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Smithfield seeks to tax Bryant

Bryant students tuition potentially affected by political act

By Kathryn Valentini
Staff Writer

On January 16th, 2013 the Rhode Island General Assembly proposed Legislation 2013 – S 0026: An Act Relating to Bryant University.

Avarice. Greed. Whatever you want to call it, the Town of Smithfield and the Rhode Island General Assembly are after Bryant University for money. And if the legislation passes students will not be able to evade the effects of these consequences. President Ronald K. Machtley was back at the State House yesterday, arguing against the unjust, greedy legislation that the General Assembly has been pushing through the House. If passed, this bill will deem Bryant University no longer a tax exempt, non-profit institution, leading to tax payments to the Town of \$2.5 million dollars per year. At this point, some of you may be wondering what could be so terrible about this, or how it would possibly affect us students. But don't put the paper down yet, because if passed, Bryant students are certainly going to share in the widespread effects.

Among some of the most negative effects resulting from this legislation being passed

include an increase in student tuition beyond the normal inflationary increase (students, if you didn't get it, this is where we feel the effects). This is primarily due to the fact that 89% of Bryant University's revenue comes from the money they collect from students' tuition, room, and board. Beginning with an estimated \$1,000 increase in tuition in order to pay this tax, that number would grow each year as tuition increases. This number comes from a percentage taken from our tuition that would normally be left off of our tuition bill because Bryant is currently a non-profit, private institution.

Now, why should an outstanding institution like Bryant University be forced to pay extra to a community that it already contributes so much to? Senator Steven Archambault, Representative Thomas Winfield and Representative Gregory Costantino are fighting tooth and nail to take away Bryant's non-profit standing so that they may simultaneously tax our institution and get their fifteen minutes of fame.

Not only does Bryant University take up a small 2.5% of the town's acreage (unlike Providence, which is 40% non-profit), but the amount of money and opportunity that Bryant gives to the community is far more



than really needed. According to arguments made by President Machtley, "Bryant puts no strain on the Smithfield public school system," but rather "our programs enrich the educational experience available to K-12 students." So, it seems that the General Assembly could penalize one of the most outstanding, stand-up institutions in the state. Please explain how that's fair?

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Bryant signs monumental education exchange agreement with China

By Tim Loeffler
Contributing Writer

April 7th 2013 marked a monumental day for Bryant University; the school was visited by several officials from China. The officials that were present included Vice Minister of Education of China Dr. Hao Ping, a delegation from Beijing Institute Technology Zhuhai, a delegation from China University of Geosciences (Wuhan) (CUG), and education commissioners from several provinces. Also in attendance were representatives of the Chinese Consulate in New York, Rhode Island Lt. Governor Elizabeth Roberts, and several members of the Bryant University Board of Trustees.



President Machtley and Chinese delegates look over the Shu Fang Zhai model. (Kongli Liu)

With such a diverse array of political figures some would be curious as to why they were all here in the first place? Shu Fang Zhai and Bryant's China Initiative is the simple answer. What is Shu Fang Zhai exactly? It is a portion of the Forbidden City in China that Bryant is having built on the campus. The reason for all the political presence on campus was to have some final preparation before the occurs and also sign two important agreements with partner universities in China.

The event began at approximately three in the afternoon, and for a half an hour all the guests present were encouraged to mingle amongst themselves while the other guests were arriving. During this time all the guests were served with delectable hors d'oeuvres and drinks. The President's home had three tables set up; one for a model of Shu Fang Zhai, another for several decorations including a lavish bell set that was

presented to President Machtley by the delegation from CUG for Bryant's 150th anniversary, and the middle one for the agreements that needed to be signed.

Once all of the guests arrived the official business of the event began. The first signing was between President Machtley and Dr. Tangguang Wang, Chairman of the Board of Beijing Institute of Technology Zhuhai. The agreement is about a 2+2 program that enables qualified Chinese students to study 2 years in Zhuhai and then transfer to Bryant to study for another 2 years for an undergraduate degree. The second signing was between President Machtley and Dr. Hao Xiang, Chairman of the Council of CUG. This agreement is about recruiting CUG graduates to come to study in Bryant's new Master of Science Program in Global Environmental Studies.

Before the signing President Machtley thanked all the attendees for making it and then briefly reviewed the plans for the Forbidden City project and Bryant's China initiative. After the agreements were signed, the Vice Minister presented President Machtley with a jade statue, and President Machtley gave the Vice Minister souvenirs of Bryant's 150th anniversary.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, all guests walked outside of President Machtley's home to watch the special performance by Bryant University Dragon Dance Team, the only college student dragon dance team in North America. Then VIP guests were taken on a campus tour with President Machtley to see Bryant's U.S.-China Institute and Confucius Institute, site for the future Shu Fang Zhai, China research in the science labs, and the library. The event also attracted reporters from the media, including China Daily, the Providence Journal, and Providence Business News.



President Machtley and Dr. Tangguang Wang signing an agreement for the 2+2 Program. (Kongli Liu)



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Campus Calendar

April	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	High/Low 42/37	High/Low 55/40	High/Low 52/38	High/Low 56/44	High/Low 60/47	High/Low 60/48	High/Low 55/45

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 PUT IT ON THE CAMPUS CALENDAR!**

Bulldog Bulletin

The Archway: Writers' Meetings, Mondays 4:30pm, Bryant Center Room 2A/B
Bryant Players: Tuesdays, 5pm, Bello 214
Pride: Thursdays, 5:30pm, Heritage
SPB: Mondays, 4:30pm, South

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Department of Public Safety Log

STUDENT CONDUCT
 APR 4 2013-Thursday at 13:27
 Location: HALL 16 LOT
 Summary: A Student Conduct Violation for a student who was driving recklessly and failing to comply with a University official.

LARCENY (Larceny from Building)
 APR 5 2013-Friday at 13:06
 Location: RESIDENCE HALL
 Summary: A student called DPS and reported that all the shower heads are missing from the showers in a Residence Hall.

DRUG (Possession of Drug Paraphernalia)
 APR 5 2013-Friday at 22:20
 Location: RESIDENCE HALL
 Summary: DPS confiscated, and destroyed drug paraphernalia that was found in a Residence Hall room.

VANDALISM (School Building)
 APR 5 2013-Friday at 23:00
 Location: TOWNHOUSE
 Summary: DPS received a report that an unknown person threw a bottle through the front window of a Townhouse.

FIRE (Brush)
 APR 6 2013-Saturday at 23:50
 Location: TOWNHOUSE
 Summary: A DPS officer found a small fire behind a Townhouse. The fire was extinguished by DPS officers.

STUDENT CONDUCT
 APR 6 2013-Saturday at 23:40
 Location: RESIDENCE HALL
 Summary: An intoxicated student was not complying with DPS officers.

ACCIDENT (Motor Vehicle Accident)
 APR 6 2013-Saturday at 17:10
 Location: BELLO CENTER LOT
 Summary: A report of a hit and run motor vehicle accident in the Bello Parking Lot.

TOWED VEHICLE
 APR 6 2013-Saturday at 22:36
 Location: CHAFEE BUILDING
 Summary: A report of a illegally parked vehicle in the Chaffee Centre lot.

EMT CALL (Medical Services Rendered)
 APR 7 2013-Sunday at 00:20
 Location: TOWNHOUSE VILLAGE
 Summary: DPS received a report of a fight in progress. DPS units responded. EMS was activated. One student was transported by Smithfield Rescue to Fatima Hospital for treatment of injuries.

EMT CALL (Medical Services Rendered)
 APR 7 2013-Sunday at 01:10
 Location: TOWNHOUSE VILLAGE
 Summary: DPS received a report of a female student with a head injury. EMS was activated. One student was transported by Smithfield Rescue to Fatima Hospital for treatment of injuries.

EMT CALL (Medical Services Rendered)
 APR 7 2013-Sunday at 01:41
 Location: RESIDENCE HALL
 Summary: DPS received a report of a male passed out in the lobby of a Residence Hall. EMS was activated. One student was transported by Smithfield Rescue to Fatima Hospital for treatment.

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

SHOUT OUT TO

COLIN HENNEGHAN AND ALICIA CELONE

Alicia and Colin took the liberty to put out a fire in a trash can outside the Bryant Center on Tuesday night with the water they had on them! Thanks you two and great job!

Women's experiences in Chongqing during the second Sino-Japanese War

By Maggie O'Shea and Htet Oo
Contributing Writers

Bryant University's U.S.-China Institute and Women's Center brought Dr. Danke Li to campus from Fairfield University for her presentation entitled "Rethink Resistance: Ordinary Chinese Women's Experiences in Chongqing, China during the Second Sino-Japanese War, 1938-1945". This lecture, in collaboration with the Women's Center acted as part of the "Her Story" sequence on campus.



One of Li's books that she talked about, entitled "Echoes of Chongqing: Women in Wartime China", was motivated by her own experiences in Chongqing. While still in school, she was offered a scholarship to return to her home, Chongqing, to write a dissertation and attended conferences. It was in these scholarly conferences that she realized that there was no mention of women in these accounts of the Second Sino-Japanese War.

Building off of this idea, Li interviewed her mother, a war time survivor. Li says her mother was very much involved in the war, whether it was taking part in fundraising or making shoes for soldiers. Upon further investigation, Li realized that there was only some mention of women in stories during this time, but the only women that were accounted for were those that were of high class or well-educated. At this time, there was no mention of ordinary women. Li continued with her research by interviewing other war-time survivors and some of her mother's friends to get their perspectives on the war.

Chongqing is one of the largest municipal cities, and it is located in the southwest region of China. It served as the wartime capital of China during the Second

Sino-Japanese War, part of World War II. The estimated number of Chinese people that died during this war ranges from 4-6 million; most of them were ordinary, non-combatant people.

Li emphasizes that the most important foundation for China's resistance during this war were the roles women fulfilled. These roles were as home managers and caretakers which included taking care of children, making food, etc. In this way, women's everyday life was a part of China's resistance. Li says, "Soldiers and politicians would be unable to sustain the war if it was not for the women's efforts." In the lecture, Li emphasized that without women available to preserve families, there would be no communities, and without communities there would be no nation of China.

Li's research, books, and lectures highlight stories that inform us about the home front and the human dimension of the war, which are currently missing from existing text about the Second Sino-Japanese War. One account of the home front Li spoke of was about a woman that had to wake up at 5am daily with her sister who then walked several miles to work in the dark to make uniforms for soldiers. Their work day was very long and these two women were not paid equitably. When they were finally paid, the money they earned went to their father. Li challenges us to rethink motherhood and the public and domestic spheres.

Li further talked about difficulties that women from Chongqing were forced to face during the war. Such difficulties ranged from the lack of basic bare necessities of life to the long, treacherous routes that women had to take to escape the threat of war. Mothers would barely have enough water to replenish themselves in order to provide breast milk for their children. It was under these severe conditions that women had to fend for themselves and their families while their husbands were away.

Clearly, through Li's book, one comes to really understand the extent of casualties caused by war, not only on the battlefield but also much closer to home. Even with the threat of war, these women's actions to maintain a sense of stability to their families during the war are essential to the outcome of the war. The impact that the second Sino-Japanese war had on ordinary women serves as a valuable lesson of history all the more so for the lack of much deserved attention awarded them.

Diversity Contest

By Kathryn Valentini
Staff Writer

What do you think when you hear the word "Diversity"? Some of the first things that might come to mind are: different types of people, different cultures, lifestyles, races or ethnicities. For each of us, diversity may mean any number of different things. According to the dictionary, diversity is "an instance of being composed of differing elements

and audience members, what diversity means to them, and why it is something to be celebrated and appreciated. The contestants are then judged in four main areas: relevance, creativity, originality, and presentation. In these short few minutes, Cecilia Cooper (a diversity contest committee members) says: "you see courage, beauty, and sharing of deeply personal, yet universal experiences, beliefs, and truths." Over the years, the Diversity

"Every contestant that entered is taking a blank canvas, an unfilled wide ruled sheet of paper, a Pentax with no photos uploaded or even a song with no dance and using their beliefs and values to convey such a passionate and deliberate message."

-- David Hurley - Winner of the Diversity Contest 2013

or qualities." These qualities both differentiate and unite us.

Although it is often easier to notice that diverse qualities may separate us, what is truly beautiful, is that these diverse qualities also teach, unite and change people. At Bryant, we encourage students to break down boundaries, look past stereotypes and invite others to share their stories, experiences, and what makes them who they are. Beginning with Orientation, where select Orientation leaders describe their own experiences in dealing with diversity and overcoming adversity, Bryant tries to cultivate a culture of acceptance. From the Multicultural Student Union, to the LGBTQ office, and to the Diversity Contest, here at Bryant, diversity, uniqueness and inclusiveness are encouraged.

On March 27th, 2013, seventeen

Contest has seen many different interpretations of what diversity means, reminding us that although diversity may mean something different to each of us, there is a universal belief that it is a topic that should be embraced. The more that students express what diversity means to them, the more it seems to grow and encompass a greater range of interpretation, values, and beliefs. As Rich Hurley stated in the opening remarks at the contest this year, "this contest has developed into an inspiring event that has an impact on the participants and the audience. Hopefully, it helps all of us, as a community, open our hearts and minds just a little more, as we realize that there is so much more that unites us than separates us."

Next year, when the Diversity Contest comes back to campus, come



The 2013 Diversity Contest winners (from left to right): Amanda Spaziano, Lindsey Lerner, Iemanja DosSantos, Adedayo Kofoworola, Dave Hurley and Fatoumata Diakite.

students presented before a panel of judges and an audience in the Bello Center Grand Hall to explain what diversity means to them, expressing their views on diversity through various forms including: painting, poetry, dance, video and photography, to name a few. In no more than five minutes, the contestants convey to the judges

share your own interpretation and understanding of what diversity means to you. After all, it's never the same for everyone, and your meaning of diversity may touch people in a way you might never have expected.

Congratulations to all of this year's contestants and winners, and thank you for sharing with us what diversity means to you.



South Food Committee Survey

Thursday 4/11 in South Deli from 11am - 2pm and 5pm - 11pm

This past week Student Senate had their legislative body member elections; people who were voted in will be announced in next week's article. The new members will be sworn in on the 17th of April and will take their new positions. We are excited for planning for next year to begin and for the wonderful projects the Student Senate will work on in the Fall semester.

Student Senate has recently worked with Dr. Eakin, VPSA, and Shawn Monaghan, General Manager of Sodexo - Bryant University, to improve food options and quality on the Bryant University campus. This committee also has other student leaders and professional staff members, and together they are working right now on distribution plans for a survey for South Dining on what students think of the new options they have come up with. Make sure to take this survey because we value your input and any suggestions that you may have.

Student Senate would like to remind all clubs and organizations on campus that they must have their offices and closets cleaned out at the very latest by April 29th, because the next day the third floor offices will be moving out of the Bryant Center. It is very imperative that you clean out your items on time to keep moving out, construction, and moving back in on track. If you have any other questions you can stop by the second floor and speak to Richard Hurley in Bryant Center Operations and clubs can grab boxes on the third floor of the Bryant Center in the Office of Campus Engagement office.

If you have any other questions about Student Senate, clubs/organizations, or any other concerns you can tweet @BryantUSenate or Email us at Senate@bryant.edu. We also have our weekly meetings at 4pm in Papitto on Wednesdays, so if you have any announcements or concerns you can join us during our meetings. Also, our office on the 3rd floor of the Bryant Center is always open to the students, so stop by and say hi!

REDay Student Choice Awards

REDay is Wednesday April 24th! Please take a moment to nominate your best professor for the Students Choice Award given out during this day by the Student Senate. This is a nice way to recognize some of the outstanding teaching our professors do throughout the year. Please include the professor's name, course taught, and why you believe they should be recognized. These nominations can be emailed to Stephanie Jones (sjones7@Bryant.edu) by 7pm Wednesday 4/17.

Tupper's Tidbits

Tupper's Top Five News Stories this Week

Iron Clad Tupper I



AH-CHOO! OMD, the pollen is CRAZY right now! (Christina Senecal)

Oh. My. Dog. This has been a great week in so many ways.

We have had good spring weather. Although for some of us (yes, ME included!), spring equals runny nose, leaky eyes, and an inability to breathe properly. There's just something about this weather that makes me feel ALIVE! And lazy. I'm not going to lie... Mom takes me out to do my business, and I just sit there. Or roll around in the sun.

I have been Barking Out Loud (BOL) a lot this week - that's laughing AND cheering. I present to you "Tupper's Top Five News Stories This Week." Okay, confession time... they're not all exactly news stories.

5. LOUISVILLE WON! LOUISVILLE LOST! In the NCAA Tournament, both the men's and the women's Louisville basketball teams made it to the finals. The men's team took the top spot, but the women's fell to UCONN. Both winners dominated. It will be fun to watch the Bulldogs in the finals some day!

4. BABY COVERED IN FRENCH BULLDOG PUPPIES! They're all over the place. Eleven photos of a baby covered in French bulldog puppies... you must Google that term! Don't be fooled by the unbelievable cuteness, though. I live with two Frenchies. They get old, and they get ornery. They're Grouchpuppies!

3. FIFTEEN-AND-A-HALF POUND BABY BORN IN THE UNITED KINGDOM! There're two reasons this news is even more bizarre than just the headline. 1) The baby was born NATURALLY to an average-sized mother. That's right, not c-section. I'll give you a second to let that sink in. And 2) the baby was the second-largest baby born in the U.K. The SECOND-LARGEST baby born naturally. Just think about that one before you decide to procreate, ladies. YOU are the ones doing the heavy lifting in baby-making!

2. DOGS IN PANTYHOSE! Seriously. Go to Google Images and type in "dogs in pantyhose." You will not be disappointed. I can't explain why it's so funny, but it is...

And my number one news story for the week:

1. ADMITTED STUDENT OPEN HOUSE! I had such an awesome time! So many prospective students knew about me before they got there, and they posed for pics with me, held my hand, and gave me good scratchies. Best. Day. EVER.

So there you have it. Tupper's Top Five News Stories. Don't forget - I'm on Facebook (www.facebook.com/bulldogtupper), Twitter (<http://twitter.com/bryanttuppy>), and Instagram (http://instagram.com/mascot_tupper). Get at me! 'Til next time...WOOF!

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How: Sign up BEFORE April 12th at saa.bryant.edu (170 student spots available)

Questions? Please email saa@bryant.edu and we'll see you on the 18th!

NEWS EDITOR NEEDED!

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There is no one set way to describe a leader; everyone has their strengths, their weaknesses, and that one thing that makes them special. For Yeawoma Johnson what makes her special is the fact that she is not involved in that one path of leadership but spreads herself through the many leadership opportunities on campus.

She is so well-rounded as a leader through her involvements in Pi Sigma Epsilon, BSAC, Reslife, REDay, athletics, and admissions. Yeawoma is not involved in that "one" path of leadership, but instead she immerses herself in all different areas of the Bryant community. This is what separates her from other student leaders and makes her such a important member of Bryant.

One of her involvements which has really tried her talents as a leader and given experience with conflict would be the role of President for Pi Sigma Epsilon.

"Being President of Pi Sigma Epsilon was my most rewarding leadership position because it was the first leadership role where I faced conflict, had risk, and was rewarded. With gaining experience in dealing with these three parts of the organization it truly showed my ability to lead others in a capacity that I had never done before"

Her involvement in PSE could be compared with a test or rite of passage where she took all she knew about being a leader and applied it to this position.

Unlike some she came out a stronger leader and more confident in her abilities to lead in a group or team.

For the future Yeawoma doesn't just have goals for next year or for the next two years, but she looks towards her future at least 5 years in advance. After graduation this year her education doesn't stop there, she hopes to gain admission into the accelerated program here at Bryant in the International Business program and after her MBA her next goal is to attend a top-tiered law school. Once in the real world she can see herself in corporate law doing mergers and acquisitions for dominant companies in different industries. So if you thought Yeawoma was leaving us so soon, we have another year with her at Bryant and her leadership experiences will be passed on after her MBA.



Bryant Cricket Club achieves their first win!

By Ishan Shah
Contributing Writer

At 9:00am on March 31st, there was a game that took place in the Back Bay Fens Park in Boston. It was a cold sunny morning, but the two teams were looking to represent their universities in a match that would go down as one of the greats. The Bryant Bulldogs played the Northeastern Huskies in a game of cricket and won their first match of the season and second match ever played.

The Bryant University Cricket Club was founded a year and a half ago as a club for people interested in cricket to learn and play the sport. However, there have been some rapid changes and the club managed to get over 40 members and also a team to play other colleges. This team now competes against other clubs and colleges and has just showcased their performance in a win against the Northeastern University Cricket Association.

Cricket is a game of bat and ball which is played between two teams consisting of



11 players each. The game is played on an oval shaped field, at the center of which is a rectangular 22-yard long pitch. At one point in time, one team bats (trying to score the maximum number of runs possible) while the other team bowls and fields. The bowler tries to dismiss the batsmen and thus limit the runs scored by the batting team. A run is scored by the striking batsman hitting the ball with his bat, running to the opposite end of the pitch without being dismissed. Runs can also be scored by hitting outside the boundary of the field. The teams switch between batting and fielding at the end of an inning.

After winning the toss, we chose to field and bowl first. The opposition had a strong batting line up and was able to score 142 runs for the loss of 6 wickets in 15 overs. This is a very good score, but the Bulldogs were up for the challenge. With a run rate of almost 10 runs an over (6 balls), we managed to get 143 in just 14.3 overs (with 3 balls to spare); winning our first match this year. Freshman Aman Parikh and Senior Shravil Aggarwal were the top players of the match. Aman scored 40 runs and picked up one wicket while Shravil scored 27 and picked up 2. The captain, Akshay Poonia, said "Cricket is not just a one man game, it is a combined effort of the whole team and that's exactly what we did to get the first season win."

We look forward to represent Bryant in more matches to come! We also welcome anybody interested in the sport to join us at our weekly meetings. So come on down, have a good time, and try something new! Look out for our posters outside the unistrucre for our meeting times.

If you are interested to join the club or if you have any questions, please email ishah@bryant.edu.

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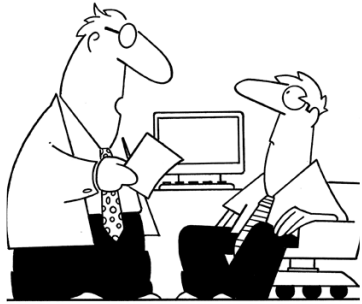
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Business Cyber attacks causing damage

Business travel to increase

By John Zeiner
Business Editor



"They cut our travel budget again. You'll have to get to the Denver conference by swivel chair."

Companies will begin to send their employees out on the road significantly more this year. They will even send them to those meetings and conventions that were bypassed because of the economic downturn. According to the Global Business Travel Association, U.S. business travel spending is expected to rise 5.1% this year to \$168.5 billion, a substantial increase from 1.8% growth in 2012. The trend is expected to continue with a projected growth of 7.0% in 2014.

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The GBTA reported that the boost stems from a brighter economic outlook, greater consumer confidence and stronger corporate profits. Despite recent federal budget cuts, group spending associated with meetings and conventions is expected to increase 6% this year to \$115.9 billion.

Eric Eden, vice president of marketing for Cvent, a meeting and event management technology company said, "We're seeing meetings with higher numbers of attendees per event, and we're also seeing that events are being planned further in advance, which is generally a sign that people are more optimistic". Also, "hotels are more fully booked for meetings and are starting to charge higher rates for meeting attendees.

"There's a certain point where it goes from being a buyers' market and I think it's getting to cross that threshold where the buyers can no longer count on as good a deal because the hotels are filling up". As the productivity of business travel improves over time, we could see trips extended if more opportunities for business arise.

By Nicholas Calabro
Staff Writer

The advances of society will not distinguish between good and evil, thus they are as dangerous as they are helpful. That comes out in the use of cyber-terrorism, where the attacks aren't aimed at killing but aimed at disruption. For several months now (since last September), financial institutions have indeed been under fire from this. These attacks have taken financial institutions offline intermittently; most recently it was American Express that fell victim to it. It is not limited to America either, as another attack took down 32,000 computers and television networks in South Korea. The believed intention is that those responsible, who are also believed to be backed by nations, seek to disable transactions and operations.

Alan Paller was reported as saying that, "the attacks have changed from espionage to destruction. Nations are actively testing how far they can go before we will respond," according to the New York Times. The people behind these attacks have called themselves the Izz ad-Din al-Qassam Cyber Fighters, who say they are retaliating against the anti-Muslim video from last fall, "The Innocence of Muslims."

The belief is that this is actually a cover for Iran, but it is unclear how strong the connection might be, if there is one.

North Korea is believed to be responsible for the attack in South Korea to cause economic damage, and if there can be any good news from American Express it is that customer data may not have been compromised. The Obama Administration has also called on companies, like JPMorgan which denied service attacks

'The attacks aren't aimed at killing but aimed at disruption...financial institutions have indeed been under fire from this.'

until now, to be more transparent. In the private sector, it is believed these attacks are carried out by Chinese hackers looking for corporate secrets. But the biggest threats are still believed to be Iran and North Korea, where digital weapons allow a disadvantaged nation to get on a level playing field. The United States is also debating on whether or not to strike back at these nations, as there is a major

challenge in deterring these attacks.

President Obama has met with chief executives from certain companies with a goal of his own in mind. He wants to get businesses to support legislation that would allow the government to oversee how companies protect their critical infrastructure. A computer security expert named Mr. Lewis has said "the Iranian attacks have tilted private sector opinion. Hence the muted reaction to the executive order versus squeals of outrage. Companies are much more concerned about this and much more willing to see a government role," according to the New York Times. Taking a trip down memory lane, Iran's Cyber Corps came about as a result of the U.S.-Israeli operation against them during the Olympic Games. Neither they nor North Korea wants to steal data, they want to destroy it.

Unlike in the past, these attacks involve powerful data centers being hit with sophisticated malware, which was directed to simultaneously strike each bank, instead of using individual computers for it. Mr. Lewis was reported by the New York Times as saying, "we don't know how they make decisions. When you add erratic decision making, then you really have something to worry about."

G.E. to purchase Lufkin Industries

By John Zeiner
Business Editor

General Electric Company announced Monday that they have agreed to buy out Lufkin Industries Inc for \$2.98 billion. Lufkin is a part of the oil industry where they are known for their artificial lift products which are commonly seen seesawing back and forth on top of energy wells to pull oil and natural gas to the surface. This addition is the latest piece added to G.E.'s fast growing oil and natural gas unit. This is said to supplement their acquisition of the John Wood Group's well services business in 2011.

The deal, which is expected to be closed by June will nearly double revenues in their oil and gas unit, making it the company's third-largest manufacturing unit behind the power and water and aviation units. The unit saw a 16 percent jump in revenue from 2011 to 2012 and posted a total revenue of \$1.92 billion in 2012.

G.E. sees this as a huge opportunity with a growing market. They expect the oil pump market to grow at 12 to 13 percent per year for at least the next decade according to Daniel Heintzelman, head of G.E. Oil & Gas. Furthermore, Lufkin primarily operates in North America, and G.E. plans to export the company's pumps and other technology to energy fields all over the world. In addition, they are making good use of their \$125.7 billion cash pile during a time of cheap interest rates.

The offer is higher than Lufkin's intrinsic value of \$70.98 per share as measured by Thomson Reuters StarMine. The StarMine model is a measure of a stock's current value when considering analysts' growth estimates for five years, and then modeling the typical growth trajectory over a longer period of time. The deal values Lufkin at \$88.50 per share, a premium of more than 38 percent of the stock's Friday close. Lufkin shares rose 37.5 percent to \$87.90 in afternoon trading, while G.E. was up 0.5 percent to \$23.04.



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Professor Michael Roberto's Blog : New thoughts about brand extensions

By Professor Michael
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For years, scholars and consultants have argued that companies should stick to brand extensions that fit closely with the core brand image and identity. The logic goes as follows: it's ok for Coke to make Diet Coke, but it does not make sense for the firm to offer Coke-branded laundry detergent.

Researchers Tom Meyvis, Kelly Goldsmith and Ravi Dhar noticed something interesting though. A few firms did extend their brands successfully in a way that seemed to fit much less closely with the core brand's image and positioning. If these firms had succeeded, then perhaps the notion of fit needed more clarification.

The scholars conducted an experiment, and in that study, they found that visual cues make a difference with consumers. Seeing the physical product, as opposed to just hearing about it, can cause customers to genuinely consider a brand extension that appears to be low fit.

According to Kelly Goldsmith, "When you give people pictures, preferences shift because [people] are focused on quality—they are

more interested in quality than fit. Whereas when you show the brand concept without pictures ... the reaction is more focused on fit than quality. Allowing product comparisons leads to the same results."

Goldsmith explains the practical implications of the study: "If you get your brand-extension concept out of the lab and into the store, all of those [benefits from visual cues and brand comparison] are taken care of. If you are a brand like Nike or Häagen-Dazs, or one of these very large national brands associated with quality, and you want to make money by extending that very successful brand even further—to new [but] lower-fitting categories—what our research shows is that you really need to show people what that product looks like and show it to them in the context of other brands in that category."

I find the research very interesting. I still believe firms need to be very attentive to fit when it comes to brand extensions. However, the notion of offering visual cues, sampling, and physical displays does seem to make sense. Those tactics certainly do help a consumer understand and appreciate a new product offering that may not seem to fit with a brand's prior identity.

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Let's go streaking; Bulldogs win 13 straight

By Justin Beaucage
Sports Editor

If the nation didn't know about the Bryant Bulldogs, they do now. Early in the spring Bryant made a name for itself not only as the "top dog" in the NEC, but people all around the country have taken notice. The Bulldogs are currently riding a 13 game winning streak, the longest in all of college baseball. With their most recent wins coming against Brown and an impressive sweep of Siena at home, early in the season, Bryant has made themselves, "kings of the diamond."

Coming off a defeat of Fairleigh Dickinson, in a one game stand, the Bulldogs traveled to Providence to play the Brown Bears in a critical interstate matchup. Bryant trailed for much of the game, but the team was able to tie the game up thanks to a sacrifice fly by infielder Daniel St. George in the sixth inning. In the top of the seventh the Bulldogs began clobbering the ball and didn't look back once. The offense put together a phenomenal six runs in the inning, including two of centerfielder Carl Anderson's three RBIs of the day. The scoring outburst secured Bryant's tenth straight victory with an 11-4 score. Pitcher Joseph Michaud picked up his second win on the year.

The Bulldogs had to put the victory against Brown behind them quickly and get ready for a three game home stand against

Siena. It is safe to say Bryant dominated the series, recording their fourth series sweep, and their third sweep during the win streak.

The opening game of the series proved to be the toughest for the Bulldogs. In a neck and neck game, Bryant found themselves trailing, 2-1, heading into the bottom of the eighth. With their backs against the wall and the streak in jeopardy, designated hitter John Mullen delivered in the clutch, knocking two runners in to take the lead late. This was enough for Bryant to secure the win, 3-2.

Not only did pitcher Peter Kelich have one of his best wins of the year, but maybe the most important of his career. In what has been in an illustrious Bryant career, Kelich put his name in the Bryant record book, recording his program-record 27th career win. His historical performance included only surrendering two runs in eight innings and an incredible ten strikeouts.

In Games 2 and 3, instead of the arms, it was the bats that came to life for the Bulldogs. On Saturday, both offenses were running around the base paths all day, as the two teams combined for an astounding 20 runs. After falling behind early 8-0, the Bulldogs responded with eight of their own in the fourth, including RBI singles from first baseman Matt Zanotta and catcher John Scott.

Despite Sienna's 11 run performance, (including a six run third inning), it proved to be no match for the Bulldogs' seventh



Pitcher Joseph Michaud has helped contribute to the Bulldogs' win streak (Bryant Athletics)

inning heroics. Heading into the inning, Bryant was trailing by just one run. Their rally started with a pinch hit single by Daniel St. George. After an RBI single by freshman Robby Rinn, it was time for right fielder Jordan Mountford to deliver in the clutch. Mountford blasted a walk-off, two-run home run to cap off a remarkable comeback, and give Bryant its 12th straight victory, 11-9. Pitcher Trevor Lacosse received his first win of the season.

In Game 3, Bryant figured they had let their fans sweat it out for long enough. The

Bulldogs were dominant early and throughout the entire game, completing the sweep of Siena with a 10-5 victory. Third baseman Kevin Brown knocked three runners in, bringing him to a phenomenal .368 average with 24 RBIs. Infielder AJ Zarozny continued his impressive rookie campaign, going 3-4 at the plate with 2 RBIs. In his first year, he leads the team with a .372 average with 11 RBIs.

Pitcher Craig Schlitter was impressive on the hill, striking out five batters in five innings. The Bulldogs' efforts help secure the nation's longest winning

streak and an undefeated home record.

Bryant has certainly shown they are a serious competitor in the NEC. Even though they are on an impressive roll, they don't look to slow down anytime soon. A huge challenge looms ahead of the Bulldogs, as they get set for a huge conference series against Quinnipiac here at Bryant. Game 1 of this three-game series will begin Friday. The Bulldogs will look to continue their win streak and show the entire college baseball world why they were preseason favorites in the NEC.

On a row-II, Bulldogs open season with huge victory

By Michelle Ly
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Women's Rowing began their spring season off with a splash of salt water as they traveled to Indian Harbor, Florida, where the girls practiced twice a day. Coaches Mark LaBossiere and Kristin San Bento helped bring back the fire in the Bulldogs as they coached the girls through the windy weather conditions. After the weeklong trip, the girls headed back to Bryant where they all achieved PR times on their 2k tests.

On Saturday, March 30th, the Bulldogs traveled to South Hadley, MA where they raced against Mt. Holyoke on the Connecticut River. Mt. Holyoke is a Division III team that has been racing for over 35 years. The race started off with Bryant's WV8 against Mt. Holyoke's A and B boat. Sandwiched between Mt. Holyoke's A & B, Bryant started off the race strong in the first place. At 250m, Mt. Holyoke's A had begun to pull ahead, by 700m, Mt. Holyoke's A had taken off with open water and the B boat was beginning to push at the Bulldogs. By 1300m, Mt. Holyoke's B had placed themselves in front of Bryant. With 400m left, Bryant prepared to start their sprint. At the finish line, Mt. Holyoke's A finished at 7:50.2, followed by Mt. Holyoke's B at 8:57.27 then Bryant at 8:58.84. The varsity's line up was Sarah Dziadzio, Heidi Marshal, Linda Dueri, Marybeth Wallander, Caroline Gosselin, Helena Zakon, Katie Curran, Jess Soojian, led by coxswain, Michelle Ly.

Bryant's Novice 8 began their race with a beautiful start as they pulled away from Mt. Holyoke's Novice 8. The novice's first spring race was smooth and settled as they pulled into first place at the finish with a time of 9:35.6 followed by Mt. Holyoke at 10:08.8. The novice 8's line up was Olivia Ruthven, Tori Seamans, Eyrarn Fiakpui, Sarah Paniati, Desiree Bencosome, Lauara McCann, Sam Pomer, Arielle Landaeta, led by coxswain, Olivia Rustic. Following rowing tradition, Olivia was thrown into the Connecticut River.

With a successful first race, the Bulldogs continue to train every morning, working to get stronger and faster. This season they will be racing against schools like Endicott



Bryant's rowing team enjoyed a huge victory to open the season (Bryant Athletics)

College, Clark University, Assumption University, Roger Williams, and more. The Bulldogs will end their season in May when they head down to Philadelphia, PA for the 2013 Aberdeen Dad Vail Regatta.

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Beasts of the East, can Knicks win conference?

By John Como

Assistant Sports Editor

With the Miami Heat's winning streak ending at 27 and the Denver Nuggets' streak ending at 15, no NBA fan thought that anymore hot streaks would happen down the final stretch of the 2012-13 NBA season. However, one team in the Eastern Conference has managed to grab the attention of the NBA.

Its attention has peaked since defeating one of the toughest teams in the Western Conference on the road and is now considered a potential dark horse for the Eastern Conference. This team, of course, is one of the oldest teams in the NBA; the New York Knicks.

With the Miami Heat grabbing all the spotlight of the Eastern Conference by being seen as the most dominant in the pack, no one has considered the other top-tiered teams of the East, like the Knicks, Pacers, Nets, and Bulls, as potential NBA Finalists. This is for a good reason, as the Heat mercilessly stole the first seed of the East with their 27 game winning streak and stole all the media's attention.

It got to the point where I did a little experiment while speaking to other NBA fans. Keep in mind that during the Heat's historical streak, the Denver Nuggets were also on their own winning streak that would eventually end at 15 games. When speaking to other NBA fans, I was able to have conversations with 17 other big NBA fans that had no idea what I was up to and talked about the Heat for 10-20 minutes.



Carmelo Anthony is determined to win his first championship (MCT Campus)

The minute I bought up the Denver Nuggets and their streak, the follow up question from 15 of the 17 people would either be "What Streak?" or "The Nuggets are on a streak?" It's no wonder why no other teams from the East have even been considered as rivals to the Miami Heat.

After the Heat's winning streak was over, however, the New York Knicks began their own winning streak that may last all the way through the to the end of the season and has turned many heads in the process. Many forget that at one point the Knicks were actually ahead of the Miami Heat.

The Knicks kicked off the 2012-13 season with a 23-9 record that topped the Heat by as much as four games in the Eastern Conference. Then the Knicks sort of keeled over for the majority of the middle of the season and allowed the Heat to take over the East without

ANY resistance; especially in the aftermath of the Heat's streak. Injuries to Stoudemire, Anthony, and Chandler only weakened the Knicks' chances of a decent playoff run.

Then, on March 18, the Knicks won a road game against the Utah Jazz 90-83. The win bounced them back from a four game losing streak and featured Carmelo Anthony in one of his first games back since his mid-season injury. The win sparked what became a very unlikely run that is still going on today. The first noticeable win of their eventual streak was a dominant 100-85 road win over their long-time divisional rivals, the Boston Celtics.

The next giant win of the streak was another win over the Boston Celtics, this time a 108-89 home win that simply embarrassed the Celtics. After this, the Knicks went on to win three games against other Eastern playoff teams; all in

which were double digit wins. They defeated a Miami Heat team that was cooled off from not playing LeBron and Wade, in a 102-90 road win. They also defeated the Atlanta Hawks on the road 95-82 and won in a blowout home game against the Milwaukee Bucks 101-83.

Finally, in their most recent game, the Knicks became the sixth NBA team this year to travel to OKC and defeat a healthy Thunder team. In what was a fantastic game to the very end, the Knicks beat the Thunder 125-120.

In light of their still breathing winning streak the Knicks have proved two major points. First of all, they are no longer on the submissive end of the Celtics-Knicks rivalry; at least not at the moment. These two teams have been rivals since the 1946 NBA season, it's still the oldest rivalry in the NBA to this day, and Celtics have dominated the rivalry during this time.

However, the Knicks have proved their dominance this season by winning three of the four games played between the two this year. Their last two wins against the Celtics were just as dominant on the road as they were.

Why do I bring this up? The Knicks seem to have a grasp on the second seed of the East while the Celtics seem to be stuck at seventh. The meaning behind this is that the two teams will rematch in another first round playoff match. Sure the Celtics can win, but they haven't shown their fans anything that would make them look good in a series with the Knicks. At best, the Celtics could last maybe six games before being ousted by the Knicks if they were to play them in the playoffs.

The final point made by the Knicks, especially since their win over the Thunder is that they could make it to the NBA Title. In order to do this of course they need to beat the Miami Heat. The Heat will crush the Bucks in the first round and, even if one assumes the Knicks and Pacers win in the first round, it is very unrealistic to believe that the Nets and/or Bulls can win four games against them. Therefore, the Heat will be contending for the Eastern Title and the Knicks might be the only team that can stop them from reaching the Finals.

A Knicks-Heat Eastern finale would be tight but the Knicks would still be a dark horse regardless. In any case, the Knicks have shown they can at least give the Heat a run for their money and should not be considered a team that can't win the East.

Football: one of the best non contact sports?

By Justin Beaucage

Sports Editor

The NFL is one of the most violent and brutal games in all of sports. Defined by big hits, injuries, tackles, and laying someone out over the middle, a huge play gets fans all riled up, and can swing the momentum of an entire game. When a player puts on his helmet, he is a warrior, and he knows that he is putting not only his health, but his own life on the line. Football is a man's game, and if it weren't for these bone-crushing plays, it wouldn't be the game it is today. Just imagine if players couldn't even hit each other when they catch the ball.

Well, don't blink, because that might be coming soon.

There has been a lot of controversy surrounding NFL commissioner Roger Goodell and his shocking rule changes over the last couple of off seasons. Goodell, who many call the evil emperor of the NFL, has had a difficult tenure as commissioner. His history sounds more like crimes rather than accomplishments, having to deal with a lockout, a bounty scandal, and replacement referees. Although these problems weren't entirely directly his fault, he has been the scapegoat for many of them.

However, with these new rule changes, Goodell is the only one to blame.

Many fans are upset that professional football, once the most violently competitive game in the world, has gone soft. In efforts to make the game safer, Goodell have made many rule changes that has raised a fiery debate league wide. With his rule changes, the quarterback seems more like a princess than a football player. Defensive players cannot hit him

below the knees or crawl and clip the quarterback. The rule was put into effect to decrease the chances of ACL injuries, ones that quarterbacks Tom Brady and Carson Palmer's careers were nearly ended by.

Soon, it may be tough to say what a real tackle is anymore. Goodell also made it illegal for players to lead with their helmets; tackles that can cause head trauma and concussion issues. The most recent rule change has all fans, and even the league, in an uproar. When running with the ball, it is illegal for players to dip or lead with their heads, in efforts to reduce both concussions and neck related injuries.

We all must understand why these rule changes were even made. After their careers, many former NFL players have filed a number of lawsuits against the league for their long term effects they have sustained from concussion related injuries. Players, such as linebacker Ted Johnson and running back Jamal Lewis, have suffered from health problems, including speech impediments and memory loss.

Some people have gone as far as to say that the death of All-Pro linebacker Junior Seau can be connected to concussions. Goodell responded to these controversies by making concussion rules in the NFL stricter. A player must be taken out of the game with a concussion.

When anyone looks at these rule changes, people may ask: how could there be any controversy about these new rules? He's making the game safer? Goodell should be praised, not scrutinized, right? These may be the thoughts of someone who's just an avid fan of the game. To a die-hard these rule changes are a tragedy.

These rule changes completely limit



The NFL works hard to protect players like Robert Griffin III from injury (MCT Campus)

what a player can or can't do. It changes a player's playing style, and they have to worry about too many rules. Defensive players won't know what is legal and what is not. Football is a game of reaction and relentlessness, and making certain tackles illegal completely takes all of it away from the game. Fans have already noticed the effects of the new rule changes on the game. Players are running and tackling with more caution, and they don't have the fearlessness that they used to play with. Officials are calling penalties and throwing more flags. These rule changes have caused nothing but complaints.

As an NFL fan, I know that fans are upset about the recent rule changes and making the game almost "contact-free." Despite all this, I don't think that fans should be this irate over it. These are professional and gifted athletes, and their

health should be respected. I know that they are here to entertain us, but they are people, too. It is ultimately about keeping the players safe. If these players are professionals, changing their playing style won't really affect the game that much, either. They also have to adjust to different playing conditions, and many of them have a wide repertoire of skills and talents to play the game.

Even though fans have the right to question these moves, they shouldn't be worried about these rule changes. If these players aren't healthy, then they won't be able to win for our team week in and week out. These rule changes will keep the game safe, and players will still wow us on Sundays with their play.

Make it rain, Louisville ends championship drought

By John Como

Assistant Sports Editor

With a March Madness bracket with more errors than a New York Mets' team, I and millions of others sat down to watch the NCAA Championship. The teams were Louisville and Michigan, and I'm not a huge college basketball fan, but even I did not foresee this matchup coming. Who would've known that one of the most bizarre injuries to a player like Kevin Ware could have given a team such momentum? In any case, the Louisville Cardinals and the Michigan Wolverines had successfully made it to the unquestioned largest annual college sporting event in the world; the NCAA Championship.

Going into March Madness many sports analysts already had the Louisville Cardinals as the team to beat in the March Madness tournament. The Cardinals had an amazing 29-5 record coming into the March Madness brackets and had a flawless regular season for the most part.

The team had both an 11 and a 10 game winning streak during the regular season but had a rough patch from January 19- January 26 when they had a three game skid against Syracuse, Villanova, and Georgetown. Despite this, they were considered the favorites to represent the Midwest bracket in the Final Four and obtained a #1 seeding.

After blowing out #16 North Carolina A&T and #8 Colorado State to get access into the Sweet 16, the team played an exciting game against #12 Oregon and won 77-69. In order to make it to the Final Four, the Louisville Cardinals needed to beat #2



Forward Gourg Dieng blocks Michigan player in championship game (MCT Campus)

ranked Duke in what was supposed to be a close match. Instead the game featured an easy victory for the Cardinals that left Duke stunned in an 85-63 blowout. Finally in the Final Four, the Cards needed one more victory against #9 Wichita State from the West brackets, who had recently stunned Ohio State to make it in themselves. For a while, it seemed that the Shockers were about to shock the Cardinals after leading 43-32 with 14:20 to play. In the final 13 minutes of the game, however, the Cardinals were able to outscore Wichita State 37-21 and escape with a 72-68 victory.

Even though the Michigan Wolverines were not on as many fan-made Final Four brackets

as Louisville, they were still known as a very dangerous team. The Wolverines wasted no time winning games this season and ended up winning the first 16 games of the regular season. They finally lost their first game away at Ohio State in a defensive 56-53 contest. Unfortunately for the Wolverines, only 3 of those 16 opening wins included teams within their conference. Therefore, while the team ended with a respectable 26-7 overall record, they only had a 12-6 conference record. While far from the favorite team in the South, the Wolverines still managed to obtain a decent #4 seeding.

The Michigan Wolverines played two blowout games against #13 SDSU and #5 VCU to

get to the Sweet 16. Here the team faced the #1 Kansas Jayhawks in their first real test of the NCAA tournament. At first it looked like Kansas would win after leading by 14 points with seven minutes remaining. Largely thanks to a three-pointer by Trey Burke, the Wolverines tied the game in regulation and won 87-85 in OT. Thanks to Burke, this ruined a lot of Final Four Brackets (including mine). This win gave momentum to the team in their next contest against #3 Florida, where they soundly won 79-59. Finally in the Final Four, the team took on #4 Syracuse from the East, and in a nail bitter defeated the Orange 61-56.

For the final showdown of March Madness, the #1 Louisville Cardinals took on the

#4 Michigan Wolverines in what would be an epic showdown. The game started off tight, but the Wolverines got a nice sized lead by the mid-way point of the first half. After leading 20-17 around the ten minute mark, the Wolverines outscored the Cardinals 15-6 for the next seven minutes, resulting in a 35-23 Wolverine lead with three minutes to play in the half. Just when it looked like the Cardinals would be down by halftime, Luke Hancock had the greatest three minutes of his career. Hancock made 4 three-pointers in those minutes and helped the team come back in the game. By halftime, the Wolverines still led but now by just one in a 38-37 score.

The remaining half of the game could not have been any closer as the teams literally couldn't get any distance from each other. The best the Wolverines could do was gain a four point lead with 16:59 remaining and they never got that double digit lead back. At 13:50, the Cardinals' Chane Behanan made a pair of free throws that snapped the last tie of the game. From there, the teams exchanged baskets but the Cardinals managed to hold onto the lead until the very end. With only 3:27 remaining, Luke Hancock hit another three-pointer that gave the Cardinals their first double digit lead at 76-66.

After that, the Wolverines simply couldn't find a way to get within one score of the Cards and ran out of time. After the final minute, the Cardinals emerged victorious in an amazing 82-76 finish. The conclusion of this game ended Louisville's 27 year championship drought, and brought joy to both Louisville and Kevin Ware fans around the world.

Intramural Athlete of the Week

Noah Whitcomb

By Justin Beaucage

Sports Editor

In athletics, it's not necessarily all about the stats or the highlight reel plays to make a great player. The heart and commitment that someone puts into their sport is an aspect of the game that goes unnoticed. In this week's edition of the Intramural Athlete of the Week, Noah Whitcomb's dedication to his sport will not go unnoticed.

Despite the tough season his team has had, Noah shows up to every single game, and gives it 110 percent every week. This last week, despite the loss, was one of his better performances of the year, scoring ten points and adding a few assists to his stat line. Even his team's struggles can't break his perseverance and determination. Noah's hustle, competitive nature, and his great sportsmanship makes him a great teammate.

Sometimes, a fan can see a player's true colors when his back is against the wall. This past Monday was a great example of all the characteristics of a great player Noah is known to have. Midway through the game, while driving to the hoop, Noah twisted his ankle after coming down. The injury forced him out of the game. However, even when the team was down, Noah pleaded to get back into the game and help his team to make a comeback. Even though he never returned to action, his will and courage to play again goes a long way, and shows he puts the team first.

With a feel good story and an impressive performance, Noah deserves this honor as Intramural Athlete of the Week. Any player would be happy to say they have a guy like Noah playing for their team.



Sport: Basketball

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"I relay to honor my family members that I have lost to cancer but to also honor the strength and courage of my family members that have survived it."

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To Keep Fighting

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To Honor Their Memory



Technology turning communication off

By Sarah Rudkin
Variety Editor

The world as we know it has come to be mostly due to technology and the advancement of technology. Huge strides in medicine, engineering, education, communication, etc... have been because of technology. Even though the cotton gin is ancient and not even considered technology by most people our age, it was so high tech in 1794. The world had never seen anything that complex before.

When we compare the cotton gin to the iPad, it is incredible how quickly things have changed. In the 200 years from the cotton gin to the iPad, technology changed literally every aspect of our lives. Can you imagine having to wake up at four every morning to milk cows, just to be able to

have breakfast? And do that every day for the rest of your life? We take every day things for granted, such as being able to turn on the lights, have heating, indoor plumbing, just to name a few.

Technology has helped us connect with the rest of the world through communication, business, trade, education, globalization, etc... Without technology, we would not have such smart professors teaching us, the up to date textbooks and journals we use, etc... I would not be able to Skype with family that is literally half way across the globe. It has helped humanity grow to a new level of education. Even though it is helping us learn and help the world come to new scientific findings, it can also be a deterrent to education. Be honest, how many times have you checked Facebook, Twitter,

Pinterest, Tumblr, etc... during class on either your computer or phone? Does that number rise significantly when you have those dreaded three hour long night classes? Or when you are doing homework or studying, how many times do you say you are going to give yourself a quick study break but find yourself three hours later so deep into YouTube you have no idea how you went from watching fat people falling compilations to the darkest corners of the internet?

We have all done it, we all have our weaknesses that distract us for hours at a time. Funny cat videos get me every time no matter how hard I try to resist them. There have been many studies showing for every minute you become distracted from whatever it was you were working on, it takes ten minutes to let your brain readjust to the task at hand and figure out what you were doing and then continue that task.

Those twenty minutes you spent reading that TFM article about accidental see-through yoga pants leads to you losing your concentration for a very long time (in more ways than one for the boys). Try limiting your technology use when doing work like putting your phone on silent and resisting Facebook stalking of that cute guy till you have finished your work.

Technology has not only helped us make massive strides in medicine and other areas, but it has given us the blessing of social media. I can safely but shamefully say Facebook and Twitter keep me sane (and awake) during my night classes, as would



more than three-quarters of the student body. Social media keeps us updated on what our friends and family are doing, give us snapshots of world headlines, and give us entertainment.

Some people go overboard with their tweets and statuses; I don't need to know that you just walked to the gym and stepped in the goose poop. And then five minutes later see you are self-conscious about going on the treadmill because you are afraid people will see the goose poop on your running shoes.

People make the argument that social media is connecting everyone, and to a degree I would agree with that statement. We have all Facebook stalked our crushes to the point we know what bands they like, seen their photos from middle school, and know they love M&Ms.

We check in to places we are at to make sure we show off to our Facebook friends we actually have lives and leave the darkness of our rooms once in a while, or to try

and prove to ourselves we aren't shut-ins. But at the same time, how many times have you been so engrossed in checking your news feed on your phone that you walk into people, or worse, walls and doors? How many times do you write "happy birthday" or "hey let's hang out today" on someone's wall instead of actually saying it to them when they are a few feet away from you?

Technology has created a new level of connectivity but at the same time destroyed another level. Sure, you can Facebook poke someone to let them know you are thinking of them. But how about walking up to them and actually saying hello? That way, you can appreciate their gorgeous eyes, dazzling smile, or whatever part of them you obsess about in person instead of from photos on their Facebook. Let's try to reconnect through human contact, not through the 1's and 0's of the internet.



What about the good guys

By Alex Pantini
Contributing Writer

Baseball players, football players, hockey players, and basketball players all have something in common; the amount of money they make. Imagine making 20 million dollars a year to play a sport you adore. Well for some athletes it's a reality. For others they make a measly 2-4 million a year, on average depending the sport. What some people don't understand is the individuals making these massive amounts of cash to play or rather to do their "job" are making these amounts of money due to other reasons than just playing the sport.

Peyton Manning, Tom Brady, Alex Rodriguez, Justin Verlander, Kobe Bryant, LeBron James are all athletes who are the face of their franchise. They are paid not only to do their job but to represent their organization in an appropriate fashion. Whether it be on or off the field, we love going to watch these athletes play. We pay ridiculous amounts of money to go and watch them whether they perform extremely well or so poorly they get taken out of clutch situations like Alex Rodriguez did in the 2012 ALDS to only watch Raul Ibanez win the game with a tying homerun in the ninth and a walk-off in the twelfth.

These are memories that people don't forget. Events you talk about with your fellow colleagues in line for coffee. But although a majority of people enjoy watching our "heroes" hit walk-off homeruns, making buzzer-beater baskets, and win an NHL playoff game in a penalty

shootout, do you ever realize the man saving your life is getting paid much less?

Yes, a doctor who has been in the profession for a lengthy amount of time may make a large fortune but nothing compared to what some of these athletes make. These are the guys like police officers, firefighters, and doctors who will stop at nothing to help society's population in any way possible.

We criticize about how bothersome police officers are or how much a firefighter gets paid to do nothing or how much our doctor bill is when we have surgery. Yet, at the end of the day, without these people our society wouldn't be able to operate. We wouldn't be able to have the luxury of enjoying these sporting events safely. Or when a sports icon gets hurt, we wouldn't have doctors to fix them so we can continue to watch them perform at such a high level.

Athletes are not bad people. They merely want to get paid what they think they're worth. As do doctors, firefighters, and police officers. Imagine if we paid these individuals the amount they were worth versus paying athletes what they think their abilities are worth.

Call me crazy but the athletes don't win in this situation. They don't protect lives, they don't save lives, or for that matter save homes. We need to give more recognition to the individuals that deserve it. Wake up society and smell the roses. A homerun doesn't save your life; a heart surgeon does after you just suffered a life threatening heart-attack. The good guys need more recognition. When are they going to get it?



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What if wise women wrote commandments?

Barreca lists some commandments that women should try following to better their lives

By **Gina Barreca**
MCT Campus

While it's been lovely listening to the patriarchs from the Pentateuch (all of whom will forever look and sound like Charlton Heston to Americans of a certain age) lay down the law for the last several thousand years, it's time to imagine what the Old Testament matriarchs might have said.

Had oxen not been so much trouble to prepare, or if the burning bush could have been turned into a useful cooking appliance as the women requested (not that anybody was listening — too busy sacrificing lambs and the occasional son), the matriarchs might have had a little more time



to write their own lists specifically for their female descendants. I believe the matriarchs would have come up with something like The Four and One-Half Commandments for Women. The last one is just a suggestion, so it's

only half a commandment:

1. Do Unto Yourself As You Would Do Unto Others: Start treating yourself with as much generosity, charity, kindness and graciousness as you would treat the least favorite among your acquaintances. Be as kind and as forgiving toward yourself as you would be toward a pal. If a friend missed an appointment, burst into tears at dinner or made an unconsciously cringe-inducing remark, would you hate her forever? Of course not. You'd shrug it off, understand, and let it go; you might tease her a bit but then you'd forget about it. Do the same for yourself. Stop torturing yourself about what you might have done (or not done) 10 days ago or 10 years ago. Let yourself off the hook and give yourself a break. Offer comfort to yourself that actually helps, such as taking care of old wounds and cleaning up old messes, and don't rely on merely short-term diversions, such as drinking heavily before lunch or eating an entire Sara Lee cheesecake without letting it defrost. You wouldn't suggest to a friend that she do such things; why would you let yourself do them? Imagine you're put in charge of taking care of yourself the way you might be privileged to take care of someone you love. Then do it.

2. Thou Shalt Not Covet Thy Friends' Accessories: From

bracelets to boyfriends, they're all accessories. The whole coveting thing is nothing but trouble. In this one area, the boys got it right. But we should clarify the details.



You see, women are too often encouraged by the culture to be envious. Even young girls think it's acceptable to shriek to their friends "Oooh, I'm so jealous of your new haircut/weight-loss/red-tent-acceptance!" We need to stop comparing ourselves to other women in ways that diminish all of us. We can, however, choose women we admire and pattern ourselves after them. We can look to their successes, their perspectives, their abilities, and their grace and hope we too can achieve such goals.

3. Thou Shalt Not Say "Please" Without Having First Said "Thank You": This is true not only in terms of addressing your chosen higher power or deity, where it could lead to

a serious smiting, given that praying for stuff (safe travel, easy surgeries, good tickets to Fleetwood Mac) isn't considered cool if you haven't already offered thanks for all the stuff you already possess (the ability to get around, a place to live, the fact that your tinnitus doesn't prevent you from enjoying "Landslide"), but also in ordinary life. Don't ask for favors if you haven't offered anything in the way of encouragement or congratulations. Say "thank you for everything you've done" before asking for a job recommendation, advice, publicity for your kid's latest project, or a lift to the airport.

4. Honor Thy Sense of Humor: A day during which you have laughed is a day you have not wasted. Even if it's only taking a shower, walking the dog, and playing Words With Friends — if

you've laughed a real laugh, and even more miraculously, if you've shared it with someone else, then you've made the day sacred.



The Last Suggestion: Embrace Every Chance to Get It Right. Reach out, let go, take risks, and offer hugs. Say "I love you" and "I'm sorry" but not necessarily in that order. Enjoy yourself. If you're not, who else will?



Contractors: the real winners in the war

By **Trudy Rubin**
MCT Campus

Two weeks ago, on the 10th anniversary of the Iraq war, I wrote a column that laid out the losers in the conflict. I argued there were still no clear winners.

One reader responded that there are obvious winners: the private civilian contractors who provided security and supplies for the war effort, and were paid tens of billions of dollars by the U.S. government. A hefty chunk of those billions was wasted due to overbilling, shoddy work and fraud.

The reader was correct (although I disagree with his assertion that we began the war in order to fuel the military-industrial complex). He fingered an important problem we still haven't come to grips with: Our military and civilian agencies seem unable to conduct massive nation-building efforts in war zones effectively, or to supervise the private contractors to whom we often outsource this job.

In 2011, a bipartisan congressional commission estimated that between \$31 billion and \$60 billion of the \$206 billion paid to contractors since the start of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars had been wasted. The heart of the problem, said the Commission on Wartime Contracting in Iraq and Afghanistan, is excessive reliance on badly supervised private contractors engaging in "vast amounts of spending for no benefit."

Anyone who has spent time in Iraq could testify to the truth of those words.

One man with particular knowledge of the problem is Stuart Bowen, the special inspector general for Iraq reconstruction, whose agency (referred to as SIGIR) has documented the failings of Iraq reconstruction and some of its

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most egregious contractor fraud. Speaking last week at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, Bowen warned: "We have yet to learn our lessons" from Iraq (or Afghanistan) when it comes to nation-building under fire.

I'll get back to Bowen's lessons, but first a word about our runaway spending on war contractors. In Iraq, our reliance on contractors who provided many of the services that used to be carried out by grunts in the regular Army permitted the military to hold down the number of troops sent to the country. It also permitted the government to go to war without reinstating the draft.

In 2008, at the height of the war, the Congressional Budget Office estimated that one of every five dollars spent on the Iraq war had gone to contractors; at that point, the contracts were worth about \$85 billion. That year, contractors employed

about 180,000 people in Iraq often from third-world countries who worked as bodyguards, translators, construction workers, launderers, cooks and drivers. They amounted to a second private army that was larger than the U.S. military force in Iraq.

This was a setup designed (intentionally or not) for favoritism and fraud.

Perhaps the biggest beneficiary of the contract largesse, as you may recall, was Kellogg Brown & Root, or KBR, then a subsidiary of Halliburton Co., whose CEO from 1995 to 2000 was Dick Cheney. KBR received huge, no-bid government contracts and reaped tens of billions of dollars for its Iraq work. A highly placed Pentagon procurement officer who tried to blow the whistle on some KBR contracts was drummed out of her job in 2005. In 2009, Halliburton agreed to pay \$559 million to the U.S. government to settle corruption charges linked to KBR.

SIGIR has documented scores of egregious scams, including one that featured a Kuwait-based U.S. contractor who reaped millions by bribing corrupt American military officers to give him contracts. The agency

estimates that at least \$8 billion of \$60 billion spent on Iraq reconstruction was "wasted." I'd guess the number is probably much higher.

The most frustrating aspect of the contracting problem is that it was so obvious from the start of the Iraq war. With so much U.S. money flowing into Iraq often in bricks of cash almost any scamster could qualify as a contractor and reap millions, such as the two adventurers who won a \$16 million contract to guard the Baghdad airport even though they had no experience. Iraqi friends of mine in Baghdad constantly told me stories of rip-offs by Iraqi and American wheeler-dealers, and then asked in amazement why the Americans let them continue.

The answer, as Bowen makes clear, was (and is) systemic. It involved not only the United States' need to rely on contractors, but also its officials' inability to track the money allotted, as well as their unwillingness to consult with locals on what projects were really needed and workable.

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With different agencies and often different allied countries providing funds, auditing systems were disjointed. Auditors were often unable to penetrate foreign cultures or ensure that projects were actually completed in conflict areas they couldn't visit.

Bowen gives a perfect example: a \$300 million water-treatment plant built in the southern Iraqi city of Nasiriyah. The plant is only 20 percent operational. The grandiose plan didn't take into consideration that the system was too powerful for the available water pipes, or that the local tribe, whose members got control of the project, didn't have the skills to operate it.

When money is thrown at nation-building projects without sufficient security or civilian-military coordination, and when it exceeds what local systems can absorb or manage, the only real beneficiaries are the contractors. U.S. taxpayers lose, Iraqis don't gain, and the end result fuels Iraqi and American suspicions about the real motives behind the efforts.

SIGIR is about to shut down; its final report is titled "Lessons From Iraq." It's unclear whether the U.S. government has absorbed them.

And if you think this problem no longer exists now that we've left Iraq, think again. The same problems still bedevil projects in Afghanistan. Future nation-building efforts beckon as we confront failed states in Syria, Libya, and Yemen, or stay on in Kabul after 2014. There, too, contractors may have the most to gain.

Bryant's potential tax upset

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Furthermore, Bryant is in no way a financial burden to the town of Smithfield, but rather "a powerful economic engine for the Town...providing jobs, attracting visitors and stimulating the local economy, with a direct annual impact of over \$17 million per year." In a capitalistic, democratic nation such as America, you would think by this point in time, the Government would understand that it should be growing, nurturing and promoting institutions like Bryant University, as a model for ethical business practices, and positive economic development – not hindering its ability to grow. Furthermore, all of these things could potentially be at risk, and as this bill has already been heard in the committee, the only thing standing in the way of it being passed is a vote on the floor of the General Assembly.

How many members of the Bryant community, Smithfield community, and even other towns outside of Smithfield, recall

wonderful memories from Bryant's 4th of July firework display? And how many members of the Bryant community appreciate and enjoy our WJMF radio station? These are just a few examples of how Bryant contributes to the cultural development in Rhode Island. Additionally, the economic contributions from Bryant range from: assistance given to Smithfield schools, employment opportunities for Smithfield residents, general economic activity, internships, and support for local businesses. These are contributions that should be celebrated and promoted – not lost because the General Assembly is looking for more ways to squeeze money out of prosperous pockets.

President Ronald Machtley and his team have been fighting the General Assembly on this legislation, and now it is time that the voice of the Bryant Community is heard. Do not let this legislation pass. Speak up, now. If you would like more information, feel free to stop by The Archway office located on the 3rd floor of the Bryant Center.

What is it like to be gay at Bryant?

Let's find out!

Take this survey on HOMOPHOBIA at Bryant!

<http://Bryantcampusclimate.questionpro.com>



Contact Stephanie Griffith (sgriffit@bryant.edu) with any questions!

Here are some ways you can get involved to make a difference:

- 1.) Call your representatives!
 - o Senator Stephen Archambault at: (401) 921-1533
 - o Representative Thomas Winfield at: (401) 949-3356
 - o Representative Gregory Costantino: (401) 426-0284
- 2.) Attend a Town Council meeting
 - o The Smithfield Town Council generally meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm, Smithfield Town Hall.
 - **The next meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday evening. (Tuesday, April 16th)
- 3.) Send a letter to the Valley Breeze or Smithfield Patch to voice your opinion.

What Grinds My Gears

Warmer weather calls for more outdoor study areas

By Autumn Harrington
Opinion Editor



Bryant University always has enough study places for students on campus. There's the library, the roto, and even individual study rooms. These are all fantastic areas for peace and quiet or even group projects indoors. But what about when the sun finally starts to shine and the temperature finally changes from -12 to 60 degrees? Where are students supposed to do their work?

Bryant's campus has plenty of beautiful lawn space for students during the warmer months of April and May as well as the beginning of September. But this lawn space lacks any type of hard surface for students to do school work. Given, most students are using lap tops for most assignments, but what about the math homework and written out assignments that we use a hard surface to accomplish?

With tuition increasing and the new renovations of the Bryant Center being introduced next year, I believe our campus should invest in some, or a

few, types of tables for students to use in the spring months. Everyone finds their way out onto the lawn anyways, and some do actually try to do work while out there. But, unfortunately, it's tough to do assignments on a book while sitting on the grass, and some students actually don't like sitting on the ground.

With the investment of outdoor tables for our campus, I believe more students would go outside, as well as spend longer hours out there. Rhode Island seems to be cold and dark for most months after November, so once the sun starts revealing itself during the warmer months, students find any excuse they can to get outdoors and stay there. But, when it comes down to doing work or going outside, some students don't go outside because there is no specific area dedicated to doing school assignments. This predicament also causes students to only stay outside for maybe an hour. School work does come first, but I want to see my campus landscape filled with students!

It is also a proven fact that sunlight puts people in better moods. Being a freshman, I can already tell that spring semester, once the weather becomes nice, is the semester that everyone comes alive. The winter depression wears off, and people start smiling again. Everyone's crankiness seems to fade away with the melting snow. The sunlight is not only good for you, but it's good for me, because now I don't have to deal with bad attitudes of others!

With this said, Bryant should spend some money on some outdoor tables for students. We love being out there on the lawn anyway, so we might as well have a table to sit at. So much more could be accomplished while outside. Projects and assignments could be worked on without getting dirty and crumpled. We could be in the sun for hours without stressing about the amount of work we still need to do. Our campus is so beautiful already. I think it's time to embrace it during our spring semesters.

Bryant Said What?!

Compiled by Bryant Students

"If you can't keep it in your pants...keep it in the family"

"I wish I was crossed eyed, cause then I'd get to see you twice."

"My grandpa's old. He shits himself. That's old."

Embarass your friends by sending us the funny things they say by emailing archway@bryant.edu

Profit and Loss



Spring weather has finally arrived!



Subway has made its way back onto campus.



Relay for Life has been moved indoors. =(



Spring weekend concert tickets are already sold out; start checking the Facebook groups if you still want to pay for one.

Alien plant comes to Janikies auditorium

By Kathryn Valentini
Contributing Writer

The Bryant Players were back in action again this past weekend, putting on three performances of Little Shop of Horrors, Friday and Saturday night, and Sunday afternoon. If you were looking for an exciting show with a talented cast, alien plants, romance, and a crazy dentist, then this show was for you.

After six weeks of late night practices, set construction, hard work, dedication, and just the right amount of fun and energy, this cast pulled off a great performance. Between the singing, acting, laughing, and gasping, you could be sure that not a minute was spent idle during the performance. The Friday night performance, which I attended, could not have gone smoother for an opening night. None of the opening-night jitters and nervousness seemed to exist, but rather, the cast undertook the performance with the confidence and ease that is most often seen in the final performance.

The show opened up with Crystal, Ronette, and Chiffon (played by Maggie Keane, Jessica DiFilippo and Sonia Torretta), our ever-present commentators, introducing the events that are to unfold. The show eventually transitions over to the main setting of the play: Mr. Mushnik's flower shop (Mushnik's Skid Row Florists), where we are immediately introduced to the three main characters of the play; Mr. Mushnik, Audrey, and Seymour (oh, and who can forget about the alien plant Audrey II?).

Before long, the audience is thrown full-force into the chaotic, crazy, and humorous story of how the alien plant Audrey II comes to bring success, love, and ultimately destruction to all the characters in the play. Without giving away the ending, the play wraps up on a rather dark note, and leaves the audience wondering what will become of Audrey II after plans to reproduce her begin to unfold.

Little Shop of Horrors was certainly worth seeing, and if you missed out, you missed a great performance! It is always wonderful to attend student-run events, as you see the pride written all over their faces at pulling off such an incredible feat. Although I'm no musical connoisseur, I can tell you that the two lead actors, Ryan Miller and Abigail Armstrong, were just fabulous (so was the rest of the cast!). It seemed to me as though the parts were made for these two actors to fill. I have to say for myself, I was most impressed with Abby's ability to pull off the accent! Furthermore, credit must be given to the hard-working Director of the show: Nicollette Riccio, for directing such a wonderful cast. Nicollette, you really should be proud of how well the play turned out! And to all of the cast and crew: you did a wonderful job, yet again! Keep up the great work!

Full Cast: Abigail Armstrong, Ellie Badaracco, Cristina Degaetano, Jessica DiFilippo, John DiMauro, Dan DiNicola, Ines Hassaine, Maggie Keane, May Ling, Ryan Miller, Shana Nyagahene, Alex Scelzo Rayna Soni, Katie Tetreault, Sonia Torretta, Bradley Zaremski



Pictured above: Plant Audrey II and Seymour, played by Ryan Miller '14.
Pictured below: Seymour and Orin Scirvello, played by John DiMauro '15. (Sara Elder)

Styleaholic Vintage ModCloth

By Lauren Kordalski
Columnist

Unhealthy or not, I get a rush from shopping, especially online. Scrolling through the pages of items, previewing different color options, imagining all the outfits I can create, and finishing it up by checking out funky accessories gives me a rush of adrenaline unparallel to any other activity. If this makes me somewhat of a shopaholic, so be it.

I may not be great at accounting, but boy can I shop. Through my countless hours of online shopping, I've stumbled upon many websites, many of which I've ordered once or twice from and promptly forgotten about them. Presently, there are only a few websites I visit frequently, including my newest favorite site, ModCloth.com.

Selling fabulously vintage items, ModCloth is rapidly gaining popularity, possibly due to their large selection and adorably unique clothing, shoes, accessories, and "apartment" selection. Inspired mainly by vintage or "mod" apparel, ModCloth is offering classic fashion statements to their growing customer base through their website.

As co-founder, Susan Gregg-Koger describes, "What started out as a gift



With an extremely large inventory of creative items, ModCloth pleases their customers by constantly rotating their merchandise and catering to the customers' wants. Boasting wonderfully vintage styles, ModCloth fuels my shopping addiction with their fairly reasonable prices, fun clothes, funky shoes, and unique accessories.

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for thrifting quickly transformed into the vintage inspiration behind retro e-boutique, ModCloth." Proving that inspiration and hard work can go a long way, high school sweethearts, Susan and now-hubby, Eric Koger, launched ModCloth in 2002 while the two were still attending Carnegie Mellon University. Expanding rapidly in the past eleven years, the Koger's now successfully manage a fifteen million dollar company.

Turning her hobby for thrift shopping into a business, Koger has used innovative and progressive methods for stocking ModCloth's inventory. Taking customers' requests into account, ModCloth uses methods like "Be the Buyer," where customers get to choose which items they would like ModCloth to sell, and the "Let us know if you need it" feature, in which customers can request a certain item be returned to stock. With great customer service as an added bonus, ModCloth emphasizes the importance of the customer and their opinions in not only what they sell, but also, how to construct their generous company policies.

ModCloth's dress selection alone is indicative of their large inventory, with 2,799 dresses available on their website. With an additional 966 tops, 336 bottoms, and 968 shoes, any customer is sure to find at least a few things they like!

ModCloth's success can somewhat be contributed to their impressive founders, who were recognized for their accomplishments in 2009 when they were listed as number two and number three respectively in Inc. Magazine's 30 Under 30: America's Coolest Young Entrepreneur.

By developing a community-atmosphere with their customers through contests, behind the scenes Instagram photos, and a community blog, ModCloth excels at customer communication. Paired with constantly updated merchandise which features awesome styles, ModCloth is gaining more success and recognition daily, as deserved. With any luck, this fantastic website will continue to thrive, offering the ladies out there tons of fun outfits to choose from.



Django Unchained: Tarantino's return

By AJ Beltis
Staff Writer

Django Unchained has all the necessary elements of a great Quentin Tarantino film. The audience watches a scene wondering what the players are talking about and why. Then, out of nowhere, the purpose becomes clear, and the audience is left dumbfounded, yet smiling at the same time. Tarantino is the king of mind-bending and escalating seemingly unimportant scenes to a bloody and somehow simultaneously enjoyable blowout.

Django Unchained is Tarantino's take on the spaghetti western genre. It's set a couple of years before the Civil War, with the recently purchased slave Django (Jamie Foxx) on the way to his new plantation. On the way, Dr. King Shultz (Christoph Waltz, Oscar winner from Tarantino's *Inglorious Basterds*) kills his way into purchasing Django. Shultz explains to Django that he abandoned dentistry for bounty hunting, and needs his help finding his next bounty, the Brittle brothers. Having never seen them in person, Shultz makes a deal with Django, in exchange for identifying his previous overseers Django will receive \$75 and his freedom from Shultz, who is sickened by the very notion of slavery.

Upon locating the brothers at a plantation, Django kills two himself, after a flashback reveals their previous cruelty to him and his wife, Broomhilda. Shultz,



Christopher Waltz and Jamie Foxx co-star in *Django: Unchained*. (MCT Campus)

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impressed by Django's ferocity, proposes another deal. If Django partners up with Shultz in the bounty hunting business for the winter, Shultz will give Django one-third of his earnings and personally help Django rescue his wife. Django agrees, which leads to a montage of guns firing and a friendship strengthening. The on-screen chemistry between Foxx and Waltz is incredible, and I can't say I'm surprised. Tarantino has a real talent for casting the right people.

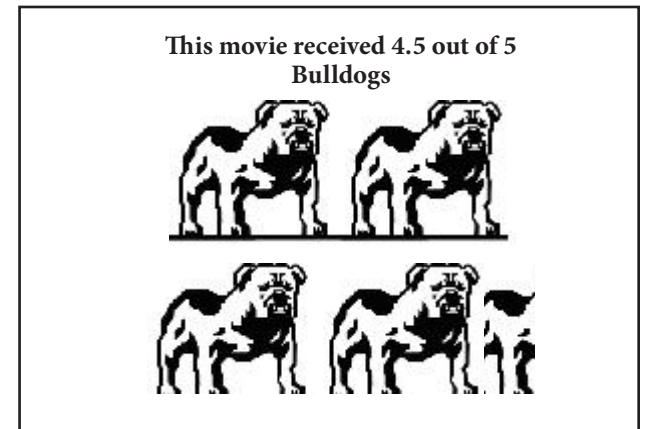
When the winter ends, the two discover that Broomhilda is one of countless slaves owned by Calvin Candie (Leonardo DiCaprio) on his plantation, Candyland. DiCaprio gives a great performance as the cold aristocrat, shielding his cruelty with a fancy accent, a classy outfit, and a big house. His head slave, Stephen, is suspicious of the two visitors who arrive under the pretext of purchasing a hard-working slave at \$12,000

in an attempt to undercut the price of Broomhilda, then leave without cutting a check for the expensive one. Stephen is portrayed by Samuel L. Jackson, who either believes he is white or sees his own race as inferior. Either way, Stephen doesn't seem to be pro-emancipation, which makes Candyland all more provocative of a place. As usual, the conflict in Tarantino's movie leads to an explosive spectacle of blood, bullets, blood, bodies, and a lot of blood. And right when you think it's all over, it isn't.

I'm not so sure what it is about Tarantino that makes violence in his movies so enjoyable. He doesn't glorify it, per se, but that being said I was smiling during the entire climactic shoot-out scene. The only other times I could say I found such violence so enjoyable was Hit-Girl's hallway massacre in *Kick-Ass* and the Crazy 88 samurai sword battle in *Kill Bill Vol.1*, Tarantino having directed the latter. Most filmmakers can't make such a sensitive subject fun to watch, but somehow, Tarantino just does.

Two other aspects that Tarantino is unmatched in are his script writing and casting. Like *Pulp Fiction* and *Inglorious Basterds*, *Django Unchained* is riddled with quotable dialogue. In his Palm d'Or acceptance speech for *Pulp Fiction*, Tarantino said his actors were able to turn "a pretty damn good script into an obsolete document." It's no different for Django, especially in the supporting performances. Foxx did well, but Waltz, DiCaprio and Jackson were all unspeakably outstanding. Kerry Washington, who played Broomhilda, did the role of a discouraged woman over decades of oppression great justice.

This movie isn't for everyone. It's brutal, unwavering, and over-the-top. However, most will love the clever dialogue, eye-popping action, memorable performances and the signature direction from Tarantino. There's even a cameo from Jonah Hill in one of the funniest scenes of the year. My only complaint was the journey from Shultz and Foxx meeting Candie to when the characters arrived at Candyland. This was a classic case of Tarantino running his mouth. If he could see the audience's reaction during this sequence, he might've taken the hint to shut up and get things going a little quicker. There was a twenty-five minute period that could've been streamlined or even eradicated, but it wasn't. Other than that, *Django Unchained* is truly a solid Tarantino gem not to be missed.



Smithfield, RI fantastic food finds

By Eric Fowler
Contributing Writer

For a college student, there is no greater motivational force than food. It is what gets us out of bed in the morning and what we dream about at night; at least, for me it is. Unfortunately, for a Bryant student, the options are usually limited to whatever concoction Salmo has whipped up that night, and if it doesn't sound appealing we resort to South, Ronzio's, or the ordinary chain restaurants at Lincoln Mall and Smithfield Crossing. But what I found is that the road continues past Lincoln Mall and on it are international dining options, which prove superior to the usual eateries.

Faial Restaurant and Lounge on Douglas Pike, in the plaza with 7-11 and Dunkin' Donuts, brings a taste of Portuguese culture to Rhode Island. The restaurant has a varied selection, from sandwiches served with Portuguese fries to fresh seafood and pastas, and many of the menu items contain specific ingredients and sauces signature to Faial. The friendly staff starts you off with a breadbasket and their dipping sauce, a mildly spicy compliment to the bread; but, of course, butter is always an option. Overall, the Faial Restaurant and Lounge was a great experience. It has the capacity for a romantic evening, but for lunch, the atmosphere is casual. And best of all, it's five minutes from campus.

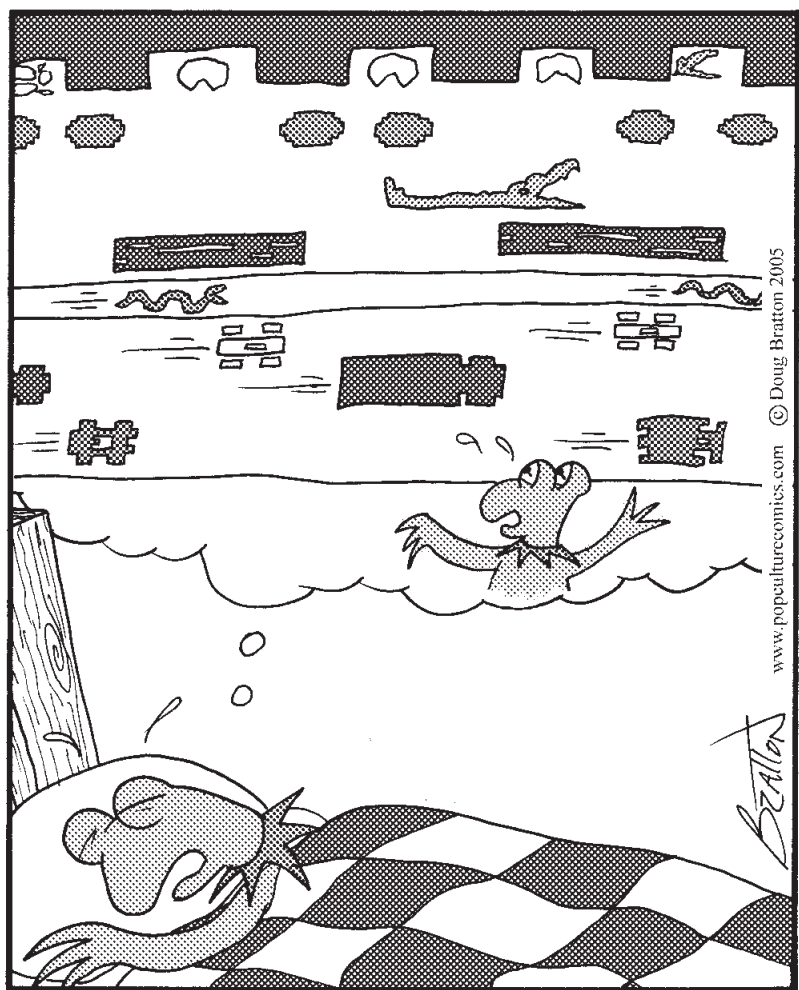
Now, if you drive past Lincoln Mall and turn left when the road ends, you'll come across a plaza with Fortune House and Pamfilio's Italian Deli. Fortune House, a Chinese restaurant, is definitely worth the extra five-minute drive from Asia Grille. The location is much quaint and since the restaurant is small, the service is more attentive and quicker. The menu is much like any other Chinese restaurant, but the food at Fortune House is three steps higher than the takeout that delivers to Bryant; any dumplings I've gotten from delivery don't compare to what I had at Fortune House. The prices were fair, the service was fast, and it's definitely worth exploring. It really is a shame they don't deliver to Bryant.

After two lunches, we were ready for one more: Pamfilio's Italian Deli right next door. The deli has more than just Paninis', wraps, salads, and grinders; they sell homemade jams, pasta, and Pizzelle waffle cookies, which, if you haven't tried before, are so good. While there were open seats in the homey restaurant, it'd be a great stop to grab food for a picnic or to bring back to the dorm. Pamfilio's, again, is five minutes further from Lincoln Mall and is a gourmet, delicious alternative to other delis in the area.

And there are so many other options from the ones mentioned here that it seems ridiculous how we restrict ourselves to the same restaurants. I invite you all to eat adventurously; use Yelp and Urbanspoon as resources for finding new foods and spread the wealth among local businesses before they are replaced by Chili's and Applebee's. As the owner of Pamfilio's said, "Life's too short; you have to eat good food."



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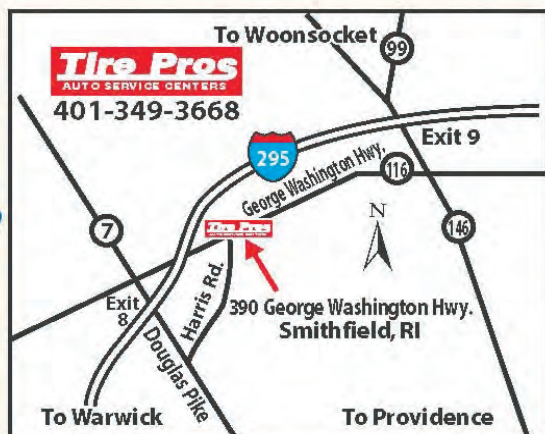
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