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New VP of Student Life at Bryant

A morning with the new Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. John Saddlemire

"I think Bryant's got it figured out" - Vice President Saddlemire

By Kathryn Valentini
Staff Writer

It's a beautiful morning: the end of summer slowly fading, and the crisp cool autumn settling in. School is back in full swing, and already students, faculty and staff are bustling about the campus fulfilling their daily tasks. It is much the same in the Student Affairs Office, where Dr. John Saddlemire D. Ed., is quickly adjusting to his new position as Vice President of Student Affairs here at Bryant (having just begun his new position on August 26th). Dr. Saddlemire comes out of his office to offer me a jovial shake of the hand and a bright smile, (two things often offered up willingly around Bryant).

If you have already taken the time to look over Vice President Saddlemire's extensive and notable resume when President Machtley sent it out to the Bryant community, then you would know that our new Vice President of Student Affairs has quite an impressive background, boasting over 25 years of teaching expertise (to give you an ideal!).

Having just recently left the University of Connecticut, which boasts a significantly larger population of students, faculty, and staff; he began our conversation by telling me how he was adjusting to a much smaller community. He responded by telling me that three years ago, he had the opportunity to visit Bryant's campus, at which point he thought "it's a great place" that provides a "sense of valuing the individual while giving them a world-class experience." He went on to say further that, "you go into this work to be able to work with students...I know at this point in my career, this is what I want to do: I want to be part of a community, my family wants to be part of a community."

And in the coming weeks, that's exactly what will happen. Vice President Saddlemire will shortly be followed by his wife, Marie, and their two children: 13-year-old Bailey and 8-year-old Elijah. As fans of both the arts and sports, you can expect to



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Renovating one step at a time

By Kathryn Valentini
Staff Writer

Returning to campus this year, I'm sure everyone has noticed the various ongoing changes occurring at Bryant – most notably the reconstruction of the Fisher Student Center (formerly known as the Bryant Center). For those of us who were here last year and remember the Bryant Center as the bee hive of student activity, looking upon the new Fisher Center might bring back feelings of nostalgia. Late nights spent studying for midterms and finals, painting posters for campus events up on the third floor in the Office of Campus Engagement, or last minute rushes to Southside Deli for French fries on a Friday or Saturday night, to name a few.

For the freshman class, who has yet to experience the center of campus, the Fisher Center will be sure to impress. Over the past four months, crews and construction teams have been working tirelessly to bring a new, modernized and energizing space for students to study, relax and eat in.

Mike Malenfant, who spent the entire summer following the reconstruction, and will this year be Head Student Center Manager, believes the renovations were much needed:



"The Fisher Student Center will create a variety of environments that are currently not found anywhere else on campus. Whether students are looking for a comfortable place to relax and hangout in between classes or bring together a group for a project and all work together on one television screen, the FSC will be versatile.

"This will provide another destination for students to gather, have meetings or events and overall, significantly revitalize student life on our campus... The [FSC] will be transformed into the center for student life by developing a vibrant and comfortable environment, similar to the "Living Room" ambiance students may be used to at home."

For those of you haven't been able to keep up with the renovation blog over the past few months, some of the things to look forward to with the new Fisher center, include: a fireplace and new comfortable lounge area, a sound proof Music Practice space, and a 70" Hi-Def television and Community Programming Space. And those are just some of the new

things that will be seen on the first floor... imagine the second and third floors?!

Another notable change (at least for seniors) that has occurred on campus is the renovations that have been done to townhouses A-G. Featuring new bathrooms, (equipped with a much larger shower), new kitchens, new floors... and, well, pretty much new everything!

Students don't have to wait for the Fisher Student Center to open to already experience some of the changes. Student mailboxes, formerly on the second floor of the Center, are now located on the basement floor of the Koffler Communication Complex. The mailboxes are brand new, and you can throw away those old mailbox keys you've been desperately holding on to since freshmen year, because they all have combination locks. You can locate both your mailbox number and combination online. Just a small change that may seem frustrating at first but will be barely noticeable in a few years. And it's one less key to worry about for students (and thousands less for the staff)!

The formal re-opening of the new Fisher Student Center will be September 26th, 2013 at 2:00 PM. Normal activity for staff, vendors, and students in the FSC will begin Friday, September 27, 2013 at 7:30AM.





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September	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	10am-First Fridays- MRC3			8:45am- Mojo Mondays- Amica Center	Drop Period Ends		2pm - Key Note Speaker: Shelly Broader

Bulldog Bulletin



The Archway: Writers' Meetings, Mondays 5pm, MRC3
Bryant Pride: General meetings, Thursdays 5:30PM, 2A
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Department of Public Safety Log

FIRE ALARM

Sep 05, 2013-Thursday at 21:18

Location: TOWNHOUSE

Summary: DPS responded to a fire alarm in a townhouse. The cause was determined to be burning food on the stove. Alarm was reset.

LARCENY

Sep 06, 2013-Friday at 12:33

Location: BELLO CENTER LOT

Summary: A student reported the license plate was stolen from his vehicle.

LARCENY

Sep 06, 2013-Friday at 13:30

Location: TOWNHOUSE

Summary: DPS is investigating the report of an unauthorized use of a credit card.

EMT CALL/MEDICAL SERVICES RENDERED

Sep 06, 2013-Friday at 18:00

Location: RESIDENCE HALL

Summary: DPS received a report of a female not feeling well. EMS was activated. Patient was transported to the hospital by the Smithfield Rescue.

LARCENY

Sep 06, 2013-Friday at 18:52

Location: SUTTON SOCCER FIELDS

Summary: DPS received a report of a stolen backpack containing a Bryant laptop. The backpack and computer were recovered.

VANDALISM

Sep 07, 2013-Saturday at 08:09

Location: BRYANT CENTER

Summary: DPS found a light pole was knocked down and wires are exposed. Facilities were called in to fix the pole.

LARCENY

Sep 07, 2013-Saturday at 13:42

Location: TOWNHOUSE

Summary: DPS received a report of items taken from vehicle. The student reported a GPS and 20 dollars are missing.

FIRE ALARM

Sep 07, 2013-Saturday at 19:22

Location: TOWNHOUSE

Summary: DPS responded to a fire alarm in a townhouse. The cause was determined to be burning food on the stove. Alarm was reset.

VANDALISM TO AUTO(S)

Sep 07, 2013-Saturday at 19:38

Location: TOWNHOUSE

Summary: A student reported vandalism to her vehicle. The antenna had been ripped off the vehicle.

EMT CALL EMT CALL / MEDICAL SERVICES

RENDERED

Sep 07, 2013-Saturday at 23:05

Location: TOWNHOUSE

Summary: A student requested an EMT to evaluate another student who is passed out in her townhouse. Patient was transported to Fatima Hospital by SFD.

EMT CALL EMT CALL / MEDICAL SERVICES

RENDERED

Sep 07, 2013-Saturday at 23:53

Location: RESIDENCE HALL

Summary: An RD requested DPS assistance reporting that she had a mental health transport and needed rescue. EMS was activated. Patient was transported to Fatima Hospital by SFD.

EMT CALL EMT CALL / MEDICAL SERVICES

RENDERED

Sep 07, 2013-Saturday at 23:56

Location: TOWNHOUSE

Summary: DPS received a report of an intoxicated male. EMS was activated. Patient was transported to Fatima Hospital by SFD.

EMT CALL EMT CALL / MEDICAL SERVICES

RENDERED

Sep 08, 2013-Sunday at 00:42

Location: TOWNHOUSE CIRCLE LOT

Summary: DPS received a report of an intoxicated male. EMS was activated. Patient was transported to Fatima Hospital by SFD.

DRUG PARAPHERNALIA

Sep 08, 2013-Sunday at 04:13

Location: TOWNHOUSE

Summary: Student was issued a student conduct for paraphernalia.

THEFT (STOLEN PROP) STOLEN PROPERTY

Sep 08, 2013-Sunday at 04:15

Location: JOHN MOWRY ROAD

Summary: SPD received a report of a stolen golf cart. The cart was found off campus.

EMT CALL EMT CALL / MEDICAL SERVICES

RENDERED

Sep 08, 2013-Sunday at 17:54

Location: TOWNHOUSE

Summary: DPS received a call for a male having chest pains. EMS was activated. Patient was transported to R.I. Hospital by SFD.

EMT CALL EMT CALL / MEDICAL SERVICES

RENDERED

Location: RESIDENCE HALL

Summary: DPS received a report of a female who had fallen and injured her ankle. EMS was activated. Patient was transported to Fatima Hospital by SFD.

Sep 09, 2013-Monday at 10:15

BIAS INCIDENTS None Reported

To report a bias incident or hate crime, go to www.bryant.edu/bias or call the Bias Incident Hotline at x6920. Bias related incident – a threatened, attempted, or completed action that is motivated by bigotry and bias regarding a person's real or perceived race, religion, natural origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, or gender status. Examples of these incidents include name calling, offensive language/acts, and graffiti/behavior. Related Incidents: None reported

The Diary of a Resident Assistant

By Kerry Quirk
Resident Assistant

Hello Class of 2017 and welcome to Bryant University! Your freshman year is a new experience that will surprise you and challenge you in so many ways, but will also be an exciting and fun year that you won't soon forget. As an RA, I have seen some of the challenges that students experience as the semester goes forward, so here are some tips for the new freshman as they settle into dorm life!

1. Use your RA!

While it is a common perception that RAs are campus police, that is not true! We are first here as your friend and resource. Policy enforcement is secondary to providing our residents with any assistance they may need while living on campus. We love helping our residents, answering their questions, and planning programs for each floor. So reach out to us and get to know your RA!

2. Your keys and your Bryant ID are your lifeline.

Your Bryant ID has everything you need on it to survive while on campus: proof you are a student, Dining Dollars, Bulldog Bucks, laundry money and printing money. It can even give you discounts to a lot of stores! In terms of the residence halls, your ID card will let you swipe into your building once the doors lock at 11:00 P.M.

Your keys are also very important. If you get locked out, call DPS if it is before 7 PM. If it is after 7:00, your RA will have keys to let you back in!

3. Go to programs!

While all RAs put on programs for their residents, it is especially important for freshman residents to attend these. Programs are put on as a way for you to get to know your floormates/suitemates better. Sometimes they are just a social event like a pizza party or some kind of game to get residents mingling, but other times they are aimed to help you become a more successful person by promoting healthy study habits or explaining LinkedIn, just as a few examples. So go to those programs! You never know who you might meet.



Bryant University Resident Assistants 2013-2014 (Residence Life)

4. If you have problems, ask for help.

Many freshmen don't like to ask for help when they need it because they don't know who to ask or want to seem like they know it all. So if you and your roommate don't get along, or you are lost in a class, seek help! It will make your semester less stressful and will allow you to have more fun.

5. Have fun!

Bryant has so many clubs and activities to offer its students. Don't waste the semester away stressing about classes or gossiping about your floormates. Go to the football games, try out SPB programs, or join a new club or intramural sport. Balancing between classes and fun is the best way to spend your college years.

Those are just a couple of tips to help you get settled in to your first few weeks at Bryant! And remember, if you don't know what's good to eat at Salmo or the printer booth confuses you, ask your RA! Good luck Class of 2017!

SASS welcomes Shawn Johnson Olympic Gold Medalist comes to Bryant

By Zach Powell
Contributing Writer

What were you doing when you were sixteen? If most of us were to be asked this, we would probably say we weren't doing much; hanging out with friends, learning to drive, and being stuck in high school would sum up our life at sixteen. What if you could answer with winning an Olympic gold medal and competing in front of millions of people across the world? Well, Bryant's Student Arts and Speakers Series (SASS) is proud to bring someone who can answer that question. Shawn Johnson, a four time Olympic medalist will be on campus to speak Tuesday, September 17 in the MAC located in the Chase Wellness Center. The event will open at 6:00 p.m. and Shawn will take the stage at 6:30p.m.

In a mere three years of a professional gymnastic career, Shawn won thirty medals in competition. She has competed in six major gymnastics competitions including the 2008 Beijing Olympics where she won one gold and three silver medals. She won gold in the 2008 balance beam competition edging out fellow American Nastia Liukin. Shawn hasn't been shy around television cameras by any means as she has also participated in two seasons of the ABC

hit dance competition *Dancing with the Stars*. Shawn, never shying away from success, won the eighth season of *Dancing with the Stars* in 2009 with professional dancer Gilles Marini. Since the 2008 Olympics, Shawn participated in a few more major competitions before retiring during the summer of 2012 because of chronic problems with her left knee.

She is not only known for her performances on the mat or the dance floor but also for her charitable efforts. Shawn has worked with several cancer-related charities as well as with animal-related charities. She speaks about her successes as an Olympic athlete as well as her downfalls as she tore the ACL in her left knee during the 2010 season. Her knowledge about becoming successful and coping with injury and loss is sure to be beneficial to all students.

Free tickets to this event are available starting September 5th at the SASS table in the Rotunda until Monday, September 16th. Faculty, staff and graduate students can pick up a ticket starting the 9th and on the 13th they will be available to the outside community. Make sure you come grab your ticket soon because you won't want to miss this incredible opportunity to see an Olympic icon!

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Tupper's Tidbits

Tupper's top five questions answered

By Iron Clad Tupper



Posing with my girls Dani, Maureen, and Emma from the Bryant Bulldogs Women's Basketball team. (Christina Senecal)

You know what's great about social media? It's that even though few students were on campus all summer, I got to stay in touch with you. What up, Bryant.

If you're a returning student, welcome back. If this is your first year – well, I got to meet a LOT of you during Open House and Orientation. If we didn't get to meet, GET AT ME! 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...

I get tons of questions. So, I'll try to answer them here for you. I present to you "Tupper's Top Five Questions – Answered."

5. How'd you get picked to be the mascot?

Look at me...one glance, and they were smitten! I was a gift to Bryant from Ron and Kati Machtley in honor of the Class of 2010 for exceeding their fundraising goals. Uncle Ron asked my mom, Tina Senecal '95, '08 MBA, if she would be my caretaker since she had French Bulldogs and knew bulldogs' special needs. She's the lady you see me with most of the time. Claire Senecal, Associate Director of Academic Records (and Tina's mom) is a certified dog trainer and temperament tester. She's more behind the scenes, but she's the major reason I'm such a good boy!

4. Dude – why are you in a stroller?

I can feel you judging me WAY over here, Judgy McJudgerton. Fact: I don't like to walk; I'd rather ride. Unless you park your car in the furthest space from where you're going, you're no different! My legs are about 5 inches long, you know...Other reasons include: I have a torn ACL, I'm allergic to grass, I'm at a better height for photos with people, and my shedding hair and drool are more contained in my stroller.

3. Are you fat?

No. Get over it, humans, I'm a bulldog. It's how we're built. Dogtor says I'm a healthy weight. Period. 'Nuff said.

2. What's with the ball?

My ball! I love my ball! It's so round, so perfect, so SQUISHY! It's like a pacifier. Once I get it, I'm never giving it up!

And the number one question you all want to know the answer to is.

1. When are you on campus?

Every home football game. And then every chance I get! I love being on campus and saying hi to you guys. And getting scratchies. And then getting MORE scratchies. I'll usually announce it on Twitter, so make sure you're following me (@bryanttupper).

So there you have it. Tupper's Top Five Questions – Answered. Don't forget – I'm also on Facebook (www.facebook.com/bulldogtupper). Get at me! I'll see you soon. 'Til next time...WOOF!

Greek Life Corner

By Rachel Cardozo

Contributing Writer

With the school year just beginning, Bryant's Greek Life has already begun to establish a presence on campus. At the end of the previous year, Greek Life began the transition to a new Greek Advisor. After an extensive interview process throughout the summer, and with the help of Greek leaders from various chapters, Greek Life has welcomed the new advisor, Susan Zarnowski.

Greeks kicked off the year by hosting a dodgeball tournament as a part of the Big B weekend. Both Greeks and non-Greeks participated in the event, with the all freshmen team, Step Dads, winning the tournament. Overall, the dodgeball tournament was a huge success and a great way to start the new semester.

On Wednesday September 11th, Greek Life hosted their annual 9/11 Vigil in the Interfaith Center with guests such as President Machtley, Kati Machtley and Jose-Marie Griffiths. Greek Life's annual Poster Sale was hosted on September 12th and 13th.

Coming up in the near future, Greek Life is co-sponsoring the annual Bulldog Rodeo alongside the Student Programming Board. It is being held on the Bryant Center Lawn on Friday, September 20th from 10 am to 2 pm with WJMF providing the music. The event will be catered and all students are welcome to attend to learn more about all the different chapters that make up Greek Life as well as more information about SPB.

Following the Bulldog Rodeo in the afternoon of September 20th, Greek Life will also be co-sponsoring the Bryant Color Run with several other organizations around campus. The event will be a 3k run around campus costing \$15 individually to sign up. Starting in October, New Member Education will be beginning to welcome each chapters' new members into the Greek Community.

Sustainable Strides

Sustainability Committee Making Strides

By Jessica Vickers

Staff Writer

The idea of sustainability has changed from a novel concept to a necessity for many organizations, institutions and corporations. Bryant University recognizes this current shift in thinking. Our Bryant University Sustainability Committee, in collaboration with the consulting firm, EcoMotion, has achieved monumental success in the recent passage of a Sustainability Plan for our university moving forward. EcoMotion has facilitated the committee which is comprised of twenty influential leaders from various departments on campus including: academia, facility operations, food services, residence life and student admissions. Committee Co-Chairs Brian Britton and Gaytha Langlois are leading our sustainability movement and efforts.

The sustainability momentum has achieved great success by increasing the number of courses on sustainability issues, energy reduction, and waste management programs. In early 2012, Bryant University's Sustainability Committee established our avant-garde relationship with EcoMotion to identify opportunities for sustainable action. This productive relationship led to Bryant University achieving a bronze rating with a score of 36.05 under STARS (Sustainability Tracking Assessment Reporting System) in 2012 from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE). Bryant University was one of 213 institutions to achieve a bronze STARS rating. Our Sustainability Committee and EcoMotion are strongly pursuing a silver STARS rating for the coming academic year.

Our university has consistently recognized the importance of encompassing its sustainability initiatives across all areas of campus. The sustainability plan seeks to increase energy conservation, the organization of building

and land use, our students' health and wellness, better options and efficiency for transportation available to the campus, reduction of our waste and improvement to our recycling system, and increased water conservation. The Sustainability Plan acknowledges that sustainability is a cross disciplinary activity that will include three major areas: operations and facilities, planning and policy, and education and action. The plan provides detailed information for the eight domains of sustainability: energy, buildings and land use, health and wellness, transportation, waste reduction, water, community engagement and academics and research.

Here are some current sustainability metrics about our university. The university's annual energy costs are approximately \$2.2 million and this constitutes two percent of the entire university budget. Our square footage of conditioned space is 1,358,888. We recycled 172 tons each year with 78 tons of furniture repurposed and 4 tons of E-waste repurposed. It is understood that the convergence of environmental and economic issues will have a positive triple bottom line effect upon the university. With the approved sustainability plan in action detailing goals and potential strategies, the university anticipates a significant reduction in these numbers in the coming years.

Student and community engagement is highly encouraged to ensure effective implementation of sustainability initiatives and objectives. The Sustainability Plan includes a comprehensive student section highlighting the current efforts of green organizations such as the Scientific Community Initiative (SCI), Enactus and SIFE. The Sustainability Plan has support from these organizations as the effort toward improving the sustainability of our campus as a whole is significant. For further information about the Sustainability Plan please contact Gaytha Langlois.

Gas Stove Girl: Chicken Fajitas

By Jess Komoroski

Archway Editor-in-Chief Alumna '11

1 pound chicken breast, cut into tenders
1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon chili powder
1 teaspoon onion powder
2 teaspoons cracked black pepper
2 tablespoons olive oil, divided
2 bell peppers sliced into strips
1 medium yellow onion, sliced into strips
Salt to taste
1/3 cup low sodium chicken stock
1 lime, juiced
1/2 teaspoon cumin
1 tablespoon corn starch



Here's what you do:

Pat dry the chicken with a paper towel. Mix together 1 tablespoon chili powder, the onion powder and 1 teaspoon black pepper and rub onto the chicken.

Heat 1 tablespoon olive oil in a heavy-bottomed frying pan over medium heat. When the oil is hot, sear the chicken in batches for about 3 minutes on each side or until cooked through. Transfer to a paper towel lined plate to cool slightly. Slice into strips similarly sized to the veggies.

Add more olive oil if necessary, lower heat slightly, then add the veggies to the pan. Season with salt and cook until browned, about 4 minutes. Stir in the chicken slices.

In a small bowl, whisk together the chicken stock, lime juice, cumin, 1 teaspoon chili powder and 1 teaspoon black pepper with the corn starch. Pour into the pan and stir to coat mixture entirely.

Bring to a boil then reduce heat to low, allowing the mixture to thicken about 7 minutes, stirring occasionally. Enjoy over rice with guacamole or in warmed flour tortillas with your favorite taco toppings.

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Sam Grabelle

Faculty Contributor

This is ACE and the Writing Center's inaugural column. Each week a different professional or student staff member will share their advice, ideas, experiences and perspectives on academic success. This week it is up to me, so here is a list of the things about learning and life that I know for sure.

No writing is ever done; it's just due. No one writes alone. No one starts a writing project with the first word and continues writing until the last. You will write something every day of your life – most of it will be to communicate your wants or needs, so get good at it.

Presenting is communicating, not performing. Talk to the audience and they will listen. Make eye contact. Use visuals for things that need to be visualized.

Read. Read to learn. Read to connect. Read to escape. Read to know. Read to challenge yourself.

Read to prove something. Read to disprove something. Read to grow. Read to change. Read to do better. Read to be better.

Group projects are like any other group experience. If you played on a sports team or belonged to a club or planned an event, then you already know the fundamentals of how to work in a group.

Treat your classmates, professors, and staff with respect. Pick up after yourself. Build your credit, not your debt – in friendships and finances. Read Robert Fulghum's essay "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten." It's true.

Look up once in a while. Find out more about your professors by looking around their offices during office hours. What do you see? Pretend to forget a pen and ask to borrow one from a classmate. Then ask their name.

What my friend John Logan ('16) says about magic applies to your education: "You may not remember the tricks but you will

remember how they made you feel."

Mix it up. Eat new foods. Sit next to new people in the cafeteria. Attend meetings of clubs you may not join. Get up early and take a walk alone. Go to bed late perfectly sober and filled with ideas. Look for Safe Zone stickers to find people who will be your allies.

Ask for help. Now and later. Learn new study strategies. Get help brainstorming a topic. Revise a paper to take it from good to great. Go to a workshop to stop procrastination in its tracks, jumpstart a research paper, avoid plagiarism, prepare a presentation, or to learn how to work in a group.

Claim your education. Pursue your passions. Be yourself. As Dr. Seuss said, "Those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind."

Submit entries for the column title contest to sgrabell@bryant.edu.

Vice President of Student Affairs

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see Vice President Saddlemire at either an acapella performance or, perhaps, you already saw him and his children at Bryant's opening football game!

Transitioning into more of a "formal" interview, I asked Vice President Saddlemire a few questions that I thought would reveal a more personal side to our new Vice President, aside from the typical introduction which often offers only a review of past experiences. When I asked him to pick one word to sum up his entire career and experiences up to this point, he responded by saying "eclectic" (quite a fitting word, if I do say so myself). Eclectic in that "my professional and personal experiences have been very broad and eclectic, from international travel to working at small and larger schools. And I think all of that has helped me...I have a lot of background that I can offer to the community, and I'm eager to do that." He went on to say that having taught for 25 years, he has a great respect for the core mission of Bryant in terms of educating and moving people towards a degree.

Vice President Saddlemire believes firmly in the ideas of respect and integrity and how people handle themselves and is certain that amazing things will continue to be accomplished at Bryant if everyone remains committed to these ideas.

In this day and age when it seems that people change jobs as frequently as the seasons change, I couldn't help but wonder what exactly has kept Vice President Saddlemire so passionate about his work.

Having worked for over 25 years in a scholastic setting, Vice President Saddlemire says that what's kept him so passionate is the exact reason he's here: "with each new student, there's new opportunities, to me, I feel this is a noble profession, working in higher education and helping people to unleash their potential. For me it's just always been about the students...I'm not here to tell people or talk to students about what their passion should be...but if I can do something to support that, I find it very satisfying...and, to me, Bryant...is the perfect setting to be able to do that."

Settling into his new role here at Bryant, Vice President Saddlemire already feels that "every day is different," but that's just what he likes: that there's always interesting things going on around campus. Although wary to say that he had any particular vision for Bryant (mainly because he's only been here a short while), he feels strongly that the visions that really move forward and change places, are collective visions. "My goal is to listen," Dean Saddlemire says, "and hear what students want next for their lives...and to hear what faculty want from their lives. My vision is one of collaboration and support, and that, for me, is where I want the division of student affairs to be for whoever you are. This is a group you can count on and a group that will be supportive of your ideas."

Over the next few weeks as students, faculty and staff get settled back into the routine of classes, work, and an energetic, busy lifestyle, Vice President Saddlemire is most excited in getting to know all the students. So, if you see Vice President Saddlemire as you're walking from class to class, or going to a sporting event, be sure to say hi, and give him the warm welcome he deserves from the Bryant community.



Welcome back everyone, and we hope you have had a great first few weeks and are looking forward to this upcoming year. This year there are many new things coming to Bryant that will help to shape the lives of students for years to come.

The first is the Fisher Student Center; this building, formerly the Bryant Center, has been completely renovated on the inside to better accommodate the needs of students. The grand opening is scheduled for 2:00pm on September 26th, and is fully functional on the 27th. We invite everyone to come into the building when it opens and see what new things the Fisher Student Center has to offer.

With the new student center not being open, things are a little hectic now in terms of locations for meetings and offices. Right now, the Office of Campus Engagement is located in the Amica Center for Career Education, so if you need any assistance from them please stop by. Beginning September 18th, the OCE staff will be in the Bello Center until the opening of the Fisher Student Center. Also, our Senate meetings will be at their regularly scheduled time of 4:00pm on Wednesdays, but will be located in the Hall 15 lobby.

Another new thing that this academic year brings is a new Vice President of Student Affairs. After many years of devout service to the University, Dr. Eakin and his wife Marge are departing Bryant to begin the next chapter in their lives. Replacing him is Dr. Saddlemire, who brings a great deal of experience in student affairs with him to Bryant. On October 4th in Papitto, Dr. Saddlemire will be a guest at our Student Senate meeting at 4:00 to give a background of himself and to answer questions from people who attend.

This year promises to bring a great deal of things to Bryant, but to make your experiences better here, we urge you to go out into the community and immerse yourself in the wonderful surroundings we have here. Go to more games, join a club, meet up with friends; make Bryant an enjoyable place for all to be because this is our home and our community, and we are all constantly building off of each other.

Best of luck this year, and GO BULLDOGS!

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One of Europe's best business leaders resigns

By John Zeiner
Business Editor

Josef Ackermann, one of Europe's best-known business leaders and former chief executive of Deutsche Bank, abruptly resigned as chairman of the Zurich Insurance Group. This is following the news that he may be accused of sharing blame for the suicide of the company's Chief Financial Officer. In a statement issued by Mr. Ackermann he said that he was, "deeply shocked," by the death of Pierre Wauthier, Chief Financial Officer, and any accusation that he is partially responsible is "unfounded."

Ackermann, a battle-tested banker who endured numerous controversies during a decade as the head of Deutsche Bank, which included a boardroom battle over who would be his successor as well as a trial for criminal charges. The death of Pierre Wauthier who was a citizen of both Britain and France, came less than two months after the suicide of another distinguished Swiss executive, Carsten Schloter, former head of the country's leading telecommunications provider, Swisscom.

Other than the typically high expectations of prominent managers in large corporations everywhere, there was no link between the two suicides. Bjorn Emde, a spokesman for Zurich Insurance, said there was no indication that Mr. Wauthier was suffering extraordinary distress. Mr. Emde said, "in a stock-listed company working in a competitive environment worldwide, there is always a certain level of stress. We didn't see anything special. It came as a shock to us. He was a close friend for

many of us and a very respected colleague."

Mr. Ackermann stated that the scandal would make it very difficult for him to remain head of the Zurich Insurance Board. However, it is unclear why he thinks that he might be blamed. In his statement Ackermann said, "I have reasons to believe that the family is of the opinion that I should take my share of responsibility, as unfounded as any allegations might be. As a consequence, I see the possibility of a continued successful board leadership to the benefit of Zurich called into question. To avoid any damage to Zurich's reputation, I have decided to resign from all my board functions with immediate effect."

Mr. Wauthier, who had worked at Zurich since 1996 and had been Chief Financial Officer since 2011, was found dead at his home in Zug, Switzerland, apparently a suicide according to the police. Wauthier was 53, married with two children. Former Chief Financial Officer of the Dutch bank ABN Amro, Tom de Swaan, who had been Vice Chairman of the Zurich Insurance Board, will serve as acting chairman. Martin Senn will remain responsible for daily operations of the company as Chief Executive.

Ackermann, a native of Switzerland has been one of the country's most high-profile business leaders. He has been regarded as a local Swiss made good by achieving international stature as the first non-German to lead Deutsche Bank and as a spokesman for the banking industry worldwide. After 10 years as the Chief Executive, he departed Deutsche Bank last year. Despite being the focus of recurring controversy, he led the bank through the financial crisis while avoiding a direct government

bailout. Mr. Ackermann carried out a public feud with the supervisory board chairman over his successor before retiring from Deutsche Bank. They continue to deal with official inquiries and numerous lawsuits derived from the bank's conduct before the financial crisis began in 2008 while he was still in charge.

The death of Zurich Insurance Group Chief Financial Officer, Pierre Wauthier, shortly thereafter the death of Swisscom executive, Carsten Schloter, raises the question of whether C-suite execs endure unfair pressure and stress. However, one must assume that if a person is to make it to that level of a business that they have had considerable success in handling business matters flawlessly. Furthermore, one would expect that most executives fully understand their responsibilities and duties.



Biz Snipz: news from around the world

By John Zeiner
Business Editor

- The income gap between the most wealthy 1% and the rest of the United States has reached its widest level in history. In 2012, the top 1% of earners in the U.S. accounted for 19.3% of total household income. This is the largest portion of total income taken up in more than 100 years. The last time the wealthiest Americans claimed this large of a percentage total wealth was when they were responsible for 18.7% in 1927.
- On Tuesday, Time Inc. reported that they had reached an agreement to buy the magazine publishing unit of American Express, which includes *Travel + Leisure* and *Food & Wine*. In addition, they have purchased related properties including membership clubs, retail stores and events associated with American Express Publishing. This acquisition expands Time's exposure to the magazine market which targets big spenders. American Express also includes two business travel magazines

- *Departures* and *Executive Travel* as well as their luxury shopping guide *Black Ink*. Chief Marketing Officer at American Express, said federal regulations prompted the financial services company to sell the magazine business. "While (American Express Publishing) has outperformed its peers by creating editorial products of exceptional quality, banking regulations limit our ability to engage in non-financial activities," he said, in a statement. By the end of this year Time, whose magazines include *Time*, *People*, and *Sports Illustrated*, will be spun off from its parent, Time Warner, and will be a publicly traded company.

- The tech-heavy Nasdaq composite closed with a total gain of 0.6% which pushed it to its highest level in 13 years. These levels have not been reached since the historic dot-com crash. Nevertheless there is still a significant amount of ground to cover. Despite gaining 23% this year, the Nasdaq is still at 35% of its all-time high of 5,048.62 set on March

10, 2000. This has been a bright spot for tech investors who have watched. Despite the fact other indexes consistently hit record highs this year. The next big question is whether tech stocks can continue their growth trend. Unfortunately, analysts are expecting only a 2.3% earnings growth from tech companies which is third worst ahead of health care and utilities, according to S&P Capital IQ. Finally, oil prices fell as concerns about a Syria strike eased.

- In a rare move, Toyota is re-recalling 780,584 RAV4 and Lexus HS250h vehicles to fix a problem that was not fixed right the first time. They involve 2006 through 2011 RAV4 and 2010 Lexus HS250H passenger vehicles manufactured from October 2005 through September 2010. They were originally recalled in August 2012 for rear suspension components that could fail causing the vehicles to lose control. The unique parts to those vehicles allowed adjusting the rear suspension's alignment. Toyota spokeswoman Cindy Knight said, the

fix, "required a very specific sequence of steps to ensure the proper torque was applied, and what we found was that some dealer technicians either misunderstood or incorrectly performed this tightening procedure."

From the official documents that Toyota sent to dealers, service managers and parts managers: "Toyota received reports from dealers indicating that some vehicles experience symptoms of the recalled condition after being inspected or repaired. Upon investigation, it was discovered that some inspections were not adequate and portions of the repair procedure may not have been performed correctly."



Professor Michael Roberto's Blog: Valuing Generalists over Specialists

By Professor Michael Roberto
Faculty Contributor

City University of Hong Kong Professor Long Wang and Kellogg Professor Keith Murnighan have conducted a series of studies to examine whether we value generalists over specialists in various types of hiring and compensation decisions. They found that we do seem to undervalue specialists. First, they took a look at 3-point shooting specialists in the National Basketball Association. An article on Kellogg Insight explains the conclusion:

"In one study, Wang and Murnighan used salary and performance data for over 300 NBA players to find that, on average, the three-point specialists' salaries are tied not to their three-point shooting, but to their two-point shooting—even though their three-point shooting has the bigger impact on their team's performance. In other words, these specialists, unlike their generalist teammates, are not compensated based on the actual role they play in their teams' success."

The two scholars also examined how workplace managers make hiring decisions. They found a tendency for managers to favor the generalist even if the specialist had skills better suited to the specific role being filled. The researchers also examined job ads on sites such as Monster.com. They found that,

"Even positions flagged for specialists asked applicants to have skillsets in two distinct domains about 36% of the time. Moreover, larger organizations—those organizations best poised to take advantage of specialists' unique skillsets—were more likely to demand multiple skillsets from their specialists than smaller organizations."

Why the bias toward generalists? The authors argue that risk aversion plays a role. It's safer to pick someone who has a broader set of skills, in case the job changes or the person turns out not to be a perfect fit for that role, but may still have a place in the firm. Moreover, our tendency to hire people like ourselves may play a factor. Managers at higher levels tend to be more generalist than specialist, and thus, they may look for people who are similar to them.

I think the studies are fascinating, but I do wonder whether this "bias" is truly a bad thing or not. Perhaps, in a fast-changing world, we need more generalists. Perhaps strategy, organization, and markets are changing too quickly to bank on specialists. In a highly ambiguous situation, it may be quite the rational thing to do to select people with a wider range of skills. It's a tough balancing act for any manager. Perhaps the research is most useful at least in making us aware that we may be a bit too inclined to dismiss the specialist candidates.

Bulldogs football impress with 2-0 record to kickoff their season

By Justin Beaucage
Sports Editor

Last season, just two weeks into the season, the Bulldogs were down and certainly looked out. The team dug themselves into a huge hole early, opening the promising season with two straight losses, including an upset at home against underdog Marist. The two defeats kicked off a six game losing streak for the Bulldogs, and certainly wrapped up the team's season before it was even started. Last year, in just two games, the Bulldogs were hopeless.

Two games into this season; this is safe to say about these Bulldogs: what a difference a year makes.

The Bulldogs have looked extremely impressive in the first two weeks of this season. They have opened the year with two victories on their home turf, one of them coming off a game-winning field goal in the final ticks of their opener against Holy Cross. Following their heroics in the opening week, the Bulldogs crushed Assumption in a convincing 34-7 victory, a win dominated by the team's improved defensive unit.

With two wins in the record book, the Bulldogs look like a completely different team from a year ago. Their performances in front of the home crowd give fans restored hope and confidence for the remainder of the games.

So, how have the Bulldogs improved so drastically in just one year?



Defenseman Maduka Nwanekezi chases Assumption's quarterback (MCT Campus)

One of the main ingredients for the Bulldogs' recipe for success early this season has been the balanced offensive attack. Through two games, the Bulldogs have accumulated nearly 800 yards of offense, with the total yardage almost evenly split between passing and running. Senior quarterback Mike Westerhaus has led a dangerous aerial attack from under center, tossing three touchdowns while passing for 425 yards. Westerhaus has also made sure his completions always move the chains, with his completions averaging 14 yards.

In the passing game, receivers have stepped up and made some great catches to take some pressure off playmaking receiver

Jordan Harris. Sophomore Jose Depadua has scored in both games and has caught for nearly 100 yards. Despite all the defensive attention, Harris has had a nice start to his senior campaign, making ten catches for 196 yards.

One of the major questions coming into this year for the Bulldogs was how they would replace the school's all-time leading rusher Jordan Brown. Although replacing a dynamic and phenomenal player like Brown is almost impossible, Brown's heirs have done an amazing job filling his shoes early in the season.

Bryant's running backs have averaged 187 rushing yards in just two weeks, and have found the end zone on the ground

twice. Junior Ricardo McCray has emerged as the team's leader in the backfield, rushing for over 100 yards in the first two games while averaging five yards per carry.

One of the more surprising parts of the Bulldogs' improved play this season is their defense. This lock-down unit has only surrendered an average of 238 yards per game, including a sensational 30 yards per game on the ground. The team's ability to get to the quarterback and generate turnovers has been the story thus far for this unit. The Bulldogs' feared defense has gotten 10 sacks thus far, nearly half of them coming from seniors Connor Mcnamara and Sam Sammons. Linebacker Bobby Rutland and cornerback Michael

Johnson have been ball hawks for their defense, each having an interception in the first two weeks of this young season. The easiest way for the Bulldogs to put more points on the board is to create more scoring opportunities with turnovers, and this defense has been doing this early on.

Another really important component to the Bulldogs' success is their performance in the red zone. When the Bulldogs make it down into scoring territory, they make the most of their opportunity. Thus far, the offense has scored on 71% of their trips into the red zone. Scoring on this many chances that are given to them has helped the Bulldogs really put some points on the scoreboard.

Despite this improved team, it's still very early in the season, and the Bulldogs must continue to improve to become a legitimate contender in the NEC.

The Bulldogs will hit the road in the next couple of games. The team will hope to get a little revenge against Maine this Saturday after the Bulldogs were crushed by them by 44 points in last season's meeting.

After this game, they will head to Wagner on September 28th for their first conference game of the year. Hopefully, they can use their early victories to build some momentum in these road games. These Bulldogs have given their team and their fans a new sense of hope, and have restored the roar in Bryant football.

A missed opportunity - do athletes take it for granted?

By Justin Beaucage
Sports Editor

A coach walks across the room. He sits down at the table across from you. He slides a contract over to your side of the table. You take one look at the contract and gasp at how many zeros are in your new contract offer. Your coach says, "You have been the face of this franchise for years now. It's time we reward you with this, and you can represent this team for many years to come." Without a moments hesitation, you sign the contract, not only becoming the highest paid player on your team, but ensuring your coach the team has made a wise decision signing you to this more-than-generous contract.

That is usually how every signing in any sport goes. However, lately, the result hasn't been the one that organizations have wanted.

In any sport, a player is signed to positively represent not just a team, but an entire city. They are given these contracts not just to perform on the field, but to act like a role model off of it. Lately, it seems like many athletes skip this second part of the agreement.

In one of the most controversial year spans in sports, many athletes have made headline news for all the wrong reasons. From players getting arrested, players making off-color comments, and even players facing and spending time in jail, many players have made coaches second think their decisions in trusting these players with representing their team. In many of these situations, it seems players just can't handle the fortune and fame, and it all leads to them making irrational and poor decisions. Sure, athletes aren't the only people in the world that get into trouble. However, one would think that someone who is making money and has so much responsibility to such an important organization would make sure that that person is on their best behavior at all times. The same people we watch and awe in highlight reels sometime end up on the nightly news

for something not to cheer for.

It's clear that athletes have run into problems with the law plenty of times. As of late, it seems like it's getting completely out of control. Since NFL commissioner Roger Goodell took over, 395 athletes have been arrested for a variety of crimes, with charges for DUI's and even some players getting convicted for murder. There are also plenty of arrests in other sports, from domestic charges in major league baseball to possession charges in the NBA. No matter what the crime is, these athletes can never stay out of the news.

Over the last couple of years, instead of these athletes putting smiles on our faces, they disappoint and disgust us with some of the morbid stories to hit the news. Stories such as the Penn State sexual scandal, olympian Oscar Pistorious killing his girlfriend, and, most recently, the Patriot's Aaron Hernandez being charged with multiple murders and gang-related activity in the last few years, have made us ashamed of these athletes we used to cheer for.

With all of these heart-aching stories, it raises an interesting question: do athletes take their luxurious lifestyle for granted?

In my opinion, I would say that many of them do, but not all of them. Some athletes are completely grateful for the opportunities that teams around the world have given them. These players will properly represent their team and organization on a night-to-night basis. However, many athletes do not think about what is given to them and really waste this chance they have. What many fans don't think about is where these athletes may come from and their background. Many players come from rough neighborhoods, places where crime is the way of life. For some of these athletes, crime and trouble is the only thing they may know. It is very difficult for them to take all the money and responsibilities that sports teams give to them because of what they have been through in their past.

Not saying that all athletes that come from these bad

neighborhoods are going to do this. Some players that are brought up in the rough cities realize that athletics is their chance to go down the right path and get away from their place of crime. For example, Heat All-Star Lebron James was raised in poverty in Akron, Ohio. Now, he is not only one of the greatest basketball players of this generation, but he is a role model for his fans and the face of the NBA. Lebron's story is one of many athletes that came from some of the roughest areas to become great players and citizens.

So, what happens to the rest of these athletes?

Well, part of it is just the type of person each athlete is. Some people have the mindset to make better of a situation and have the drive and fight for what they want. When a person that is this hungry achieves their goals, they will do whatever it takes to appreciate what they have and behave the proper way. On the other hand, some people don't have that, and are more likely to join the crowd and not really stand out. Athletes who are like those who are around crime in their earlier years might not appreciate what is given to them as much as other players would.

So, taking all this into consideration, how do teams know who's good and who's not? The scary part is there might be a definitive way to figure that out. With so many players getting into so much serious trouble, many leagues may start doing more extensive background checks on players they are thinking of drafting or signing. This may be one of the only few ways to make sure troublemakers don't make it into the league. No matter what, whether athletes appreciate it or not, fans want to make sure they are proud to be represented by these players on their teams.

Welcome back: a review of the NFL's first week

By Justin Beaucage
Sports Editor

From the moment the Super Bowl Champion Baltimore Ravens raised the Lombardi Trophy in February, there was one thought running through every NFL fans' heads: is it September yet? Well, after months of anticipation, after a busy free agency, the NFL draft, and an off-season filled with troubled NFL players, it has finally arrived. What many consider to be a national holiday, there is one thing that makes the second weekend of September special: the NFL is back.

And what an epic return it was for the NFL. In an opening weekend that featured record setting performances, new coaches, two rookie quarterbacks starting, and six playoff teams from last season losing in the first week, there are certainly many questions that fans have about what to take from the first slate of games. Here are eight things that we have learned so far in this young NFL season:

1. Peyton Manning is on a mission: In the first game of the year, Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning certainly kicked off the NFL season with some cruel intentions for the Baltimore Ravens. After losing in the divisional round of the playoffs on an overtime interception to the Ravens, Manning got his revenge and then some on Thursday night. He tied an NFL record with an astounding seven touchdown passes and racked up over 460 yards through the air against this once-dominant Ravens defense.

Manning completed his seven touchdowns to four different receivers, two of them to newly acquired Wes Welker. It's amazing to think Manning could have gotten even better this off-season. However, with his core of receivers and a whole off-season to let his surgically repaired neck heal, Manning did make one thing very clear: he's on mission for his second Super bowl title.

2. The Baltimore Ravens will miss Ray Lewis all season long: After their amazing Super Bowl run in 2012, linebacker Ray Lewis hung up his cleats for good. The Ravens also had to make some very hard decisions in letting go some of their veteran leaders, including

safety Ed Reed. Despite adding pieces, after surrendering seven touchdown passes to Manning on Thursday, the Ravens might want to call Ray Lewis in to dress for one more year.

Baltimore gave up over 500 yards of offense to the Broncos and looked like a shell of the defense they were last year. Baltimore didn't seem prepared for the game at all, as they looked gassed throughout most of the game. Although the unit still has some veterans on defense, it looks like this unit may struggle for most of the season, and will miss Ray Lewis' leadership and presence on the field.

3. Colin Kaepernick may be the best young quarterback in the league: In a league that is run by young star quarterbacks, the 49ers Colin Kaepernick shined the brightest this weekend. Against a team that he defeated in the playoffs last year, he picked up right where he left off against Green Bay, throwing for over 400 yards and three

'Not since the wild cat has an NFL formation taken the league by storm like the read-option.'

touchdowns. Kaepernick might also want to thank the Baltimore Ravens for giving him receiver Anquan Boldin, as he caught for 208 yards receiving and seems to be Kaepernick's new favorite receiver. In his first full year starting, he seemed to have control of his offense, and looked extremely confident making all the throws against a good Green Bay team.

It's amazing to think he has under ten starts in his career and he has had this much success. With performances like this, Kaepernick has established himself as the best young quarterback in the league, and he could be making a case for the league MVP.

4. Teams may have found a way to stop the read-option: Not since the wild cat has an NFL formation taken the league by storm like the read-option. It helped so many young, athletic, mobile quarterbacks make huge impacts and become stars in the NFL. One of the main focuses of defensive coordinators in the offseason was to find a way

to stop this gadget-like offensive system. Well, if the first week shows us anything, they might have found the solution. The top four quarterbacks to use the read-option last season were Cam Newton, Robert Griffin III, Russell Wilson, and Colin Kaepernick. In an offensive system that produces huge rushing yards from quarterbacks, these four only combined for 84 yards rushing. Now, whether this is because the read-option has been stopped, or because teams haven't used their entire playbook is still to be determined. However, it is something we should watch for in the coming weeks.

5. Tom Brady will miss some of his old targets in big games: Patriots Tom Brady had to overcome many changes to his team in the offseason. With his leading receiver changing uniforms, his tight end getting injured, his other tight end facing criminal charges, and having Tim Tebow as his backup in the preseason, it wasn't easy for Brady in the offseason. Early in his first game this season, it showed on the field. Through three quarters, the Patriots trailed the underdog Bills by four points. However, Brady was able to orchestrate some late-game heroics, and pull off the victory.

Despite the great comeback, there should still be some cause for concern in New England. It wasn't a Patriot-like performance for the Brady bunch, as the team was plagued by dropped passes, sloppy play, and crucial turnovers. However, down the stretch, the Patriot's new targets were able to make enough plays to make the game. The Patriots should be thankful to pick up the win with a sloppy first half, and they could lose to some of the better teams in the league if they play like this. With tight end Rob Gronkowski's return, the offense should be able to get back on track a little bit.

6. Chip Kelly's offense in Philadelphia could really change the NFL: In his first game at the professional level, coach Chip Kelly and the Philadelphia Eagles spoiled Robert Griffin III's return on Monday night with a 33-27



Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning tossed seven touchdowns against the Ravens. (MCT Campus)

victory in Washington. Kelly's high-paced offense was extremely impressive in its debut, as it ran the Redskins' defense to the ground while putting up points in bunches. The Eagles ran 53 plays in the first half, the most since the Vikings did that in the 1998 season.

Kelly's run-first offense helped running back Lesean McCoy have a career game in his first game under Kelly, rushing for over 180 yards and a touchdown. Quarterback Michael Vick showed he can take control of his coach's innovative offense, scoring three touchdowns against the Redskins.

Many of the Eagle's playmakers looked comfortable in their new offense. With Kelly's fast system and keeping opposing defenses tired and on their heels, fans could be seeing the next big scheme that makes its own impact in the NFL.

7. Even with a victory, the New York Jets still haven't solved their quarterback situation: Geno Smith had an impressive rookie debut against the Buccaneers on Sunday. Despite all the controversy everyone on the Jets has faced all offseason long, Smith was able to lead his team down the field to set up the game-winning field goal in the final seconds of regulation.

Smith did make a lot of great plays for his team in Sunday's win, throwing for over 250 yards and tossing a touchdown with only one interception. Even with the dramatic victory in the Meadowlands, the quarterback controversy still isn't solved in New York. A late hit on Smith on the final drive really helped the

Jets get into field goal range. If it weren't for that, the Jets wouldn't have started the season with a win. With injured quarterback Mark Sanchez always being head coach Rex Ryan's quarterback, expect some controversy when he returns from injury.

8. With head Coach Sean Payton, the New Orleans Saints are back: Sean Payton made his long-anticipated return to the sideline for the Saints after serving his one-year suspension. For New Orleans, what a difference a great head coach can make. The Saints, who started off the year last season with four losses, defeated the NFC South Champion Atlanta Falcons in dominant fashion.

It was just another day at the office for quarterback Drew Brees, throwing for over 350 yards with a pair of touchdowns. What really stood out in the Saint's performance were the defensive improvements. Defensive coordinator Rob Ryan really improved this unit so far. A team that gave up a record amount of passing yards in 2012, the Saints on Sunday held the high-powered Falcons to just 17 points, and the Saints ended the game on with an interception in the red zone to get the win.

Against a team like Atlanta, if the Saints can play like this every week, they could be real contenders not just in their division, but in the whole NFC.

Week 1 of the NFL really did tell us a lot about what we are in store for this year. With these stories building and so many questions left unanswered, one thing is sure: it's great to have football back.

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Passing the torch - could Johnny Manziel lose the Heisman race to another quarterback?

By Justin Beaucage
Sports Editor

From ranked teams getting upset in the early weeks to players getting half-a-game suspensions, what a wild first two weeks of college football fans have gotten to see. This class of college athletes has the potential to be one of the greatest in recent memory, and some athletes are certainly showing it around the league. Besides everyone's focus on Alabama to see if this collegiate, evil empire can capture its third straight national championship, there is one other award that always gets a lot of attention: the Heisman Trophy.

It may be too early to start picking favorites for college football's best player. However, with such a highly talented class of players, many players of all positions are certainly making their case for college's most coveted individual prize. Last season, Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel shocked the nation by becoming the first freshman to ever win the award, setting an SEC record for total yards by a player. The minute Manziel hit the spotlight; he hasn't seemed to get out of it. With one of the more controversial off-seasons from a college player, Johnny "Football," has certainly put the pressure on himself to repeat as the Heisman winner. Despite this, with all the attention on Manziel, there are many players that are sneaking up on him and are looking to throw him off his Heisman throne.

Early on in the season, they might have a good chance of doing so.

Through the first two weeks of the year, here are five of the top players for college's MVP:

1. Louisville quarterback

Early in the season, the women's soccer team is certainly establishing itself as a legitimate contender in the NEC. This past Tuesday, the team kept fans on the edge of their seats, scoring the game-winning goal in the 86th minute of the game against Holy Cross. Sophomore forward Rachel Ivanicki assisted on a goal to fellow sophomore Scout Benson to give the team their third straight victory. Goalie Kaylan Conrad had a great game from the net, making three saves and completing the shutout. The victory gives the team a 3-3 record through six games.

In addition to what our athletes do on gameday, Bryant is proud for what our players do off the field as well. This past Saturday, the swim and dive team raised \$7,440 dollars at Roger Wheeler State Beach for cancer research. In the competitive swim between nine schools, all the proceeds would go to Swim Across America. They are a non-profit organization that has events across the country to try to make contributions in cancer research. It is certainly nice to see Bryant making such a positive impact in our community.

As of late, winning seems to be the trend here at Bryant. The women's tennis team opened up their 2013 campaign with a dominant victory over Holy Cross, 6-1. It

is the team's first 1-0 start since the 2008 season. Freshmen Marion Bouillin and Ryan Brown impressed in their debut, winning their doubleset, 8-2. They were also dominant in singles play, as senior Stephanie Smyers won her singles match, 6-1, 6-3, to ensure the Bulldogs' first win of the season.

The Bulldogs are dominating on the green early in this sporting season. At the Blue Devils Fall Invitational, sophomore Kyle Buschman carded another two-under 68 in the final round on Monday. Not only did he win the individual title at the invitational, but his performance gave the golf team its first win of the season. Fellow sophomore Joe Walp carded out with a 143 (+3) to give him a top-five finish in the tournament. The performance by the team in the invitational should certainly build some momentum heading into the next tournaments.

The women's field hockey team has gotten off to a fast start this season, and added to their early-impressive season with a 2-1 victory this past Sunday against Harvard. Senior MaKayla Hancock scored her first career goal in the win, while senior Olivia Jenkins scored the go-ahead goal to give the Bulldogs another victory. The win gives the team a 3-1 record.



Despite a suspension, quarterback Johnny Manziel is still in the Heisman race early (MCT Campus)

Teddy Bridgewater (junior): In the first two weeks of the year, Bridgewater has showed not only why he's the top quarterback prospect in the nation, but why he may be college's best player.

In his first two games, he has completed an absurd 76 percent of his passes while passing for nine touchdowns. The only thing stopping Bridgewater from winning the award may be actually throwing his arm off, as he has thrown for over 750 yards early in his junior campaign.

Despite his impressive numbers, the lack of competitive play may hurt Bridgewater's case for the award now, as his first two wins came against Ohio and Eastern Kentucky. He will have plenty of chances to show off his Heisman talents later on in the schedule. As of now, Bridgewater is the clear cut favorite for the award.

2. Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel (red-shirt sophomore): Of course the most talked-about college player since Tim Tebow (for completely different reasons) wouldn't go too

long without making this list.

The reigning Heisman winner faced quite the controversial spring. From complaining about the pressure to partying with underage celebrities to being investigated for receiving money for his autograph, Manziel certainly kept busy this offseason. How entertaining Manziel has been off the field, he has been just as much on it, and he finds himself right with Bridgewater for the award.

There's no denying Manziel's dynamic, sensational talent on the field. He has put up monster numbers early this season, throwing for six touchdowns, three of them coming in less than a half of football when he served a half-game suspension in the opening game. Against Sam Houston State, he threw 403 yards, his second 400 yard performance of his career. Manziel's Heisman stock could all ride on one game coming up this weekend in a game for the ages: a rematch against the number one ranked Alabama.

3. Oregon running back

De'Anthony Thomas (junior):

The first skill position player to make the list, De'Anthony Thomas may be the most exciting player to watch in all of college football. He is an extremely fast, versatile player that is a threat to score from anywhere on the field at anytime. Last season, Thomas captivated Ducks fans with highlight-reel plays week after week. This season, he's picking right up where he left off. Thomas is putting up video game numbers, averaging a phenomenal 8.7 yards per carry. He has blazed by defenses for over 250 yards through 2 games and has found the end zone five times on the ground. If Thomas can keep racking up these sensational numbers, he could be running past these quarterbacks straight to the Heisman trophy.

4. Clemson quarterback

Tajh Boyd (senior): The first senior to make the list, Tajh Boyd is one of the most versatile quarterbacks in the nation. He has a wide set of skills, with a powerful, accurate arm and a set of wheels to take off down

the field. He may be the most dangerous quarterback in all of college football. Fans and analysts wanted to see if Boyd could follow up his great junior campaign and show consistency in his game. Well, for Boyd, so far so good. He has already thrown for 439 and three touchdowns to kick off his final season at Clemson. He has also showed off his legs, rushing for three touchdowns. Although his numbers aren't off the charts, he only played half of the team's second game against South Carolina State, and Boyd also has not thrown an interception in the first two games. What also sets Boyd apart is his play against a ranked team. He led his team to a huge victory against Georgia in the opening week, showing why he should be in New York accepting the Heisman.

5. Florida State quarterback Jameis Winston (red-shirt freshman): Last season, Manziel became the first freshman to ever win the Heisman. Well, in his first game, Jameis Winston showed he's following his path, and why he should be the second one to win it. Although it is just one game, Florida State has every right to be excited for Winston's play. Winston completed an unbelievable 92.6 percent of his passes and threw for 356 yards with four touchdowns in just one game. He also had a rushing touchdown in his first game against Pittsburgh. Many discredit Winston's game because it was against a weak Pittsburgh team. However, it will be interesting to see if he can continue building upon his impressive case for the Heisman.

These five players have set the tone early to make themselves worthy Heisman candidates. The race will be very exciting, and big plays from these phenomenal athletes will look to keep the race for the Heisman close all season.

Sports Shorts

By Justin Beaucage
Sports Editor



Week's Best Sports Tweets

Kevin Durant @KDTrey5

So if you not posting or instagram'n your workouts they didn't happen?

Fab Melo @Fabpmelo

You're doing this lil' dance for me. Damn right you're excited.

Mike Vick @MikeVick

#MambaApproved RT @kobebryant: Great Flow #Eagles . #keepfocus lgm doesn't make a season but its a damn good start !

Darrelle Revis @Revis24

Great game against my old team. Wish we could of got a win. It was good to play against those guys. They showed a lot of class out there!!!



“Went to New Jersey”
Holly Butts
‘16

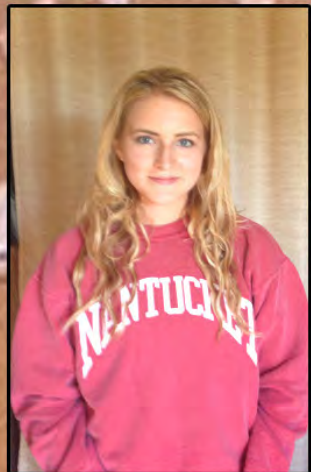
“Got my License”
Amreen Ahmad ‘17



“Worked at a Summer Camp for rich kids”
Harry Veilleux



“On crutches for a week”
David Pepin
‘17



Drove to Misquamicut Beach at 2AM
Shannon Fowler ‘17

“Cliff Diving”
June Candland ‘16



WHAT IS THE CRAZIEST THING YOU DID THIS

Summer

“Zip Lining in Haiti”
Sonia Torretta ‘16



“Visited Virginia Beach”
-Chandler Palmier ‘17



Bisexuality: ignorance and myths

By Sara Elder

Assistant Editor-in-Chief



Labeling is easy. You're gay – you're a guy, you like guys. You're straight – you're a girl, and you like guys. But when we get into those grey areas of sexuality that exist, people get confused. And when people get confused, they start believing all sorts of myths. Bisexuality is misunderstood all the time, and as a bisexual female, I've heard all sorts of crazy things.

Some people think bisexuality is a cop-out. They think homosexual men and women claim to be bisexual when they're coming out to avoid the stigma or that straight men and women use the term

when they're confused or undecided. This isn't false; there are people who do this. But for most bisexuals, it's not a cop-out.

In fact, bisexuals receive a lot of antagonism from both sides of the spectrum. We often receive the same lack of acceptance as others in the LGBT community, but along with that, there is often ill-will towards bisexuals within the LGBT community. Some bisexuals are rejected from their own community for not being "gay enough" or not being fully out of the closet.

One of my favorite myths is that bisexuals don't actually exist. There are many people who insist that bisexuals are just heterosexuals or homosexuals "experimenting." I have actually had friends not-so-subtly tell me I can't actually be bisexual. Let's just say it's hard to stay friends with someone who doesn't believe in your orientation.

Another myth about bisexuals is that we are all promiscuous. People see two girls making out at a party and automatically associate bisexuals with that behavior. They think bisexual means girls willing to make out with other girls while their boyfriends watch. This leads into another myth...

No, all bisexuals aren't all interested in having threesomes. Most of us

aren't interested in becoming a kinky experiment for a couple. We want the same thing most people want: a solid relationship with somebody we love. We're just open to both genders.

But some of us, yes, are more open than others. There are bisexual women who have never even dated another female, and there are bisexual men who

is bisexual – they just lean strongly one way or another. While this may be true for a lot of people who find themselves attracted to both genders, it is not true of everyone. Your sexual orientation is yours to decide.

You're bisexual if you consider yourself bisexual. And if that changes at any point, let it be because you decided for yourself,

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have had a steady stream of boyfriends. Bottom line? We're all different. Just like everybody else, some of us have more experience than others.

Some bisexuals are in committed, man-woman, heterotypical marriages. That doesn't mean he or she is not bisexual anymore. Another thing people love to say is that everyone is bisexual. Ever since people started recognizing the Kinsey scale and the shades of grey in between the black and white hetero and homosexual polar ends, there are many people who like to claim everyone

not because society (or even the LGBT community) is telling you to conform to one of their preferred archetypes.

When it comes down to it, bisexuals aren't mythical creatures; we're real and generally happy with who we are. We're not here to make out with your girlfriends, steal your boyfriends, or spice up your love lives. We have sexual preferences just like everybody else. And like everyone else, we're all usually looking for the same thing: to love and be loved.

Seniors: say adios to Pepé Le Pew!

Respect the townhouse community - throw away your cans, bottles, and cups - then Mr. Skunk will go away

Kelsey Nowak

Editor-in-Chief

It is safe to say that the seniors are thrilled to finally be living in townhouses at Bryant. Most students look forward to such a great living opportunity for three years, and the opportunity to live in one has finally become a reality for many in the Class of 2014. That's what makes it more disappointing to see all of the litter, broken glass, cans, and bottles laying around on Saturday and Sunday morning.

Students are not being asked to stop spending their weekends at the townhouses, and nobody is fining students for the trash they leave. But Bryant holds students to high academic standards, and Bryant's campus grounds are always maintained to high standards as well, so why are the townhouses considered an exception to this rule?

I understand what occurs at the townhouses on the weekends but that doesn't mean that we should be treating our living area with such disregard. Throwing away a can, bottle, cup, or piece of trash should be second nature to everyone by now, even while under the influence.

In addition to the unpleasant nature of the townhouses being trashed each weekend, most people don't realize or care that facilities has to clean up after us on Monday mornings. This is beyond unfair to our facilities staff. As far as I know, they don't come to Bryant to participate in Friday and Saturday night shenanigans so why are they cleaning up after us come Monday?

Obviously, there are many visitors to the townhouses throughout the weekend, and they don't seem to respect Bryant's community as much as one may hope; however, seniors should be setting an example by throwing cups, bottles, and cans into receptacles, not on the ground. It is our community of townhouses, and we are the ones who wake up to the mess on Saturday and Sunday mornings. We should hold ourselves and others responsible for their actions while visiting our living area. The trash left around the townhouses after the weekend is not just unpleasant; it's a matter of safety.

I have yet to figure out why students feel the need to throw bottles on the ground. It must give some really boring people an adrenaline rush. Most of us, on the other hand, don't appreciate the activity. Not only is it dangerous when the person throws it, but it is also dangerous for the next week while we all dodge and avoid the broken glass. It is still flip flop season, and I don't think I'm alone when I say I prefer to keep my feet in one piece. So please, stop throwing bottles unless you are throwing them away in a trash can.

To help with this, there will be new trash receptacles installed in the townhouse areas soon. Townhouse residents recently received (or will shortly receive) an email from

their RD regarding trash receptacles. The ones we currently have are insufficient for the trash we all create on a daily basis so new ones that hold more will be put out shortly. They will also be emptied daily to prevent trash overflowing onto the ground, porches, back decks, or walkways.

Townhouse RD Kyle Meadows said, "When disposing of everyday trash, please make sure you are placing it in tightly sealed trash bags and disposing it in the proper areas. All trash bags should be brought to the nearest receptacle, and not left outside of your door, house, or in your backyard area."

Many of you may consider this to be boring news, but for those of us who have had a run in with Mr. Skunk, I hope the trash won't be on the ground any longer, and then maybe Mr. Skunk will be displeased by the lack of leftover food selection and go elsewhere as a result.

So if you appreciate the townhouses – both the opportunity to live there and visit them on the weekends – please respect them and dispose of your trash properly. Farewell Mr. Skunk.



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The on-campus effect of off-campus threats

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Before the advent of the Internet, it made sense for schools to discipline students only for what they said and did when they were on school property. However, it's now possible for a student to disrupt the learning environment by pecking out threats on their home computer or on the telephone they carry on the school bus. Should administrators be able to hold students accountable for misbehavior on this virtual campus?

We think so, and so does the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. The court ruled last week that public schools may punish conduct that poses a risk of substantial disruption even if the conduct takes place off school property. The ruling upheld the 90-day expulsion imposed on a high school student in Minden, Nev., who used MySpace to send instant messages that threatened classmates and mentioned the 2007 massacre at Virginia Tech. Landon Wynar argued that his temporary expulsion from Douglas High School violated both his free speech rights and his constitutional right to due process. In a landmark 1969 case, the Supreme Court rightly ruled that students don't, "shed their constitutional rights to freedom of speech or expression at the schoolhouse gate." But, that same decision allowed administrators to sanction student expression that was reasonably likely to create, "substantial disruption of or material interference with school activities," or violate, "the rights of other students to be secure and to be let alone."

It's an understatement to say that Wynar's messages satisfied that legal test. He wrote that, "its pretty simple / I have a sweet gun / my neighbor is giving me 500 rounds ... I've watched these kinds of movies so I

know how NOT to go wrong." He indicated that he would, "only kill the people I hate" including, "the blacks / and mexicans / halfbreeds / atheists / french / gays / liberals." (Wynar told school officials the messages were jokes.)

The more difficult question for the court was whether school administrators could punish Wynar for messages he typed at his home. Acknowledging that some federal judges have expressed a different opinion, Judge M. Margaret McKeown concluded, "when faced with an identifiable threat of school violence, schools may take disciplinary action in response to off-campus speech expression" consistent with rules announced by the Supreme Court.

That's a sensible conclusion. Students do have free-speech rights, even in the classroom, and the courts are right to intervene when administrators overreact to a student's exercise of that right, whether it's an antiwar black armband, a T-shirt opposing gay marriage or a "boobie bracelet" worn to express solidarity with breast cancer patients. But when a student seems to target vulnerable classmates, nothing in the Constitution prevents administrators from taking action, whether he tapped out his message in a school computer lab or in the solitude of his bedroom.



NSA spying on Americans raises Silicon Valley questions

MCT Campus

Revelations that the National Security Agency has cracked the encryption technology that protects Internet users' privacy could lead to a nightmare for Silicon Valley.

Valley firms need to immediately spread sunshine on their role in NSA's work and assure consumers that their legitimate privacy concerns are being addressed by private industry, if not the government. Companies need to specifically inform users how much of the NSA's success was due to the government's investment of billions on code-breaking supercomputers to get around encryption, and how much was because NSA partnered with tech companies who provided back-door access to information. Reports so far are inconclusive.

Consumer trust is at stake. If it plunges, so will the strength of Internet commerce.

Silicon Valley has spent four decades cultivating its image as the place to get rich while making the world a better place. That last point won't hold up if

consumers believe tech firms are complicit in what appears to be illegal government espionage on Americans. It's a short leap to think the companies themselves are exploiting data people were led to believe is protected by solid encryption.

It's one thing for tech companies to help federal agents track potential terrorists when shown sufficient cause. It's another if they've given

explaining Yahoo's effort to protect consumers from government surveillance. It was a significant win for transparency.

But it's increasingly clear that Americans are in the dark about the extent to which both technology firms and the government are tracking our everyday lives.

Tech firms need to lead the way in demonstrating that

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government spies the unlimited ability to pry into users' private emails, see where they go and who they meet and take fishing expeditions into their personal medical and financial records. If it's possible not to mention legal for the government to do this, why not others?

In July, Yahoo persuaded the secretive U.S. Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court to declassify legal briefs

legitimate terrorist threats can be investigated while still protecting Americans' privacy. They also need to be users' No. 1 advocate in preventing unnecessary and illegal intrusions into our most private information, or else consumers will no longer want that information to be online.

Bryant Said What?!

Compiled by Bryant Students

"Why don't you just stab me in the eyeballs?!"

"You have to say bullshit when it's bullshit."

"All I need in life is Sangria."

"I'm riding the struggle bus today."

"Yeah, well I'm driving it."

"She can pay for school with her dance skills."

"I feel like I'm gonna die down here."

Profit and Loss

\$ Archway welcomes the class of 2017 with a record high number of 912 students.

\$ Bryant has become 14th in Regional Universities, and is 2nd on Up and Coming Schools." -U.S. News Education

■ Surprise! Not all halls on campus have A.C.!

■ We wish you the best of luck trying to open your new mailboxes.

It isn't all that bad

By Alex Pantani
Contributing Writer

The transition from being a high school athlete to not playing collegiate athletics can be difficult. For some, it's life changing. For the first time in your life there's no required practice to attend. You don't have to miss some birthday party or special event for a hockey game in New Jersey. You can breathe, and sleep in on the weekends instead of the 6 AM swimming warm-up prior to a meet.

Excelling in high school sports comes easily for some while others play because they possess the love for their desired sport. A select few will get the opportunity to continue playing the sport at the collegiate level. For the individuals who don't get this opportunity, they find themselves in the general population. A NARP is a non-athletic regular person. They do everything else an athlete on a college campus would do just not practice and participate on a collegiate team.

The transition can be difficult but there are a few options people seem to forget about when entering their first year at school. Within this rather large group of high school athletes coming into college not to play a college sport, you'll find a select few who will revert to going to the gym instead of playing sports. That's a wonderful idea, just be smart and don't get hurt.

Another option college kids seem to forget about is intramurals and club sports.

Although you may have not played the sport in high school, it's a great time to learn. There are the bowling club, golf club, running club, rugby club, intramural football; the list goes on. The best part is regardless the size of the campus, the college, or university, all will have options for you. Take advantage of these opportunities because you'll find a large group of people in the same 'boat' as you. You might even find yourself on the same team as a best friend or a future girlfriend. Plus, if you played a team sport, a former athlete will know what it feels like to have lost that team feeling.

The other side to some former high school athletes is you've played enough sports up to this point in time. You want a break. Go ahead, take the break but recognize the amount of clubs or organizations Bryant has to offer. With over 100 clubs and organizations to join, you're bound to find something you enjoy taking part in. You also have a few fraternities and sororities on campus.

Although these options are not athletic related items, you're still a part of a team. Take advantage of the opportunities. Don't let your first year, or any year, go to waste. You only get so many years to take advantage of the opportunities that come along with your education. Take pride in being called a NARP, kill it academically, and join some clubs. Be a part of something because less than 1% of college athletes will go to the pros.

The Syrian Dilemma

By Tyler Donovan
Contributing Writer

Give most Americans a map of the Middle East and they would not be able to pinpoint Syria. Yet, this country located directly west of Iraq and south of Turkey, has been the topic of the majority of news stories every time we turn on our televisions. The dilemma is whether the United States should utilize our military in order to retaliate for a chemical weapons attack that the Syrian President ordered on his own people.

Like many Middle Eastern countries Syria has been blanketed in religious wars, border debates, and rebel upstart groups that clash with the government no matter what. In 2011 Syria experienced the same Arab Spring that was seen in countries such as Libya and Egypt. Similarly to those countries the peaceful protests quickly developed into angry clashes and a developing uprising was formed.

As of today Syria is in a full out civil war,

with several different rebel groups attacking the military and battles rising throughout the country. A number of civilians have been caught in this awful crossfire, and reports of the government attacking their own civilians have also surfaced. The United Nations has reported over 100,000 civilians have been killed since 2011 due to this conflict alone. Due to this high casualty rates the United States has been keeping a close eye on the conflict as it had unfolded, and our President set a "red line" that Syria may not cross. This red line was in relation to the chemical weapon arsenal that President Assad controls. Essentially the red line was saying if you use them, you deal with us.

Well just a couple weeks ago, exactly a year after that red line was set, it was crossed. Assad turned his chemical weapons on his own people, and even worse his countries youth. Over 200 innocent civilians and some children were left to suffocate because of the use of chemical weapons.

Now the United States and our President stand at a crossroad. Do we have utilize our military force and strike Syria for this awful attack, or do we stay out in let the civil war unfold. Personally it's hard to find a right answer, yes this has been an awful war and it needs to end, but a few missile strikes on a couple of locations will not end this awful bloodshed. The answer is no, the United States does not need to be the world's policeman, especially after everything we have experienced in the Middle East. Our country cannot afford risk being sucked into another war, and we also cannot use military force every time a moral wrongdoing is committed. The situation in Syria is awful, and so are the images but currently it is not the United States position to act.



President Barack Obama arrives at the U.S. Capitol for meetings concerning the situation in Syria on Tuesday, September 10, 2013, in Washington D.C. (MCT Campus)

Freshman Living: Round Two

After my freshman year in Hall 16, I decided that going back wouldn't be that awful

By David Bader
Contributing Writer

Everyone experiences déjà vu a couple of times in their life. For the past week I've been having it every day. Not only am I living in a freshman hall for my sophomore year, but I'm living on the same floor in the same building.

Why you ask? The reason for my unfortunate housing situation is that my good friend became an RA and we had planned to room with each other, along with my current suitemates. Now, being in a freshman hall does have its advantages. These consist of a bigger common room, two showers, a bigger bathroom, and air conditioning.

Unfortunately, we also have bag checks on the weekends and we have to deal with the freshmen who seem to always have to travel in packs of ten! One of my favorite things about living in this hall is that I can see the mistakes that I made last year from a different perspective. Seeing people go down to the townhouses at 8:30 for them only to come back up at 8:45 because nobody is down there yet is always funny. I have also had to teach one guy how to use the

washer and dryer because he was afraid he was going to break the machine and shrink his clothes.

I complain a lot about living in Hall 16, but it's really not that bad. Despite having to explain to people in the building why I am living here again and the look on their faces when I tell them that "Yes, I am a sophomore," freshman hall living isn't torture. It's interesting to watch the freshmen from a different point of view. I look back on my experiences and interactions with people every time I pass one of my hallmates.

College is a time for learning and that's what all these freshmen are going to do. So, freshman, take advantage of it. There are halls much worse out there on campus. Yes, there are bag checks and RAs on duty, but in the end, freshmen dorm living is the way to go.

I would say if I could do it again I would, but obviously I made that quite obvious. To all new freshmen here, take advantage of your living space. Respect it, meet new friends and your RAs, and make the best of it. You're only in a freshman dorm once, or if you're lucky like me, twice.

BRYANT SENIOR ADVISORY COUNCIL NOMINATIONS APPLICATIONS DUE BY SEPTEMBER 27

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. The nomination/application form is attached. Please return all nominations/ applications to the President's Office by September 27, 2013.

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.

Horror-comedy: laugh, scream, and pee your pants

By Sara Elder

Assistant Editor-in-Chief

Americans love to combine things. We don't want just a sandwich; we want a sandwich with fries and a drink. We can't resist buy one-get one sales. Our cable TV comes bundled with phone and internet, and we celebrate anytime we get to kill two birds with one stone.

But more than anything, we like everything with a touch of comedy. We want our news with comedy a la Saturday Night Live, The Colbert Show, or The Daily Show. And we absolutely love combining movie genres. What's better than a dramedy that can make you cry and laugh? Or a rom-com that tugs on your heart and makes you pee your pants in laughter? And even more recently, we like to be scared out of our minds while also getting a laugh in an up-and-coming movie genre, horror comedy.

This is a genre I've loved for a while, because I've always had a hard time giving into the suspension of disbelief in horror movies. There are so many flaws in so many of the movies. Why on Earth are you opening that door? Why didn't you call the police when you heard that noise outside your house? And really, why, *why* did you just have to turn around?

And comedy movies often don't live up to their expectations either. The jokes fall flat, and sometimes there just isn't enough action to hold the movie together. But instead of laughing at ill-conceived horror movies or being scared of just how unfunny some comedy movies are, you can laugh and scream (does actually scream while watching movies

anymore?) at the same time.

Here's a few of my favorite horror-comedy films in order of the year released. Some of these are satirical horrors, some are parodies, and others conform much more to one genre or the other, but these are all movies that are considered part of the genre.

1. Scary Movie

The oldest movie on this list, being released in the year 2000, is one of my favorite movies. Now I'm not talking about Scary Movie 4 or the more recent flop, Scary Movie 5. I'm not even talking about Scary Movie 3. (Scary Movie 2 was all right). I'm talking about the original. The original Scary Movie was a great movie and one of the best examples of a parody movie done right. It was clever and witty, taking ideas from classic horror films such as *Scream* and *I Know What You Did Last Summer*. As far as this list goes, it had one of the best balances of horror to comedy. If you haven't seen it, watch it. There are some great scenes in it – including one where a superficial, arrogant teenager named Brenda mocks her killer while he's killing her.

2. Zombieland

I've watched many, many zombie movies, and *Zombieland* is one of my favorite comedies and zombie movies. It's the second-highest grossing zombie film in the United States and even beat out my beloved *Dawn of the Dead*. The characters are what really make this movie worthwhile. They're original and unique, and the interactions between them all are hilarious. Plus, Emma Stone is in it. And everybody knows Emma Stone can do no wrong. The

highlight of the movie, besides Bill Murray's cameo, is Woody Harrelson's character's search for his favorite food, Twinkies.

3. Cabin in the Woods

I think *Cabin in the Woods* was an overrated movie, and I'm not a fan of the ending (which makes or breaks a movie for me), but I do think it was a good example of the horror-comedy genre. The movie had plenty of laughs, and the plethora of monsters and creatures used in the movie could scare anybody in their right mind. Unlike *Zombieland*, the characters are forgettable but the plot and meta aspect of the movie are not. It's fast on its way to becoming a cult-favorite, and the movie's playful way of handling the genre was inspired.

4. Warm Bodies

Again, I am a huge zombie movie fan, and I could not wait for this zombie movie to come out. The idea of re-personifying zombies and "curing" them was a funny, new take on zombie movies. Nicholas Hoult's character was reminiscent of so many Jesse Eisenberg characters we're a fan of now (see *Zombieland*). As the zombie, nicknamed R, his internal stream of thoughts are the best and funniest parts of the movie. There is not a lot of horror, but the "bad" zombies, the skullies, are definitely frightening for the most part.

5. This is the End

I will see any movie with James or Dave Franco in it. I just love them; the Francos are my weakness. There are only one or two movies I haven't seen with either of these brothers in them, but I'm working on it. Fortunately, between Dave



Woody Harrelson in *Zombieland*. (MCT Campus)

Franco's role as Perry in *Warm Bodies*, and James Franco's slightly-fictitious portrayal of himself in *This is the End*, I managed to include them both on this list.

This is the End is one of those rare movies where celebrities playing themselves didn't completely ruin the film. It just came out this summer, and despite some raunchy humor (and a vague Pineapple Express vibe at times), it was a hilarious movie with more than a few moments of fear and horror to appease fans of both genres. The best part of the movie is the realism. While you're watching the 6 friends trying to survive the apocalypse together without leaving the house, you just know

that you would act the same way as at least one of the actors in the situation. The characters all made realistic choices, and the far-fetched concept of a judgment day was juxtaposed nicely with it. It was a horror movie that did in fact let me give in to their suspension of disbelief.

These are all examples of how amazing, funny, and scary the genre can be and how far it can stretch the limits of both horror and comedy movies. The genre is expanding all the time, and it dates as far back as the 1920s. We're only now realizing the full potential of the genre and what can be accomplished with it.

This fall's hottest, new fashion trends to look for

By Lauren Kordalski

Variety Editor

With the warm summer weather slowly giving way to a fall-ish chill, all of us fashionistas are not-so-patiently waiting to whip out our newest pair of rockin' knee-high boots. Checking the weather each day, and deciding that we can't get away with wearing those boots in 70 degree weather, we must unfortunately wait for the appropriate time to premier our fall gear. Luckily, within the next few weeks, that glorious time will be upon us. With exciting new trends to explore each year, this fall is looking especially promising in the fashion department.

Starting from the bottom up, possibly the most important accessory for the season has to be a classic pair of boots, easily paired with all of your fall outfits! Throughout the fall, I find myself reverting to skinny jeans and boots as my everyday uniform, never wanting to compromise my cozy booted feet for a pair of flats. I find myself coordinating my outfit color scheme to

'Paired with a solid pair of boots, patterned pants offer a unique alternative to the solid pant-patterned shirt combination most of us are used to.'

those of fall, meaning my brown boots will get a lot of wear this season! From Charlotte Russe to Amazon to Bloomingdale's and Nordstrom, boots are offered at nearly every price range this fall.

Complimenting your snazzy footwear, patterned

pants are all the rage this season, adding a touch of fun to every outfit. Paired with a solid pair of boots, patterned pants offer a unique alternative to the solid pant-patterned shirt combination most of us are used to. This trend is perfect for fall, as it caters to the cozy sweater weather the season brings. Toss on a pair of brown boots, awesome printed pants, and a chunky solid sweater, and you'll be the face of fashion this fall.

If it's a particularly chilly day and a jacket is (unfortunately) necessary, don't get discouraged by the cold weather because it gives you an opportunity to sport another fall fashion trend. Fall jackets are notoriously fun and stylish, and this year is no exception.

Pleather is just one of the lasting popular fall trends that seems to pop up year after year. Now featured in seasonal colors from varying browns, oranges, and even red if you're daring, a pleather jacket can spice up any outfit while still keeping you warm! If you're feeling even more adventurous, faux-fur is a sassy alternative to leather, and a popular trend this fall. If both trends are a little too bold for your tastes-don't fret-classic patterns such as houndstooth and plaid are everlastingly popular, and adorable for the upcoming season! Forever 21 reigns supreme in the funky pants category, with dozens featured on their website.

Topping off your already-fabulous outfit, accessories such as hats, gloves, headbands, and of course, jewelry, can make for a nice addition. If you're a hat person, now is the time to rock them as fedoras, beanie's, and pageboys reign supreme this season. Completing any outfit while keeping your head toasty, this accessory is both functional and fashionable. Ear warmers, doubling as headbands, can also make for a charming practical accessory. If you're feeling extra chilly, many stores offer adorable matching hat and glove combinations, perfect

for a cold November day. Pulling the outfit together with some cool earrings or your favorite necklace, you'll be ready to step into the cold with style.

Fall is the perfect time to mix and match funky patterns, bold colors, and stand-out accessories.

The weather may be cold, but the fashion has never been hotter. Recycling old trends while incorporating the new will keep your outfits fresh and stylish. With many combinations to choose from, have fun choosing your fall outfits; after all, tis' the season for fabulous fashion.



Patterned pants and bold-colored accessories are essential this fall. (MCT Campus)

Newest Star Trek movie impresses



A scene from *Star Trek: Into Darkness* (MCT Campus)

By AJ Beltis
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These days, most people can't think of Star Trek without making an association to Sheldon Cooper on, "The Big Bang Theory," who not only bears a remarkable similarity to the character of Mr. Spock, but idolizes the entire Trekkie fandom. *Star Trek Into Darkness* manages to convey a magnificent blend of action and exposition, leading me to believe that Sheldon would definitely approve of the new addition to this timeless franchise. And it gets my approval as well.

A follow up to the 2009 hit, *Star Trek Into Darkness* takes place one year after the first film's events. Kirk still captains the U.S.S. Enterprise with a seemingly careless and reckless attitude, while the half-human, half-emotionless Vulcan Spock continues to balance logical reasoning with his emotions and feelings, much to the frustration of his girlfriend, Uhura (Zoë Saldana).

After a member of their Enterprise committee is murdered, Kirk, Spock, and the entire Enterprise crew embark on a hunt for the man who did it, Khan, a superhuman fresh out of cryogenic sleep. Khan's motives and ultimate goals

become apparent, leading to secrets that corrupt the integrity of The Federation being exposed. Khan is both a villain and a victim, but by the end of the movie, we only really care about him being one of those two.

I'm not a Trekkie, and so the only other Star Trek movie I had seen prior to this was the 2009 reboot. However, I was familiar enough with the storyline to understand the massive undertaking that the creation of 2009's *Star Trek* was. This sequel lacks the marvelously ingenious ideas present in the first movie, but still succeeds nonetheless. The performances are among the best I've seen in a sci-fi movie, particularly those of Zachary Quinto and Benedict Cumberbatch.

Aside from a latter half that didn't quite meet the standards set by the first, and occasionally unsatisfactory character development, *Star Trek Into Darkness* is a welcome addition to the *Star Trek* universe, the growing list of high-quality sci-fi movies, and J.J. Abrams' expert filmography. Hopefully all summer blockbusters follow the example of quality filmmaking set by this film.

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Gigs of the Month

September bands not to miss



By Stephanie Barrett
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ALT-J (Δ)

Bank of America Pavillion in Boston, MA
September 13, 2013 Genre: Indie

With an extremely unique vocal lead and intimate vibe, UK-based group Alt-J (formerly known as Daljit Dhaliwal) is quickly gaining respect in the music industries all over the world. Their debut album "An Awesome Wave" has created a following of thousands of dedicated fans.

Along with talented bands including Vampire Weekend, The National and The XX, Alt-J was nominated for the AIM Independent Music Awards this year. They were also nominated for the People award for Most Played New Independent Act along with bands such as Alabama Shakes and Django Django and for Hardest Working Band/Artist.

Members of Alt-J consist of: Thomas Green (drums), Gus Unger-Hamilton (electric keyboard), Gwil Sainsbury (Bass guitar), and Joe Newman (guitar/lead Vocals).

Deer Tick

The Met in Pawtucket, RI
September 14, 2013 Genre: Folk/Alternative

This past summer the Providence-natives known as Deer Tick performed in Newport for Rhode Island's annual Newport Folk Festival, and the band will soon be back in RI on their current tour. The Met is a small venue which will be holding an outdoor concert in its courtyard called "DUDESMASH 2" presented by Deer Tick and radio station 95.5 WRBR.

Opening for Deer Tick are the following bands: The Low Anthem, Jonny Fritz, Joe Fletcher & The Wrong Reasons, T Hardy Morris, Toy Soldiers, Last Good Tooth, Ravi Shavi, The Colour Kult, and Vio / Mire.

Deer Tick has been around nine years and has toured and collaborated with many other folk, blues and indie bands; lead vocalist, and former member of the group, John McCauley also made an album (self-titled) with the band "Middle Brother" which consists of McCauley, Taylor Goldsmith of "Dawes" and Matt Vasquez of "Delta Spirit". Current band members: John J. McCauley III (guitar/vocals), Christopher Dale Ryan-PC Alumni (bass guitar), Dennis Ryan (drums), Ian O'Neil (guitar), and Rob Crowell (Keyboard/saxophone).

The Poetry Corner

Guardian Angel

With you by my side,
I could take on anything.
I wouldn't have to hide,
From anything fate will bring.

They say God gives you the people you need,
For a day, a month, a year, or a lifetime.
The day you leave, a lifetime it will not precede,
You're my motivation to breathe, to smile, to rhyme.

I'd do anything to always have your chest to seek shelter,
To get away from the rest.
When life becomes helter-skelter,
I'll have only one simple request.

Stay with me forever,
Loyalty never an issue.
Want you to leave, I'd never,
My faith in you is nothing but true.

Take my hand,
Never let go.
Together we shall stand,
As it should have been long ago.

By Ashley Smith

When America Changed Forever

12 years ago we were reminded that America is not invincible. We were reminded that a terror attack can happen close to home.

On the morning of September 11, 2001, two planes were hijacked and crashed into the Twin Towers in New York City. Another was crashed into the Pentagon. A fourth plane crashed in a field in Pennsylvania, believed to be on course for Washington.

As millions watched live footage of the devastation, they were speechless. People could only ask "why?"

In New York, smoke filled the air. The towers were burning over the city. With these attacks, almost 3000 people died. Rescue teams rushed in, risking and sacrificing their lives to help others in need. Since that day, thousands of young soldiers have given their lives for the American people and for the war on terror, all over the world, in the ironic fight for peace.

The events of 9/11 demonstrated why we are the "United" States of America. Although some may fall, we stand as one.

Twelve years ago we were reminded that for every evil person, there are hundreds of heroes. We were reminded that for every bad heart, there are millions of good hearts.

By Rick Garceau

I've had **2** *dream jobs* *Both at PwC*

— **Penelope Moreno**
Manager

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