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## Welcoming the Class of 2016

### New students take part in the tradition of Convocation

By Sara Larrabee  
Staff Writer

Convocation. The only time the entire Class of 2016 will be together until they graduate and walk through the Archway in four short years. A day where the Bryant Patio transforms into an obnoxiously loud cheering walkway of upperclassmen and each first year student is presented with a Bryant custom-made "beanie" and class pin. It is one of the oldest Bryant traditions and one that President Machtley and the entire faculty and staff look forward to every year.

After the pomp and circumstance of the procession that gathers students outside of Halls 14, 15, and 16, President Machtley, Michelle Beauregard (Director of Admissions), Jose-Marie Griffiths (Vice President for Academic Affairs), Dr. Thomas Eakin (Vice President for Student Affairs), Jennifer Parkhurst (Class of 1997, 2006 MBA and President of the Bryant National Alumni Council), Reverend Phillip Devens (Protestant Chaplain), Racheal Pozerski (Class of 2013 and Student Senate President), and myself, Sara Larrabee (Class of 2013 and President of the Student Alumni Association) all had the opportunity to address all attendees to officially welcome them to the Bryant Community.

Michelle Beauregard detailed some of the outstanding admission statistics for the some 700 new members of the Class of 2016. Although I cannot remember some of the exact statements that Ms.



President Machtley speaking at Convocation 2012 (Felicia Thomas).

Beauregard spoke of, she was very impressed with each and every admission application she had read during the previous year and remained confident in her presentation of the class to President Machtley and all Bryant faculty and staff in attendance.

Jose-Marie Griffiths told a story about perseverance and served as the Mistress of Ceremonies for the afternoon. Senate President Racheal Pozerski used her time in front of the new Freshmen class to give some advice that she had compiled over the past 4 years including learning the Bryant "slang" words - Salmonson Dining Hall = Salmo, Rotunda = Roto, Unistructure = Uni, South Side Deli = South, and the Multipurpose Athletic Center = MAC.

Jennifer Parkhurst and I used our positions as a part of the Alumni Association to

foreshadow Commencement Day and students' passage into a membership of over 40,000 other Bryant Alumni all over the world. "Find your passion and put it into action!" was quoted on the Convocation Twitter feed and those are original words by yours truly.

Dr. Thomas Eakin introduced the principles of the Bryant Pledge, which has been recited by many first-year students throughout Bryant's rich history since 1863. President Machtley and Ms. Pozerski led the call and response recitation of the pledge that commits each student to be a responsible member for the Bryant community for the next four years and beyond.

To wrap up the afternoon was the presentation of the Bryant Character Award posthumously to alumnus Michael Kosior by President Machtley. The award was created two

years ago to be presented to "individuals that exemplify a great deal of character, as it can show both true North and time. In the end, character is really about doing the right thing at the right time," said President Machtley.

The award was presented on Michael's behalf to his father because a few months ago Michael, who was the first legally blind student to ever graduate from Bryant, passed away from a seizure leaving behind his lovely wife and beautiful infant daughter. Michael was an inspiration to anyone who had the opportunity to get to know him because he never let any obstacle stand in his way of his passion or achieving his goals. He truly embodied the "Character of Success" and will be dearly missed by all his loved ones and the Bryant community.

## Bryant revamps first year curriculum

By William Allen  
Web Editor

With the start of the 2012-2013 academic year come many changes, among those is the new first year gateway program.

For nearly the past two years, faculty and staff from multiple departments have been working as one to design and implement a new and innovative first year curriculum. According to Bob Shea, Director of Bryant's Center for Teaching and Learning the gateway is designed to help students develop their writing/ communication skills, critical thinking ability, cultural awareness and ethical reasoning skills.

To help first year students achieve these outcomes, a new 10 credit core curriculum has been designed. In their first year, all freshmen will be required to take "Global Foundations of Character and Leadership"(GFCL), "Global Foundations of Organizations and Business"(GFOB), "Writing Workshop" and "Innovation Design Experience for All" (IDEA).

GFCL examines at the role of the individual in our world while GFOB will look at the historic and present day role of business in our world. Both courses are designed to develop students character, leadership and communication skills in order to help them solve complex ethical decisions. The writing

workshop will focus on allowing students to have their voices be heard. Finally, IDEA is an intensive 72 hour course, which will challenge students to work together to develop solutions to real world questions. During the 72 hour period, teams will be mentored by faculty, staff, alumni, and upperclassmen.

In connection with the creation of new gateway program, Business 101, LCS 151 and Foundations for Learning will no longer be offered as stand alone courses. Many topics covered in Business 101 will be absorbed into the GFOB course, including the business plan. Topics covered previously in FFL will be integrated into both GFCL and GFOB courses.

In order to tie all the outcomes and courses together, students will be required to build an ePortfolio. ePortfolio is a new feature on Blackboard where students will be able to upload various pieces of work from their different classes and connect them back to the learning outcomes.

According to Shea, feedback from faculty and students has been positive. The program has gained national recognition, most notably from the Davis Educational Foundation. The foundation has rewarded Bryant a grant for \$147,500 to support further curriculum revision and faculty development.





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Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9pm - Bonfire, Pep Rally, and Fireworks on Bryant Center Patio	1pm - Bulldogs vs. Dukes, Stadium 9pm - Homecoming Ball, MAC	10:30am - Alumni Memorial Service, Interfaith Center	10am - Student Senate Freshman Elections, Outside Salmo  4:30pm - Archway Meeting in BC room 2A!	7pm - Extravaganza Model Calls, Papitto 9pm - Comedian Mama Wala, South Dining Hall		

## Bulldog Bulletin

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# Bryant campus looking refreshed, improved for the start of the semester

By Ariana Ricci  
Business Manager

During what seemed like a whirlwind first two weeks of classes, it was probably easy to overlook the many physical changes made to our gorgeous campus here at Bryant. New to the University are some academic and virtual changes, which will be covered in their own articles. But for now, let's take a look at some of the renovations and additions that occurred over the summer.

## MRC Printer

For a while, Bryant students have expressed complaints about the lack of a student printer in the Unistructure—it is the Academic Hall, after all! Yes, there are printers in just about every other building on campus, but that doesn't help when there are exactly two minutes until that 9 am class and there's no time for a library pit stop to print a term paper. Sure, there were always the smaller printers in some of the computer lab classrooms upstairs. However, these proved to be an inconvenience since the rooms are often occupied during the peak hours of printing demand. In addition, they are not always reliable.

As some students may remember, several surveys were floating around last year regarding several possible improvements that could be made to Bryant. These were the work of students in Professor Wendy Samter's Small Group Communication class. "Groups were charged with identifying a problem on campus and then coming up with feasible solutions," Samter explained. "At the end of the semester, they presented to guest experts who are in a position to act on the proposals - in this case, Chuck LoCurto, [VP/CIO of

Information Services] and Philip Lombardi [Director of Academic Computing & Media Services]."

One group was inspired by a previous team's idea to install a printer in the Bryant Center, which was later carried out. In the same fashion, their proposal to install one in the Unistructure was implemented. Made up of Alexandria Clyburn, Chiedza Mawema, Bliss Clark, Jessica Sklar, and Jane (Chiyun) Li, the team "identified four locations on campus and developed a criteria to rank each of them," noted Clyburn. The MRC wing came out on top of this ranking.

Thanks to thousands of dollars of funding from the Information Technology department, Lombardi's team, the network team, and facilities, a black and white printer now sits in the lounge area of the MRC wing. Jeff Allen, a classroom systems analyst in the IT department, was in charge of integrating it into the touch screen system. LoCurto explained that this printer was originally used in the Bryant Center, but was moved to the Unistructure after purchasing a new color printer for the Bryant Center.

The new MRC printer is available 24/7 for students to access. To help keep things running smoothly, the area will be monitored by security cameras and student workers will monitor the paper supply or printing jams. "I understand that this is something the students have wanted for a very long time," LoCurto said. He expressed his support for the printer installation and added, "We just hope that students treat this new tool with care."

## Ideation Lab & Adjacent Classrooms

Following suit from last summer, Bryant continued its renovation of classrooms.



The Amica Center's new table and chairs give the area a much more relaxing atmosphere. (Kristina Aceto in Admissions)

Edward Milch, Director of Capital Projects, confirmed that classrooms 251-253 underwent a complete renovation, as did their mechanical systems. Students probably noticed the new whiteboards that replaced the chalkboards in these rooms, which are commonly used for math classes. Room 250, however, was converted into a different type of classroom to support a new style of teaching and learning. "Named the Ideation Lab, Capital Projects worked with Professor Mike Roberto and President Machtley to incorporate their vision for this special space," noted Milch. (Please see the article on page 5 for more details on the Ideation Lab).

## MRC4

Typically used for conferences and seminars, MRC4 also received a complete renovation over the summer due to the high volume of meetings in this space. Floor-to-ceiling glass panels replaced the regular outer walls, and the interior layout was reconfigured to allow for more spacial efficiency. A double whiteboard was added to what used to be the back of the room. In addition, duplicate AV projection capacities were installed to accommodate the large room size.

## Science Lab

Construction of another science lab was completed over the summer. The plan has been in the works for two years, with construction starting in May and ending in August. Professor Chris Reid explained that it is certified as Biosafety Level 2 and will be utilized for chemistry and biochemistry research. Specifically, Professor Reid's lab will investigate antimicrobial and vaccine development, and he will share the lab with a new biology faculty member.

## Amica Center

In addition to many new programs, the Amica Center for Career Education also has a new physical appearance. All of the laptop workstations

were removed and replaced with comfortable new chairs and small tables. The area is much more conducive to casual reading from the new library or conversation with peers. On Monday mornings from 8:45-10:00 am, one more addition appears: a free coffee station, as part of the new Mojo Mondays!

## Unistructure Bathrooms

Another facelift occurred in the form of the bathrooms adjacent to the classrooms. Both men's and women's restrooms were renovated fully, including new tile walls, sinks, counters, mirrors, floors, lighting, and stalls. They now match those outside of Salmanson, which were upgraded last year.

## Drinking Fountains

An interesting new addition to the Unistructure are the brand new Halsey Taylor Hydro Boost drinking fountains. Besides having a typical spout from which to quench your thirst on the go, the fountains feature a wall-mounted water bottle refill area. Simply place your water bottle under the sensor and watch it be refilled automatically in seconds. The water is filtered by the system, so it is a perfectly safe alternative to bottled water. In keeping with the University's green initiative, the fountain also keeps count of how many plastic water bottle have been saved by using its refill feature.

But to whom can we give credit for these high-tech hallway additions? Lisa Laliberte, Senior Project Manager, played a large role in purchasing these fountains, as well as completing the other renovation projects in the Unistructure. She said that incorporating sustainability is now the norm at Bryant: "With many of us raised in a culture where it is common to carry reusable water bottles, we believed that the substitution of a combination water fountain and water bottle filling station for one of the existing water fountains on each floor would be well

received by the students and community at large." So far, Laliberte has received nothing but positive feedback.

It also seems that a student named Tyler Pepe '12 may have had a hand in this project. It all started when he ran for Student Senate at the end of his junior year, promising to improve the state of the drinking fountains on campus as part of his platform. His first move was to submit maintenance requests to Facilities Management asking for colder water and higher pressure. Soon, these requests were fulfilled.

"Somehow in the middle of all that, I became the poster boy for water fountain integrity on campus," noted Pepe. Although he was never approached about installing the new drinking fountains, it seems that he was indirectly a catalyst. He observed that "sometimes it seems like the big changes get all of the attention, but the impact that the small changes can have in the right place at the right time can be just as impacting."

## Townhouses

Besides all of the upgrades to the Unistructure, the townhouses also experienced some TLC. A total of 22 units in blocks C, F, and G in the old village were completely renovated with new kitchens, bathrooms, mechanical equipment, and automated building controls. Unit E4 also underwent a renovation since it was damaged by a fire last spring. Milch explained that "this was the first phase of two planned phases, designed to update all 50 units in the old townhouse area. Phase two will occur during the Summer of 2013."

Additionally, the 8 units found in K block received a new hot water heating system, complete with baseboard heating elements. These will allow heat to be distributed and circulated more effectively. High efficiency boilers were also installed.

One final touch was the replacement of the old, damaged pergola located in the courtyard of the townhouses.



The bathrooms near the classrooms have taken on their upgrade this year. (Ariana Ricci)



## Tupper's Tidbits

### Tupper's Top Five Life-Changing Summer Events

Iron Clad Tupper I



**Yes, yes! All hands on Tuppy all the time! Now, fetch my ball, human, and we'll call this a perfect day!** (Christina Senecal)

If you're a returning student, welcome back to Bryant! If this is your first year, I can't wait to get to know you.

I'm your OFFICIAL mascot. Don't be fooled by imitations. I'm the only real English bulldog mascot on campus who has a regular column in The Archway, a Facebook page, a Twitter account, and a blog. Pretty sure I'm the only one, anyway...

A few momentous events happened to me this summer, and I want to tell you about them.

5. I got to have 9 sleepovers with the Machtleys. My Momma Claire went to London and Paris without me! I didn't mind, though, cuz I got to have a whole bunch of sleepovers with Uncle Ron and Auntie Kati Machtley, who treat me like a king. Pssst...don't tell Momma Claire...I like it when she feels guilty!

4. Speaking of my stay at the Machtleys' house... So while I was having my sleepovers, I got into a little trouble...Auntie Kati stepped out for a bit, and I let myself out of my crate and went exploring. I got locked in the closet and had to bodyslam the door to let Auntie Kati know where I was (she was panicking when she couldn't find me - you can read all about it on my blog - tuppertails.wordpress.com). Pssst...don't tell Momma Tina I can let myself out of my crate!

3. I got lonely. When you guys leave campus, you go home to your dogs and cats and friends and I'm all by myself...sigh...it's very lonely sometimes. I miss the love and adoration...and scratchies!

2. I got two new leashes. What? They can't all be pearls of wit and wisdom...I'm a dog! Getting new leashes is very exciting to me. Special thanks to Patrick in the Bryant Bookstore for donating a Bryant leash to me. You can get one for your own canine in the Bookstore, too!

And the number one life-changing event that happened this summer is:

1. I tore my ACL. Yes, just like many elite athletes before me (Tom Brady, Tiger Woods, RG3), I have a partial tear in my cruciate ligament...so while I'm recovering, I get more time in my Bulldog Buggy! The doctor says the prescription is bed rest and physical therapy...I'm not too sure I like being prescribed anything with the word "physical" in it.

So there you have it. Tupper's Top Five Life-Changing Summer Events. Don't forget - I'm on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/bulldogtupper](http://www.facebook.com/bulldogtupper)) and Twitter (<http://twitter.com/bryant-tuppy>). Get at me! I'll see you at Homecoming. 'Til next time...WOOF!

## Turner's Thoughts

### Tips and tricks to eating healthy



By Debbie Turner  
Contributing Writer

Hello All and Welcome Freshman! For those of you who are new to Bryant, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Debbie, and I am the registered dietitian with Sodexo Dining Services here on campus. I have a weekly column in the Archway and very much encourage you to email me with topics or discussions that interest you.

Let's define Nutrition -- The definition of nutrition literally means "the act or process of nourishing or being nourished". It is the major part of the process in which your body uses what you eat to build muscle, give you energy and keep you focused. The major nutrients are carbohydrates, protein, and fat. Each plays an important role in your body and it is important to include them all daily.

Whether you're just starting or coming back for another semester, college is stressful. Adjusting to a new environment or getting back into the school routine takes a toll on your body. Such stress too often results in neglected nutritional health needs.

Not paying attention to your nutritional needs will interfere with your concentration, depress the immune system, disrupt sleep patterns, and spark food cravings which lead to poor food choices. Performance ultimately suffers and frustration kicks in...ahhhh!

So what's a student supposed to do? Learn! As students you are here to learn. Why not make practicing good dietary habits a part of your college knowledge; one that can impact the way you eat for life?

Here are a few easy guidelines to help you get focused and perform at your best:

1. Plan: Skipping meals or going longer than 4 hours without eating will force your body into a starvation state, it's that simple! Once your body goes into a starvation state, metabolism will slow down and performance will suffer. If you know you will be at classes all day with no breaks, make sure to pack a lunch or snacks to get you through the day.

Keep your dorm or apartment stocked with easy-to-grab foods, such as, bananas, apples, granola bars, oatmeal, nuts, string cheese, or trail mix. Throw it in your back-pack and off you go.

2. Be Creative: If you don't like the hot food offered, try to combine foods from different areas of the dining hall. For example; add a salad to your pizza, make a stuffed potato with vegetables, and drizzle with cheese from the salad bar, add beans or chicken to soups.

3. Hydrate: Water is essential to keeping you alive. Every part of your body requires water to function optimally; the brain, muscle contraction, cellular function and blood circulation all require water. Poor hydration can lead to impaired vision, short-term memory loss, and decreased attention span.

A busy day can result in forgetting to drink the necessary amount of water. Energy drinks are widely consumed in the college population and can be a leading cause in dehydration. Excess caffeine can also cause restlessness, anxiety, irritability, headaches, abnormal heart rhythms, and problems with sleeping.

Rule of thumb: take half your body weight and drink that many ounces of water. So if you are 160 pounds, that's 80 ounces or about 10 cups a day. Remember that fruits and vegetables are primarily water....Another reason to up the fruit and veggie intake.

## Managable Meals

### Garlic Parmesan Chicken

Dan Cournoyer  
Staff Writer

Seniors, if you haven't mastered the art of cooking like my friend Courtney Bernard, then continue reading. Last year I lived in the townhouses and finally learned how to actually cook food. So put the ramen and cereal bars aside, it's time to learn how to cook ... a little bit.

This week's "Manageable Meal" of the week - garlic parmesan chicken. Let's start off the semester with something easy that most of your roommates can enjoy. Follow these simple steps and as Porter from The Sandlot once said, "and then you STUFF".

- 1) Preheat your Bryant Townhouse oven to 375 degrees
- 2) Scramble an egg in a bowl
- 3) Mix breadcrumbs, garlic, and parmesan cheese in a different bowl
- 4) Cover each chicken breast in the raw eggs, then cover in breadcrumb mix
- 5) Place each chicken breast on a baking dish
- 6) Bake chicken for approximately 25-35 minutes (flip after 15 minutes). The amount of time necessary will depend on how many chicken breasts and their thickness.

When you think the chicken is ready, cut one open and make sure it's not too pink, you want to see clear white meat with baked chicken. I would consider including rolls, rice, baked potato, or a vegetable side to compliment the baked chicken. This doesn't seem too hard right? Impress your neighbors or roommates with a simple and delicious meal, then they can return the favor with next week's "Manageable Meal" of the week.

## Bryant Senior Advisory Council

The BSAC is comprised of approximately thirty (30) to forty (40) seniors who have played significant leadership roles in the Bryant community. Seniors may apply directly, but we also encourage nominations by other students, faculty, and staff.

Please return all nominations/ applications to the President's Office by September 28, 2012.

- The Bryant Senior Advisory Council meets with the President and members of the administration monthly (usually over dinner) to discuss issues related to the senior class and/or Bryant in general.
- Acting as an advisory group, the BSAC discusses plans, new initiatives, and trends and issues in higher education. The meetings are intended to be interactive and may include special outside speakers.
- In addition to helping Bryant remain a leader in higher education, the meetings are also intended to assist participants in developing the communication skills which are so important to career advancement.
- Each participant who successfully completes the entire program upon request can receive a personal letter of recommendation from President Machtley. The Recent Alumni Trustee is also selected from among this group. The individual selected for this prestigious position serves a three year term on the Bryant University Board of Trustees.



## New IDEA program on tap

By Michael Roberto  
Contributing Professor

For the first time this January, all first-year students will participate in an intensive and unique three-day course called IDEA: Innovation and Design Experience for All. This program will take place from Monday, January 21st through Wednesday, January 23rd. The IDEA program promises to be fast-paced, fun, and academically rigorous. Students won't spend time in traditional classes during these three days though. Instead, IDEA consists of a hands-on experiential learning experience in which students will work in small teams to develop creative solutions to "real world" problems. Faculty, staff, alumni, and junior/senior students will serve as mentors to these teams. They will offer coaching, guidance, and support. We hope that students and mentors will build some terrific relationships during these three days.

The course (one credit, graded) focuses on the topics of creativity and innovation, with a particular emphasis on an interdisciplinary approach to innovation called "design thinking." Increasingly, organizations of all kinds have adopted many practices from the field of design to enhance their innovation capabilities. Design thinking refers to an approach to defining, investigating, and solving complex problems. This approach truly sits at the intersection of business and the liberal arts, as people such as Apple founder Steve Jobs have so eloquently explained. Design thinking does not just represent a concept. It refers to a systematic process for structuring a problem, gathering information, and generating creative alternatives/solutions. Several interactive workshops will take place during the three days to teach students this three-step innovation process.

First-year students will learn about the projects later in the fall semester, and they'll have an opportunity to identify the projects on which they would prefer to work. We can't guarantee each student their first choice, but we will try to assign them to projects about which they have expressed some interest. The projects will vary greatly. For instance, some students might work on the question: How can shopping malls be redesigned to survive and thrive in an era of increasing internet shopping? Others might focus on how to design a playground that encourages and stimulates kids' creativity more effectively?

What will the final product look like? Student teams will NOT be allowed to make a Powerpoint presentation to explain their creative solution. Instead, they must present their final "solution" in some other manner at a trade show on the final afternoon/evening. They can make a video, build a model, create a detailed storyboard, or produce some other creative display of their idea. Alumni judges will help us select the top projects, and we will offer cash prizes to those teams that come out on top.

We will be distributing more information to first-year students in the weeks to come. Be on the lookout for a short video describing the program, coming to you in a few weeks. We will have brief orientation sessions in the month of October, during which students can see the complete list of projects and indicate their preferences. A blog and a Twitter account for the IDEA program will provide further information as well.

The program itself kicks off at 9:00am on Monday morning, January 21st in the MAC. Teams will compete in a fun, but tough, design challenge that morning. From there, we look forward to three days of hectic hands-on learning about innovation. Get ready to imagine, create, compete, and win!

## Bryant's Ideation Lab

By Kelsey Nowak  
Editor-in-Chief

Unistrukture classroom 250 got a makeover while we were away for the summer. No longer is it covered in fake wood, chalkboards, and outdated roll up maps. The Bryant Ideation Lab is fully covered in glass and white board walls. It is what a fashion guru would call chic. The lab was inspired by Google's team rooms at their headquarters. The idea of the Ideation lab is to promote collaboration and group work in the classroom.

This is achieved by having not only rolling chairs - but also rolling tables. These tables and chairs are completely mobile so that they can be moved about the room. Students can write on every square inch of the wall space because it is either white board material or glass which makes sharing group work easier because each team has their own wall space. The glass can be written on with either white board markers or a special crayon like utensil.

To match the mobile furniture, the room is unique in that it doesn't have a front or a back and it is not designed for one specific teaching style. Professors who are teaching in the lab this semester were given time, once construction was complete, to go into the lab and not only test out different methods

of teaching, but also the new technology. The ideation lab has both an eno board, which is a special type of white board, and an Apple TV



system, in addition to the normal projector set up and AV capabilities. Professors can connect to the two systems using a variety of devices including an iPad, iPhone, iTouch iPod, and both Mac and PC laptops.

Professor Roberto began to explain how he intends to use a case study teaching approach with his iPad and a few other teaching utensils in his Business 400 class. Professor Susan Baran is teaching a public speaking class in the new lab, and she spoke about how this will give students the ability to move about the room and have a more realistic speaking experience as opposed to the traditional classroom.

One of the only downfalls of the new Ideation Lab is that it only seats 24 students for right now. It has the capability to seat more, but the creators felt that it would be cramped for students. During the demo on August 30th, the audience discussed whether or not students would have access to the new lab after hours. The discussion was inconclusive unfortunately, but with all of the new, expensive equipment and glass in the room, after-hours access is highly unlikely.



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We hope that everyone enjoyed the Big B; whether it be the One ton Sundae during the Org Fair, the Mystifying Magician Friday night, or the Comedian that left everyone leaving there still laughing. Thanks to the

Office of Campus Engagement and all of the other clubs and orgs that helped out during the weekend, it was a great success!

First years don't forget to vote for your class representatives on Senate, these elections will take place on Monday September 24th and Tuesday September 25th from 10am-2pm, 5pm-7pm on both of these days. Election results will be announced on Wednesday September 26th at 4pm in Pappitto! If you are interested in hearing what your fellow classmates have to say come to Hall 15 from 3:30pm-5:30pm on Friday September 21st to hear the speeches that they have prepared!

For all other classes we will be holding special elections on Wednesday September 26th at 4pm in Pappitto, so if any upper classmen are interested in seeing who is running for their class then come to Student Senate's meeting that day!

If you have any other questions please come to our meetings, they are held every Wednesday at 4pm in Pappitto (right behind Dunkin Donuts). If you are unable to make our meetings and have a question about Senate, the campus, or have any issues to discuss with us then e-mail us at Senate@bryant.edu or come up to our office on the 3rd floor of the Bryant Center and we would be more than happy to address your questions!

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## Apple's Upgrade: the iPhone 5

By Jake Durkin  
Contributing Writer

Apple has now released its newest technology - the long awaited iPhone 5. Surprisingly, the first reaction to Apple's announcement was not quite positive. There is a bulk of reasons for this.

For one, Apple has now upgraded its previous power connector to "lightning" - a smaller, tougher, and more complex chord that opens up space for other updates in technology. However, this forces consumers to buy an adapter if they wish to keep their current docks. Second, not much seems to have changed in the iPhone to the average consumer; until it is in their hands, the consumer may not be impressed with the screen size increase. And third, people simply like ridiculing the monster success story that is Apple.

Now for the facts: it is true there is a new connector for the iPhone which increases space inside the phone for newer technology; apple has always been interested in making things the most compact, efficient, and high-class they can possibly be. Philip w. Schiller (CEO of Apple) responded to the ridicule by saying "at some point you have to move to the

next generation". Apple has had the same technology for their power connector since the first iPhone; it was time for a change.

LTE, which is a data network commonly used in other smart phones and known for its superiority over the rest of the current market's data technology, has been refined until near perfection for its use in the iPhone 5. Apple refines, researches, refines, researches, and refines some more until the product satisfies their level of excellence, which is why the company has lagged behind most other companies in its release of the technology.

The screen for the iPhone 5 is also longer, changing from 3.5 inches to 4 inches long to satisfy the user's enjoyment of book apps as well as movies. The phone is about twice as fast as in the previous model, it has different ear buds, it is 20% lighter and 18% thinner and the starting price is \$199 for a two year plan.

So if consumers are looking for an upgraded speed, upgraded size, enhanced technology, and more adequate Siri performance that can even make reservations for the user, then they will be very pleased with Apple's newest release- The iPhone 5.

## President Obama vs. Mitt Romney: Did You Build That?

By Nick Calabro  
Staff Writer

On Friday, July 13th President Obama visited Roanoke, Virginia to give a speech. And this was a speech that has recently become (in)famous for two sentences, and they are: "If you have been successful, you did not get there on your own," and "if you have a business, you didn't build that." These two comments have been a lightning rod of criticism coming from the Republicans, who made the theme of their convention "we did build that." What did President Obama mean?

The comments actually came up during a section of the speech about his tax plan compared to that of Massachusetts' former governor Mitt Romney, the Republican nominee. Once again, President Obama claimed that Mitt Romney's plan focused on supporting the wealthy by preventing their taxes from going up, while he presented himself as the hero of the middle class. Obama said his plan was "when workers do well, everybody does well," and claimed his opponent's plan was: "when wealthy investors do well, everybody does well."

Even some wealthy Americans, according to President Obama, want to give something back. Warren Buffet, for example, has certainly

become well-known for saying he should pay more in taxes. In turn, that was because those wealthy Americans realized something, "if you have been successful, you did not get there on your own," all according to President Obama.

He went on to say that "somebody helped you along the way," such as a particularly great teacher or other mentor, or an investor who was willing to give that loan, even saying that government research helped to create the Internet. These comments were made to counter common claims from some successful people who said they were either just smarter or worked harder than everyone else.



together, as opposed to each one doing it by themselves. How did the Republicans respond?

When Mitt Romney gave his acceptance speech at the Republican National Convention, he accused the President of believing, "jobs are all about government," in keeping with the convention's theme. And, he indicated that success is not always an easy thing to achieve stating, "Steve Jobs was fired from Apple."

Everybody needs to receive the knowledge that allows them to create products like the iPhone, or something like the Internet. However, that knowledge is useless if the individual never applies it, just as one might say that money is no good unspent. The best way to think about this is with the individual initiative serving as the foundation for a particular business, that everything else is built on.



Ultimately, the President had put these comments against the backdrop of people working together, using the example of firemen putting out fires

### Six things that Apple improved

Comparing the new iPhone 5 with its predecessor, the iPhone 4S:

**Taller**  
To accommodate a larger screen, the iPhone 5 has grown from 4.5 in. (11.4 cm) to 4.87 in. (12.4 cm) in height; the extra height allows another row of app icons to appear on the screen

**Wider**  
In wide-screen format, that is; the resolution is now 1,136 by 640, an 18% increase from the iPhone 4S; will allow movies to be played without letterboxing; physical width of the phone remains the same

**Thinner**  
The new iPhone 5 is 0.3 in. (7.6 mm) thick compared with the 4S, which comes in at 0.36 in. (9.3 mm)

**Lighter**  
At 3.95 oz. (112 grams), the iPhone 5 is 1 oz. (28 grams) lighter - the equivalent of the weight of five quarters

**Smaller connector**  
Apple is replacing its 30-pin connector with a smaller and more durable connector dubbed "Lightning"

**Faster**  
The iPhone 5 employs the faster LTE wireless technology for quicker data connections; it also has the new A6 chip, which is twice as fast as the A5 chip in the iPhone 4S

## Biz Snipz

By Kat Larsson  
Copy Editor

- The U.S housing industry is showing signs of strength. According to the National Association of Realtors, sales of previously occupied homes climbed 7.8% from a year ago. Builders are starting on new homes at an annual rate of 750,000 houses, which is up 29.1% compared with last year.
- Investors worry political tensions in the Middle East will cause a pullback in the supply of oil. However, oil prices have dropped 4%, hitting levels not seen since August. The Saudi Arabian government promised to increase supply if needed. The latest U.S government report has shown a greater buildup in crude inventories than expected.
- Forbes magazine released its annual list of the 400 wealthiest Americans, showing many have become richer. The combined net worth jumped a total of 13%, coming from the rising stock market and rebound in the real estate values.
- People are cutting back on taking on new debt and ditching credit all together. About 1.4 million fewer people are now in the lowest FICO scoring range. This year 14.2% of consumers fell within the 300 to 549 range.
- Under President Obama's health care law, lacking insurance will result in a penalty, which will be placed on your tax returns. Starting in 2016, the Congressional Budget Office along with the Joint Committee on Taxation estimate that six million people will opt to pay the penalty.
- Data Genetics researchers have found that the combinations "1234," "1111," and "0000" account for almost 20% of all four-digit passwords. Four-digit codes that start with "19" rank above the 80th percentile in popularity. The code "8068" was found to be the least popular, being used only 0.001% of the time.

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## Kicking themselves, Patriots fall to Cardinals

*A missed field goal in final seconds leads to Patriots losing game to Cardinals*

By Justin Beaucage  
Staff Writer

A week after an impressive opening game in Tennessee, due to a lack of offensive execution, the New England Patriots lose their home opener against the Arizona Cardinals in a close game. It marks the first time that a Tom Brady-led Patriots team lost their home opener. The defeat gives Bill Belichick and his New England Patriots (1-1)

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their first loss of the season against an underdog Arizona Cardinals (2-0) team that was playing with their starting quarterback on the sideline.

It is rare to see a Patriots team that looks unprepared and confused against a mediocre defense that does not involve much scheming. Throughout the game, it seemed like Belichick, the ultimate mastermind when it comes to game planning,

seemed to be outplayed by the Arizona Cardinals and their up and coming defense.

The first half was a defensive struggle, as each team could only manage six points off of two chip shot field goals. Brady threw a rare interception in the first quarter on his own end of the field, as the pass was tipped by his receiver, and was intercepted by Cardinals defensive back Patrick Peterson. This would lead to one of the two Cardinals' field goals in the first half. The Patriots' offense could have been hurt by the injury of tight end Aaron Hernandez, who left in the second quarter with an ankle injury and could not return to the game.

In the third quarter, the Cardinals struck first and found the end zone on a two yard touchdown pass from quarterback Kevin Kolb to wide receiver Andre Roberts. Kolb, who was benched in the preseason for third year quarterback John Skeeton, proved to be the deciding factor in the game, as he managed the game well against a young, opportunistic Patriots defense.

The fourth quarter was when both teams found their offensive game plans, as Kolb found the end zone on a five yard touchdown run, making the score 20-9 late in the game. However, the Patriots would not go down easily—with the



Tom Brady making a pass against the Cardinals. (MCT Campus)

team scoring a field goal and Brady finding tight end Rob Gronkowski with a 5 yard touchdown pass bringing the Patriots to within two of the Cardinals (missed two point conversion).

With less than two minutes left, Vince Wilfork forced a fumble in Cardinals territory, giving the Patriots the ball and the opportunity to win the game. With time winding down, the accurate Stephen Gostowski shanked the 42 yard field goal left, giving the Cardinals the big upset over the reigning AFC Champion

Patriots. The loss gives Brady and his Patriots only their second loss in the last thirty seven starts at Gillette Stadium.

Although Brady had a 300 yard passing day, the lack of offensive production from some of New England's star players could be a cause of concern. Wide receiver Wes Welker, who had a mere 14 yards in the Week 1 win against the Titans, has not found the end zone in the early weeks of the season. Running back Stevan Ridley has been a nice change of pace

for their offense, as he has over 200 yards rushing in the first two weeks of the season. Newly acquired receiver Brandon Lloyd has not made a direct impact on the field for New England, and hopes to be more involved in the offensive attack in games to come.

The Patriots will have to try to shake this loss off quickly, as their next game is under the lights against the Baltimore Ravens and their fierce defense on Sunday night football.

## Bryant Sports Center coming soon to you!

By Frank Livera  
Staff Writer

Over the summer, Bryant University became an official member of the NCAA's Division I after spending nearly five years as a provisional member. When a university's athletic program reaches Division I status, the amount of media attention its teams and athletes receive will increase, even on its own campus. Coming this fall semester is a brand new sports television broadcast known as Bryant SportsCenter. The broadcast will cover all Bryant Bulldogs sports news, game results, athletes, and teams.

Last fall, Bryant SportsCenter was first founded by Bryant graduate Kyle Taragowski. Kyle developed the concept, graphics, and structure of Bryant SportsCenter. The show only filmed three episodes in the fall semester last year and has a ton of untapped potential. Kyle left the reigns of the show to Chad Sabo and I, and together we will serve as the show's co-producers.

The show is similar to that of ESPN's *SportsCenter*, only the focus is on Bryant athletics. We plan to have interviews and feature sessions with Bulldog athletes such as star running back, Jordan Brown, and men's basketball player, Corey Maynard,

both of whom joined us for interviews last season. We will also go out into the field to bring you coverage on upcoming events and news from Bryant athletics. Each episode will include highlights of recent games and matches, along with a "Top Ten" countdown of the top plays from Bulldog athletes during that week.

If you are interested in becoming a part of Bryant SportsCenter, it is important to know that no prior television production experience is necessary! The show is open to everyone, regardless of major. Whether you are an aspiring sports broadcaster, a sports fan, or someone looking to be a part of a television broadcast just for fun, you can contact me at [flivera@bryant.edu](mailto:flivera@bryant.edu) or Chad Sabo at [csabo@bryant.edu](mailto:csabo@bryant.edu) for more information.

If you do not plan to be a part of the production of the show, but are still interested in watching the best highlights and interviews from Bryant Bulldogs, you can watch the show on Channel 68 or on YouTube (<http://www.youtube.com/user/BryantSportsCenter>). We will also have up to the minute sports coverage and discussion on social media sites such as Facebook (Bryant SportsCenter) and Twitter (@BUSportscenter).

## Sports Shorts

By Jackie Ammirato  
Alumni Writer

- Bryant's women's and men's soccer teams have both been enjoying some early season success and individual Bulldogs have already earned honors for their efforts. This week junior Ari Goldberg was named the Northeast Conference Player of the Week. Goldberg scored the game winner last Friday to lift the Bulldogs over Delaware State and also notched a goal in the team's victory over the University of Vermont on Saturday.

- On the men's side, freshman Brett Larocque was named the Northeast Conference's Rookie of the Week. Larocque recorded a goal and an assist in the Bulldogs thrilling 2-1 victory over George Washington last weekend.

- Twenty-two Major League scouts were on campus last week for Bryant's Annual Scout Day. The scouts watched the team go through a 2.5 hour workout which included hitting, fielding, and pitching drills. Bryant's pitching staff is an early pick to be among the best in the Northeast Conference.

- At 11:59 pm last Saturday, the National Hockey League's collective bargaining agreement expired. With no talks between the league and the players' association, this marks the NHL's fourth work stoppage in 20

years. Now might be a good time to pick out one of the 17 independently owned teams in the American Hockey League to become a fan of. The AHL is the primary minor league of the NHL - almost 90 percent of today's NHL players spent at least some time in the AHL - but it might soon become the primary place to watch hockey in America.

- The continued presence and the performance of the NFL's replacement referees is becoming a favorite go-to topic by fans and players alike. The last documented negotiations took place between the NFL and the Referees Association on September 1. The big sticking point between the two sides remains the retirement-benefits of the referees.

- Bryant's Director of Athletics, Bill Smith this week announced the men's swimming and diving program has joined the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference as an associate member beginning this season.

While Bryant is a member of the NEC in its other 21 varsity sports, the NEC does not sponsor men's swimming and diving. The other teams in the MAAC are Canisius, Iona, Loyola (Md.), Manhattan College, Marist, Niagara, Rider, and Saint Peter's University.



# Students Speak Out

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Pillows"  
-Racheal  
Pozerski



"My sanity  
& my  
hoodies."  
-Nick  
Douglas

"Sweatshirts  
& sweatpants"  
- Caitlyn  
Jameson



"Shampoo &  
Conditioner"  
-Nicole  
Barrett



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Mendenhall





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**Saturday, September 22**

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## A post-convention coin toss

By Collin Heroux  
Staff Writer

With the Republican and Democratic National Conventions having wrapped up recently, the stage is once again set for the greatest show on earth – or at least in the USA: the presidential election.

However, more this year than at any time during the lives of college-aged students, the role of the voter has been reduced to a triviality.

For all the vitriol presented at each convention, the two contenders lie farther apart from the will of the American electorate than they do from each other.

Consider the two most recent elections for a frame of reference: in 2004, George Bush fought off John Kerry's attempts to rally anti-war sentiment as combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan escalated.

The election of 2008 was more polarizing still, with Barack Obama preaching of hope and change, while John McCain merely played a tamer version of President Bush, who by then was generally regarded as an inept warmonger.

In each of the elections, the dynamic clash between old and new was readily evident, offering the American electorate two distinct choices. Obama in particular represented, with his skin color and his political views, a true opportunity to affirm a commitment to dramatic change in Washington, D.C.

Upon a perusal of convention footage, the 2012 elections

would seem to offer similarly dynamic choices, with Mitt Romney rallying the Republican base to defend the "job creators" who built America.

Similarly, Obama roused his convention-goers with urges to "move forward" and put their trust in programs designed to foster the middle class.

While these issues were also at the forefront of the public mind in 2008, in light of the disappointing economic showing that September, this election will be the first wherein the American public can see the downturn in proper context.

Thus, economic turmoil is the flavor of the election for both parties. The particulars of their messages are different, but the message of patriotism and revitalization is rehashed and recycled on both sides of the aisle.

The triple chin of Chris Christie and the smiling face of Michelle Obama speak with silver tongues, beaming into cameras, each selling their candidate's path to national rejuvenation.

Employed or jobless, rich or poor, eyes glue to TV sets nationwide. However, the sheer enormity of this one issue allows the left and right alike to gloss over their disenfranchising similarities.

Permit, for a moment, another brief lesson in recent history.

The reality of the 2008 election was not as earth-shattering as expected. Obama has governed as a moderate democrat, hesitant to rock the boat despite his boasting on the campaign

trail.

This year, Mr. Obama faces former Massachusetts governor Romney, who, though he panders to the far right at the moment, will likely revert to his well-documented state of moderation as well, should he take office.

It is no great secret that promises and rhetoric make their home on the campaign trail,

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and expectations are downsized accordingly post-election. Promises of change fade to compromises and homogeneity. Herein lays the problem. A handful of differences on hot-button issues notwithstanding, both Democrats and Republicans share an alarming number of similarities on issues that have immense gravity, even in obscurity.

These frightening overlaps are generally on topics which have reared their heads only in recent years.

Take, for instance, the National Defense Authorization Act, a federal law that allows

for indefinite detainment of any arbitrarily-declared "enemy combatant", potentially even American citizens.

Though President Obama initially promised to veto the NDAA, he ultimately signed it into law, the only thing between American citizens and military detention being the administration's non-binding "reservations".

One might expect that opposing this would be an easy way for Republicans to earn points with the public; one would be wrong.

Mitt Romney, in various primary debates, has said outright that he supports the passage of the NDAA, and has not he raised any objection to the Obama-ordered killing of a Colorado-born American citizen in Yemen.

What of Wikileaks, an organization dedicated to leaking documents to increase government accountability and transparency? Both parties fear this behavior equally.

And finally, how about the Federal Reserve, an institution whose dubious activity affects the value of all American money on a daily basis? Neither party concerns itself herein.

However, an increasingly-large number of students and young professionals support the auditing of the Fed, the activity of Wikileaks, oppose the NDAA, and generally lean towards smaller, transparent, and weaker government.

The ultimate question is this: where is the candidate who best serves the interests of this

growing electorate?

Texas Congressman Ron Paul made several runs for the presidency in his day, championing these ideas, but even as his "revolution" grows from college kids with an unnatural devotion to a man who does not accept evolution, into a full-fledged movement, his career is ending.

Acceptance of these ideas is limited to duplicitous GOP candidates, trying to court libertarian twenty-somethings with lip-service to Dr. Paul and his son, Rand.

The sad fact is that no proper candidate exists for young Americans with these "fringe" opinions. Their hopes of adequate representation in the highest office are stillborn.

As always, such voters will be courted into choosing the lesser of two evils, signaling that, as long as they have voted, no real change in the current two-party system is needed.

There is no candidate who doesn't want to be able to detain people forever if he sees fit.

There is no candidate who doesn't want his hands on citizens' sex lives or wallets.

Like two sides of a coin, the candidates in 2012 have superficial – but no less real – differences; but as with a coin, both sides are minted from the same material.

It is this material whose luster has kept us amused through the years, as the similar sides rotated in and out of view to the contentment of many, the boredom of some, and the ire of few.

## The voice of sanity

By Dan Pisowloski  
Contributing Writer

The 2012 campaign has now officially entered the home stretch. The conventions are over, the tickets are official, and both parties and nominees have stated their respective cases. Yet, in spite of all of that, it seems that this campaign is back to a familiar place: Square One.

According to recent polls, the race is just as tight as it was before. Almost no polls among likely voters show more than a 3% difference (This is an important distinction, because a number of polls are among registered voters, and some registered voters will not vote). Governor Romney and President Obama seem to constantly give the lead back and forth, depending on the poll. Surprisingly, despite predictions from both sides, there is little evidence to show that the conventions gave either candidate any more support than they had before. Hence the reason why the campaign has returned to square one; the conventions did nothing to further define the race – it is in the same place that it is in

before the conventions, making the conventions nothing more than big parties (no pun intended).

Since the campaign has remained in the same state for some time now, the question lingers: Where do the candidates go from here? For Romney, it's simple: 1) Keep it on the economy, because that issue is his strong point; 2) Appeal to the center, because

*'It will not be long before every television station is inundated with ads from both campaigns telling people how horrible the other candidate is.'*

he is clearly the more moderate of the two candidates; and 3) Aim to rally middle-class voters, because that is the bloc that Obama claims Romney does not care for.

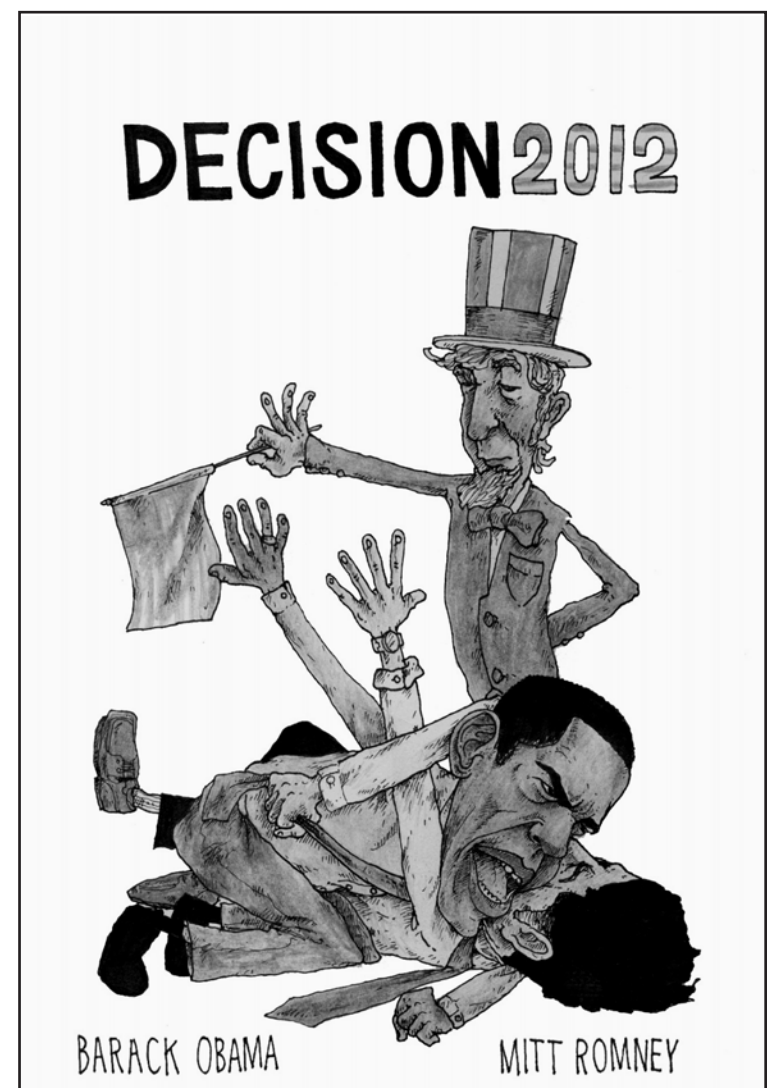
On the flip side, the plan for Obama is slightly different: 1) Keep it off the economy, since his economic record will not win him this election; 2) Stop blaming his predecessor, because people are tired of

it; and 3) He should not treat Republicans as predators, but as colleagues, because showing a willingness to compromise will bring Independents.

Even though there are less than eight weeks left in the campaign, it is important to make imperative that this battle is far from over. These two candidates clearly do not like one another, and most of the fur has yet to fly.

While many of the super PACs have done the dirty work up to now, it will not be long before every television station is inundated with ads from both campaigns telling people how horrible the other candidate is. This thing is going to get nasty, and the only question is to what degree. Ultimately, history shows that the more negative campaign will lose.

This election is, as Ronald Reagan once put it, "a time for choosing." Americans must choose carefully, and not based solely on their political beliefs. But voters must be informed, because making either choice will alter this great nation permanently. Whether the alteration is for better or worse is up to the voters, and a mistake could prove deadly.



(MCT Campus)



# Battle of the Sexes

*What do you do to keep a long-term relationship exciting?*

By Kelsey Nowak  
Editor-in-Chief

Congratulations, you have won the chase, gotten the girl/guy.... Now what?! The thrill of the hunt is over; 'running into each other' doesn't have the same excitement it used to, the butterflies in your stomach from each time your phone rings is gone because now you expect their call, and the thrill of the first kiss is long gone.

I'm not talking about two weeks or two months into a relationship. I'm talking two years, three years, etc. When you are so used to your partner in crime that you begin to forget to introduce them to people when you're in a group because you assume everyone knows him/her already.

You and your significant other started a journey together once upon a time; but this journey has gone from being a paved road, to a gravel road lacking smoothness, to a road that is impossible to locate on Google because the only people who drive on it live there so the town doesn't even take care of it anymore.

I don't mean that your relationship is going downhill; the luxury and bliss is gone. One moment you're riding in a stretch limo, the next moment your four wheeling on a dirt road. Enough with the car and road analogies... let's get down to fixing this gap in romance that seems to occur all too often for couples in college. Here are a few ideas to get the heat and passion back in your dusty relationship.

First, when you spend time with your significant other, think about what you



do. If you answer is laundry, grocery shopping, watching movies or television at home, or doing errands, you are in a rut. Couples that aren't married aren't supposed to do any of the above 'for fun'.

Who wants to spend a Saturday night in Stop & Shop? Not me – unless you're buying chocolate or ice cream that is. My point is that to keep the spark alive in your relationship, DO SOMETHING (this is an almost direct quote from my father, thanks Dad).

My excuse... I'm broke... everything costs money. Wrong. Ten things (in no particular order) that don't cost money and are fun to do with a significant other (most of them have been tested for their level of fun):

1. Go to a park, swing on the swings, play on the jungle gym (this is a challenge because it wasn't built for college kid size)
2. Teach your significant other the sport/activity you did in high school
3. Bake or cook something (use supplies from your parent's house... it's free)
4. Go fishing (don't get your fishing license, it makes you feel like you're getting

away with something)

5. Go to the beach/hike a mountain/swim in a random lake near you
6. Go for a run/walk (yeah I know exercise shouldn't count as a fun couples activity, but this is one of my favorite things to do with my significant other)

7. Spend a night looking at the stars in the middle of nowhere (with or without a picnic dinner is up to you)

8. Drive to your nearest hot air balloon festival. Watch.

9. Make lemonade (from scratch tastes better but powder is usually located in the parent's kitchen cabinets... for free) and sell it on a busy road to make money for a dinner out that night.

10. Watch an old movie that you have at home already and put it in a different language (for those of you lacking adequate transportation for the above activities)

Hopefully this helps get the dust back in the air in your long-term relationship! For more ideas, use Google.

By Daniel Cournoyer  
Staff Writer

There's nothing better than the early stages of a relationship. It doesn't matter what you and your partner are doing, it's always fun and exciting. After some time, things settle down and some relationships blossom while others stagger. So what do you do when that excitement disappears?

The first bad move would be to listen to a girl, like Kelsey. Don't get me wrong, she's a smart 20-year-old, but you need to take advice from a guy who has been there, twice. As a male, there is a lot of pressure to plan dates and keep the relationship moving forward. So listen up and learn from my successes and mistakes.

**Step 1: Surprises.** It should be no surprise to you that women love surprises. Even the women who say they don't love surprises love surprises. It can be simple though, don't make it too complex. If you're going to take a girl to a restaurant for dinner, it's as simple as not telling her where you are going. You can make jokes about a great place you just heard of called Burger King, but she'll know you spent the time planning it out and didn't have to check with her to "make sure it's alright". Girls like confidence so just go for it.

**Step 2: Have some fun.** Find out what your new partner likes and go with it. If she's adventurous take her rock climbing. If he likes sports then take him bowling or to play billiards, even if you suck it's fun. Try new things and don't be afraid to fail. You guys will laugh about the one date that was boring, but you'll have several others that you both enjoyed.

**Step 3: Keep the bedroom fun.** Sex is an important piece to all relationships and when the excitement of a new relationship dies down, your sex life with this person will probably be stagnant. There are many ways to keep it alive. Try surprising your partner with sex (or whatever stage you're at) at random times – between classes, in the middle of the night, while your garlic parmesan chicken is cooking, etc. Make sure you're keeping it fun and mix things up!

**Step 4: Hangout with friends.** The best relationships I know are between good friends. If you are not already friends with your partner, try hanging out with a group of people, but do not make it awkward for them. Avoid holding hands or kissing when others are around; enjoy each other's company in a large group as well. Even a trip to Salmo for Taco Thursday with your partner and five others can be fun and reduces some of the nonstop time some new couples spend together.

**Step 5: Constantly have sleepovers.** KIDDING. Give each other some space. The more time you spend away from someone you like, the more you'll want to be around them. You will both find more value in the time spent together if you're not eating, studying, and sleeping together 24/7. Make sure the time you have together is enjoyable and does not prompt dust to settle.

Relationships are a lot of fun, but they're never easy. If your relationship is good then keep it up, but if you feel the dust starting to settle, mix it up a little and have some fun!

## Simon Says: The presidential election and women

By Toby Simon

Director of the Women's Center

Earlier this year, Missouri Republican, Todd Akin's comment that women who were victims of "legitimate rape" rarely become pregnant touched off furious reactions by Republicans and Democrats. Talk shows and pundits were abuzz with the fall out from his comments. Many said that his views were much more widespread than one might imagine but Mr. Akin just lacked the ability to phrase his egregious lack of science than most who harbor the same views.

And for several weeks, it kept the conversation about this election focused on women and how we might be likely to vote. Both sides have a need to court a small slice of the American electorate. And just think: several hundred thousand independent suburban women will play a role in deciding whether President Barack Obama keeps his job or not.

President Obama's campaign continued to press the issue of "legitimate rape". In tweets from the President's surrogates, they noted that the GOP platform calls for outlawing abortion

in cases of rape and incest. "Make sure the women in your life know: The GOP wants to take us back to the 1950s on women's health."

Governor Romney also conceded that the controversy is hurting the Republican Party, and GOP chairman Reince Priebus said Akin's insistence on staying in the Missouri Senate race could cost the party its shot at winning control of the Senate in November.

"It really is sad, isn't it, with all the issues that America faces for the Obama campaign to continue to stoop to such a low level," Romney said in an interview on Fox News Sunday. OK, I'll be perfectly frank here: focusing on women's health is NOT an insignificant issue. It's up there with all the other biggies: the economy, the war in Afghanistan, our educational system, and healthcare. In fact, keeping women healthy and allowing them access to affordable preventive women's health services has a huge impact on the economy and our educational system. So please, refrain from telling us that the campaign has more important issues on which to focus.

While suburban women are always a sought-after demographic in

presidential campaigns, both sides agree that this campaign has been marked by an unusual intensity of debate over women's issues, particularly reproductive rights. I say, keep it up. Keep talking about this because it's

*'Several hundred thousand independent suburban women will play role in deciding whether President Barack Obama keeps his job or not.'*

huge.

Talk to anyone who has ever become pregnant as a result of a rape and they'll let you know how they feel on the topic. Studies show that approximately 32,000 women become pregnant

annually as a result of a rape.

And it's not just about abortion. If Governor Romney is elected, he has vowed to end federal funding of Planned Parenthood, an agency that provides comprehensive health care to women at a low cost. This includes birth control, pap smears, and annual visits.

So yes, we women are being courted. Or at least our vote is being courted. The Romney campaign holds weekly women's phone banks, where female volunteers gather to call other women and urge them to back the Republican ticket. The Obama campaign holds meetings, house parties and canvasses for women, and has television ads attacking Romney's stance on reproductive rights.

For me, the bottom line on what's at stake in this election regarding women's health is this: President Obama gets it.

As he recently stated, "When it comes to a woman's right to make her own health care choices the Republicans want to take us back to policies better suited to the 1950s than the 21st century." And I for one, don't want to go back there.



# What Grinds My Gears

*Press the back button on the Bryant website*

**By Sara Elder**  
Assistant Editor

This whole article is probably going to sound like half of the population did when Facebook came out with the new "timeline" layout. Basically, I don't like the new Bryant website, and most of the people I've spoken with agree. Since it's new to us all, it may be too soon to judge the website – but I'm going to do it anyway.

Now, the new Bryant.edu page looks pretty. The pictures are big and take up most of the screen. The whole thing looks very streamlined with small links on the top and bottom, though when you scroll further down, things are a little more cluttered.

The homepage looks as if it was designed without current students in mind. Sure, there's a little tab on the top right that says "Current Students" but this just takes you to the myBryant log-in page. The address for this page is literally my.bryant.edu so why would we have any use to go to Bryant's homepage if the only link that seems useful to students directs us to a site we can get to by typing two more letters in our browsers? I get that the website is probably better for prospective students, but what about us students who go here already?

Now for the my.bryant website. That's a whole other thing. The majority of the homepage is covered by the announcements. These are all the same announcements we get from the alerts@bryant.edu. You'd think that these would be important things, right? No. Out of the last ten I received (the ones displayed on my homepage right now), four are from organizations on campus that I'm not interested in (two from the same one). One's an event sponsored by a student organization I have no interest in. Two are events that could be advertised in other places on campus. The last two are the only two I deem worthy of being announcements to the entire school: one from the Password Self Service Manager and one about a memorial service for two students who passed away not long ago. And before you say "But Sara, you can change this setting if you go to Preferences." If you go to this option, it does say you can choose not to receive alerts by email, but the option isn't available to us as students - only administrators. Isn't it called myBryant? I'm not allowed to be the administrator of my own portal?

From the myBryant "portal," we're expected to know exactly how to get to every single other Bryant page we've ever used. At this point, it's easier just to type in the URLs. Under the student tab, there's a seemingly arbitrary list of links that we may be looking for. How many times have you ever looked for the Telecom page for information about your suite phone that nobody ever uses?

## 'Gangster Squad' Shot Down

**By AJ Beltis**  
Staff Writer

Fans of Emma Stone and Ryan Gosling's chemistry, as seen in "Crazy, Stupid, Love," were excited to see the pair reunite on September 7th in the new Warner Brother's film "Gangster Squad." Unfortunately, the release of the neo-noir movie also starring Sean Penn, Nick Nolte and Josh Brolin was pushed back to early next year in order to allot for a re-shoot.

In the wake of the recent Colorado movie theater shooting, the studio has decided to re-write, shoot and edit several parts of the movie due to a scene where mobsters come through a movie theater screen and shoot aimlessly into the crowd with tommy guns.

Before I continue, let me just say that I am in no way trying to diminish the impact of this tragedy. Lives were lost and that's not to be taken lightly. However, pushing back the release and remaking parts of the movie is inherently letting the shooter win. Of course this was undertaken with the studio's best intentions as not to offend the victims and families, but there's a good chance that the scene was an important part of the film, and its impact a turning point in the story. Even though the intentions were good, it's putting the actors, writers, and the entire crew back to work due to one man's horrible decision, and is likely a costly undertaking.

And the Bursar's Office is on this list – yet you have to go to 'Resources' at the top of the page to find the Registrar Office?

On this 'sidebar,' there's links that lead to broad pages like Residence Life and and Getting Involved then specific ones like R25, Work Order Request, Guest Pass Form, and Greek Life. Personally, the Greek Life link is my favorite because it leads to a page with little to no information on said Greek Life, and it's information that prospective students would want to know – not current students. Wouldn't Greek Life fall under the category of 'Getting Involved' anyway?

There's a link to 'Academic Success Programs' and also a link to 'Learning Disability and ADHD Services' when one of the very first things you see on the Academic Success Programs page is a link to Learning Disability and ADHD Services. Also, where is the library link? It's under the Resources tab. I, personally, go to our library's website enough times over a semester that I'd like the link on my homepage.

Half of the links don't work and bring you to an error page, and the search bar is useless. For example, I searched "library" in the search bar on the myBryant homepage. The first thing that comes up is the FAQ section on the Writing Center's website. The next 5 aren't relevant either. Now, I know some of you might say "But Sara, doesn't it say 'library' right next to the search bar on the Bryant.edu site?" And I'd reply, "Yes, yes it does."

But do you know what that leads to? A page talking about our library – where's there a link on the side...to our actual library page. Now if I don't plan on using the Bryant.edu site at all – because there's almost nothing relevant on it to current students – why would I go to that site to click on two links to get to my library's page? It's ridiculous. We're students. We do a lot of research. We're forced onto our myBryant portal constantly – just put a link on the front page.

The old Bryant website was not hard to navigate, and I don't think this argument is a battle of preferences (see Facebook Timeline reference above. Really, people, get over it. I still see people complaining about it). This website and it's offspring – myBryant – are fundamentally harder to navigate. I know we're trying to be "cool" but I don't think a fancy website is going to get us any more students. Besides, there was nothing wrong with the old layout of our website, and it was very functional. So, Bryant, you have a couple of options now. Either press the back button on this whole new website...or fix it!

The shooting was barely over a month ago, so pushing back the release date is completely understandable and intelligent in the realms of both marketing and sympathy. There would have been a "too soon" line that would've been crossed. But changing the movie entirely is letting the fear and intimidation the shooter attempted to instill on the world linger, and it's not fair to all those involved in the making of "Gangster Squad."

This isn't the only movie with a theater shooting scene featured. The 2009 Tarantino film "Inglorious Basterds" features a similar scene, where not only are machine guns fired into the crowd, but the theater is set on fire. Should all copies of this movie be confiscated and the filmmakers be put back to work? Or, should the shooting be seen as an unrelated event in relation to the film and the movie left as is?

"Gangster Squad" seems very "L.A. Confidential"-ish, and I'm still highly anticipating its release. Yet I can't help feel like the change will affect the movie in a negative way, as a rushed and major change was ordered. Unfortunately, it seems that James Eagan Holmes took one more victim – "Gangster Squad."

Once again, I am in no way saying a movie is more important than a human's life, but the scene was not meant to directly or indirectly offend the victims or their families, and shouldn't be altered.

# Bryant Said What?!

Compiled by Bryant Students

"I even took the napkin off my knife and fork for you!"

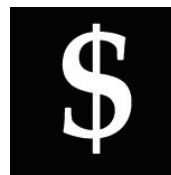
"I hope we break up over this dime."

"No, not that shirt. That's more like Amish wedding night."

"Do you have something hard I can bang with?"

"Checking out bicyclists in Boston. The eco-friendliness kinda turns me on."

## Profit and Loss



Bryant's holding their first Homecoming Ball on Saturday, September 22.



The bridge on Route 116 is still closed, and students will have to drive the long way to get to Effin's.



Our beloved Bulldogs have lost their first three games of the season. Let's hope they turn this streak around.

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## Dan the Movie Man: Hit & Run

**Dan the Movie Man**  
Staff Writer

Welcome back to campus fellow Bulldogs, I hope movie-ing back in to the dorms was not too stressful. Hopefully you enjoyed some summer blockbuster hits; there were hits for all moviegoers, from *The Dark Knight Rises* to *Prometheus* to *Magic Mike*. With a month or so before "Oscar Season" starts up you are probably wondering if there are any good movies to see with that cute classmate of yours. Well, look no further, Dan the Movie Man will be here week after week to guide you through your movie selection and of course to provide you with some interesting facts to share with your date.

Comedies are always tricky, but provide a fun atmosphere for the night. I have always been a fan of all types of comedies – stupid-funny, quirky, dark, family friendly, etc. If you (and hopefully your date) are into stupid-funny movies, then I would recommend seeing *Hit & Run*. With a little bit of action and love, it is a well-rounded comedy.

Dax Shepard and Kristen Bell play Charles and Annie, a couple on the run from an ugly past, in the comedy. It is a well-written, classic comedy, which is filled with relationship humor. Charles and Annie are struggling to stay together while



Charles (Dax Shepard) and Annie (Kristen Bell) (MCT Campus)

Charles' troublesome past is unraveling in front of them. You get a close look at their awkward, but realistic relationship. The movie is a lot of fun and exceeded my expectations from start to finish.

You probably know Kristen Bell from *Forgetting Sarah Marshall* (2008) or *When in Rome* (2010). Like my friends and me, you will probably recognize Dax Shepard, but will not be able to pinpoint exactly what you know him from. Do not worry though, when your date looks a little confused, you will have the info to fill in the gaps. You may realize that Dax played numerous small roles in comedies throughout the past decade, such as *Baby Mama*, *When in Rome*, or *Employee of the Month*. You might even remember him in his only leading role prior to *Hit & Run*, which was *Without a Paddle*. What you probably did not remember was that Dax was Ashton Kutcher's wingman on *Punk'd* in the mid-2000s. He has been around comedy for a while and it is good to see him finally getting another leading role in a movie.

Other noteworthy stars include recently popular Bradley Cooper and Tom Arnold. Arnold, who has been in hundreds of movies/shows, is most popular for being the host of *The Best Damn Sports Show Period*. In *Hit & Run*, he plays a secret service agent who is obnoxious, though you cannot help but root for him throughout. Cooper plays Alex, a drug dealer who winds up chasing the main characters. He jumped to the top after *The Hangover* (2009) and has not looked back. Cooper is hilarious as part of the wolf pack and now as a dirty drug dealer.

*Hit & Run* probably will not change any top comedy lists, but it provides a lot of laughs. If you are looking for a safe, funny movie to see, this is your best option. If you are interested in seeing a movie that premieres tonight, I would recommend seeing either *Dredd*, *End of Watch*, or *Trouble with the Curve*.



Dax Shepard rocking a very different look than we have seen in other films (MCT Campus)

## Attention apple lovers: Jaswell's Farm is sweet

**Dan Cournoyer**  
Staff Writer

meal, or a baked good for mom and dad on the way home for Thanksgiving break.

As a health conscience 22-year-old, I'm slowly learning the best ways to grocery shop. Recently I've become an addict of Honeycrisp apples from Jaswell's Farm in Smithfield. I strongly recommend visiting the farm at some point to try some of their products. There's something for everyone – apples, tomatoes, pies, apple cider, BBQ sauce, and much more.

I love apples. On my last trip I decided to try one of each kind: Honeycrisp, Macoun, Macintosh, and Cortland. I was pleasantly surprised at how much I enjoyed the Macoun, but all four are delicious. The difference between the typical grocery store apples to Jaswell's Farm apples is unquestionable. If you eat a lot of fruits and vegetables, it's something you have to try.

Jaswell's Farm was established in 1899 and it has remained a family business. Brother and sister Chris Jaswell and Allison Molis, both Bryant Alumni, currently own the farm. Jaswell's shop is open every day from 8-5 in the fall season and they offer apple picking at certain times as well.

After talking with a few of the employees, I quickly found out the right products to try. After enjoying some mid-afternoon apples, I tried Apple Butter BBQ sauce with my grilled chicken. WOW, this stuff was good. It's difficult to describe tastes in an article, but it really is something everyone should try. I'm a big fan of Sweet Baby Ray's, but there is no comparison and the price is only \$3.99 per bottle. I washed it down with some of Jaswell's apple cider. What meal is complete without dessert? Not mine – I then had a raspberry "Pie Pocket" and called it a night.

Overall, I'm a little bit in love with Jaswell's Farm. From the everyday apples to the occasional BBQ sauce or baked goods, they have it all. There's no reason not to check it out as a Bryant student. Grab some healthy snacks for the dorm room, some BBQ sauce for your next townhouse



Jaswell's Farm stand featuring the fruit of fall: apples! (Dan Cournoyer)

## New nomination date adds urgency to Oscars

MCT Campus

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences' decision to shift its nominations date five days earlier sent ripples throughout Hollywood on Tuesday, with new deadlines threatening to leave some high-profile end-of-year releases with less time to make an impression on Oscar voters.

Nomination ballots will now be due on Jan. 3, with the Motion Picture Academy announcing the Oscar nominations one week later on Jan. 10, the same date that the Directors Guild of America, the Cinema Audio Society and the American Cinema Editors had planned to announce the nominations for their annual awards.

AMPAS is also planning to implement a new browser-based electronic voting system that will enable its membership to select both nominees and winners online.

Additionally, the academy will provide voting systems at its headquarters on Wilshire Boulevard, its Pickford Center for Motion Picture Study in Hollywood and locations in New York and London.

Ric Robertson, chief operating officer of the academy, is hopeful that the specially designed electronic system will ease voting challenges for constituents living overseas, while eliminating the need for the academy to send ballots to members vacationing during the Christmas holidays.

"You can buy voting systems off the shelf but developing one that met our needs and had the appropriate level of security was a big focus of our efforts," said Robertson of the system, which was developed by the academy in partnership with its auditing firm PricewaterhouseCoopers and the electronic administration and security firm Everyone Counts over a period of 18 months.

Although the new dates give academy members more time to see films once they are nominated, the earlier deadlines compress the period of time Oscar voters have to see (and potentially nominate) movies opening in late December, meaning screeners for those titles could be mailed much earlier than in previous years.

Reacting to the moves, the DGA rescheduled its feature film nominations announcement for Jan. 8. The Oscar deadlines also stand to affect two winter film festivals, both of which are seen as attractive promotional platforms for Oscar hopefuls.

In the past, the Palm Springs International Film Festival's annual star-studded gala has occurred before the nominations deadline, but this year it will happen two days following that deadline on Jan. 5.



# Punk rock band before punk even existed

## MCT Campus

In 1966, a ragtag rock band in Wisconsin called The Benders recorded an original song, "Can't Tame Me," at a tiny studio. They ordered just a few hundred copies, hoping to sell them at their live shows around UW-Stout where they went to school.

The band's four members went their separate ways after college. The record, a fuzztone 2-minute blast of punk rock before there was such a thing, was forgotten.

Or so they thought.

What actually happened is that the record eventually caught the notice of collectors worldwide who are drawn to that 1960s garage band sound. They liked the song itself, along with the challenge of trying to find the few copies of the record that avoided the landfill all these decades.

Long story short, single copies of the record in the original picture sleeve have sold for as much as \$2,000 on the online market. That is more than it cost to press all the records back in the day.

"How it ever got to that status is beyond me. There's guys out there collecting all this old obscure rock 'n' roll," said Paul Barry, who co-wrote the song and was lead vocalist and drummer.

If you've enjoyed live music at festivals around Milwaukee, Wis., over the past 40 years, you may recognize Barry as the singer and frontman for Barry's Truckers, which disbanded a few years ago. Barry, also a retired Cudahy High School teacher, now splits his time between Wisconsin and Florida.

He and Gerry Cain, who was lead guitarist for The Benders, are amused and astonished by the attention the record is receiving. One collector site, G45Central.com, ranks "Can't Tame Me" at 87th on a list of the 1,000 rarest U.S. 1960s garage 45-rpm singles, and hazards a guess that perhaps only 20 copies of the record exist worldwide.

"I do have one copy left that I'll probably sell for the right price. If I knew how valuable they were going to get, I wouldn't have given so many away," Cain said.

Barry grew up in Kenosha. He met Cain at Stout, and they formed The Benders along with Geno Jansen from Antigo on bass and Tom Noffke from Neenah on rhythm guitar.

"Paul and I and Geno just threw the song together as our idea of what we thought a rock song should sound like. Just having fun jamming as young college dudes," said Cain, who grew up in Chicago and now lives in Menominee, Mich., where he still works as a musician.

They took a weekend trip to a studio in Wausau and in an afternoon cut two songs on the Big Sound label including "Got Me Down," more of a ballad, as the B-side on a four-track tape recorder. "We just went in and banged it out," Barry said.

The bandmates posed for a few photos, and one was used on the sleeve. The back of the sleeve gives a brief bio on each member and includes a greeting from Jim Robinson, the band's manager. Never mind that there was no manager. The guys just wanted to seem more professional. The mailing address listed for the fictitious Mr. Robinson was actually Barry's house in Kenosha.

In 1993, a writer from a vintage music magazine called "Lost & Found" contacted Barry and Cain and wrote a story about their band and its one cool record. By then, its value was starting to pop. With the help of the writer, Barry sold a couple of records for a few hundred dollars each.

Cain learned that another record, "Hard Life," which he made at around the same time with a different band, Why Four, is also fetching good money from collectors. "I guess I peaked in '66," he joked. Cain contacted Barry a few years

ago to say that a copy of "Can't Tame Me" was listed by somebody on eBay. The starting price was 95 cents, Barry said, but it wound up selling for \$2,024.

Barry thought maybe he would sell a few that way, but he wasn't sure how to use eBay. Once he figured it out, he offered to sell "Can't Tame Me" record sleeves that he had lying around. "We ended up selling two of them for \$400 apiece. I was blown away. Seems the sleeve is just as rare as the record," he said.

Last fall, he offered a record in the sleeve on eBay at a "buy it now" price

of \$1,500. His wife insisted that was too low. It sold for that much in under two hours, proving her right.

I talked to "TeenBeat Mayhem!" author Mike Markesich about lesser-known rock combos of the '60s. He said collectors of this music, like himself, have been around since the early 1970s. "Can't Tame Me" became known to many enthusiasts after it was included on a compilation album from a series called "Back From the Grave." Markesich, from Connecticut, paid a few hundred dollars for his copy of The Benders' record in the 1990s, but he's in

search of one in better condition. His estimate is that 50 copies of this record are out there. In Europe, he said, younger collectors throw '60s-themed dance parties and play the garage 45s never the CDs on turntables.

Another expert on these records is Mike Dugo of Chicago, whose website is 60sGarageBands.com. He said "Can't Tame Me" was on a compilation record called "The Midwest vs. the Rest" in 1983. "That introduced the song's greatness to a set of small but hard-core collectors," he told me. But The Benders never saw much in the way of royalties.

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# Resident Evil: Retribution movie review

By Sara Elder  
Assistant Editor-in-Chief

A filler movie. That was my first thought when I left the movie theater, and I'm sticking to it. This movie was the fifth movie in the Resident Evil series based off the video game of the same name. I've seen all four of the previous movies and I have to say: this one just isn't up to par.

While the other four movies seemed to have plots that evolved around progressing this story of Alice and her former employer, the Umbrella Corporation, this movie was set up like a video game. At the beginning of the movie, Alice wakes up in an interrogation room in an underground facility owned by – you guessed it – the Umbrella Corporation. Within 10 minutes, a new character, Ada, lays out the entire plot of the movie for us. They need to escape from this facility within two hours. The exit route is spelled out for them by a computer system and a team of five men will meet them halfway and “escort” them out.

The movie is set up like a video game – they have to go through three different zones of the building. First, a three-block replica of New York City, then a small suburban neighborhood, and finally, the center of Moscow – testing areas that the Umbrella Corp. used to test various creatures infected with the infamous T-virus.

The two parties (Alice with Ada and the rescue group) fight various “stages” of creatures until they get to the “boss level” at the end: a showdown with some Umbrella agents. But even when they think they're safe, their enemies magically reappear, and they must fight on an icy, dangerous Arctic surface. This is seen plenty of times in video games where the boss isn't really defeated, and you have a final final fight. You could see it coming from miles away.

The plot was cliché and predictable except for the last 5 minutes of the film. Besides that, the time-frame of the movie was a little over 2 hours. All this movie did was bring Alice from inside the facility to a resistance headquarters (for lack of a better title) in Washington D.C. Her escape from Umbrella's compound could have been a fifteen minute sequence at

the beginning of the movie.

This was a clear attempt to extend the series (see Twilight: Breaking Dawn Part 1 and 2). Alice had already been recaptured by the Umbrella Corporation before so this second recapture was really unnecessary and the escape from the facility did nothing for the plot except bring Alice from Point A to Point B.

The ending of the fourth movie had Alice being blown off a ship into the water. Couldn't she have easily been picked up by Albert and his pals that she meets up with at the end of the fifth movie? The movie was pointless, and that's my point.



Michelle Rodriguez from Resident Evil: Retribution. (MCT Campus)

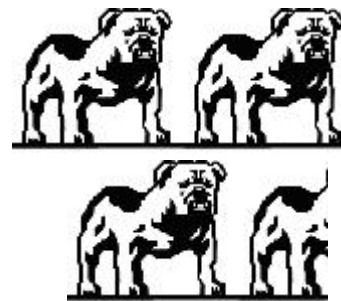
The acting in the movie left a lot to be desired. Milla Jovovich has never impressed me, but I do like the softer side of Alice we see in this movie. Stripped of the T-virus, she still kicks ass but manages to care for her friends and a little girl. Johann Urb was monotone and emotionless as Leon S. Kennedy, and Boris Kodjoe (playing Luther West) didn't get nearly enough screen time.

The only person who has consistently impressed me in the course of these five movies is Michelle Rodriguez. Friend turned foe and experimental-clone – Rodriguez played them all well. In this movie, we see her as one of Alice's toughest enemies whose fatal end was epic (in a pretty gruesome way). She also can be seen playing a tree-hugging, carpool-driving clone in one of Umbrella's testing domes.

The best part of the movie was the beginning five minutes which show a slow motion, rewind version of the end of the fourth movie to remind the audience of what happened (don't worry, you get to see it in fast-forward again too). It looks awesome and captivates you from the very beginning, but the rest of the movie doesn't exactly live up to expectations. The producers/directors/writers clearly missed the mark on this one.

Don't get me wrong – this movie has enough violence and scary creatures to fulfill all your horror needs. I jumped out of my seat more than a few times and covered my eyes once or twice (which is just how I like it). But sometimes, I want more than that, and for a movie about a mutating, zombie-creating virus that's taken over the world, I did expect a better story.

This movie received 3.5 out of 5 Bulldogs



## Changing the rules: white after Labor Day

Lauren Kordalski  
Staff Writer

Fashion trends are literally changing all the time, as are fashion “rules,” one of which is affecting our wardrobe choices right now. And I'm here to deliver some fantastic news...

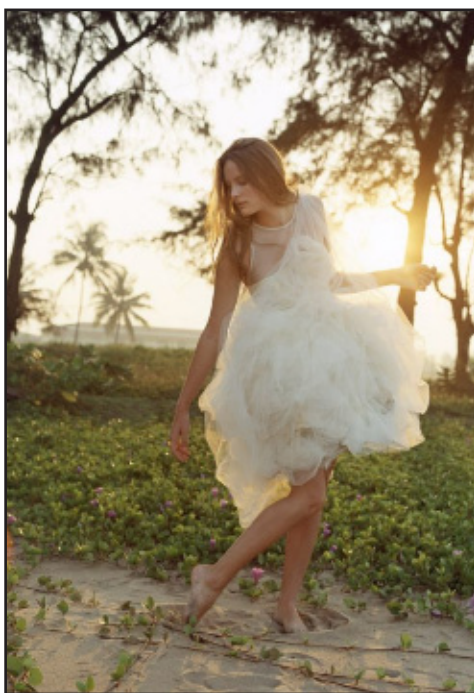
September is a gorgeous month with absolutely beautiful weather, and we're being held back from wearing our fabulous white skinny jeans? I'm calling for a revolt! In fact, I would suggest wearing all of your white clothes this September to get the best use of your soon-to-be out of season summer wardrobe.

When it comes to wearing white after the warmth of the summer has faded, my stance stays the same, as winter white is one of the most attractive colors of the cooler seasons.

This may sound like the ramblings of a girl promoting her own self-interests, which is partially true, because I do have many white clothes that I will be donning this fall; however, many fashion experts would also agree with me.

Stacy and Clinton, hosts of TLC's long-running show, *What Not to Wear*, have given “white after labor day” their stamp of approval, which in my book, means all systems go. And by all systems, I mean, rock your white with pride, guys and gals!

The legendary CoCo Chanel ignored the rule, wearing white year-round, and looking stunning while doing so; now it's our turn to follow suit, so throw on your favorite white dress and strut like it's July 1st!



It's okay to wear white after Labor Day! (MCT Campus)



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