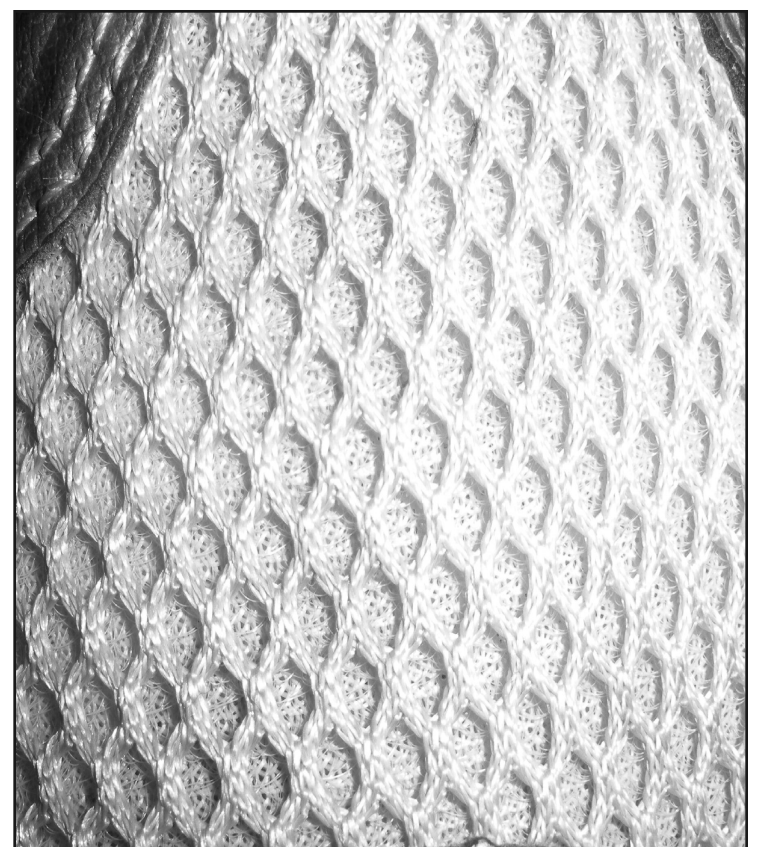
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# What grinds my gears

By **Andriana Evangelista**  
Opinion Editor

So I know that sometimes our butt cracks get a little excited and sick of the constraint of our jeans. We all have had our butt crack show at one point in our life and typically we try to reconceal ourselves as soon as possible. But what I don't understand is something I'd like to call "The chronic butt crack attack".

I'm sure you all have met at least one person with this unfortunate condition. No matter what they do, wear, or try their ass crack is always on the lookout.

Don't get me wrong I think the butt is a beautiful body part but what I don't understand is how you don't feel the draft. Is it something you just get used to like a bad habit? Regardless, I just prefer to look at other things during class and this is quite distract-

ing. I know that fads happen and strange things get popular. But I just hope this isn't one of them. I'm not ashamed to show mine off but I strongly believe that people wouldn't like that. So I am kind and courteous enough to leave that for another time and place. So as my mother always told me, "Say no to crack!"

# Simple, realistic solution to fixing the U.S. economy

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Few would deny that the U.S. economy is badly damaged or that the party with the more plausible plan for fixing it is likely to win the coming election. Yet neither has proposed a plan that realists can believe in. While Republicans advocate yet more tax cuts and deregulation, Democrats propose further stimulus and deficit spending. Both are futile.

Tax cuts will fail because they reduce government revenue, thereby necessitating additional layoffs at the state and local levels among police, firefighters, teachers and others. Outside the beltway, budgets have to balance, and deficit spending is not an option. In any case, firing people is a poor way to create jobs. The victims swell the ranks of the unemployed, even as their insolvency erodes demand for their services.

History suggests that deregulation isn't the answer either. As it affected the airlines in the late 1970s, deregulation served mainly to create shareholder value by decreasing the compensation of pilots, flight attendants, and airline mechanics. As it affected the trucking industry a few years later, it led to mass terminations coupled with (vastly) increased workloads for the few drivers fortunate enough to keep their jobs.

Stimulus and deficit spending are even less promising. Though widely believed to have halted the economic free fall of late 2008 and early 2009, the combination has yet to generate a recovery worthy of the name. Economist Nouriel Roubini, together with colleagues Daniel Alpert and Robert Hockett, has recently released a proposal for further economic stimulus leading, it is hoped \_ after five to seven additional years of massive deficit spending \_ to genuine recovery. But a substantial portion of their report

is devoted to policies the Chinese government must be persuaded to adopt (including universal health care, education, retirement benefits, and substantial disposable income), lest the benefits of American deficit spending accrue primarily to that nation. How realistic is that?

Will the Chinese agree to abandon strategies that appear, from their perspective, to be working famously, in favor of policies that have stopped working for the United States? Is the Chinese government about to provide its citizens with a standard of living comparable to that enjoyed by the already developed nations? Will China even agree to stop devaluing its currency, as American diplomats have begged it for years to do? And if by some miracle China should agree to all that, is it likely that it will prove willing and able to honor the agreement?

The changes Roubini proposes would have many of the same effects as a simple protective tariff on imported goods, increasing federal revenue and rendering U.S. manufacturers more competitive in domestic markets. Yet such is the power of the free-trade lobby forged in the campaign to pass NAFTA and the WTO that every remaining presidential candidate has explicitly disowned "protectionism." Should they?

Protectionism is the antithesis of the "free international trade" that American leaders have been preaching at least since Woodrow Wilson made it one of his "14 points." As long as it received only lip service, the doctrine had little effect on the U.S. economy. But that changed soon after it became official policy.

The turning point, according to trade expert Ravi Batra, came in 1968, with the conclusion of the so-called Kennedy Round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade ne-

gotiations. Before then, he argues, the U.S. economy had been relatively self-sufficient, with combined imports and exports rarely exceeding 12 percent of GDP. Only after 1973, when the OPEC oil embargo fell like a wet blanket on the growth prospects of energy-poor industrializing nations such as Japan and South Korea, did foreign firms and products begin to enter U.S. markets in force.

Low-tech products such as textiles and footwear came first, soon to be followed by radios, televisions, automobiles, motorcycles, refrigerators, air conditioners, generators, turbines, cameras, and others long supplied by U.S. firms. Often, the invaders used tactics that would have violated U.S. antitrust law had they been deployed by domestic firms. Little of this "export-led growth" would have been possible, according to Batra, without the draconian U.S. tariff reductions of the Kennedy and Tokyo Rounds.

The enactment of a protective tariff of, say, 30 percent on most imported goods and services could increase government revenue as much as half a trillion dollars annually. The resulting scramble to reopen or replace mothballed U.S. factories could hardly fail to create a welcome flood of new (albeit temporary) jobs. No other feasible reform would have as large an impact on either the nation's finances or its employment prospects.

Yet no serious candidate dares to mouth those words, for fear of being ridiculed by the media and denied access to corporate campaign funds. As a result, voters seem doomed to 10 more months of econobabble about tax cuts, deregulation, and (Keynesian) stimuli.

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Student 1: Only thing is it's on a Tuesday.

"Let's get wavy"

"Why I murdered a goose, a cautionary tale"

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Student 1: She posted pound mustbe love.  
Student 2: You mean hashtag?  
Student 1: I don't twitter often.  
Student 2: You mean tweet?

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# Movie Review: *This Means War*



*This Means War*'s Reese Witherspoon. (MCT Campus)

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Dating turns deadly in *This Means War*, the new romantic-action-comedy from director McG. Zipping along in a purposely silly fashion, the film tells the story of two best friends and secret agents (*Inception*'s Tom Hardy and *Star Trek*'s Chris Pine) who begin dating the same woman (Reese Witherspoon), only to have it cause a tremendous rivalry between the two for her affections. And in true Hollywood fashion, this of course means war between the two, who will each now stop at nothing to win out over the other.

While you won't find a single bit of originality in this film, it is still a charming and silly action film that has something for everyone in the audience. The blend of action, romance, and comedy is done well, with many scenes being simultaneously goofy and thrilling – one memorable moment comes when Tuck (Hardy) and Franklin (Pine) bounce around Witherspoon's house, gathering information on her and planting hidden cameras and microphones, all

the while hilariously trying to stay out of her line of sight.

Witherspoon's Lauren, meanwhile, has her own dilemma, as a perpetually single career woman who now finds herself torn between two seemingly perfect men. Her ruminations on her love life exist as breaks from the action of the film, but thankfully not from the humor – some of the funniest scenes come courtesy of comedian Chelsea Handler's ad-libbed lines of dating advice her best friend character gives Witherspoon.

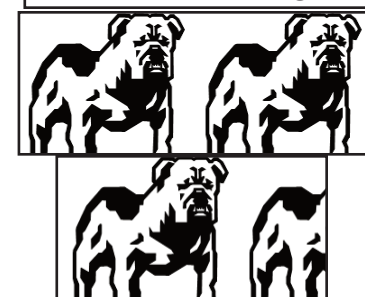
*This Means War* is certainly not a perfect film, but it is not meant to be – it is meant as a crowd pleaser, and it succeeds in doing that, offering laughs in typical rom-com style, with some added explosions and gunfights for good measure. Sure, the action is completely non-essential to the plot, existing as a footnote to the real relationships on-screen; however, the action is welcome when it does arrive, providing for more comedic moments and exploring the friendship-turned-rivalry between Tuck and Franklin. And it is refreshing to see that these roles were given to Tom

Hardy and Chris Pine, both action movie veterans who show they have comedy chops too.

*This Means War* coasts along on the charisma and chemistry of its three lead actors. With enough witty dialogue and breezy comedic scenes to satisfy the average moviegoer; the film succeeds by not even pretending to be anything it isn't, existing simply as a fun, if incredibly lightweight, film for a rainy day. While it will certainly not score any awards for originality (or anything for that matter), *This Means War* is just frothy and funny enough to keep you entertained for 90 minutes and have you leaving with a smile on your face.

I give *This Means War* 3.5 out of 5 Bulldogs.

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# Movie Review: *The Vow*

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What would you do if the one you loved suddenly forgot they loved you? That's the question posed by the romantic sap-fest *The Vow*, a.k.a. the latest in a long string of films trying to emulate *The Notebook*. While certainly not terrible, *The Vow* is still disappointing, begging the audience to feel for the central characters, but not giving us too much else to root for, other than star-power.

Rachel McAdams and Channing Tatum star as the central couple, Paige and Leo, a sweet, happily married pair of Chicago kids who get into a car accident that leaves Paige with a devastating brain injury: she cannot remember her husband or her life for the past few years.

While the ads for *The Vow* make it look as if Tatum's character must get his wife to "fall in love with him" all over again, the film really does not focus on that. Instead, it focuses on Paige's journey, a frustrating, disjointed, at times completely illogical series of events that will hopefully eventually lead her back into her husband's loving arms.

And here is where the film is disappointing. With a first half full of inconsistencies, it is baffling as to why Paige does not even TRY to reconnect with her husband, pushing him away and not even giving herself a chance to get to know him, despite the doctor's advice that it may jog her memory. Because of this, I



Channing Tatum and Rachel McAdams in *The Vow*. (MCT Campus)

found myself irritated with the film for quite a while, hoping it would pick up the pace.

Thankfully, the second half does contain a shift of events that start to propel Leo and Paige's journey forward at a more brisk pace, giving the audience (finally) cause to root for them. However, this shift causes the film to be very disjointed, seeming almost as if a large chunk of the middle of the film that would bridge the inconsistencies is missing.

The pacing of *The Vow* is all over the place, but the film is still not a complete failure. Rachel McAdams does a great

job with her role, beautifully conflicted, if not entirely consistent (though that is just the way Paige was written). And Channing Tatum is fine as Leo, though occasional scenes of bad acting show that he still has a long way to go before he can break out of his shell and into more challenging roles – at least this one is a step in the right direction for him.

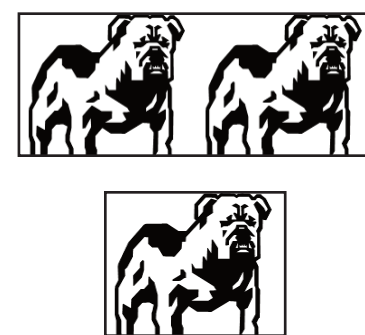
Another standout is Jessica Lange as Paige's mother, a character with more depth than we at first believe when introduced to her. While the film has a fine cast, nothing else really stands out, save for

a few cute scenes of the central couple's budding relationship and a few other tear-jerking moments that show the film's more sincere side.

Sweet, sappy, and ultimately forgettable, this is a movie for the date night crowd, those looking to invest two hours into the lives of an attractive and likeable couple you want to see end up (back) together. For a romantic night out that may make you smile, shed a tear, or bring your significant other just a little closer to you, *The Vow* succeeds; but as a consistent journey or emotional statement

about the power of love and commitment, the film in the end falls flat.

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