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36 Hours, 4 DJs, 1 Great Cause

WJMF Radio spends Friday and Saturday in the booth raising money for cancer research

By Nick Russell
Contributing Writer



(WJMF)

Held Hostage is one of Bryant's oldest traditions and is hosted annually by WJMF to fundraise for local charities. In years past, Held Hostage has raised thousands of dollars for the Rhode Island Food Bank and Homes for Our Troops. Last year, the DJs set a school record after raising \$3700, so the question is, can the record be broken in 2013? The proceeds from this year's Held Hostage event will directly benefit Bryant's own chapter of Colleges Against Cancer.

Over the past year, we have lost 2 amazing members of the Bryant

Community to battles with cancer. This past May we lost Samantha Bourque, a member of the Class of 2013, to a very rare form of bone cancer. Samantha was a close friend of many of us and was known as an all-around wonderful woman. We've also lost Mr. Peter Rutledge, an inspirational family figure, excellent advisor, and friend to many in the Academic Center for Excellence (ACE). Not only do we at WJMF think that Colleges Against Cancer is a great cause in its own right, but we would like to honor the members of this community that have or are currently battling cancer.

WJMF's four DJs are all Seniors and are willing to do just about anything to raise money for this year's charity. Brianne Brinkmann could end up in the pond, Justin Florio will shave his head if anyone can stump him on "Seinfeld Trivia," Mike Tagliaferro could end up bald, and Michelle Villa, for the right price, might dye her hair whatever color you vote for!

The best part of the event? It will be broadcast LIVE on Campus TV Channel 68 and streamed LIVE on the WJMF website, www.wjmfradio.com. On Friday night there will be music and an awesome light show on the lawn in front of the station. Throughout the weekend, other WJMF DJs will be locked up in the portable prison on the Koffler lawn and the only way these DJs can be released is with your help! There are prizes to be given away and a great cause to support.

Held Hostage will be LIVE on air beginning Friday morning at 10:00am through Saturday at 10:00pm. Tune in on-line or stop by the station in person to see how the four hostages live for those 36 hours. Donations will be taken over the air, call (401) 232-6150 and in person, and cash, credit cards, and personal checks will be accepted.

An inside look into ROTC at Bryant

By Kelsey Nowak
Editor-in-Chief

It is 5:30 Monday morning and most of campus is sleeping soundly. Thirteen Bryant students including Cadet Matt Gallagher and Cadet Tyler Donovan, are waking up, getting ready, and heading to Providence College for physical training. Approximately 70 other cadets from universities and colleges, including Johnson and Wales University, UMass Dartmouth, Brown University, Providence College, Rhode Island College, and the Community College of Rhode Island, join Bryant's cadets at Providence College three times a week for physical training led by Lieutenant Colonel Kevin Kugel. Three times a week the men and women of the Patriot Battalion are up and working hard before most students realize the sun has come up.

In addition to their morning work outs, the Army cadets are also required to go to their military science class each Wednesday afternoon, which is why everyone always sees Bryant cadets in their uniforms on Wednesdays. Also, once a semester the Patriot Battalion has a weekend training session that involves learning different topics such as land navigation, medical training, and simulated mission scenarios.

Many times the cadets are flown to the training location by UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters, but on Wednesday, two black hawks came to Bryant's campus to complete training with the cadets. Battalion Commander Gallagher, a senior at Bryant University, commented that this training exercise, which was planned by the senior cadets, is a win-win training opportunity because both parties receive valuable training during one session.

On Wednesday the entire Battalion of approximately 85 cadets assembled on Bryant's practice Rugby field to get

exposure to the Black Hawk helicopters and the proper techniques for entering and exiting. One group of mostly junior cadets was flown to a different location for a situational training exercise after being briefed on the procedures of the helicopters. Procedures included the proper way to approach the helicopter, how to handle rucksacks, what to do if one is air sick, entering the aircraft and exiting as well.

Once the brief training was complete, and the first group was dropped at their training location, the Black Hawks headed back to campus to do short fifteen minute flights with the younger cadets to get them introduced to aviation.

Earlier in the day Wednesday Battalion Commander Gallagher and Cadet Donovan explained the ROTC program, how they got involved, and what they will be doing upon graduation from Bryant.

Gallagher applied to be in ROTC and received a scholarship as a senior in high school. This means that he came into Bryant already committed to the program and the Army. When Battalion Commander Gallagher graduates from Bryant he will owe the Army four years of active duty which he will begin at Fort Benning, Georgia in June as a 2nd Lieutenant.

Cadet Donovan, a sophomore at Bryant University, came into the program without committing, but instead began by taking a military science class as an elective and going to physical training. In December of his sophomore year Donovan was offered a scholarship similar to Gallagher's and he accepted it, thereby committing to six years of reserve duty with the Rhode Island National Guard 126th

Aviation Unit after graduation.

Both Gallagher and Donovan strongly recommended that anyone who may be considering ROTC try out the class first and see if it is for them. There is no commitment expected of anyone trying out the program and each non-contracted cadet's level of participation is up to them. The leadership classes are a great opportunity whether or not one has an interest in contracting with the program.



Two Black Hawk helicopters leaving Bryant's campus Wednesday. (Felicia Thomas)



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Campus Calendar

April	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	High/Low 51/33	High/Low 50/35	High/Low 55/4	High/Low 62/46	High/Low 65/44	High/Low 54/45	High/Low 50/41
	Little Shop of Horrors Friday & Saturday - 7pm Sunday - 2pm Janikies			10am - 2pm, Rotunda, Ring Toss Sex Trivia	10am - 2pm Sexpo (Sex Fair) Rotunda		

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

VANDALISM
MAR 24 2013-Sunday at 01:45
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: DPS received a report of a broken door in a Residence Hall. The incident is under investigation.

VANDALISM (AUTO)
MAR 24 2013-Sunday at 13:23
Location: STRIP PARKING
Summary: A staff member reported that his car was vandalized. DPS is investigating the incident.

LARCENY
MAR 24 2013-Sunday at 21:03
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A report of a stolen laptop from a Residence Hall room. DPS is investigating.

VANDALISM (AUTO)
MAR 25 2013-Monday at 11:00
Location: COMMUTER PARKING LOT
Summary: A student reported that the rear window of her vehicle was smashed.

LARCENY
MAR 25 2013-Monday at 16:00
Location: TOWNHOUSE
Summary: DPS received a report of stolen items from a Townhouse while the residents were on spring break. The incident is under investigation.

EMT CALL (Medical Services Rendered)
MAR 25 2013-Monday at 19:32
Location: UNISTRUCTURE
Summary: DPS received a report of a male complaining of dizziness and the inability to stand or walk. EMS was activated. Patient was transported to Kent County Hospital by the Smithfield Rescue for treatment.

VANDALISM (Residence)
MAR 27 2013-Wednesday at 10:30
Location: TOWNHOUSE
Summary: A report of an unauthorized entry into a Townhouse. The common area was vandalized.

LARCENY
MAR 28 2013-Thursday at 12:36
Location: BELLOWS CENTER LOT
Summary: A student reported that her ID was missing, and that Bulldog bucks were used off of the card. The incident is under investigation.

VANDALISM
MAR 28 2013-Thursday at 18:31
Location: RUGBY FIELD
Summary: Sgt. Freches reports tire track damage to the lower rugby field. The incident is under investigation.

VANDALISM (Residence)
MAR 29 2013-Friday at 07:40
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: Facilities reported that the front glass doors of a Residence Hall were broken.

LARCENY
MAR 29 2013-Friday at 11:25
Location: CHASE ATHLETIC CENTER
Summary: A student reported his backpack taken from the gym.

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

SHOUT OUT TO A FEW BROTHERS OF SIGMA CHI!



Zdan Korduba, Paden Sadler, CJ Dona, James Hillen, Samir Sanariya, Colton Faddish and Joe Maiato helped "Mrs.P" clean up Salmo on Tuesday night. Something that usually takes her two hours took the eight of them 20 minutes! Great job guys! You are awesome!

Dragon Dance Team performs at a local elementary school

By Tim Loeffler & Ted Oo
Contributing Writers

For 5 years, William Winsor Elementary School in Smithfield has been associated with the U.S.- China Institute and Confucius Institute established itself a Confucius Classroom to educate and inform its students about many aspects of China. On March 22, William Winsor Elementary school arranged a closing ceremony for its after school enrichment program, in which its students learn about various aspects of Chinese culture, like its language, and different regions in China.

The closing ceremony started as the faculty and staff involved with the program introduced congratulated around 20 children taking part in this valuable opportunity the elementary school has offered. After the brief introduction, Ziqin (Brian) Zhang 14' who has been involved in the after school program beautifully preformed a piece of traditional Chinese classic music by using Gu-zheng, a 3000-year-old traditional Chinese musical instrument. Following up, the children involved in the program, using skills taught in the program sang "A Little Blue Moon Boat" in both English and Chinese. Proud of their achievement in completing the after school program, the U.S.- China Institute and the William Winsor Elementary school presented the children with certificates and the children are called on upon by their

English and Chinese names.

The highlight of the ceremony was Bryant's Dragon Dance Team. As soon as the team entered the auditorium, the students erupted into applause. The team performed the traditional Chinese dragon dance with their grace and poise. For the next 8 minutes or so the auditorium was silent except for when the team positioned the dragon above the children, at such time the children instantly applauded and filled the room with laughter and noise. Overall the presentation was excellent, and as Alex stated, a 5th grader at the middle school, his favorite part was "when the Dragon Dance Team positioned the dragon close to everyone's head". The dragon dance adequately represented the Chinese culture through the power of dance. As the whole school was sitting in awe watching, the dance was entirely fascinating. Members of the team also enjoyed reactions from the children. For the Dragon Dance Team, this is just a beginning of a series of performances for RI communities in the next 2 weeks, including performances for a wedding in East Providence, a company employee group and Bryant's groundbreaking ceremony for Shu Fang Zhai, a replica of a court yard house in China's Forbidden City.

The Tomorrow Fund

By Ana Gabriela Pascual Hawayek
Contributing Writer

The Tomorrow Fund was founded in 1985 by a group of doctors, child life specialists, and parents of children with cancer. Today, it is based out of three specific programs. The first is to direct financial and emotional assistance to families and children in treatment. The second is to support The Tomorrow Fund Clinic, and lastly, they strive to inform the community about the effects of childhood cancer. Today, The Tomorrow Fund is the only local non-profit organization that provides

daily financial and emotional support to children with cancer and their families.

Please join The Tomorrow Fund on April 28th, 2013 for their 11th Annual Tomorrow Fund Stroll located in the Garden City Center of Cranston, RI. Registration will start at 8:45 am and the stroll at 10:00am.

For any other questions please call The Tomorrow Fund at 401-444-8811 or visit them online at www.tomorrowfund.org

Bryant science majors - have hope

By Jessica Vickers
Contributing Writer

Growing up on the Island of Borneo and moving to Colorado at the age of fourteen, I have had much exposure to many different cultures and perspectives. My father works in the oil industry as a geophysicist and greatly influenced my decision to pursue a bachelor of science in environmental science.

Many individuals hold the perception that having an environmental degree will equate to very few opportunities, but this perception is in fact untrue. Over the past two and half years, majoring in environmental science has led me to countless opportunities at Bryant University. The interdisciplinary aspect of this field has caused me to work in many different settings and meet wonderful passionate individuals all working in this industry.

Environmental science presents a multi-faceted approach of looking at the world and because of this one can specialize in their specific interests. For example, I work as a laboratory research assistant at the Laboratory for Terrestrial Environments at Bryant University. Working with Professor Qin Leng, I have been working to establish the "Bryant Botanical Club" (BBC) which aims to systematically identify, label, map, and archive all plant species on campus as well as establish a herbarium for education, research, and better management of the botanical resources.

While I have specialized in plants, other students and members in the lab have conducted numerous projects specializing in analyzing fossil and modern plant and animal material to study the effects of climate change. Some projects have already resulted in successful papers accepted by national and international professional conferences (for example, the Geological Society of America annual meetings) and one of them has been published in a high-profile international journal "Palaios". All papers have students as the senior authors.

Working as a laboratory research assistant and attending speaker series has opened many doors into the environmental industry. I attended a speaker series on the

environmental problems, the trend towards sustainability has significantly increased over the last decade. A global shift has occurred towards better quality of life, energy needs, and awareness of resource constraints. Major companies and corporations have begun to incorporate sustainability initiatives into their business. The view that waste is an acceptable component of the business process is quickly changing. Companies now realize pollution prevention commonly known as "P2" will pave the way of the future. These global trends have caused an increase in the number of jobs for individuals with environmental and sustainability degrees.

After years of working towards the goal of a greener campus, Bryant set forth last summer to achieve "Bronze" status in the STARS program of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE), which was reached last December (Information about STARS is available at <https://stars.aashe.org/>).

As part of the ongoing effort to become greener, the Bryant University Sustainability Committee has been formed, chaired by Gaytha Langlois, Professor of Environmental Policy, and Brian Britton, Associate Vice President ...and comprising representation from a large number of university departments, including students, faculty, and staff. The immediate goals of the committee will be to formulate a mission statement and sustainability plan for the university.

Surveys of sustainability awareness have been conducted, courses and modules are now available in academic departments, expanded goals for energy efficiency are in place, and more effective waste management programs are underway. The University is again enrolled in the annual national contest, Recyclemania, with high hopes for improving our standing this year (See Bryant's scores at the website http://recyclemaniacs.org/scoreboard/participating-schools/list?node_id=13475). With only one

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interconnection between faith and the environment last semester. William Patenaude, a speaker on the panel discussion, works as an environmental regulator and engineer at the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management. This connection established from Bryant University has allowed me to actively pursue a summer internship at the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management and further increase my network.

Due to the earth's increasing population and intensified

more week to go in the Recyclemania competition, everyone on campus could really help to make a difference.

Clearly, Bryant University has created many opportunities for Science and Technology majors, and the new sustainability committee has intensified the university's dedication to becoming a greener campus. I have not regretted my decision to pursue a degree in environmental science and am excited for what the future holds.



Voting for legislative body members will take place on April 8th and 9th in front of Salmo from 10am - 2pm and also from 5pm - 7pm. Students may only vote for the representatives running for their class. Make sure to support your class members and come out and vote! Tune in next week for an announcement of your 2013-2013 Student Senate!

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 April 29th, because the next day the third floor 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 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!

Tupper's Tidbits

Tupper's Top Five April Happenings

Iron Clad Tupper I



Ahhh! Springtime...I will soak up the sun while it's still cool enough for me to be outside. (Christina Senecal)

It's lighter out, later at night!

That's kind of awesome. I think the dark makes my momma tired. There are a lot of things that make me tired, so I totally get that.

April is when things really start to get interesting on a college campus, so I really love this month!

All around the world, there are good things happening this month. Here are a few of my favorites. I present to you "Tupper's Top Five April Happenings."

5. APRIL FOOL'S DAY! I got

Momma good this year! BOL! I pretended I was sleeping in the middle of my bed that I'd pulled all the stuffing out of...she started re-stuffing it, and I POUNCED. Got her good...snicker...continued to block her efforts to re-stuff the bed.

4. OPENING DAY FOR BASEBALL!

Known as "America's Pastime," Opening Day in April signals warm weather, and 26 weeks of Major League Baseball. It's fun, too, because Bryant's students seem to be pretty evenly split among Red Sox, Yankee, and Mets fans. The good-natured ribbing is fun to watch on Twitter. Let's not forget that Bryant has a team, too!

3. INTERNATIONAL PILLOW

FIGHT DAY! No, really. It's April 6. A Saturday. Check out www.pillowfightday.com for details! I want to go!!!

2. RELAY FOR LIFE! It's Friday,

April 12 - Saturday, April 13. If you've never heard of it, Relay for Life is a fundraising event. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. It's called "Relay" because teams of students, faculty, administrators, friends, and family walk continually around the track for 18 hours. It's pawsome! I know a few cancer survivors, so this event means a lot to me.

And my number one most favorite April happening is:

1. TAKE YOUR KID TO WORK

DAY! It's Thursday, April 25. I call her "Momma," so I must be her kid. No excuses. I'm tired of staying home alone. I get bored and destructive. Time to take me to Bryant.

So there you have it. Tupper's Top Five April Happenings. 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!

Turner's Thoughts

Hunger vs. Habit



By Debbie Turner
Registered Dietician for
Bryant University Dining

What is Hunger? True hunger is a physiologic response we are all born with. Our body will tell us when we need energy; it tells us when we are full. The only good example I can give, is, think of a baby. Babies cry when they are hungry, and spit or throw food back when they are full. Can you relate?

Let's take a look at the body's physiologic need for energy. The body will digest and utilize the energy (food) you give it with in 3 or 4 hours after eating. You must refuel with-in the three or four hour time frame, for your body to function optimally.

Whether or not you listen to your body is another story. Hunger cues differ from person to person, but a few ways hunger may present itself could be: headache, moodiness, quick temper, fatigue, and cravings. It is up to you to determine your own body's cues. If you continue to ignore those cues the penalty will result in poor performance; academically and athletically.

What is Habit? Habit is eating when you are not physiologically hungry

- It is when you are grabbing for food after you just ate
- It is overeating on un-necessary calories
- It is eating due to emotional stresses:
- Exams, loneliness, relationship problems, family issues etc.
- Habit also rears with certain associations, for example, the movies. As soon as you walk into the theater it automatically triggers the desire for popcorn, even if you don't want it, or even if you just had a meal

The bottom line is: until you identify your habits, poor nutrition will follow you through your lifetime. Nip it now!

When you think you are hungry, take the "apple" test: ask yourself, would I eat an apple right now? If the answer is yes, then you are hungry, if the answer is no, then you are not hungry. This is when you determine what it is that's causing the want for food and tackle the issue instead of using food as a way out. P.S. the apple test can be anything good for you. If you don't like apples, substitute the food item for something else (NOT JUNK FOOD).

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The Venue's 30 Hour Famine is a success

By Kathryn Valentini
Staff Writer



Most people on campus know Alex Barbosa, class of 2013, as the guy who runs the SPAC meetings or the Senator who sits on the Ways and Means committee, but what you didn't know is that there is much more to Alex and what he is involved with on campus. Alex is involved in different activities that are more behind the scenes - not glamorous, but he enjoys the "dirty work." He enjoys this because he knows it will support and improve the Bryant Community, and he is always committed to helping Bryant grow.

Being on Student Senate for three years Alex has had the opportunity to meet many people including student leaders, administration, and professional staff in the Office of Campus Engagement. Through his involvement as a Senator it inspired Alex to be more involved on campus and now in his Senior year his involvements make him an asset to the Bryant Community. Being involved with the Linked through Leadership program is one of his greatest personal leadership roles as he embarked last year as a Learn Weekend Facilitator. This is what he had to say about his experience:

"Being a learn weekend facilitator was really important and it was one of the greatest learning experiences because of the people that go on these trips. The people are eager to learn and develop as a leader; they know they will be supported and encouraged to achieve. You really are improving the community even if it is on a one-on-one basis, and it's great to know you are helping someone become a leader"

Again this year Alex will be going on the Learn Weekend Retreat as a facilitator and hopes he can make the same impact this year as he did last year. Even though Alex is swamped with Student Senate and Linked through Leadership he still finds time to be on the Senior Class Committee and the International Business Association. In all of these groups the members know Alex as energetic, analytical, and able to laugh at himself.

As a graduating Senior Alex's goals after Bryant include continuing to be a resource and to being available to student leaders as an alumnus. He wants to be more involved as an alumnus with student organizations. Unlike most alumni, he wants to be an asset or an ally for groups on campus when they need help. After Bryant he is excited to get out in the real world and start a professional career, he hopes to continue to spread the name of Bryant and give it the best possible representation.



Margaret Mead once said: "never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

This past weekend at Bryant University, a small group of students a part of the organization, "The Venue," made small steps towards doing just that. Showing their support for the humanitarian organization World Vision, the small group of determined students went thirty hours with no food. From 3:00 PM on Sunday March, 31st, to 9:00 PM on April 1st, thirty students experienced a small taste of the pains, discomfort and longing that millions of children across the world face day in and day out.

According to World Vision's website, hunger kills 13,000 children each day.

Hunger is a concept and feeling that many Americans do not have to experience very often - if at all. In fact, in the past twenty years, the food portions in America have actually grown. It's no secret that other countries view Americans as gluttonous, obese eating machines, and really, if you look at the figures, who can blame them? According to ABCNews, in the past twenty years alone, "Hamburgers have expanded by 23 percent; A plate of Mexican food is 27 percent bigger; Soft drinks have increased in size by 52 percent; Snacks, whether they be potato chips, pretzels, or crackers, are 60 percent larger."

Too often, I believe, Americans take food for granted. The incessant complaints about the poor quality of food at college dining halls (and I'll admit, I'm among the complainers sometimes), the poor quality of food, and people up in arms about New York City's Mayor trying to ban soda larger than 16oz., are just a few of the many ways in which Americans fail to realize the many ways in which we are blessed. Perhaps it is these little things: a group of students denying food consumption for just thirty hours, a simple reminder that there are so many, many people who are less fortunate than us - that bring things back into perspective, remind us that each day, every hour, somewhere a child is hungry, and dying.

Of course it cannot be expected that the world will be changed instantly, or that all hunger issues will be resolved. But, when simple, small acts of kindness like The Venue's 30 Hour Famine are undertaken, it should serve as a reminder to all of us that there is always hope for a brighter future. We should all take these moments to reflect upon the ways we are fortunate. For 30 dollars you could enjoy a movie and snacks, or you could buy a nice new pair of jeans. For 30 dollars you could enjoy a nice dinner out at a restaurant, or visit the aquarium. Or for just 30 dollars, you could feed a young child for a month. While we may not be able to change the world and fix all the pains and maladies in an instant, if we all work together we could bring hope and promise to many children.

In the past four years, various branches of The Venue throughout Smithfield have raised between 17 and 18 thousand dollars for World Vision's 30 Hour Famine. Although it is only the first year that The Venue has been an organization on Bryant University's campus, the organization has already managed to raise approximately \$900 from proceeds of the 30 Hour Famine (that's about 16 children that will be fed for one month!). Speaking with the young go-getter and leader of The Venue, Evan Smith, it was plain to see the passion and love for the work The Venue does. Evan says that the best part of The Venue is seeing how people grow. Every Monday night, The Venue holds religious services, and Evan says that when new students join, they are often timid and shy, but after a few weeks of attending services, he already notices significant growth and change in the individuals. Evan has high hopes for The Venue and the 30 Hour Famine. As a sophomore here at Bryant, he sees the potential for great growth and development of the organization and hopes that next year the 30 Hour Famine will attract even more students to join the cause towards ending world hunger. So keep your eyes open, and next year let's (as a Bryant community) bring awareness to the horrible issue of world hunger.

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Biz Snipz: the current happenings of the business world

By John Zeiner
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- Early Wednesday morning Israeli warplanes hit targets in the Gaza Strip in response to rocket fire toward Israel. This was the first air strike launched by Israel since the informal cease-fire ended cross-border fighting between Israel and Gaza. Palestinian officials reported that no one was hurt and no damage was reported in northern Gaza despite the Israeli military issuing a statement that they targeted “two extensive terror sites” with “accurate hits”.

This was the first attack since President Barack Obama’s visit two weeks ago. There has not been any responsibility placed on a specific, part however the Israeli military says it holds Gaza’s Islamic Hamas rulers responsible for any attack against the Jewish state.

Rocket strikes have been rare since the cease-fire was reached last November. The agreement was created following eight days of considerable violence where over 1,500 rockets were fired leaving 175 dead with a multitude of damage.

- The housing market is in full blown recovery mode. Housing numbers from March show that the S&P Case-Shiller Index is rising more quickly on an annual basis since 2006. In the past 12 months home sales have experienced year-over-year price increases and new home sales have increased by 29% from a year ago.

In a new study released by PulteGroup which interviewed generation Y renters (ages 18 to 34) they found that 65% of respondent’s intentions to buy homes had increased over the past year. Additionally, 52% of millennials indicated a desire to own and build equity. There are approximately 90 million living members of the generation Y group making them the largest demographic group in United States history.

This provides an opportunity that could create a housing boom larger than anything the country

has ever seen. While 98% of millennials said they would be living with someone, the most important feature to them was the layout of their new home. Some 69% of respondents desired an open kitchen and family room space for entertaining purposes. These are promising signs but Jonathan Miller, President and CEO of Miller Samuel says, “It’s still very early in the process”. “The idea of people living with their parents because they can’t afford to go out on their own has been a problem since the credit crunch began five or six years ago”. In addition, he remarks on how millennials are faced with record high rent rates.

Nevertheless, most people of this generation are first time owners which means they do not have to worry about selling another home or coming from a home that has lost significant value. Thus making the housing market more accessible to them.

- 2012 was a very rough year for J.C. Penney and CEO Ron Johnson. Their store sales were down 32% in the fourth-quarter in addition to the retailers losing over \$4 billion in sales in the 2012 fiscal year. The current trading price for JCP is \$14.43, less than half of its value before Johnson became CEO in 2011.

Following the year of poor performance, J.C. Penney is cutting Johnson’s pay by 97% to \$1.9 million. 97% sounds much more significant than it actually is. His expected salary was to be \$3.375 million in 2012, but the real money came with the stock options of more than \$50 million which they used to lure him away from Apple. In comparison Kevin Mansell, CEO of Kohl’s, made \$7.8 million in 2012.

JCP has suffered through heavy controversy since Johnson has come aboard. He first tried to do away with sales but subsequently brought them back after customers complained. Later he set out to redesign and completely modernize the company’s stores but ended up leaving many stores in a frozen time zone of construction. He also introduced a three-tier pricing model which turned

out to be too confusing to customers. On top of all of this, they are currently engaged in a costly legal battle with Macy’s over signing a deal with Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia to carry its home products.

However, Johnson was not the only one feeling the compensation crunch. JCP’s senior management was granted no bonuses or raises last year. There has been no sympathy for Johnson as he has failed in every performance related task. The real sympathy lies with stockholders who have lost significant money since Johnson’s arrival.

- The first reports from the Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer, a \$2 billion cosmic ray detector on the International Space Station has brought back some considerable results. It has found the first significant hint of dark matter, the mysterious substance that is believed to hold the cosmos together but has never been directly observed or proved.

The ray detector was first sent into space two years ago and it has gathered evidence of a new physics phenomenon that could be the strange and unknown matter, an international team at the European particle physics laboratory near Geneva announced Wednesday.

Samuel Ting, Nobel-winning physicist and team leader, said he expects a more conclusive answer within months. The data being collected will be analyzed at the European Organization for Nuclear Research, also known as CERN, which is located along the French-Swiss border.

The first results from the detector are substantial, because dark matter is thought to make up a quarter of all matter in the universe. Deciphering the mystery of dark matter could help scientists better understand the make-up of our universe and more importantly, what holds galaxies together.

This is madness

By Nicholas Calabro
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No March is complete without a very important tournament. This allows intense rivals to fight it out among each other to see who comes out victorious near the end of the month, all the while it is being followed by highly enthusiastic supporters of the teams involved. The victors are certainly entitled to bragging rights and elevated respect until the following March. This is all of course a reference to the event known as “March Stock Mania.” The corporation with the bragging rights this year is Google.

CNN Money has said that this is the latest in Google’s accolades for this year after their 52-week low last June (since which their shares have soared up 45% to get higher than \$840 in March).

The way that this type of tournament is won, is with the votes of “readers,” indicating investor confidence. At the end of it this year, Google beat Exxon Mobil with 56% of the vote, getting revenge for when Exxon knocked them out in the Final Four of last year, according to CNN Money.

The companies that Google had to defeat to get to the finals were:

“Hasbro, Caterpillar, Microsoft, and the former defending champion Apple (first time this was not in the finals).” Given the intense Apple vs. Google rivalry, it should come as no surprise that of all these, Apple was the toughest to defeat (according to CNN Money Google got by with 53% of the vote). Actually, Apple’s stock has fallen from an all-time high by almost as much as Google’s has risen from a 52 week low (they are now at a fourteen month low), and Google’s Android has a significantly larger smartphone market share than Apple’s iPhone, as reported by CNN Money.

With all this said, there is one piece of good news for these companies. Hedge funds still hold financial stocks in high regard, but these were all defeated in the first round. That means that it is increasingly possible that these (hedge funds) will be a new piece of the market these companies can target.

There is also a saying that “the only constant is change.” This is the perfect way to describe the stock market’s natural variability, which ultimately means we cannot use any one day to predict what will happen the next day, as is true for almost everything about life.

Professor Michael Roberto’s Blog : Engaging your high performers

By Professor Michael Roberto
Staff Contributor

Forbes reported this week on a startling new study by Leadership IQ, a company that does a great deal of work on the assessment of employee engagement. The firm examined data from 207 companies on employee performance as well as employee engagement. According to Forbes:

“In 42% of the companies, the employees who do the worst job are the ones who feel the most “engaged.” At the same time, the middle and high performers in those firms feel disconnected from their jobs and not very motivated to come to work every day.”

The article, by Susan Adams, does a very nice job of explaining many of the reasons for this result. Adams, drawing on a conversation with Mark Murphy (Leadership IQ CEO), argues that the lack of a true meritocracy causes disengagement among high performers. Company leaders aren’t having the difficult conversations with low performers, and they are not properly recognizing the best employees. I cannot argue with that finding; it seems quite reasonable.

I would argue, however, that one other cause may exist for this alarming finding. Many companies simply are not investing effectively in leadership development for their top performers. Notice that I did NOT say that they are not investing ENOUGH. Many companies are spending a great deal of money on leadership development programs and processes. However, many organizations are not spending that money WISELY.

We see a litany of problems in many companies: Too many one-off events exist. Too many programs lack cohesion. Too many leadership development events lack clear criteria for determining who should be involved or invited. Far too little follow-up exists after programs are delivered.

Until firms start designing more effective leadership development activities, and begin spending their resources more effectively, we won’t see engagement rise significantly for the highest performers.

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Sweeping them off their feet - Bulldogs blank FDU in weekend series



A career performance from outfielder Carl Anderson led Bryant to sweeping FDU (MCT Campus)

By Justin Beaucage
Sports Editor

It wasn't an easy start to the season for Bryant's baseball team. Losing six of their first seven games, the Bulldogs seemed to be heading on a downward spiral. However, they must have reached the bottom after that, because since then, the only place they have gone is up. After some tough losses to some of the nation's best baseball teams, Bryant is climbing to the mountaintop, and they may not stop until they

reach the top of the NEC. The Bulldogs have gotten back to their winning formula, winning nine games in a row since the March 22 game against Mount St. Mary's. The team's secret to their success has been their brooms, as they have been successful at Mount St. Mary's and Fairleigh Dickinson. During their win streak, Bryant has outscored its opponents 76-17, including a shutout in their first matchup against St. Mary's. With their dominant pitching and a fiery offense, the Bulldogs have established themselves as legitimate contenders, and the

rest of the conference has begun to take notice.

Bryant showed its dominance this past weekend, sweeping FDU off their feet in four games in two days. The Bulldogs had control of the entire series, winning their games by an average of nearly six runs, including a 12-3 beat down in the series finale. Game 1 of the series began with a hot start with the bats for Bryant. Led by shortstop Dan Muscatello's four RBI's and third baseman Kevin Brown's homer in the ninth, the Bulldogs never seemed to cool down, defeating the Knights easily 9-1.

In Game 2, Kevin Brown was once again the offensive powerhouse for the Bulldogs, knocking in five runs including his second long ball in as many games. Despite FDU responding with two runs of their own in the third, Bryant was no match at the plate, especially with the help of strategic sacrifice flies in the fourth and fifth innings.

If a Bulldog fan missed the games on Friday, that person could have gone out and seen something similar in Saturday's doubleheader. The Bulldogs were once again victorious in Game 1, but this time, they were able to get the win with dominance from their pitching. Southpaw John Healy has had an unbelievable start to the season thus far, and it continued on Saturday.

In five innings of work, he only surrendered one run and earned the victory to continue his undefeated season (4-0). Of course, Healy could depend on his team behind him for run support, as he had a comfortable

7-1 victory. Bryant's offense was led by outfielder Carl Anderson, who went a perfect 3-3 at the plate with 3 RBI.

The Bulldogs saved the best for last; in Game 2 they scored the most runs they ever had in the entire series. Carl Anderson continued his historical weekend by tacking on three more hits to his stat line. He went a remarkable 6-8 from the batters box on Sunday alone. Bryant kept bats going in the fourth, knocking in seven runs in just that inning. Centerfielder Daniel St. George got the ball rolling with one of his three runs batted in. After that, the Bulldogs put on quite the offensive clinics, including designated hitter Aj Zarozny bringing two runners home. Pitcher Craig Schlitter

knocked in 122 runs in the early going of this year, not wasting any opportunity that presents itself on the diamond. Their .371 OBP and .352 slugging percentage keeps their offense going, and allows the team to keep momentum going in their favor.

The team's pitching staff has been unbelievable here in the opening weeks of the season. They have posted 3 shutouts to go along with a .277 ERA. By scoring this many runs and sending batters back to the dugout, they are simply outperforming their opponents.

Not only have the Bulldogs won nine games straight, but they are making themselves a legitimate contender in the NEC. Bryant is currently 14-9-1, with an undefeated conference record

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was lights-out on the mound, striking out six batters in six innings. With these remarkable efforts, the Bulldogs completed the sweep of the FDU Knights, 12-3. It is the third season in a row that Bryant has swept FDU.

How has Bryant managed to turn their season around? First, they have been opportunistic at the right time, refusing to leave any runners in scoring positions. The Bulldogs have

(8-0). Their next test will be a weekend series with Siena, followed by a one-game matchup with Rhode Island. After these crucial games, the Bulldogs face a difficult conference series against Quinnipiac beginning on April 12. It's early in the year, but with Bryant keeping up its winning ways, the Bulldogs could be the team to beat in the NEC sooner rather than later.

And then there were four, madness coming to an end

By Justin Beaucage
Sports Editor

This March has certainly been madness in the college basketball world. Confronted with upsets, injuries, and comeback victories, these collegiate athletes have worked their way through the bracket, and they can almost see the ultimate prize. The tournament has separated the strong from the weak, and we are down to the final four teams of the entire tournament.

However, there can only be one national champion.

The next couple of games will determine success or failure for each of these four teams. Each of them have taken completely different paths to get to this point, and it will all come down to these next games. Regardless of how they got here, all of these teams are deserving of their spot and are ready to play for college basketball's prestigious crown.

The games will begin on April 6. The first contest will tip off at 6:05 PM, when the (1) Louisville Cardinals face the (9) Wichita State Shockers. Louisville, one of the most dominant teams in the nation all year long, looked to continue its strong play straight to a national title game. With a 33-5 regular season record, they have been the main contender in the Big East.

Junior guard Russ Smith looks to lead his team to a title berth as Louisville's leading scorer with nearly 19 points per game and shooting 43 percent from the field. After Louisville was struck with a horrific injury to their sophomore guard Kevin Ware, the team may use it as inspiration against Wichita State. It will be extremely important for these birds to not underestimate their opponent.

Wichita State not only has shockers in their team name, but they have shocked the entire world of college basketball. The Shockers are without a doubt the Cinderella story of this tournament, making it to the final four as the ninth seed. Despite their 30-8 regular season record, the team has been overlooked by nearly all of their opponents. They have also proven that these teams shouldn't have taken them lightly. With upset wins against Gonzaga and Ohio State, the Shockers are looking to knock off another college powerhouse. This Cinderella team may find it's happily ever after in a national championship game.

The second game features two of college basketball's most historically successful teams. In the battle of fourth seeds, the Michigan Wolverines will play the Syracuse Orange for a chance at a national title. Coming off wins against Kansas and Florida, Michigan will try to continue its role in this final four matchup.

The Wolverines have to make every basket count, as their 9th ranked field goal percentage has gotten them to this game. Sophomore guard Trey Burke will be leading Michigan's scoring attack, in hopes that his team-high 19 points per game can help lift his squad over the Orange.

Syracuse was one of the more inconsistent teams all year round. With some tough games in the middle of their season, it speaks to their character when they can come together and win clutch games down the stretch. That is exactly what the Orange have been able to do throughout this tournament.

Syracuse has played great defense lately, including holding Indiana to just 50 points in an Orange victory in the Sweet 16 matchup. Point guard Michael Carter-Williams has come into his own for Syracuse, averaging 12 points per game with 7 assists. If Michigan has any



Syracuse guard Michael Carter Williams looks to lead team to another national championship. (MCT Campus)

hopes of defeating Syracuse, they will have to stop that man first.

March Madness, as always, is primed to have a fantastic finish. Win or lose, all of these teams have showed the country what competitive college basketball is all about. No matter who wins these games, college basketball fans can anticipate a historical championship game.

Money isn't everything: are athletes overpaid?

By Justin Beaucage
Sports Editor

An average price of a ticket to a sporting event: 100 dollars. Food and drink at the game: between 20 and 30 dollars. Jerseys and merchandise at the souvenir stand: add another 75 dollars. Snacks and appetizers if a fan watched the game at home: around another 50 dollars.

Rooting for your favorite teams and athletes: not so priceless.

If anyone read just those prices above and not what they were for, that person would think that is a ridiculous amount of money, right? To spend over 200 dollars on anything is a difficult decision to make, and this overwhelming amount of money must be used wisely.

However, when it comes to sporting events and our athletes, fans throw away their wallets (and the money in them) in order to show their support and how much of die-hard sports fans they can be. We as a sports nation spend all the money we want, arguing that we couldn't put a price on screaming our heads off, whether in the stands or at home, to root on all of our favorites.

If you thought that all this money is a lot, look at the athletes you're cheering for.

When an athlete experiences failure, whether it is a heart-breaking loss or criticism from an analyst, we all begin to feel sympathetic for that person. Then again, when we look at the athlete's paycheck, we start feeling sympathetic for ourselves. How can we feel bad for athletes that are getting paid more than some entire sporting franchises or small businesses? This dilemma brings up an

interesting debate: are athletes overpaid?

I must admit that it is a very compelling argument. I mean, come on, these guys are getting paid millions of dollars to play a game. They are multi-millionaires because they do something that children do at playground during recess (they just happen to be a lot better at it). Can owners of teams really dish out this much money to people who have athletic ability?

I am one of the biggest sports junkies in the world. I am one of those fans that cave at buying all the players' jerseys and all the merchandise until my room looks like one of the catalogs. However, I will be the first person to say that I believe there is way too much money in sports today. With all due respect to athletes and their gifted abilities, I simply don't believe that players should make this much money based on how far they can throw a ball or how high they can jump.

Athletes are some of the richest people in the world, and they don't necessarily deserve to be. Sure, they work hard for their money and their money is well earned. However, the amount they get could be toned down just a little bit.

Look at some of the richest contracts in sports. Yankees' slugger Alex Rodriguez has a contract worth 275 million dollars with the Yankees, which is more than the revenue of the entire Pittsburgh Pirates. Eagles' quarterback Michael Vick has earned two, 100 million dollar contracts in his illustrious NFL career, which makes him the only NFL player to ever earn multiple deals over 100 million dollars. If you break down what some players make per game,



One of the highest paid NFL players, receiver Calvin Johnson has a contract worth near 138

million dollars (MCT Campus)

these athletes are getting their money right up front. Newly signed Ravens' quarterback Joe Flacco will make 1.2 million dollars per game. In comparison, an average surgeon's salary is around 230,000 dollars per year, which is one of the highest paid non-athletic jobs in the nation. It seems like our priorities aren't straight. A man who is saving lives makes less money per year than a man throwing a ball will make in just one game: doesn't make sense, right?

I believe that in a world that struggles with global poverty, hunger, and economical issues that stare us all straight in the face, all this money that athletes earn could be going to better causes. One of the most disappointing parts of all this is when some of these athletes don't use all their riches and fortunes

wisely.

Many athletes have gone broke or even bankrupt, including boxer Mike Tyson and superstar shooting guard Allen Iverson. When we see all this money go to waste, one can wonder about all the people and places that all that hard earned money could have gone to.

Despite all this, I'm not saying that athletes deserve very little money. I respect what they have to go through and all the hard work it takes to perfect their craft. In addition, I don't believe that it's the athlete's fault that they are getting paid so much.

Besides a form of entertainment, sports are a national industry and a money-making machine. Fans plug money into sports all year round, and have helped it become the dominant business it is today.

With all this money they make, it is easy for owners and general managers to dish out ridiculous amounts of money to players. Although athletes should be paid lower, it is because of fans and sports' power that they even get paid this high.

When observing all of this, I believe that athletes are slightly overpaid, but it's not their fault that they are. Sports have been one of the driving forces for the world for decades, and it will not slow down. Players can't help that their industry is so popular that it is run by the almighty dollar, and they are just benefiting from that. There are other professions that deserve more money, but their industries just aren't as influential as sports are. Sports, much like money, have extreme power, and athletes aren't going to complain about it.

That's a first, teams make history on Opening Day

By John Como
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Hello baseball fans and welcome to the 2013 MLB season! After months of off-season and preseason news, the regular season of America's pastime sport can finally begin. Last year was an historical year for Major League Baseball. It increased the number of playoff teams from eight to ten teams and added a brand new Wild Card Round to the MLB playoffs.

Last off-season was also eventful, including the news of the Blue Jays off-season moves and the Houston Astros move from the National League Central to the American League. No one knows what the new and exciting 2013 season will hold for its longtime fan base.

The opening day for the 2013 MLB season began on March 30, when the Texas Rangers traveled to take on their newest divisional rivals, the Houston Astros. Coming off one of their worst seasons last year with a 55-107 record, the Astros came into this game with a clean slate. Competing in their first AL divisional game as a franchise, this Astros team came out of the gate with nothing to lose.

Both teams were scoreless until the bottom of the fourth when Astros' outfielder Justin Maxwell hit an RBI triple to drive in two runs for the early 2-0 Astro lead. They added an additional two runs in the bottom of the fifth thanks to back-to-back RBI singles by Ronny Cedeno and Jose Altuve. The Rangers would then cut the lead in half during the top of the sixth with their own pair of back-to-back RBI singles by David Murphy and Nelson Cruz. However, the game was broken open



An impressive performance by pitcher Jon Lester led Boston to its first (MCT Campus)

in the bottom of the sixth after a massive three-run home run by Astros' outfielder Rick Ankiel.

Capped by Matt Dominguez's RBI single in the eighth, the Astros won by the final count of 8-2 over the Texas Rangers. This was a very historical win for the Houston Astros. The franchise had successfully won its first game as an American League team and won its first divisional game as an AL West team. On top of that, it was also the franchise's 4000th regular season win in the history. While this team has experienced failure for the majority of their existence, for now they can enjoy their new start as a 1-0 American League team.

No MLB rivalry is bigger than the Red Sox/ Yankees rivalry. These two teams have had it out for each other since the mid-1910s and have hated each other for over a century. So naturally, a baseball fan

would be excited to hear about an April 1st opening day game at Yankee Stadium for a Red Sox vs. Yankees game.

Both teams started with their Ace Pitchers, Jon Lester for the Sox and CC Sabathia for the Yanks, but had very limited lineups. It didn't take long for the Red Sox to score, after RBI singles by Jose Iglesias, Shane Victorino, and Dustin Pedroia, the Sox took an early 4-0 lead by the second inning. The Yankees countered in the fourth inning with an RBI single by catcher Francisco Cervelli to cut the lead in half, but that was all the team could accomplish offensively. The Red Sox would score on a fielder's choice in the seventh inning and blow the game open with a three run ninth inning. In the end, the Boston Red Sox won on Opening Day at the New York Yankees by the final score of 8-2.

Compared to last year's Opening Day,

the two lineups looked completely different and it's not in a positive way. First of all, the Yankees roster has a list of injuries longer than an injury list found in "General Hospital". The Opening Day lineup did not include Derek Jeter, Alex Rodriguez, Curtis Granderson, or Mark Teixeira and only included two players from last year's lineup; Robinson Cano and Ichiro Suzuki. Some of the Yankee lineup included familiar offseason acquisitions.

The former Red Sox Kevin Youkilis batted clean-up and played first base for the Yanks, and the former Angel Vernon Wells was the Yankees' left-fielder. The remaining players of the Yankees' lineup were mostly un-heard of minor leaguers. Ever hear of Ben Francisco and Laynce Nix? They were the DH and third baseman for the Yankees on Opening Day.

As for the Red Sox, no one needs an introduction for why this team is also a little lack luster in the offensive department. Aside from a few players considered to be exceptions, this team is rebuilding after the 2012 disaster that happened in Fenway Park. True this lineup is still better than an injury-ridden Yankees squad but not really by that much.

Dustin Pedroia and David Ortiz are the only likely candidates to hit 25+ home runs for the Red Sox this season and Ortiz isn't even going to be an every day starter until he returns from the DL. For the Red Sox, they really should aim to sweep the opening series against the Yankees while they're plagued with injuries because unlike the Sox, the Yankees are only going to improve over time as they get their starting players back.

Quarterback carousel, signal callers change addresses

By Justin Beaucage
Sports Editor

In a pass-happy league, in the NFL, having a dominant quarterback can make or break a franchise. The gunslinger a team has under center can be the difference between a Super Bowl and not making the playoffs. A team wants to make sure that they have found the right guy to carry not only their franchise, but an entire city on his shoulders. The NFL is dominated through the air, and the quarterbacks are the clear-cut leaders of this attack.

This past week several NFL teams decided their quarterbacks were leading them in the wrong direction.

In what has been one of the busier off-seasons in recent memory, the wheeling and dealing continued as several teams decided to move on without their quarterbacks. Just this past week, there have been three major moves that hope to bring some NFL offenses to stardom. After investing all of their faith in failed experiments, owners have decided to take a different path, with new quarterbacks in their offenses.

The Oakland Raiders snagged all NFL headlines with their surprise deal this past Monday. Looking for a new face for their

franchise, Oakland landed a deal with the Seattle Seahawks for quarterback Matt Flynn. The Raiders agreed to send a 2013 fifth-round pick and a 2014 conditional draft pick for the young gunslinger. Flynn, who had the potential to be one of the best young quarterbacks in the league, signed a 3 year, 25 million dollar contract with Seattle last offseason. However, after being outperformed by rookie quarterback Russell Wilson, the only place Flynn saw the field from was the bench, making only a few appearances in blue and green. The potential for Flynn is still extremely high. As a Packer in 2011, against the Lions, he set franchise records by throwing for 480 yards and 6 touchdowns. Keep in mind; he set these records for a franchise with a rich quarterback history, including Bart Starr, Brett Favre, and Aaron Rodgers. The Raiders hope he can bring this arm to the silver and black, as they have had thirteen different starting quarterbacks since Rich Gannon in 2004.

Many of these recent quarterback moves are attempts for once future-stars of this league to resurrect their disappointing careers. After two years in Arizona, quarterback Kevin Kolb will look to get his career back on track in the AFC East with the Buffalo Bills. After cashing in on a huge 64 million dollar

contract with the Cardinals, it's safe to say it wasn't money well spent on Kolb. In just two years, he posted an unimpressive 83.6 quarterback rating, and failed to bring Arizona to the playoffs. With him under center, the Cardinals became the first team to allow a quarterback to get sacked eight times in three straight games. A former second round pick with the Philadelphia Eagles, Kolb will have a chance at redemption with Buffalo.

on the teams, but this quarterback carousel could determine what other teams do in the next couple of weeks.

First, by trading for Flynn, the Raiders are almost certain to deal quarterback Carson Palmer. The leading candidate to land him is the Arizona Cardinals if Palmer agrees to take a pay cut. Despite a disappointing tenure in Oakland, Palmer to the Cardinals could put an immediate spark in an offense that has been desperate

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The Bills are extremely thin at the quarterback position after cutting former starting quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick. Kolb could have an extremely high chance to start to try to jumpstart not only his career, but Buffalo's 25th ranked passing game.

The final quarterback move this week was a little bit more under-the-radar than the others. The Cleveland Browns traded quarterback Colt McCoy to San Francisco. In the deal, the Browns will give the 49ers their sixth round pick in exchange for San Francisco's fifth and seventh round picks. At one time, Colt McCoy was thought to be the future of Cleveland's offense. However, McCoy had a lackluster career in Cleveland, tossing 21 touchdowns to 20 interceptions with a 74.8 quarterback rating.

In San Francisco, McCoy will be second string behind superstar quarterback Colin Kaepernick. Many fans might see this move by the 49ers as not the important. However, McCoy gives them a solid backup option if Kaepernick gets hit with the famed sophomore slump next season. Even if McCoy can play well in his limited playing time and show flashes of potential, other teams may want to bring him in for a potential starting role. Also, the move is quite an upgrade for McCoy, as he now is playing for a championship instead of the first overall pick in Cleveland.

Not only do these moves have impact

for someone that can get the ball to receiver Larry Fitzgerald.

Also, with the draft in a few weeks, quarterbacks finding new homes could have an impact on teams' draft strategies and could ultimately decide who teams pick. One of the main players it could affect is West Virginia's Geno Smith. At the beginning of the off-season, Smith was projected to be the first overall pick. Now, although he is still the number one ranked quarterback in the draft, Smith might not be selected until the eighth or ninth pick.

So many teams have settled their quarterback dilemma that Smith could be passed up until later on the first round. However, with his credentials and potential, there are still many teams in the first round that could take a gamble on this talented young quarterback. The Philadelphia Eagles, Arizona Cardinals (if they don't land Palmer), Buffalo Bills, and even the Jacksonville Jaguars are all potential landing spots for Smith. Then again, the Raiders could always pull a draft day surprise and draft him with the number three pick.

All these moves not only change the franchises themselves, but also the league around them. If a team wants to win in this league, the first step is having a quarterback that can lead a squad to those wins. These moves at quarterback could get these franchise to begin moving in the right direction to a championship.



Quarterback Matt Flynn hopes to bring some spark to the Raiders (MCT Campus)

A northeast showdown: Celtics vs Knicks rivalry

By John Como
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Nothing beats a good old fashion New York and New England sports rivalry and basketball is no exception to the rule. This rivalry will focus on the long time Atlantic division rivals, the New York Knicks and Boston Celtics. These teams have been at odds with each other since the very beginning of the NBA and are two of the three remaining teams from the original 1946 NBA; the third one is the Golden State Warriors.

These two teams are the oldest rivals in the NBA and have played against each other more times than any other NBA matchup. In 451 regular season games against each other, the Celtics are currently winning the series over the Knicks 276-175 and in 61 playoff games the Celtics are also winning the series 34-27. In fact, the entire rivalry has definitely been one-sided for the Boston Celtics. The Celtics have a total of 17 NBA Championships and have clearly dominated the majority of their rivalry with the Knicks, who only have 2 championships. However, this is clearly the past and has no bearing on how the two teams stack up this year in the 2012-13 NBA season.

The most recent game these two teams played was last Sunday, when the Boston Celtics team traveled to Madison Square Garden to take on the New York Knicks. At the time the Celtics were struggling and had recently come off avoiding a seven game losing streak. Despite the long losing streak, the team was still in 7th place with a modest 38-34 record. The Celtics are really like the old dogs of the Eastern Conference because they use the experience of the team's older veteran players, like Paul Pierce and Kevin Garnet, to win games rather than relying on youth. This trait especially became apparent after the team lost its star point guard Rajon Rondo.

Coming into the game for the Knicks was almost a completely different story. The Knicks came into this game on a seven game winning streak and were leading the Atlantic division. The team was in second place in the Eastern Conference, only behind the Miami Heat, with a

45-26 record. The Knicks are a team that lives largely by the three point shot but can also score in the paint and play fantastic defense.

They are led by all-stars Carmelo Anthony and Tyson Chandler, and have a fantastic bench that includes Jason Kidd and JR Smith. To top it all off, the Knicks had just recently won a game against the Celtics in Boston 100-85.

The highly anticipated Easter game between the Celtics and the Knicks turned out to be an absolute snorer as the Knicks manhandled the Celtics and soundly won by the final count of 108-89. Carmelo Anthony led the Knicks with 24 points and 10 rebounds but the team had many offensive outlets that night. Six Knicks scored in double-figures, including Chris Copland, Raymond Felton, and J.R. Smith, who all combined for 55 points.

At first the game seemed close; by the end of the first quarter the Knicks only had a 28-23 lead. It was in the second quarter, however, where the Knicks ran away with the game. The Knicks managed to outscore the Celtics 37-25 in the second quarter, including a half-court buzzer beating three-pointer by Raymond Felton to give the Knicks a 65-48 halftime lead.

From there, the Celtics couldn't do anything offensively and simply dug a hole too deep for them to climb out of. Of all 89 of the Celtics' points, 51 were scored by Jeff Green and Paul Pierce. In fact the Celtics' bench was outscored by the Knicks bench 50-32. Worst of all, the Celtics shot just 28% from the arc while the Knicks shot 52%. With this win, the Knicks have finally won the season series against the Boston Celtics 3-1. It's the first time this has happened since the 2003-04 season.

Since the Easter win, the New York Knicks are still on their winning streak. The Knicks (47-26) beat the Miami Heat 102-90, thanks in part to Carmelo Anthony's 50 point game, and have won the season series against the Heat. They will travel to Atlanta to play the Hawks, play a home game against the Bucks, and travel to OKC to take on the Thunder.

As for the Celtics (38-36), the team continues to struggle. After the loss to the Knicks, the Celtics ended up losing a road game to the lowly Minnesota



Forwards Kevin Garnett and Carmelo Anthony highlight this classic NBA rivalry (MCT Campus)

Timberwolves 110-100 and added to their miserable road record of 13-25. The Celtics are in luck, however, as they will play three of the worst teams in the Eastern Conference at home which include the Pistons, Cavs, and Wizards.

In the end, history may not repeat itself. If the playoffs were to start today the Knicks would be playing the Celtics in the first round, a matchup that the Celtics have dominated over the last few decades. However, it is really unclear whether or not the Celtics can actually win such a series. They have shown very little proof that they can win four games against the Knicks, which must include at least one road win. So will history repeat itself or will a new team dominate this longtime rivalry?



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Air traffic control towers closing: Congress cuts on airplane safety

By Charles Zizza
Staff Writer

The debt of the United States federal government grows every day at an exuberant rate. Naturally, government officials and citizens alike endlessly debate about potential solutions to the problem. Usually, the bickering doesn't create any positive results and it has yet to generate a conclusive resolution.

When someone proposes cutting Medicaid or defense spending, people scream about how the funding for those programs is necessary and cannot be cut. When tax hikes are put on the table, people who oppose say the government is too big and that the deficit problem must be met with spending cuts. It seems that the country is so divided that no matter what is proposed, there will be enough of an opposition for it to be shot down. So what happens when all the sensible options are stopped in their tracks? Non-sensible options are used to fill their place.

On March 22, a list was released of all the air traffic control towers that will be closing in the near future as a result of Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) budget cuts. The budget cuts were part of the sequester which went into effect earlier this year after Congress failed to pass an alternative to the automatic cuts. Some \$85 billion was cut from the 2013 federal budget altogether and the FAA was forced to absorb \$637 million

of that according to Forbes. The response by the FAA was to close air traffic control towers at low- and moderate-traffic airports across the United States.

Since this announcement has been made, I have been talking to my friends and family—and anyone else who would listen to my rants—about the appalling issue. One question that seems to pop up frequently is whether or not the closing of an airport's tower means that the airport itself will close. While the answer is no, it does mean that the airports are somewhat less safe than they currently are and have been.

An airport without a control tower is called an uncontrolled airport. This term might lead some to believe that the situation at these airports is chaotic and dangerous, but this is not the case. Aircraft flying within the airspace of uncontrolled airports communicate with each other over the common traffic advisory frequency (CTAF). On an airport's designated CTAF frequency, pilots report their tail number (aircraft identification), position, and intentions at certain intervals while they are within the airspace and moving on taxiways and runways on the ground. At controlled airports, air traffic controllers direct traffic on the ground and in the air to maintain sufficient separation between aircraft so as to minimize the chance of a collision.

Uncontrolled airports are considered safe, but they tend to be smaller airports with

relatively low traffic levels, so there is some legitimacy to the argument that the closing of towers will not cause significant safety hazards. Theoretically, if all pilots within the airspace of an uncontrolled airport follow proper and safe procedure, the risk to individuals is minimal



(although still present, as is the case any time people board an aircraft). Nonetheless, no pilot is perfect and adding additional extra radio communications and collision-avoidance tasks makes airport operations more difficult and dangerous than they need to be.

The closing of air traffic control towers could be compared to the replacement of traffic lights with stop signs at 4-way intersections that tend to see moderate traffic levels. While it might not be considered blatantly dangerous to make this change, it does decrease the safety of everyone involved by putting traffic direction and separation in the hands of drivers. This comparison might make air traffic control cuts seem relatively

unimportant, but a mid-air collision is much more likely to result in the death of pilots and passengers in both planes and of people on the ground than a low-speed collision of two cars on the ground is.

With all of this considered, it does not seem logical, to me, for Congress or the FAA to allow these cuts to be made. In fairness, the cuts made by Congress were automatic and across-the-board, meaning that they did not specifically make cuts to the Department of Transportation, nor did they cut funding for the Department by more than anything else. As for the FAA, it insists that safety remains its top priority, according to CNN, and that they have no choice but to go ahead with the closings.

Some airports, however, are suing the FAA over the closings according to Fox News. The multiple cases have been combined into one.

Congress' failure to ensure that the FAA receives sufficient funds to maintain what is

considered to be the world's safest aviation network demonstrates its disregard for the value for human life. Despite the fact that the cuts were automatic, additional efforts should have been made to allocate resources to the Department of Transportation for the purpose of safety. The hit that the air traffic control system is taking is not only a threat to safety, but a signal to the country that something must change if the United States is to remain a major power. A country that cannot maintain its already lacking infrastructure is a decaying one.

With crumbling roads, unsafe bridges that threaten to collapse at any moment, and, now, an insufficient air traffic control system, the United States is falling rapidly behind the other industrialized countries of the world. More importantly, these cuts warn us of an apparent nationwide attitude that petty partisanship and a relatively small amount of money are more important than the lives that will be lost as a result.



The new feminism

By Marta Gravier
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Having gained momentum with the iconic Rosie the Riveter at the head, feminism has made great strides throughout the past century. Women have garnered the right to vote, middle and upper class women began to join the working world, and women as a whole have pretty much made a stand of independence. Recently, there have been new feminist ideas, the head runners of these being Princeton University professor Marie-Anne Slaughter and Facebook COO Sheryl Sandberg.

New feminist idea number one: Slaughter believes women should be able to basically design their work schedule. In most workplaces, you are given a work schedule and expected to follow it. That makes sense, right? However, when you are raising a family and you are attempting to fully pursue a career, that's the same as working two full-time jobs. Slaughter says the woman "can't have it all" in the sense that having a career and a family do not mix.

Feminist idea number two:

Sandberg takes on a different stance. She argues (not directly toward Slaughter) that there is such thing as a balance between family and career. There is no need to choose just one. She believes that employers can enable employees, women or men, to be able to keep up with their family and still achieve career goals. They could do this by allowing more schedule flexibility in more jobs.

Let's take a moment here. Feminism was originally conceived to provide equal rights to work and get an education for women specifically. Since then it has spread to various aspects of culture, and feminist movements are taking place in developing countries. Now we have two women, hardcore feminists by the looks of it, and two different approaches to the work-life balance. Since the beginning of feminism, our country has made advances. We are not so concerned about women getting an education or being able to have a job anymore. We are now looking into how women can have a job and a family.

It really all boils down to choice. Some people, like

Slaughter, believe there is an either/or choice between home and work. Others, like Sandberg, believe there is such thing as a balance. I am going to just point out that Sandberg makes an interesting move with her idea of having jobs become more flexible. We do live in an extremely technological world where this is a very possible endeavor. It would be nice to further take advantage of the technology available to us.

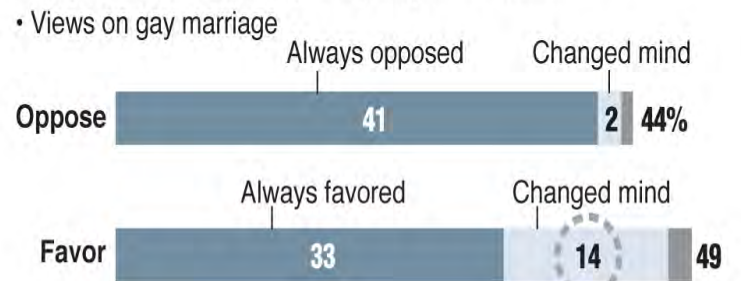
We are witnessing feminism branching out to newer areas, which could, for some of us, be completely terrifying or purely of interest.

Feminism can be scary, but it is interesting to see that it is something that does not sit. It is constantly growing and reaching out. Sandberg and Slaughter bring up the point that does not seem to be addressed very well: the work-home balance.

It is something that needs to be looked at more. It is a choice the employee has to make, whether to pursue ambition and help run a family or to choose one or the other. But I don't think this new idea will die out for a while.

Why change on gay marriage?

One in seven Americans have changed their minds in support of gay marriage. Why people say they now favor it:



• What made the 14 percent who now favor gay marriage change their mind?



NOTE: Don't know responses for those opposed: 1 percent; for those in favor: 2 percent; multiple responses allowed for those who changed their mind; total exceeds

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Adderall: Candy for college students?

By Brian Wajda
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As a student with ADHD in college I have found that it can be extremely difficult to focus on school work. With assignments spaced out like they are, staying on top of everything becomes complicated, and I often find that I end up waiting till the very last minute to do everything. One solution that has been offered to me has been to go on stimulating medication.

I began taking Adderall and my life became exponentially easier; I stayed on top of my work, I did things well before they were due, I became more social and more confident... I felt like I could do anything.

Speaking about this moment and considering that the side effects are so minimal, will make most people believe that there is no reason not to use Adderall. However that would be a mistake to believe. Adderall is one of the most abused drugs in the college world and can lead to serious life problems. Adderall is an amphetamine (yes like meth and cocaine) which works by making your brain release an increased amount of dopamine allowing you to focus more; this is the same effect that hard drugs like cocaine give you.

‘Mentally you reach a point where, unless you are using Adderall, you are unable to do work.’

Adderall does make you feel incredible, but you don't realize what it is actually doing to you. Mentally you reach a point where, unless you are using Adderall, you are unable to do work. You become unsatisfied with the difficulties that come with doing things without its benefits, and you begin to be unable to do anything without its effect. This is called dependency or addiction and it is more common than

people think.

Dependent people are always quoted as saying that, "I can stop anytime I want to", but the fact of the matter is that this is not true. The tunnel-like focus the medicines provide has led growing numbers of teenagers and young adults to fake symptoms to obtain steady prescriptions for highly addictive medications that carry serious psychological dangers.

When you graduate from college that need to take Adderall to do things is still going to be there and going forward in your life you are going to have to keep using because by now you are so used to doing everything quickly and efficiently that you can't go back to doing things in a normal mental state. College students believe that they are invincible against the dangers of drugs like Adderall, but the truth of the matter is that they are not.

My motivation for this article is not to scare users who have ADD or ADHD and have an Adderall prescription, because the truth is that it is very helpful in controlled doses prescribed by a doctor who has taken steps to reduce the likelihood that you receive a negative effect from Adderall.

My motivation for writing this article wasn't to detail how non-prescribed use of Adderall can be dangerous because I can write volumes upon volumes on the dangers of Adderall and it really wouldn't affect the decision making of college students, just as telling



Adderall in its common tablet form. (MCT Campus)

them about the risks of drinking doesn't deter them from consuming alcohol.

My motivation to write this article was however to detail the risks of dependency, which is very much real and can be seen in those students that can no longer finish assignments without the help of this drug. My question for you all is whether or not it is worth it as college students to continue taking this drug as a stimulant and helping you through the tough times just to hamstring your future endeavors — a question that is up to you, the reader to decide for his or herself.

Fight back against digital distraction

By Peter Goldmark
MCT Campus

We all understand that electronic devices have changed our lives. The impact they have on the way we live has to rank right up there with the mastery of fire and discovery of the wheel.

In talking with three women at a conference in California last month, I stumbled on a consequence of that electronic invasion that I had no idea even existed: e-nups.

What, you've never heard of e-nups? You've heard of prenups, prenuptial agreements, right? Those are agreements couples make before marriage to determine who will have what right under what circumstances to which portions of the partners' respective financial and

other assets.

E-nups are agreements couples make before or during a marriage or relationship to regulate circumstances in which they will use cellphones, iPads, laptops, etc.

The need for an e-nup arises out of a couple's search for a strong interpersonal relationship and a life of shared meaning all in the face of the heaviest and most inventive assault on cerebral machinery and sensory engagement in the 10,000 years since humans started living in communities.

You've seen people text while driving. You've seen people steal a look at a cellphone at the movies, at a party, or most frighteningly while in an airplane when all devices are supposed to be shut down. I saw survey results once that indicated some people even peek

at their cellphones during sex.

The three women with whom I spoke said these e-nuptial agreements establish a mutually agreed upon set of rules about when and where they would use electronic instruments, so that moments of closeness with each other and quality interactions with their children were not mindlessly squeezed out by the digital blizzard.

A couple named Zoe and Kenny gave me permission to share some passages from the agreement they have been working on. Here's a section: "The person wanting to use phone/computer needs to use intentional communication to obtain the permission of the other people present. If our daughter is present, we need to explicitly make sure that the other parent is willing/able to serve as primary caregiver."

This section refers to situations when permission of others present is required before using a laptop or cellphone. The draft is particular about restrictions that will apply, and joint consultation required, when their daughter is with them. But other parts of the document propose flat restrictions on when electronic instruments can be used:

"We will not engage with our phones or work on our laptops at all in the following circumstances..."

- during meals together
- When spending intentional time together (e.g., taking a walk, going to an event together, cuddling in bed)
- When our daughter is present
- During movies, plays, etc.
- In social situations (i.e., with a group of friends)

- In a confined space with others, even if it's "default time" (i.e., car, public transportation, elevator, etc.)"

Zoe and Kenny have been working on this agreement for nearly a year and are on their fourth draft. One of the other women I spoke with said she and her husband were considering making their agreement legally binding.

The agreements these couples are working on, and the commitments they entail, seek to reclaim from the digital onslaught a measure of direct, engaged communication and quality time in their lives as partners, parents and friends. I bet there are more couples working on e-nups than any of us suspect.



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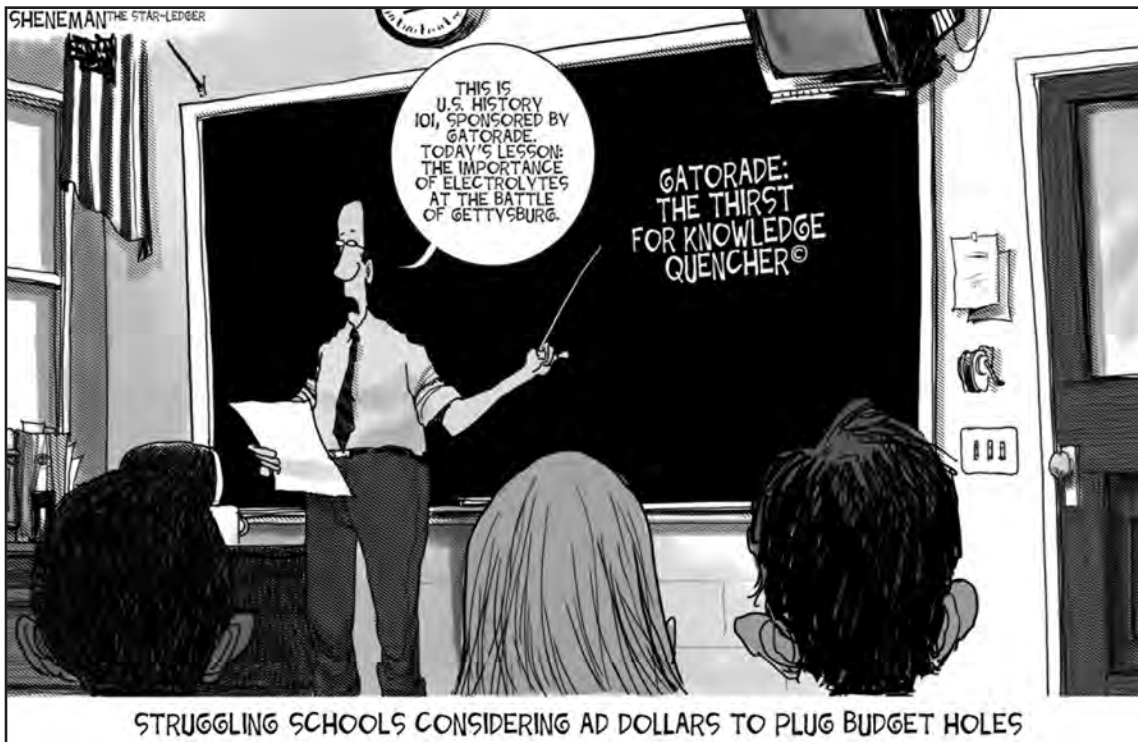
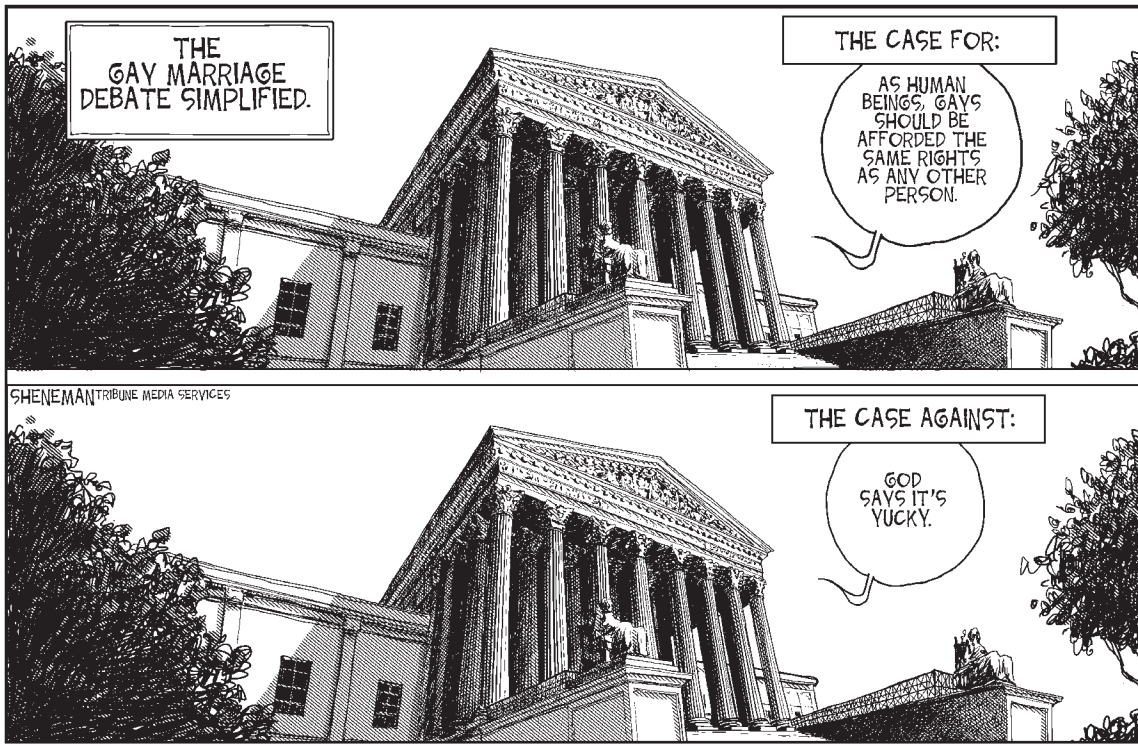

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Sherlock Holmes: smart is the new sexy

By Nguyen Tran-Nguyen
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This article was written as an assignment for LCS 463 Topics in Comparative Literature - focusing this semester on the international detective novel taught by Professor Martha Kuhlman.

Sherlock Holmes is back.

The television show *Sherlock* by BBC has brought the iconic detective Sherlock Holmes to the twenty first century, giving him both the look and the intelligence that all the fans want. Rest assured, the core values of the famous Sherlock Holmes still remain the same even though the character has been given significant updates to fit in with the modern settings, as well as making him look more attractive to young audiences. Sherlock

'People have always been attracted to sexiness, and the character Sherlock Holmes gives them another type of sexiness that far surpasses physical attraction: intelligence.'

Holmes is the new icon for sexy: intellectual sexiness.

The most significant upgrade in the character is his technological advancement. Living in the twenty first century, Sherlock Holmes is extremely skillful and knowledgeable about new technologies that would assist him in crime solving. In episode one, a Study in Pink, all Sherlock had to work with was a cell phone and a name scratched on the floor. With his knowledge of how the GPS system works, Sherlock was able to trace the murderer, and confronted him face to face.

Traditional Sherlock's fans will not forget the fact that the famous detective was a drug addict who often resorted to cocaine or morphine for restlessness. However, the "new" Sherlock is clean from all drug practices, and yet, still finds another way to help him think when he is bored: nicotine patches. Nicotine patches are safe alternatives compared to drugs, yet they still do the same job for Holmes. This is "good news for the lungs, but bad news for the brain" because Holmes overly abuses the use of those patches. However, on the bright side, Holmes is an advocate for non-smoking because "it is impossible to sustain a smoking habit in London these days."

Let us not forget to mention that the new Holmes is also witty. If the old Holmes by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle was a "calculating machine" that paid no attention to romance or beauty, the new Holmes is very observant of the opposite gender's beauty or fashion statement. In *A Sign of Four*, Holmes did not notice the beauty of Ms. Morstan, claiming "a client is to me (Holmes) a mere unit, a factor in a problem. The emotional qualities are antagonistic to clear reasoning." But now, he can identify a person's fashion statement or change in appearance, and use that as a weapon for his advantage. In the series, Holmes noticed that his colleague, Molly Hooper, changed her lipsticks or hairstyle and complimented her on those changes. Molly, now elated because Holmes "notices" her, would listen to his demands. Even Holmes has just a pinch of sensitivity for romance; the new Holmes is more human and less robotic. But he still won't ask her out.

The new Sherlock Holmes has given a new twist to the all time favorite detective, while still retains the detective's core values. Sherlock Holmes and his companion, Dr. Watson, still ride around London in public transport by utilizing the London cabs instead of carriage rides. Moreover, the new Sherlock Holmes is tech-savvy, having his own website called "The Science of Deductions" instead of publishing a book. Originally



Sherlock Holmes (Benedict Cumberbatch) and Dr. Watson (Martin Freeman) from the TV show. (MCT Campus)

Holmes would amaze others by using his powers of deduction to draw out the whole family background of the opponents; now, he does the same thing. Sherlock can tell a software designer by the tie he is wearing, a pilot by his thumb, or a military doctor by his appearance.

The question that many people would ask here is "What is so special about this Sherlock Holmes character that makes him so popular until now?" The answer would be: "What is not to like about this character?" Holmes is a legendary icon for intelligence, adventure, justice and mystery. He gives people an escape from their normal, mundane lives. He gives people a chance to live an exciting alternative life, and uphold justice for society.

People have always been attracted to sexiness, and

'The core values of the famous Sherlock Holmes remain the same even though the character has been given significant updates to fit in with modern settings'

the character Sherlock Holmes gives them another type of sexiness that far surpasses physical attraction: intelligence. It is undeniable that Sherlock Holmes is wicked smart. He uses selective observation to draw out small details that common people would never notice. He can guess a person's occupation and personality by observing their outfit, or he can identify where that person is from by just looking at the dirt on their shoes. Since we are continuously amazed by his findings from his research, we are curious to know what else Sherlock Holmes can do.

Above all, Sherlock Holmes lives a life of adventure. He is constantly involved in intriguing and dangerous cases. Several times Holmes is under the threat of death, yet with his shrewdness, Holmes is able to turn the situation around and bring victory for justice. We, as "normal, boring" people, are drawn into his reckless and adventurous life—a life that gives us a glimpse into something beyond the ordinary.

Sherlock Holmes is also mysterious, and that makes us want to know more about him. In the books, we know nothing about Holmes's background or family history, except the fact that Holmes has an older brother who is

also supremely intelligent. His behaviors are eccentric, his lifestyle is unique, his interests and knowledge in crimes are unexplainable, and his talents are limitless. Holmes can be a detective, an actor, a boxer, or a violinist. Even though we have read many stories about his achievements, yet it seems like we do not know much about him. Holmes is so smart in hiding information about himself that his closest friend, Dr. Watson, does not know any more than we do. This is a key that makes Sherlock Holmes still a popular public figure. He is so mysterious that people just want to know more about



him.

There are many things to talk about regarding Sherlock Holmes and his interesting characters. People of different generation have been updating the image of the famous detective to be suitable with certain eras. However, no matter how old you are, you are still attracted to Sherlock Holmes's wit and adventurous life. He is the icon for popularity and mystery, and a new figure for attractiveness – intellectual sexy.

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Horrible 90's fashion trends

By Lauren Kordalski
Columnist



The cast of *Clueless* (top), Justin Timberlake's frosted tips (left), and the cast of *7th Heaven* (right). (MCT Campus)

Growing up in the 1990's was a unique experience packed with generation-specific trends. We were the first generation to grow up in the digital age; we rocked out to the Backstreet Boys, Nsync, and the Spice Girls, tuned in for the Rugrats and Boy Meets World, took care of our Tamagotchis and Furbies, and endlessly searched for Carmen Sandiego. On the flip side, the 90's was characterized by countless awful trends many of us hate to admit we participated in, from frosted tips to scrunchies, the 90's was a dark time for fashion.

After being led astray by 90's icons Destiny's Child, the Spice Girls, Christina Aguilera, and Britney Spears, 90's girls everywhere adopted the questionable trends characterized by the time period. Seemingly focused on wearing the least-flattering items out there, 90's clothing included plenty of mom-jeans, loose flannels, and wacky patterns. The 1995 movie "Clueless" is the epitome of 90's fashion, with Cher, played by Alicia Silverstone, and her posy, donning period-specific pieces in almost every scene, including plaid pants, thick headbands, knee-high socks, and awful skin-tight workout apparel. Staples of the movie, indicative of the time period, include plenty of tummy-bearing outfits, feather boas, an excess of plaid, and Cher's pink fuzzy pen, another favorite for all 90's girls out there.

Aside from "Clueless," the terrible trends reigned on, with shows like "7th Heaven" and "Dawson's Creek" setting odd fashion examples for young girls everywhere. Katie Holmes character, Joey, on "Dawson's Creek" especially characterized bad fashion, with her ill-fitting clothes, jean overalls, and baggy masculine sweaters defining the decade. The Camdens on "7th Heaven" showcased an entire family sporting bad fashion, with Annie, Mary, Lucy, and Ruthie donning frumpy, unflattering outfits fit for the time, including shapeless dresses, and far too many spaghetti-strap tops. Paired with the ever-present butterfly clips, platform sandals, chunky clogs, jelly flats, flared capris, and of course, the signature black plastic choker necklace, any 90's girl was ready to look like her fashionably-challenged idols.

Men growing up in the decade didn't have many better options than the women; often displaying the same unappealing style as their female counterparts. Taking ideas from celebrities such as 98 degrees, Justin Timberlake, and Keanu Reeves, misguided 90's men certainly sported fashions unique to the decade. Starting with frosted tips and too much gel, the ideal 90's man sported a slight spike in their short hair, as to impress their scrunchie-wearing admirers. Completed with the confusing short-sleeve shirt over a long-sleeve shirt trend, a puffy vest, tinted sunglasses, and unnecessarily baggy and often colorful pants, any 90's man would feel good about their trendy style.

Experiencing an increase in more fashionable trends, our generation has improved immensely in the styles we wear today. With new styles surpassing the old ones, fashion has certainly taken a turn for the fabulous since the 1990's. However, though we can try to erase those terrible trends, fashion does have a way of reappearing... here's to hoping we'll never have to experience the fashion of the 1990's again.

Winter is... back??

By Kathryn Valentini
Contributor Writer

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After a long anticipated wait, Game of Thrones made a rather (dare I say it?) dull comeback to TV Sunday night. Although the number of viewers will tell a different story – Season 3 premiered with 4.4 million viewers glued to their TV screens – I felt that the premier lacked anything truly attention grabbing. Without any sort of suspense, violence, or deceit that is often associated with Game of Thrones, the premiere contained no more suspense than the fifteen second sequence of a hooded figure following Dany as a demon child rolled a pokemon-esk ball with a scorpion-spider hybrid towards her in an assassination attempt. (Wow. That was a mouthful!)

Season three picks up with the bad guys still being evil, and getting under our skin (except for Tyrion... we all know that secretly we want him to come over to the good side and give Ceresi and the rest of his good-for-nothing family a taste of their own medicine!), and the good guys doing their thing. Jon Snow is still out beyond the wall, where he has become a captive of the wildlings, swearing to be faithful to "whichever side is fighting for the living." And as if the audience didn't see it coming from a mile away, the romantic tension that is as plain as day between Jon and Ygritte, is sure to have some interesting developments this season.

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Perhaps the most interesting new development during the premiere was the development of Margaery Tyrell – Joffrey's new bride-to-be. In a scene that was reminiscent of the very beloved Princess Diana, Margaery entered an orphanage and spent time with the young children, passing out food, toys and talking with them. I think we can expect to see some interesting developments with Margaery Tyrell... especially in how she may, or may not, change Joffrey (Does anyone think that even a possibility?... I must be dreaming to think that could ever happen).

As for the going-on of the rest of the characters throughout the seven kingdoms... well, you'll just need to watch the premiere for yourself.

One thing that can be said about the premiere, however, is that it certainly laid out many, many beginnings of what I'm sure will prove to be intricate, intertwining stories of deceit, trickery and vengeance (remember the conversation between Littlefinger and Sansa? What about the revelation of the hooded figure who saved Dany?) Don't worry fellow Game of Throners, I am confident that this season has much still in store for us! Don't become too faint hearted!

Oh, and the cutie? Rob Stark? Yeah, he gets about forty five seconds of air time.

Be sure to tune into HBO (Yes, Bryant has HBO! Thank the Gods – the old and the new) every Sunday night at 9 PM to see what season three will bring!



"Game of Thrones" cast members Emilia Clarke and Iain Glen. (MCT Campus)

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