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Venezuelans protest for reform

Students' wage violent fight for a better country

By Kathryn Zackary Cyr
Contributing Writer

As Ukrainian protestors fight their increasingly bloody battle in Kiev for a more democratic government, a similar movement is occurring half way across the world. In Venezuela, protestors have been taking to the streets of Caracas since the beginning of February, and the clashes between demonstrators and state police continue to grow more violent.

The catalyst for these demonstrations began with the election of President Nicolás Maduro, who replaced the late Hugo Chavez as president of Venezuela. Under Maduro's administration, the country's economy has taken a nosedive, seeing an increase in inflation, an expanding budget deficit, and an increase in state intervention into the private sectors of the economy. This mismanagement has led to Venezuelans being unable to obtain food, water, and other basic commodities.

Protests opposing the gross mismanagement of the country began in the beginning of February. These movements were led by the People's Will party leader Leopoldo López. The plan was to lead a group composed of mostly college students,



aged 18 to 25, in a march through the streets of Caracas. Their destination was the Presidential Palace. There they delivered a letter of demands outlining their reforms for a better Venezuela.

The protestors were successful in this task; however, things soon turned ugly. An hour after the political leaders of the movement

departed, the remaining protestors who were still crowding the streets, found themselves staring at state police armed with tear gas, fire hoses, and guns. Confrontation escalated between protestors armed with rocks and improvised clubs, and the better equipped

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Six Appeal at Bryant

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Bryant's Student Arts and Speaker's club on campus has been known to bring to Bryant some big name people, like Shawn Johnson and Mitch Albom. But on February 18th, they brought in a group of six guys who had met as freshman in college and decided to combine their talent to showcase to willing listeners.

Eight years later, the a capella group, Six Appeal, rolled their shabby van, proclaimed as the "sketchmobile" onto Bryant's campus to take the Janikies stage and show the Bryant community what they could do. Looking suave in their color-coordinated black and red outfits, they entered the auditorium to a group of skeptical audience members, and ended the show to booming cheers and a standing ovation.

Maybe some of you reading this article have gone to see Bryant's own a capella group - The Bottom Line, or, maybe you haven't. But if you attended this event not knowing about a capella, we're certain you left with a positive image of this incredibly unique, fun, and artistic type of music. A capella music is known for its sole reliance on the human voice to create music. This lack of instruments is far from a liability to a capella groups, who use their voices to creatively, and sometimes humorously, imitate sounds usually produced from a variety of instruments and other sources. A few of the sounds replicated by the Bottom Line and Six Appeal were trombones, electric guitars, trumpets, violins, drums and even Chewbacca.

The Bottom Line, which co-sponsored this event with SASS, had the opportunity to sing a song with Six Appeal, opening the show with a wonderful rendition of Gavin Degraw's "Not Over You," where Bryant's own Kevin Power's ('17) sang the lead along with Six Appeal's lead singer Michael Brookens. Before Six Appeal took the stage, Bryant's Bottom Line gave a preview of what was to come, by singing some of their own songs including, "Mine"

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The quest to become bilingual at Bryant

By Alexis Giordano
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Yes, I am a Spanish major but no, I do not consider myself fluent in Spanish. So then what do I consider myself? I'm a confident, strongly conversational Spanish speaker who isn't afraid to make mistakes. I'm a student who aspires to reach the level of fluency. I'm an active participant, in and outside the classroom, who is willing to grow and expand my knowledge academically and personally. So what does each of these all have in common? Together they represent effort, drive, motivation, and a passion for success, and at Bryant University, we don't have to do it alone.

Rather than solely focusing on the language aspect of Spanish, I've been able to understand and learn about culture, government, religion, and traditions of Spanish speaking countries. Without even realizing it, I've analyzed Spanish literature, debated political issues, listened to Spanish music, and conversed with native speakers while simultaneously developing my understanding of what it means to be a Spanish major.

I attend Bryant University, so how can one of my degrees be liberal arts major? Isn't it a business school? I'm sure

that's what most of you were thinking, and unfortunately what some of you will continue to think, but now it's time to break the barriers of the stereotype of what Bryant is and more importantly, what it's not. Bryant University is an institution for higher learning. It's a university of almost 4,000 students looking to obtain a degree in order to pursue their future in whatever industry they may have interest in or, in some cases, to just walk through the archway in four years. Each student has a clean slate on their first day of freshman year to intellectually challenge themselves to find who they want to become. Within each person is a passion and drive for success, so what holds each one of us back? We are creatures of comfort, meaning that when given the opportunity to try something new, some of us reject that idea. Upon entering Bryant, I had six years of Spanish under my belt. I considered myself fluent, I mean I knew how to ask what is your name, where is the bathroom, and do you have a sister/brother; so naturally I thought what else would I ever need to know? I soon realized there was much more to learn.

Growing up, I always had an interest in Spanish, but quite honestly, I didn't know how I wanted to approach it. Many people are hesitant to pursue a degree in a foreign language

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February	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Wednesday						
26	27	28	1	2	3	4
5pm- Career Fair- MAC		8pm- Extravaganza- MAC			8:45am- Mojo Mondays- Amica Center	

Bulldog Bulletin

The Archway: Writers' Meetings, Mondays 5:30pm, Fisher Student Center, Room 3
Bryant Pride: Thursdays 5:30pm, Fisher Student Center, Music Conference Room
Finance Association: Tuesday (2/11) at 5:00pm, Fisher Student Center, Room 2C
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ACCIDENT (MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT)
Feb 17, 2014-Monday at 16:23
Location: TOWNHOUSE
Summary: A student reported damage to his vehicle which was parked outside of a Townhouse. The person that hit the vehicle reported the incident to DPS.

EMT CALL / MEDICAL SERVICES RENDERED
Feb 17, 2014-Monday at 21:31
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: DPS received a call from a Professor stating that he received a text message from one of his students who states he does not feel well, and he is having trouble walking. EMS was activated, Smithfield Rescue was requested. Patient was transported to Fatima Hospital for treatment.

FIRE SAFETY VIOLATION
Feb 22, 2014-Saturday at 01:35
Location: TOWNHOUSE
Summary: DPS cited students that were smoking a hooka, and had the smoke detectors covered.

ACCIDENT (MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT)
Feb 22, 2014-Saturday at 08:03
Location: RESIDENCE HALL 16 LOT
Summary: Student reported that her parents were involved in an accident in the Commuter lot. A student backing out of a parking space hit the vehicle while passing through the lot. No injuries reported.



VANDALISM (SCHOOL BUILDING)
Feb 22, 2014-Saturday at 09:23
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: DPS received a report of vandalism to a wall in a Residence Hall.

ASSAULT AND/OR BATTERY
Feb 22, 2014-Saturday at 23:35
Location: TOWNHOUSE
Summary: DPS received a report of a fight in front of a townhouse. One student was transported to Fatima Hospital for treatment. DPS is investigating the incident.

DRUG (POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA)
Feb 23, 2014-Sunday at 01:50
Location: TOWNHOUSE
Summary: While investigating a fire alarm in a townhouse, DPS officers found drug paraphernalia in a room. Confiscated were grinders, 2 pill bottles and 1 brown Zigzag package. Items were destroyed.

VANDALISM
Feb 23, 2014-Sunday at 01:56
Location: Residence Hall 16 Walkway
Summary: A DPS officer heard a loud bang and investigated, finding one of the walkway lamps knocked over. Electricians were contacted because wires were exposed.

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Kelsie's Korner

By Kelsie Hollenbeck
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Monkey Bread

This may be one of the easiest desserts you could ever make; even a monkey could do it! If you like gooey, warm cinnamon rolls, this dessert was made for you. Honestly, this bread isn't much more than a bunch of dough balls dunked in cinnamon-sugar and basted in buttery brown sugar, but who can say that description doesn't sound amazing? Be prepared for a little sugar high from this delicious baked sensation, with its perfect blend of cinnamon, granulated sugar, and brown sugar. Just a few minutes after you pop the monkey bread into the oven, the smell of cinnamon will be strong enough to make your taste buds cry out and your mouth water. I highly recommend eating this right out of the oven, too, to capitalize on its hot, sugary goodness. You don't even need a utensil to indulge in this bread; just dive in with your hands and start ripping off pieces! If you want to add even more texture and flavor, you might throw on some walnuts or pecans. This is an awesome dessert for any occasion.

Ingredients:

- 3 (12 ounce) packages refrigerated biscuit dough
- 1 cup white sugar
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1/2 cup margarine
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts



Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease one 9 or 10 inch tube/Bundt* pan.
2. Mix white sugar and cinnamon in a plastic bag. Cut biscuits into quarters. Shake 6 to 8 biscuit pieces in the sugar cinnamon mix. Arrange pieces in the bottom of the prepared pan. Continue until all biscuits are coated and placed in pan. If using nuts and raisins, arrange them in and among the biscuit pieces as you go along.
3. In a small saucepan, melt the margarine with the brown sugar over medium heat. Boil for 1 minute. Pour over the biscuits.
4. Bake at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) for 35 minutes. Let bread cool in pan for 10 minutes, and then turn out onto a plate. Do not cut; the bread just pulls apart!

Turner's Thoughts

Truth be told, diets do NOT work!



By Debbie Turner
Registered Dietician for
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I love this statement- "I want to eat better. Tell me what I need to eat to be healthy". Guess what, I can tell you, but until you really "want" to, the changes won't happen.

So here is a way to start. Remember, eating better does not have to be rocket science. Notice I said "eating better," the word DIET is not in this vocabulary. Why? BECAUSE DIETS DO NOT WORK! Instead of letting yourself feel overwhelmed by diets, start by taking a look at your current behaviors around food and begin to work on one situation at a time.

1. Evaluate what you do right now. Do you eat a lot of snacks? Do you drink a lot of coffee or soft drinks? Do you eat fast food or fast food-type items (fries, burgers, tacos, pizza, etc) more than two or three times a week? Be honest with

- yourself. That is the only way to make change realistic.
- 2. Once you know what your habits are, identify ways you can improve them.** Remember, you don't have to attack them all at once; you will be more successful if you take smaller steps. If you eat fast food often, what do you eat? Can you switch out fries for a salad on two of the three occasions? If you drink lots of soft drinks, can you switch to water? If you snack a lot, what do you snack on? If it's chips or something unhealthy, can you substitute a piece of fruit? Do you eat any fruits and vegetables? Commit to making sure you eat one piece of fruit or one vegetable to each meal or snack.
- 3. Choose one or two things from your list you know you can change and do it--commit.** Put this new behavior into practice and stick to it for a couple of weeks; eventually you won't have to think about it.
- 4. Keep evaluating and changing slowly.** This is the best way to make sure your resolutions become habits and not a short term diet.
- 5. Most importantly, don't beat yourself up if you slip.** Changes are not easy to make and require a lot of adjustment. It can be as hard to give up fast food as cigarettes for some people. Keep working in small steps and take it one day at a time. Good luck and let me know if you need help!

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Bryant University Student SENATE
Let Your Voice Be Heard

By Gianna Romito
Staff Writer

Hello, Bryant University Students. In this week's Student Senate meeting lots of hot topics were discussed. President Paden Sadler led the residence life forum that discussed the most recent results of surveys taken by over 200 Bryant University students. While conducting the Residence Life Open Forum, President Sadler took recommendations, questions, comments, and concerns given by members of the audience as well as our current senators. Some examples included snow in the parking lot that needed to be cleaned, drainage system in the freshman hall, snow in the village path areas, and bathrooms not having ventilation systems and creating mold, vandalism in Hall 15, Residence Life is charging students for the damage, problems in the townhouses with hot water, and lastly, the need for elevators for the handicapped or injured in more dorms.

During formal new business, Treasure Margaret Wong, motioned to allocate \$800 to Multicultural Student Union in order to pay for fees concerning the music for Extravaganza, their most popular fashion show taking place this Friday at 7pm. The representative for the club appealed the motion because she stated that the club needed 200 additional dollars for musical equipment, making the total amount requested: \$1000. After countless questions and deliberation, majority ruled and the Multicultural Student Union got their additional funding, as well as the \$800 that was initially motioned. From there, Margaret motioned to add \$506.50 to the Men's Volleyball Club so they could afford to pay the transportation and hotel costs for an upcoming tournament. It was passed with little to no opposition.

In my opinion, the most difficult request for additional funding that we have gotten to date was concerning the salaries of the coach and assistant coach of sports clubs. In the most recent months, the federal law has changed regarding the pay of university employees. The University is now responsible for funding the coaches through an hourly wage that is calculated on a yearly salary. With very little background and because the concept is so new to many senators, we had no choice but to abide by federal law and to pass the request for additional funding. During the next few weeks, not all but most clubs and organizations will be coming forward with requests just like these, only larger and in the yearly-budget form. Our jobs, as senators, include hearing each possible appeal by the clubs and voting on whether it's justified to overrule the initial recommendation by the Ways and Committee. The hardest part of budget season for most senators is trying to be fair to all clubs across the board.

There's always reasons why the Senate may or may not approve a budget. It always comes down to having the same rules and regulations for everyone. In order for a club to receive their funding for the 2014-2015 academic year, a representative MUST come to the meeting held this Wednesday February 26th at 4pm or that club will receive nothing.

Renewable energy success stories

By May Vickers
Staff Writer

Although the debate remains over widespread utilization of renewable energy technologies, many companies, organizations, and communities worldwide have successfully used alternative sources of energy to provide power and electricity for their daily functions.

As recently as last month, researchers at Harvard University created a battery that can store large quantities of energy for use when the wind is not blowing or the sun is not shining. Widespread use of this battery represents a breakthrough in renewable energy sources because it would address a major problem of renewable energy, its intermittency. The battery uses electrochemistry of small organic molecules called quinones as a cost effective method for storing large amounts of electrical energy. By providing storage capacity, this battery makes renewable energy technologies more economical and reliable making renewable energy more competitive than fossil fuels.

In 2013, heavily populated countries, like India, have taken substantial strides towards widespread use of renewable energy technologies. The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has funded the first Indian solar floating power plant in Kolkata, West Bengal. The prototype is expected to generate 10KW of power. Studies indicate that floating solar power plants can generate more power than land power plants. This is because it is easier to cool the rear part of the solar panel when floating, which enhances the ability to generate power by sixteen percent. With India's current population expected to be approximately 1.27 billion people, finding land for renewable energy power plants is a daunting challenge. A floating solar power plant will help solve this conundrum.

In addition to more conventional solar power plants, companies and scientists have begun to think "out of the box" when analyzing the potential of renewable energy technologies. Solar Roadways is a company dedicated to creating roadways constructed solely out of solar panels. The idea of the solar road is to replace all petroleum-based asphalt roads, parking lots and driveways with solar road panels which will collect energy for communities to use. Each panel consists of three layers: road surface, electronics and base plate. The road surface layer is weatherproof and protects the electronics part of the solar panel. The electronics layer has a controlled heating element to remove snow/ice and a communications device for smart technology. The base plate layer distributes the power collected

to all homes and business connected to the solar road. This idea was presented at a 2010 TED talk in Sacramento, California.

China is also focusing on several strategic emerging industries, including environmentally friendly and energy efficient technologies, renewable energy, alternative materials and resources, and alternative energy vehicles, with plans to utilize these strategic emerging industries to contribute 8% of China's GDP by 2015.

According to Bloomberg New Energy Finance, the renewable energy sector currently generates more than a quarter of China's electricity generating capacity. As of September 2013, China's renewable energy goals for the year 2020 include the installation of two hundred wind projects, four hundred and twenty hydropower projects, fifty solar projects and thirty biomass projects.

Wind and solar technologies are expected to play a key role in remote areas where water is not available, with an intention of combining solar and wind technologies from successful companies like Trina Solar or Yingli. Where water is available, mini-hydro power projects may be built.

The Brightness Programme represents the first initiative driven by the Chinese government to use off-grid renewable energy applications in rural electrification. This program electrified twenty thousand villages using renewable energy technologies. Universities and colleges worldwide have begun to switch to renewable energy technologies to fuel their energy needs.

As a Campus Ecology fellow from the National Wildlife Federation, I am conducting a feasibility analysis of Bryant University's potential for solar panel usage in our outdoor lighting systems. With over one hundred and fifty outdoor lamps with flat surfaces, the potential is there.

In 2009, Bentley University constructed a three thousand square foot solar wall to power their heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) unit. Brown University constructed one hundred and sixty eight solar panels on top of their aquatic center which now provides enough power for the lighting system and enough thermal energy to heat the entire aquatic pool.

Renewable energy technologies have been used to power homes, businesses and organizations in cost effective and reliable ways. The Energy Information Administration (EIA) predicts that renewable energy will grow 0.7% in 2014 in the U.S. With innovation and entrepreneurship, the age of renewables will soon be expanding in many new directions.

Key Words

By Alison MacLeod
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Have you ever tried ironing a shirt, only to discover that one side of the sleeve keeps wrinkling even though the other side is perfectly smooth? The harder you try to erase that unwanted crease, the worse it becomes.

That kind of frustration is common to lots of tasks, even or especially, to writing. Back in the dark ages when I was an undergrad, every time I had to write a paper, I would die a thousand deaths, anticipating the agony I would have to endure just to find reasonably articulate ways to express my less than profound thoughts.

Naturally, I wanted to do well so I couldn't just sit down at my desk and bang out some sort of inane gibberish. Back then we didn't have computers, so forget about spelling or grammar checks. For that matter, we didn't have the internet, and as undergrads, we weren't even allowed into the library stacks. Instead, we had to flip through drawer after drawer of the old fashioned card catalog in hopes of finding a book or a periodical that might or might not be useful for the assignment.

If there was a line at the desk, we might have to wait a long time before the materials we requested were retrieved, or not. Sometimes things would be unavailable – either checked out by someone else or lost. But there was no way to know that until a librarian had tried and failed to find it. So writing research papers began to feel like standing at the base of Mount Everest and looking up—life threatening, if not impossible!

That was college in the 60s, and somehow, miraculously, I made it through. Word after painful word, I struggled to assemble enough pages of enough papers to complete what, at the time, felt like an endless stream of courses. Though writing never seemed to get easier, I was lucky to have some wonderful professors who were willing to help. All I had to do was ask.

One in particular whose name I've forgotten but whose wisdom became engraved on my soul was the kindly old professor who taught my English 101 course. He would assign us weekly essays, sometimes related to readings but more often related to ourselves. I suppose his many years of instructing writing to newbies must have convinced him that we always did better writing about the familiar. And at our age, the subject we knew the most about was ourselves—or so we thought.

What I remember best from the comments he wrote on my papers was the thoughtful way he helped me discover simplicity. He would pick out a sentence or two and underline words he thought were unnecessary, and then suggest I try another way. Slowly, gradually, I began to see how avoiding those extra words actually clarified what I wanted to say. He also showed me the difference between active and passive voice, and how active was stronger than passive.

His comments themselves were always simple, but they stayed with me. He taught me to welcome constructive criticism as an important tool for learning. I began looking forward to Mondays when he would return our papers from the previous week, not because I wanted an A, but because I was eager to read his comments on what I had written. Today I spend much of my time working with Bryant students on their various writing assignments, helping them to discover the beauty of simplicity. I love what I do, even though it can be frustrating at times—reflections of my own early agonies.

When a student brings me a paper, distraught because he or she fears it isn't long enough, I have to smile. Thinking back on my dear old English 101 professor, I take a deep breath and begin the long, slow process of showing that student how less can be more, simple is better, and writing well means making every word count.

Mount Everest is still there, still daunting, but no longer life-threatening. After all, I'm still here and very much alive, residing in my cozy office in the ACE Writing Center!

Venezuelans protest

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Venezuelan state police. When the conflict subsided three were dead, two students and a police officer.

In the wake of this first clash, a Venezuelan court issued a warrant for López for inciting violence in relation to the protest the previous day. The Harvard - educated economist and family man then gave himself up peacefully to security forces; protestors swarmed the streets to witness his surrender and arrest by government forces. Hours later, a prerecorded video spread across social media sites, in which López and his wife urge protestors to carry on their efforts and continue to actively demand reform of the current regime. The protestors have faithfully obliged.

Protests continue to rage, drawing progressively larger and more diverse crowds to aid the students. Clashes with state police continue to erupt across

Caracas, leading to more violence and more injuries. As the Venezuelan battle for reform continues 137 people have been injured and 11 have died.

The scenario playing out in Caracas has not quite reached the levels of violence seen in Kiev, and has received drastically less coverage. Venezuelans have been competing with both the Olympics and Kiev for the media's attention. However, a major factor in the lack of coverage is the stringent state control of media sources.

The government of Venezuela has tight control of the media in their country, and as a result are able to stop news of the protests from spreading even simply throughout Venezuela. They do this by not only controlling the major news channels, but by also controlling the single internet service provider that the majority of Venezuelans use.

By blocking online access they combat the spread of information on social media sites, sites which were successful in bringing out large numbers of student protestors in the original protests. The Venezuelan government has even begun halting foreign journalists in the region, confiscating filming equipment at gunpoint and revoking credentials that allow news teams to operate in the country legally, as was the fate of CNN's foreign news team.

While protests in Kiev have gained ground and nearly accomplished what they set out to do, Venezuela has just begun their ordeal. Knowing and understanding what is going on there is critical for the global community, lest another peaceful demonstration for a better democracy devolve into another brutal conflict. A fate that hopefully Venezuela can avoid.

Bilingual at Bryant

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because it's not generally everyone's "cup of tea" but what I've realized is they just never stumbled upon the right teacher. Every individual has a unique way of learning, but more importantly comprehending. Foreign language is not an easy concept, because realistically for the past 18-21 years we've all been trying to master our native language. Through my studies, I have found that Bryant is home to some of the best Spanish educators there are. The faculty of the Spanish department understands what it takes to learn a new language, because at one point in their lives they were in the same position as us. These professors eliminate the intimidation factor; they reject a negative learning environment, and they create a positive atmosphere where errors are encouraged. These professors don't

expect you to be the best; they expect you to try your hardest.

We've all chosen to attend this prestigious university to achieve a degree that we know isn't going to come easy. These four years will be some of the best and worst times of your life; so prove to yourself how much you can do. With the world today, it's not a bad thing to be business driven, but why not open more opportunities for yourself and compliment your degree with a foreign language? Spanish speakers are more prominent in the business world today than in the past years. It's a booming language throughout the United States but also provides a competitive edge for work internationally. I am a dual major in Marketing and Spanish, and when I reflect back upon my past experiences,

I would not have had the same opportunities without my knowledge in Spanish.

So all in all, the question is, what does it mean to be a Spanish major at Bryant University? It is with honor, that I leave Bryant with this degree. Fortunately I not only leave with a degree, but I leave with networks, with mentors from the faculty of the Spanish department that have positively influenced my dream as a fluent Spanish speaker. I've found my passion because I've been introduced to the right teachers. So stop hesitating and take that leap, because I can guarantee one of the professors of any of the languages offered here at Bryant will be there for you when you think you're going to fall.

Sigma Chi Goes Bald

By Kathryn Valentini and Alex Scelzo

Staff Writers

If you've noticed a sudden increase in the number of bald heads on campus - no, it's not just because it's suddenly the new trend, or, well maybe it is. But, really, it's to benefit the St. Baldrick's foundation for children with cancer. Last Thursday and Friday, great guys, and a few lovely ladies, sat down in make-shift barber chairs to have their heads shaved in order to raise awareness for a great cause. If you're an upperclassman, then you've likely seen this same scene before; if you're a freshman, welcome to St. Baldrick's at Bryant University!

A volunteer driven organization, the St. Baldrick's Foundation is on a mission to aid in the severely-underfunded research of cancers that are specific to children and young adults. To do this, the foundation holds awareness events anywhere it can, from restaurants, malls, parks, and churches, to school campuses and military bases. These events challenge volunteers to shave their heads in solidarity with children fighting cancer while raising money towards the cause.

So, just how serious is childhood cancer? According to the St. Baldrick's Foundation website, "More children are lost to cancer in the U.S. than any other disease - in fact, more than many other childhood diseases combined." In 2013 alone, St. Baldrick's raised \$34,364,222 from 1,380 head shaving

events which saw a whopping 49,847 males shave their heads and 8,840 females shave their heads. Each year, the numbers continue to climb, as awareness and money is raised for this spectacular cause.

At Bryant, this event is large in scope, and requires collaboration from a variety of individuals and organizations. Each year, Bryant's chapter of Colleges Against Cancer organizes the event and reaches out for a Bryant team or organization to serve as the face of the event. This year, Bryant's chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity volunteered to promote, encourage, and serve as the main fundraising force for the St. Baldrick's Foundation. In a week-long fundraising flurry, the brothers of Sigma Chi raised \$3,330 for this cause, while Bryant University as a whole raked in \$5,196. In addition, twenty brothers sat to have their heads shaved by volunteer stylists from the Toni and Guy Hairdressing Academy. These are significant numbers and even the smallest bit could mean a world of difference for a young child suffering with cancer.

However, it is not just philanthropic groups such as Colleges Against Cancer and the Sigma Chi Fraternity that make events such as these possible. These volunteer charity events unite Bryant students, faculty, and staff in support of worthy causes, as evidenced by the numerous bald heads and donations from the Bryant community. So, as a reminder, if you see a few bald heads on campus, don't be alarmed, give them a smile.



Brothers of Sigma Chi participating in St. Baldrick's Fundraiser. (Kathryn Valentini)

Six Appeal

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originally sung by Taylor Swift and covered by soloist Stephanie Shepard ('15), as well as Kyle Ebersold ('14) who covered the Rascal Flatt's "Life is a Highway."

Six Appeal, consists of members: Jordan Roll, Michael Brookens, Trey Jones, Nathan Hickey, Reuben Hushagen and Andrew Berkowitz. Together, the six of them displayed exceptional individual and group musical abilities. Despite the group's small size, their well-blended voices created a sound that filled the theater, bolstered by the incredibly low voice of bass Reuben Hashagen and beatboxer Andrew Berkowitz. Unchained to any one genre, the group performed oldies, rock, pop, and jazz tunes with ease.

Not only did they cover infamous songs like "The Circle of Life", from The Lion King, and Macklemore and Ryan Lewis' "Same Love", but they also sang two original songs written by group members Andrew Berkowitz and Trey Jones which blew those of us in the audience away.

Aside from their pure musical genius, these six men had amazing chemistry amongst themselves and were more than just musical performers, they were also comedians. The interjection of humor had the audience sucked into the performance, wondering what they were going to do next. The humor didn't stop at just fillers between songs, but leaked its way into some songs as well. This was most noticeable during their cover of the classic breakup anthem "I Will Survive" where they ingeniously interjected Miley Cyrus's "Wrecking Ball" at just the right moment, evoking a mixed feeling of disbelief and amusement from the crowd.

By the end of the show, no one really wanted the performance to end. We had all been captivated by the group's ability to create music. It was unbelievable what they could do without instruments and everyone kept hoping that the next song they sang wouldn't be the last. Eventually, all good things must end, and so Six Appeal's time on stage ended. However, they left the crowd buzzing with energy and excitement, feeling rejuvenated after a few hours of comedic relief, exceptional music, and pure talent.

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Candy Crush Company IPO

By Christopher Chapruet
Contributing Writer

King Digital Entertainment PLC (King Digital) is the leading interactive entertainment company for the mobile world. They focus on designing and developing games that are easy to learn and challenging to master. As a London-based company established in 2002, King Digital has risen to one of the top gaming companies for Apple's iPhone and iOS devices, as well as Android operating systems. With all of their games being provided for free, such as, Farm Heroes Saga, Bubble Witch Saga and their most popular game Candy Crush Saga, the company has found a strategic way to make money.

King Digital provides their players with numerous opportunities to purchase virtual items priced relative to the entertainment value they provide. Not only are their games for entertainment, but they also provide a social feature where players can interact virtually with each other through the games.

King Digital's most popular and most frequently downloaded game, Candy Crush Saga, is a "switcher game" in which players match candies in combinations of three or more to win points and defeat obstacles. Candy Crush Saga was first available to play on King.com in March 2011 and soon expanded to Facebook and mobile devices in April 2012 and November 2012, respectively. In December 2013, Candy Crush Saga expanded once again to include "Dreamworld," a parallel world of levels with different obstacles for the user to complete.

With over 324 million users per month across multiple platforms of all games, King Digital does not show any sign of slowing down its expansion. Candy Crush Saga has an average of 93 million users per day and was played more than 1 billion times a day during December 2013.

On February 18, 2014 King Digital Entertainment PLC announced that it filed a registration statement with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission relating to a proposal on an initial public offering (IPO). The number of shares and price per share has yet to be announced. The ticker symbol on the New York Stock Exchange will be KING.



Companies such as J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Credit Suisse Securities LLC and Bank of America Merrill Lynch will act as joint lead book managers and representatives of the IPO. King Digital is looking to raise as much as \$500 million with its IPO this year. This is not an outrageous figure since King Digital reported profit of \$567.6 million in 2013, up \$7.8 million from 2012. Revenue also rose drastically in 2013 to \$1.88 billion from \$164.4 million the previous year.

A major concern for King Digital is the rapid expansion after its offering. According to MarketWatch.com the company said, "We cannot assure you that this level of significant growth will be sustainable in the future. Some members of our management do not have significant experience managing a large global business operation, so our management may not be able to manage such growth effectively."

This statement should raise concern for those interested in investing with King Digital's IPO. Being a publicly traded company, King Digital should be prepared for the company's rapid growth but they are not sure if they can handle its growth after the IPO. For example, Zynga Inc., a competitor of King Digital in mobile gaming applications relies on its future in mobile games like King Digital. Zynga Inc. trades publicly under the ticker name ZNGA fluctuating around \$5 per share. They reported that sales have fallen 43% from last year after their IPO in 2011.

King Digital has to be strategic when they announce their IPO at a price that will not overvalue their company. They will not want to follow Zynga Inc. by reporting a loss when they go public. King Digital will have to announce their IPO at a time where developers are looking to expand in the mobile games market.

Buffett's Top Picks

1. Wells Fargo

Buffet's top holding is unsurprisingly in the nation's most profitable bank. At the end of December, Berkshire held 463.5 million shares of Wells Fargo, worth \$21 billion.

2. Coca-Cola

One of Buffet's all-time favorite stocks. He has been quoted saying he will never sell shares in the world renowned beverage company. His stake in the company is worth \$16.5 billion.

3. American Express

His total number of shares remained steady through the end of the fourth quarter totaling \$13.8 billion.

4. International Business Machines

Notoriously known as one of the most influential blue chips in the market, Buffet also holds \$13.8 billion in IBM stock.

5. Procter & Gamble

Berkshire's shares remained unchanged at the end of 2013 in which they finished near 52-week highs pushing their stake to a worth of \$4.3 billion.

6. Exxon Mobil

Despite being a relatively recent addition for Berkshire, the world's largest publicly traded oil company, has quickly become one of their biggest holdings. The additional million shares purchased in the fourth quarter leaves Berkshire with \$4.2 worth of Exxon Mobil stock.

7. Wal-Mart

Berkshire also increased their holdings in the world's largest retailer to a total of \$3.9 billion.

8. U.S. Bancorp

With the additional purchase of stock in the fourth quarter, Buffet proves to be partial to the Minnesota-based bank with an overall stake of \$2.9 billion.

9. DIRECTV

Berkshire's 36.5 million shares remained unchanged from the previous quarter with a worth of \$2.5 billion.

10. DaVita HealthCare Partners

While Buffet is typically responsible for billion-dollar portfolio holdings, Ted Weschler, one of Buffet's personally chosen portfolio managers, is the major proponent behind DaVita. Berkshire increased its stake by 5 million shares in the fourth quarter reaching 36.5 million shares, worth about \$2.3 billion.

Comcast mega-merger

By John Zeiner
Business Editor

There is game changing news in the land of television. Last week, Comcast agreed to acquire Time Warner Cable in an enormous \$45 billion stock deal which will boost Comcast's subscribers by an additional 11 million. This represents more than a third of all cable subscribers in the U.S. However, there is much more to the story than just the TV service.

This immediately reshapes the broadband landscape as Comcast expands their reach into previously untapped markets. They reach countless new cities across the country as Comcast and Time Warner did not have overlapping markets.

Furthermore, Comcast has more power in negotiating with streaming-video services like Netflix, which is responsible for between a third and a half of all network traffic in the country. This will also provide Comcast an additional layer of protection from the likes of Verizon FiOS and Dish Network, which operate within Comcast's territories and compete directly against it.

Time Warner Cable customers should expect to see modifications to their service that reflect how Comcast operates. Unfortunately, data hounds will be unhappy with the likely cap in data that they will probably place on Time Warner subscribers who had no cap prior to the merger.

Another short term effect could be leverage in licensing agreements with TV broadcasts. Last year, Time Warner blocked CBS for several months, leaving them with the ability to remove certain content or even entire channels. With the new merger, Comcast will have more leverage than they have ever had. As a result of fewer competitors in the broadband and TV landscape, it is likely that consumers will see higher prices in the coming years. Nevertheless, Time Warner and Comcast customers will reap some benefits.

In recent years, the two companies have partnered with Cox Communications on a project called CableWiFi, which operates a network of Wi-Fi hotspots in major cities around the United States. Subscribers to any of the cable companies

have free access to any hotspot in the network. In the interest of increasing coverage, Comcast has begun leveraging its customers' routers as publicly accessible hotspots. With the addition of Time Warner, they will be able to expand these residential hotspots using Time Warner's customers.

Sadly, other than switching cable providers entirely, consumers do not have any options. The completion of this merger is entirely up to the Federal Communications Commission and Department of Justice who have a history of being insensitive to consumer feedback on similar issues.

Nonetheless, there is always the option of getting rid of your cable service entirely. Apple TV, Roku, and the newer Google Chromecast provide alternative options. But chances are that consumers will rely on their respective cable providers for internet service. Will mega-mergers between cable TV providers be a trend of the future? Only time will tell.

Graph of the week

Biggest Bankruptcies

How Energy Future Holdings would rank among the biggest bankruptcies since 1980

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2009	CIT Group	80.4
2001	Enron	65.5
2002	Conseco	61.4
2011	MF Global	40.5
2009	Chrysler	39.3
	Energy Future Holdings	38.7

Sources: BankruptcyData.com; SEC filing (Energy Future)

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- Tony Hsieh

Bulldogs suffer sweep against Maryland

On bright side Schlitter named NEC Pitcher of the Week

By Justin Beaucage
Sports Editor

When the Bulldogs' season began, they were favored to win the NEC for the second consecutive season. After such a surprising 2013 campaign, where the Bryant won the conference, the Bulldogs return with a star-studded roster. Bryant's baseball team is still expected to be the team to beat in the NEC. The team isn't just ready to defend its title, but they are ready to win it again.

However, they might have a tougher time doing this than they expected.

The Bulldogs were swept this past weekend against Maryland, opening the season with three-straight losses. In three games, the Bulldogs could only get three runs on the scoreboard, and all of them came in the last game of the series. In the first two games, the team could not get the bats going, as they were shutout by a score of 3-0 in both games. Despite great efforts from the mound in three games, the Bulldogs know they must get their offense going at the plate to be dominant in the NEC once again.

However, the Bulldogs know that it's early in the season, and there still should be time to shake off the offseason rust. Sometimes, getting the timing down for hitters is one of the most difficult parts about baseball and getting back into a rhythm. It might take a few weeks, but the team should be able to improve its offensive attack as the season rolls on.

Despite struggling and a disappointing opening three game series, there was one piece of great news for the Bulldogs in the opening weekend of baseball. Pitcher Craig Schlitter was named the NEC Pitcher of the Week for sensational play on the mound. The senior right hander was given the award because of allowing just one unearned run, on two hits in five innings of work. He also struck out four batters in his 2014 debut.

He also faced plenty of jams in his first game this year. However, with some masterful pitching, Schlitter was able to get out of these situations, and was good enough to be named the best pitcher in the conference for this week. It is the third time Schlitter has won the award, and adds to what has been an illustrious career for Bryant. He is one of the best pitchers for the Bulldogs, and has been one of the leaders of this ball club.

“Even with a disappointing outcome to the series opener, there’s no reason to panic about Bulldogs’ baseball and their chances to repeat as NEC champions.”

Even with a disappointing outcome to the series opener, there's no reason to panic about Bulldogs' baseball and their chances to repeat as NEC champions. In three games, the pitching was dominant. The run support will come with time. The Bulldogs, especially toward the end of last season, were one of the better hitting teams in the conference. Hitting and a lack of consistency was an issue in the middle of last season as well. However, with time and practice, the Bulldogs managed a way to improve upon that. Making their hitting work was one of the crucial parts toward making a conference championship run last season. If the Bulldogs can do the same this season, there should be no doubt they can repeat.

As the baseball season begins, the Bulldogs face their next test this upcoming weekend against South Carolina Upstate on Saturday. If the team can get the series victories, it will begin its trail toward the a second consecutive conference championship.



Bulldogs pitcher Craig Schlitter had a strong debut against Maryland. (MCT Campus)

Red Sox bullpen preview

By Mark Gallant
Staff Writer

The Red Sox bullpen situation was nothing short of crazy last season, but it worked out for the best. With some new faces added to the mix, spring training will surely be a battle ground for the final bullpen spots.

Longshots:

Drake Britton, Francisco Cordero, Rich Hill
All three players could see time at the big league level later in the season, but it's unlikely they'll make the roster out of the gate. Britton had a lengthy call-up last season and showed promise in 18 appearances, while Rich Hill is back with the organization after a poor season with Cleveland in 2013.

Cordero could end up fizzling out and the Sox may never see him, but similar to Grady Sizemore's deal, this is a low-risk, high-reward type of signing. The 38-year-old didn't pitch last season, but lost 30 pounds and could be a valuable option down the road if he puts some work in at Pawtucket.

Bubble:

Brayan Villarreal, Brandon Workman, Jose Mijares

Villarreal was acquired last season in the Jake Peavy trade and pitched one game for the Red Sox. He faced one batter with the bases loaded, walking him on four pitches resulting in a walk-off win for the Giants.

Workman's situation with the team is an interesting one. Clearly possessing MLB-ready talent, the addition of Chris Capuano might keep him off the opening day roster. Workman worked as a starter this offseason in winter ball and Farrell says he plans on working him as a starter in spring training. He may have to settle for the Pawtucket rotation until a chance arises, as Boston may not have room for two extra starters/long relievers.

Mijares pitched for San Francisco last year, appearing in 60 games and posting a poor WHIP of 1.78. However, in 2012, the hefty 265 pound lefty posted an ERA of 2.56 and a WHIP of 1.26 in 78 appearances.

Locks:

Andrew Miller, Burke Badenhop, Junichi Tazawa, Edward Mujica, Craig Breslow, Koji Uehara

Miller is set to return coming off foot surgery which ended his season early last July. Miller had posted career bests in ERA, K/9 innings, and K/BB ratio. The 6-foot-7 lefty should be fully recovered by the beginning of the season.

Badenhop was signed early this offseason after pitching for Milwaukee last year. Sox fans may be familiar with the 6-foot-5 righty from his season with Tampa Bay in 2012, in which he posted a career best 3.01 ERA.

Tazawa and Breslow are both back after posting solid regular and postseason numbers. Breslow posted a career best 1.81 ERA along with a 1.12 WHIP and had several key performances against the Tigers in the ALCS. Tazawa was second on the team with 71 appearances last season, but might have a slightly different role this season with Mujica on the squad.



Mujica, who was a National League all-star last season for the Cardinals, was signed to a two-year deal this offseason. The 29-year-old Venezuelan ended up losing the closer's job at the end of the season, as his ERA rose from 1.73 at the end of August to 2.78 by season's end. Mujica could potentially be the setup man for Boston this year with Koji closing things out.

With the likes of Andrew Bailey and Joel Hanrahan gone for good, Koji Uehara plans to return to his dominating form in the closer's role. Uehara allowed only one run and one walk after the all-star break in 32 innings, while striking out 42. This included a stretch of 37 straight batters retired, which was only four short of the record. He did however set a record of his own by posting a WHIP of .57, which was the lowest ever of pitchers with more than 50 innings pitched in a season. While we can't expect him to repeat such a spectacular season, expect Uehara to continue his greatness in 2014.

With plenty of arms to choose from, spring training will be a chance for the young guns to prove themselves, while the veterans will have to prove that they still have a place in the big leagues.

Don't miss us too much! The Archway will return after Spring Break.

Saying goodbye to a true Yankee: Jeter to retire following the 2014 season

By Zach Friedland
Contributing Writer

He is a 13-time All-Star, 5-time Gold Glove and Silver Slugger award winner, and most importantly a 5-time World Series Champion. Derek Jeter will retire at the end of the 2014 season as one of the greatest ever to don pinstripes in the Bronx.

Aside from the obvious on-field success with the Yankees and his legendary career with the female population of New York City as noted by SportsNation, Jeter's success stretches further. His reputation as one of the most respected clubhouse leaders of his time and his abilities in the clutch stand out above all awards and accolades. How will Jeter finish his illustrious career? As noted in pre-season interviews, he expects to add another ring to his collection.

Derek Jeter broke into the bigs in 1995, after being selected 6th in the 1992 MLB draft straight out of high school. Jeter entered a strange era of Yankees baseball, one that featured 12 consecutive seasons without a postseason appearance. He joined the team with three other young players making their debuts for the Yankees:



The Yankees will have to go on without Derek Jeter next seasons. (MCT Campus)

Jorge Posada, Mariano Rivera, and Andy Pettitte. These four became known as the, "Core Four" and they were built around for years to come.

The saying in baseball always went that you build your team from the middle of the field out. In a sense, a core of a team

should be built around the middle infield, pitching, and catching. This is exactly how the Yankees developed their dynasty, as Pettitte headed the rotation and Rivera backed the rotation in the 9th. Posada anchored the rotation from behind the plate and Jeter strengthened an

infield lacking an identity. One year after the core four's first full season in pinstripes, the Yankees hoisted their first World Series trophy in 19 years.

Jeter never wowed from the plate with gaudy power numbers, or extraordinary speed, but instead showed patience,

with a plate discipline that has been idolized and coveted by opposing scouts and managers. 'Captain Clutch' has posted 12 seasons with a batting average of over .300, showing off as a model contact hitter with uncharacteristically high power numbers for a player hitting from either the 1 or 2 spot in the batting order.

The Yankees captain has also impressed with extraordinary durability, playing in over 150 games in 13 seasons while posting league high plate appearance numbers in 5 seasons. Derek Jeter has been a model of consistency for the Yankees in a sport that has been known for holding players back from playing until the player is 100% healthy.

Where does Jeter rank amongst the all-time great Yankees? It is hard to judge his legacy until the team has seen a few years without his presence. For now, Mr. November is most certainly in the conversation of the best to ever put on pinstripes, in the ranks of Gherig, Dimaggio, Ruth, and Rivera. As Jeter makes his farewell tour in 2014, we can be certain he will be content with that.

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The other cold war: United States defeats Russia in crucial Olympic hockey game

By Nick Calabro
Staff Writer

In history class, we may or may not get up to a certain conflict that the United States had with the then Soviet Union. However, every four years, in the Winter Olympics, there is a chance to feel a comparable intensity. This happens when the United States and Russia play each other in ice hockey. The one everybody remembers is the "Miracle on Ice" game of 1980, but during the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, these two superpowers had a rematch. Let's go through some highlights, shall we?

After the puck dropped, the rivals engaged in a scoreless first period. In terms of play quality, it was a near stalemate. That was until Blake Wheeler was penalized for taking down Ilya Kovalchuck, with about 8:30 left to play in the period. And now it was starting to show that Russia might be outplaying the U.S. with a 7-4 shot advantage after the power play.

Russia would also have a chance with 3:30 left in the period, thanks to Semin and Malkin, but Jonathan Quick made the save. Russia thought they had scored, but it was not to be as the refs stopped play. With 19:23 gone by, Ilya Nikulin would be penalized for holding meaning the U.S. would start the second period on the power play.

Despite a threatening shot by Kevin Shattenkirk, the U.S. would not be able to capitalize on this man advantage. Speaking of man advantages, Russia



US continued its rivalry with Russia with a huge win in hockey. (MCT Campus)

would get one when Max Pacioretty took down Nichushkin. Again Russia did not score, but they did hit the post and the crossbar, which means that they knew they could get it past Jonathan Quick. After an opportunity for the U.S., Pavel Datsyuk took a shot past Quick on the glove side and put Russia on the board with 9:15 left in the second. But the score changed when Alexander Radulov took a penalty for knocking Dustin Brown

down with a crosscheck. With 3:08 left in the second, the U.S.A. tied the game at one. The second period came to a close, and just like the U.S. at the start of the period, Russia began the third on the power play, because Patrick Kane hooked Tereschenko.

In the third period, shortly after Ryan McDonagh blocked a powerful shot from Alexander Ovechkin, Dustin Brown was called for interference, giving

Russia another power play right after their last one. After the scoreless power play, the U.S. had one when Alexander Radulov hooked Patrick Kane. With 10:28 in the third period, Joe Pavelski put the U.S. in the lead, 2-1. But Dustin Brown was penalized again, and Russia tied it at two with a screen from Radulov and a shot from Datsyuk with 7:16 left in regulation.

With 4:40 left in the period Fyodor Tutin hit the crossbar and it went into the net, so it looked like Russia would go up 3-2. But something happened, the net was dislodged, apparently by Jonathan Quick, so the refs overturned the goal, meaning it was still tied 2-2. There was no further scoring, which brought the game to overtime, starting with a U.S. powerplay, because Medvedev took down Callahan, near the end of the third.

Unlike earlier, the U.S. would not score on the power play. Also, neither team would score during overtime, even though Patrick Kane had pretty good chances. And then it was time for the shootout. TJ Oshie and Ilya Kovalchuck scored during the first three rounds, extending the shootout to where each round is sudden death. Datsyuk and Kovalchuck scored in Rounds Five and Six for Russia, but so would TJ Oshie, and he also got the next goal in Round Eight, ending the shootout and securing the American victory.

Clowney not joking around: defensive end impresses scouts at the NFL combine

By Justin Beaucauge
Sports Editor

The NFL has transitioned into a league where fast, mobile quarterbacks have dominated the NFL. Quarterbacks cannot only burn defenders with their arms, but they can make them look foolish in the open field with speed and mobility. It seems like no one can catch them once they are in the open field.

However, after the NFL scouting combine, quarterbacks may not be able to run away from South Carolina defensive end Jadaveon Clowney. They might not even be able to hide.

Clowney is one of the best defensive prospects to enter the NFL Draft in the last decade. His combination of size, strength, speed, and versatility makes him a rare gem and one of the most freakish athletes the NFL has seen in a long time. He was one of the best defensive players in college through his three years, as he was most known for "The Hit," in the 2013 Outback Bowl against Michigan running back Vincent Smith. The ground might still be shaking from that hit, as it was one best defensive plays in college football history.

He had a stellar 2012 campaign, where he recorded 54 tackles and 13 sacks, five of them coming against rival Clemson. Coming into the 2013 campaign, Clowney was supposed to be a Heisman Candidate. However, injuries and lack of effort led to Clowney failing to reach the hype.

Thanks to his disappointing season, many scouts were skeptical on selecting Clowney in this year's draft. Teams questioning his effort, how much he cares about football, and what he is willing to give to the team, have

all hurt Clowney's draft stock. It would take a strong Clowney showing at the NFL combine to prove those critics wrong.

At the combine, not only did Clowney silence those critics, he showed why he is the best defensive prospect in the draft.

Clowney only participated in two events at the combine. Despite only getting 21 reps of 225 in the bench press, which is a little low for someone his size, it was his speed that got all the scouts buzzing. In the 40 yard dash, he recorded an amazing 4.53 time. Not only is this astounding for someone of his size and weight, but it is simply amazing for a defensive end. Clowney was faster than all but 6 running backs, and his time is faster than any quarterback since 2006 besides Robert Griffin III.

It's safe to say most of the NFL won't be able to run away from Clowney. Someone who is this big, this fast, and this strong, can really take the league by storm, and can be one of the best defensive linemen in the league.

So, what does this impressive combine display mean for Clowney's draft stock? He still has a pro day before



Defensive end Jadaveon Clowney (on right) was one of the most impressive prospects. (MCT Campus)

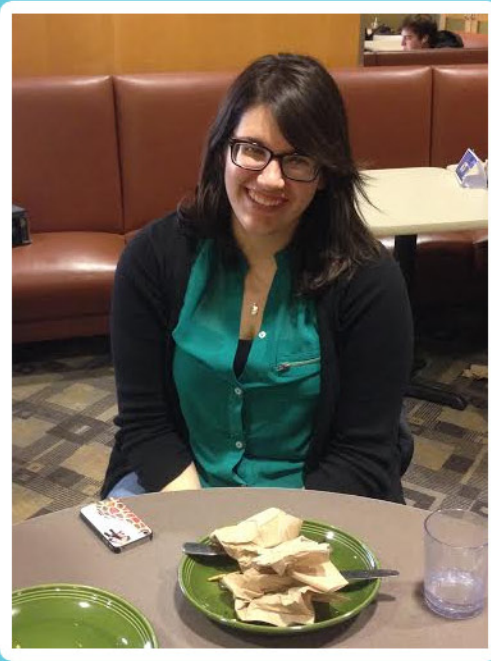
the draft, which will give him a chance to workout for teams that actually will look to draft him. Before the combine, Clowney was projected to be a top ten pick. Now, he might be guaranteed at least going in the top five. He is certainly making teams that doubted him reconsider their evaluation.

Clowney is a freak, and a defensive nightmare who has the potential to be not just the best rookie, but one of the most talented defensive ends in the NFL.

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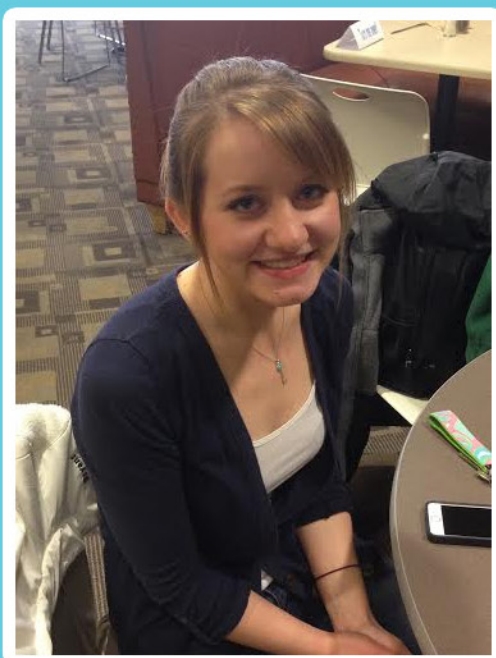


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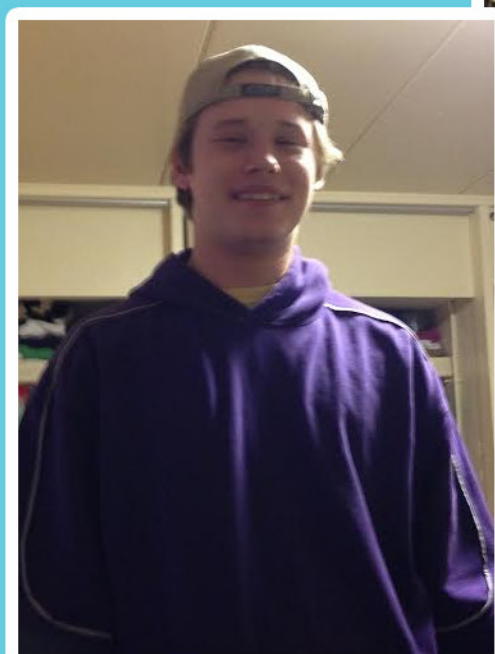
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Redskins may become red faced over controversy

By Matthew Gillen
Staff Writer

The term 'Redskin' is considered by some to be a racial slur used to identify Native Americans by the color of their skin. Yet one of the most talked about NFL teams in the last couple of years has carried this term as part of their team name for the past 81 years.

The Washington Redskins have been receiving heat about their team name for decades. After numerous letters from fans and politicians, product boycotts, lawsuits, and group protests, the team has resisted the pressure. With the team's recent popularity the argument has been refueled and the opposition is coming strong.

Trouble started to brew on the horizon last November when the National Congress of American Indians released a YouTube video named "Change the Mascot." This video depicted various American Indians, whom hold high positions in tribes around the country, speaking out against the Redskins name. The controversy really started picking up speed this January when the organization released another, more powerful video called, "Proud to Be." This video gave an inside look into the lives of Native American people while a narrator listed off the different nicknames his people are known by, with a hint of pride in his voice. The last three

names he gives are unyielding, strong and indomitable, then it ends with, "Native Americans call themselves many things. The one thing they don't..." the calm uplifting music stops and the camera pans over a Washington Redskins helmet for 5 seconds of eerie silence.

One week after that emotional video surfaced, Senator Maria Cantwell, and Representative Tom Cole, wrote a strong letter to NFL commissioner Roger Goodell, urging him to change the Redskins name. Maria Cantwell is also the chairwoman of the Indian Affairs Committee, and Tom Cole is a member of the Chickasaw Nation, so they hold a personal interest in the situation.

Following that strike, ex-Washington D.C. Mayor joined the ranks by tweeting and pleading with Redskins owner Dan Snyder to change the name. Many other civil rights organizations are backing the charge as well, including the NAACP, Anti-Defamation League and the League of United Latin American Citizens. The consensus of the argument – if you can call it that – against the Washington Redskins name is that is offensive to Native Americans. Essentially saying the extent of the "damage" done by this football team's name is hurt feelings. These accusations have been backed by very few facts and a whole lot of misdirected emotions.

With this magnitude of

opposition and increasing amount of negativity geared towards their team in the public, many would give in to this challenge. Dan Snyder and his organization came back swinging instead, battling the accusations by putting the situation into the proper context.

The first counterattack, days after the letter, was a sharp statement by the team offered to Congress members as a dose of reality. "Senator Cantwell should be aware that there are many challenges facing Native Americans, including an extremely cold winter with high energy bills, high unemployment, life threatening health problems, inadequate education, and many other issues more pressing than the name of a football team which has received strong support from Native Americans... Surely, with all the issues Congress is supposed to work on such as the economy, jobs, war, and health care, the Senator must have more important things to do".

Roger Goodell stood behind the team and also offered a more genuine context of the issue at hand saying, "Let me remind you, this is the name of a football team, a football team that has had that name for 80 years and has presented the name in a way that has honored Native Americans". The underlying message here being that the situation is being blown out of proportion; it's the name of a sports team not a radical Anti-Native American



organization. The more obvious message is that the team has never showed any disrespect to the people it represents and everyone associated with it are proud to be called Redskins.

The knockout punch from the pro Redskins side reminds the Congress members that there are issues with more urgency for them to be worrying about. "With all the important issues Congress has to deal with, such as a war in Afghanistan, to deficits to health care, don't they have more important things to worry about than a football team's name?", said a spokesman for the team, finishing with, "and given the fact that the name Oklahoma means 'red people' in Choctaw, this request is a little ironic".

There is a clear winner in this fight. Logic prevails over speculation. If you think those opposing the name are representing an entire population

of scorned people, think twice. In 2004 the National Annenberg Survey asked Native Americans in 48 U.S. states, "The professional football team in Washington calls itself the Washington Redskins. As a Native American, do you find that name offensive or does it not bother you?" Some 90% replied that the name is acceptable, 9% said that it was offensive and 1% refused to comment.

Those against the Redskins name are self-righteously fighting for a few easily offended men and women. It's important to realize that everyone is responsible for themselves and people make a choice whether to be upset about mere words or not. Unless the other side comes up with a valid argument supported by evidence, the Washington Redskins will hold on to their name for many years to come.

Cleaning up Salmo while cleaning up Bryant

By Paden Sadler
Contributing Writer

As kids we were taught several key lessons, one of which was that we should clean up after ourselves. At home we still abide by the same principles and make sure that we pick up after ourselves so that others do not have to. At Bryant, for some reason, things are a little bit different. When it comes to cleaning up after ourselves in Salmo, a lot gets left behind for others to clean up, and the person who does the cleaning up is Ms. Priscilla, the sweet lady who swipes you into the dining hall.

Having volunteered many times to help Ms. P clean up after "Trayless Tuesday," we have seen the things that get left behind, and they are appalling. The things that get left behind on tables are not napkins or crumbs; they are piles of plates full of food overflowing onto the table, stacked cups with spilt drinks, piles of salt and pepper, things that have been intentionally left behind. The worst is when there are pieces of food and napkins thrown around everywhere for your own amusement.

Is it really that important to throw a fry at your friend; or try to throw a crumpled up napkin into their cup? Ms. P goes table to table, cleaning and washing each and every one of the over one hundred tables in Salmanson Dining Hall. The hall itself gets dirty enough with accidental spills and drops; there does not need to be additional mess created and left behind for Ms. P to clean for no reason.

Why should Ms. P have to clean up after us; why can we not pick up our own trash? We all



are a part of the Bryant Community, there is no reason why we cannot each do our part and make it a nicer, cleaner, happier place. Think about how your parents would react if you left your plates, cups, silverware, and leftovers on your dining room table for them to clean. All of us can make the dining hall and the campus a cleaner place; we can make sure that we clean up after ourselves just as we would at home, and if our friends do not pick up after themselves we can urge them to do so for the betterment of everybody. It is the littlest things that can change the whole community; treating our campus with the same respect with have for our homes and adhering to the lessons in etiquette we learned as children is always a great place to start.

Looking at our campus, Salmanson Dining is just one example of places on campus where we can do more to keep it clean and presentable for everyone. The townhouse areas, parking lots, and residence halls are also areas where we can all collectively do more to keep up the appearance of our campus. Our campus is well known for its beauty and appearance; and it takes all of us to keep up that image.

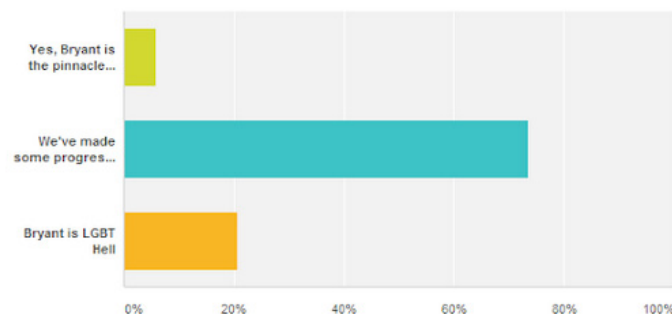
Real Talk.

By Brendan Barstow
Staff Writer

Bryant students share their opinion on controversial topics that affect the community

Is Bryant an accepting community for LGBT students and faculty?

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Love as a choice

By Brendan Barstow
Staff Writer

Volumes upon volumes have been written on love. The melancholy of heartbreak and the fervent ecstasy of attraction have both driven countless pens to paper. In expressing our love, whether it be in song, poem, painting, or long hugs, we simultaneously attempt to understand it. Despite all of the time we humans spend contemplating the concept, though, it seems we are no closer to understanding it than we were thousands of years ago.

Massive sums of time and money go into researching the neuroscience of love, the characteristics of satisfied couples, and the algorithms behind dating websites, yet we are still vulnerable in facing the challenges of romance. All the data in the world doesn't heal the agony of loss and has yet to make a significant dent in the 50% American divorce rate. The bulk of this exploration of love falls short in recognizing one fundamental truth: Love - deep, unconditional love, is not a feeling, but a choice.

Romantic comedies and media narratives tend to create the expectation that our soulmate (spoiler: they don't exist) will eventually fall into our laps - and that, following a predictable bit of turmoil, we'll live happily ever after. Silly or not, this is the notion we often naively carry in our hearts. It's easy to be shocked, then, when you and your girlfriend have your first fight or



you begin to notice the first habit of theirs you don't like, because it defies the narrative of a perfect relationship.

Plenty of couples learn to ignore or deal with the friction, though, perhaps believing that the strength of their attraction, the profundity of their love, will triumph over any issues in the relationship. We look at the examples of our mothers and fathers, and it seems that their love for each other obscures their imperfections, that my Gamama (Grandma for the unimaginative) and Grampa have been together for 50 years because they're a fantastically compatible match.

We like to think that we're incredibly good at knowing who's going to make us happy, but let's be honest - our test is passed with something as simple as a smile, a joke, a long conversation. The idea of having a soulmate is laughable - that there are 7 billion people in the world and you're not only going to meet them, but you're going to meet them early enough to live your life alongside them? No, no, rather there are

millions upon millions of people in the world who could make us happy, but we choose one and decide to make them a promise. We promise to recognize their imperfections and the nuances that make them unique and love them anyway. Unconditional love means making the *conscious decision* to not only accept but to cherish a person's flaws and failures, to immerse yourself in their whole being and thrive in it.

Stop waiting for Mr. or Mrs. Perfect; they don't exist and never will. Find not the person whom you love at first sight for this is mistaking lust for love. Find instead the person you can learn to love and let them teach you how to accept and cherish every last fiber of their being - the back hair, the tiny butt, the obnoxious snoring and the obsession with cereal, the ketchup phobia, and the late-night affinity for Rage Against the Machine. Choose to Love.

"We come to love not by finding a perfect person, but by learning to see an imperfect person perfectly." -Sam Keen

Meditation success

By Ashley Smith
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It's not a new concept—for thousands of years yogis have insisted that people take a deep breath and relax as tension melts from your muscles and stress fades from awareness. In one way or another we all know that relaxation is good for us. Meditation takes relaxation to the next level, a level with a variety of benefits.

While meditation has been around longer than we can imagine, science has finally caught up and is able to scientifically explain the many benefits of meditation. Researchers at Harvard Medical School discovered that people who practice meditation long-term have far more active genes that are geared toward the defense against diseases compared to those that do not practice meditation. In particular, they discovered more genes that protect from pain, infertility, high blood pressure and even rheumatoid arthritis that were switched "on", or activated. Dr. Herbert Benson, associate professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School, stated that they "found a range of disease-fighting genes were active in the relaxation practitioners that were not active in the control group."

The study didn't stop there. They then took the control group with the less-healthy genes and used them to determine how responsive these genes are to behavior, mood, and environment. This study revealed that the genes can switch on just as easily as they switch off. Jake Toby, hypnotherapist at London's BodyMind Medicine Centre, who teaches clients how to induce the effects of meditation, stated that "after two months, their bodies began to change: the genes that help fight inflammation, kill diseased cells, and protect the body from cancer all began to switch on." On top of that, the benefits were seen to increase even more if the behavior continued.



That being said, let's look at three profound health benefits of meditation that could greatly impact any college student!

1. Increased Immunity: Meditation has been shown to boost immunity in recovering cancer patients. Research from a study at Ohio State University found that daily muscular relaxation reduced the risk of breast cancer recurrence. Another study at Ohio State showed that a month of relaxation exercises boosted natural killer cells in the elderly, giving them a greater resistance to tumors and viruses.

2. Emotional Balance: Meditating regularly enhances emotional balance, meaning it helps maintain healthy emotional states. It helps to clear the mind regarding emotionally soaked memories and experiences. This allows the individual to think more clearly and respond in a way that is not colored by emotional burdens but instead in a way that is true and direct.

3. Calmness: The definitive difference between a person who meditates and a person who does not is the weight of each of their thoughts. A person who meditates will allow for upsetting thoughts to enter their mind, but then they will let them leave. A person who does not meditate will allow this thought to instigate a storm within their mind that rages on and on. With meditation comes a sense of calm that allows for a person to control their mind in a way that is otherwise impossible.

All of these things could enhance the college experience significantly. Imagine getting sick less, being able to make more decisions based more on logic rather than emotion, and having a sense of calmness that reduces stress in every area of your life. So where do you start? Lucky for us, Professor Noelle Harris has brought meditation to Bryant! She stated that her "doctoral research is on mindfulness meditation and yoga because these practices induce balance for the mind, body, and soul, and are an excellent way to stay healthy and fit. Plus, the research demonstrates that if you increase positive practices and capacities such as calmness and acceptance, peace and compassion, you can decrease negative emotional states. And the neuroscience behind both practices demonstrate brain growth." Take advantage of the many benefits meditation can bring and attend one of the sessions Professor Harris facilitates here on campus!

On Mondays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Machtley Interfaith Center, West Room she holds Meditation in Motion which involves yoga stretching and relaxation. You can attend one or all sessions and a yoga mat is optional! If Monday's don't work for you, there is also Thursday meditation from 1:05 to 1:30 p.m. in the Machtley Interfaith Center, West Room. You can drop in to this self-directed meditation at any time to enjoy a peaceful silence, just leave your shoes at the door and enter silently!

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What Grinds My Gears

Cigarettes are a no-go

By Zach DiFranza
Contributing Writer

This article doesn't aim to criticize you for smoking or convince you to quit, but it does demonstrate exactly why smokers grind my gears. First of all, there is nothing cool about smoking. I get it, when you turn 18 you feel like a badass because you can buy a pack, but just because you can doesn't mean you should. Unless, that is, you want to be stared at while you smoke outside the Roto. People notice and look, not because you're the man for smoking a cig, but because it's 13 degrees out and your nicotine addiction is outweighing your natural avoidance of freezing weather. People are staring at you confused, because that must be a damn good cigarette if it's worth freezing over.

The smell alone nauseates me. It sticks to your clothes and hands, so no matter how much AXE you spray on it, you reek. I hate walking to my seat in class, shuffling between the rows, and passing behind that one kid who practically bathes in tobacco. Do everyone a favor and fuel your addiction on your way back from class rather than on your way to it.

Cigarettes are too expensive for what they are. The sale of cigarettes is basically a rationale test; can you convince yourself that a short head high is worth \$10 and your lungs? According to cdc.gov, 18.1% of Americans chose the head high. A heavy smoker can spend over \$5,000 annually on cigarettes alone. Maybe, it's simply my poor college student background, but \$5,000 a year is way too expensive of a habit to maintain. I would much rather spend my \$5,000 on myself than literally burn it away.

Tobacco hinders your athletic ability. Several of my colleagues get winded easily because of their habit, but a few can't even make it up the stairs without having to struggle to catch their breath. I personally believe that, from a social perspective,



athletic ability is much more valuable than a tendency to smoke. As a matter of fact, smoking can have a negative social effect. In our culture judgments about others are made quickly, and smoking prompts an immediately negative label in the majority of cases.

Perhaps my most adamant complaint in regards to cigarettes is something I call the bystander effect. People are more inclined to try a cigarette when constantly in the presence of someone who smokes. Occasions do exist where the smoker warns the other not fall into the same addiction they did, but for the most part people tend to be relatively generous in giving out cigarettes. It is for this reason that the bystander effect is particularly influential on people who consider themselves 'occasional' smokers. Having an untracked supply available to you, without the expense, could seriously direct that occasional smoker towards heavy habits and full-blown addiction.

Cigarettes are a choice, and in my opinion a bad one. If you can afford the cost of every pack, don't mind the social labels associated with smokers, and know where to find a new pair of lungs; by all means spark up. But for the rest of you, I encourage that you avoid temptation and find a positive addiction, one that improves society rather than displays our own self-negligence.

The weak can survive

By Madyson Milordi
Staff Writer

Taking care of another human being who is incapable of taking care of themselves, is no easy task. A caregiver is a family member or paid helper who regularly looks after a child or a sick, elderly, or disabled person. My parents have been caregivers of three children, one with severe mental disabilities.

While my sister and I have grown and been able to take care of ourselves for the most part, my brother has not had it nearly as easy. My parents' children are physically grown, however they still have a 'child' to take care of. I have an enormous amount of respect and love for not only my parents but my brother as well. Therefore, I am prepared to eventually take on the responsibility of being the caregiver of an amazing person, my big brother.

As I prepare for my future duty as a caregiver, I have realized how important it is to take care of my own health in order to best assist his needs. According to *Health Communication in the 21st Century*, many caregivers have poor health themselves with 17% of US caregivers reporting fair or poor health compared with 13% of the general adult population (NAC/AARP, 2009).

My brother is the type of person that will worry about his loved ones. Worrying and stress are one of the most difficult emotions for him to deal with and little problems can actually trigger his illness. While working on strengthening my brother, it is important that my life is balanced. If my life is secure, he will have the confidence to work

on creating balance and security in his own life. One must take care of himself before they can take care of others.

It is also proven that exercise promotes not only physical health, but mental health as well. Being active increases mood and well-being and it can reduce fatigue, anxiety, and depression. My commitment to being physically fit will only help me when times become stressful. Additionally, having my brother on a daily exercise regimen can help him naturally overcome his struggles.

Those who do not engage in enough physical activity have been linked to obesity, osteoporosis, cardiovascular disease, hypertension, and increased risk of certain types of cancer. My brother has enough problems to deal with daily; acquiring physical health issues as well would be terribly taxing on him and myself.

I have experienced many psychiatric inpatient hospitals throughout my life. It has always bothered me that the patients get very little fresh air and virtually no exercise. It is a proven fact that physical activity, fresh air and sunlight can improve mood. Furthermore, the patients are there to work on their mental health, however, physical health is basically thrown out the window.

Whenever my brother comes home from the hospital, he brings an extra 10-25 pounds along with him, acquired in about a month's time. I find it very wrong that healthier options are not provided for the patients. I also find it wrong that the door leading to the screened-in porch is rarely unlocked. The only opportunities for exercise are walking up and

down the hall. In fact, I was showing my brother that he could lunge or do 'high-knees' down the hallway when a staff member told me that wasn't allowed.

It is awful that the patients are limited to television, coloring, board games and just sitting around. For the patients doing well enough, there should be a program for them to be active and have fun while doing it, at least twice weekly. With my experience in these hospitals, I believe I could handle being an instructor for patients so that they can look forward to the part of the day where they release endorphins.

Researchers have found that the emotional support aspect of caregiving is one of the most time-consuming and challenging aspects of all. Watching one of your loved ones in severe pain is very difficult. Trying to help them with their emotions while controlling your own in order to be strong for them, is also challenging. My parents have done an excellent job at raising my brother and he is doing better than he was predicted to. I have learned so much from them.

In order to prepare for the future, I take my brother to some of his doctor appointments when I can. I will also sit in on psychiatric meetings with my brother and my parents. Caregiving requires training and I feel as though I have prepared myself well.

With a great family or support system and the proper healthcare, people can fight the odds of their disease. It takes a strong and compassionate person to be a caregiver, and I am honored to eventually become one.

Bryant Said What?!

Compiled by Bryant Students

"How do I turn the internet on?"

"If I hear the word supply chain one more time on this campus I'm going to throw up."

"Wear, where, and ware is what really gets me."

"It's so cold out!"-- Girl in crop top outside

"Oh my god! Are you two seriously comparing your nipples right now?"

"It's just an egg until you get two yolks and then it's twins"

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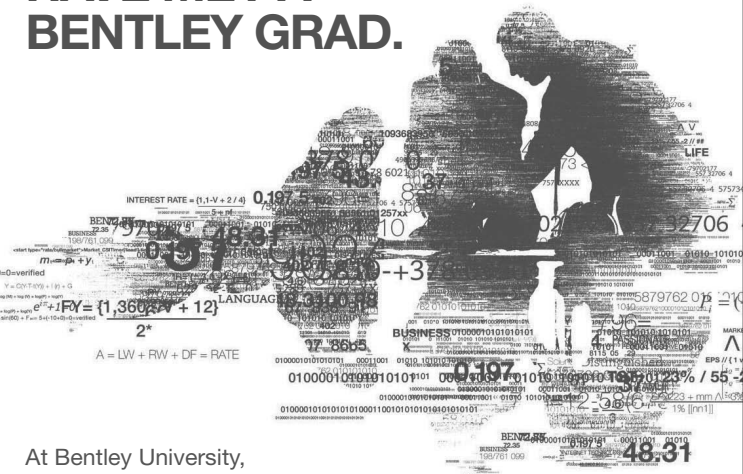
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Drake: the dual persona of masculinity

By Daniel Donohue
Staff Writer

Drake dropped his album "Nothing Was the Same" in September of 2013 and was immediately praised for releasing his most ambitious work to date. This album followed a trend of previous works by the Canadian rapper, mixing rap with R&B and covering a spectrum of subject matter. Drake's stardom has been rising ever since the mid-2000s, and even early in his career there has been a great deal of attention given to his unusual style. Drake falls in between the labels of rapper and R&B artist. In some ways, this is positive for his image because he has popularity and success in both genres. However, this style has also led to a great deal of ridicule from those who contend he is too "soft" to be in the rap game.

Similar themes arise as you delve into the subject matter of Drake's albums. Love, personal dilemma, and rejection are the present themes in many R&B albums, but with Drake there is a difference; that difference is his mainstream popularity with a generation of young males. That is not to say that young males do not listen to R&B, but artists like Miguel and Frank Ocean have not found nearly as much success with this demographic as Drake. Some say this is due to the rap songs sporadic releases, which in many ways contrasts with the subject matter of his softer R&B songs. When Drake raps, the themes he generally touches upon are sex, money, and fame... relatively shallow topics by an artist who has released such personal and telling works.

Many artists have bridged the gap between singing and rapping. Chris Brown and Donald Glover (aka Childish Gambino) are examples of modern artists mixing smooth R&B with rap. While both of these artists follow a similar format of musical production as Drake, neither has had the sweeping success in both musical styles. With this success came an astounding amount of ridicule from the general public on social media. It seemed like the week after 'Nothing Was The Same' released you couldn't escape the tweets referring to Drake as emotional and feminine. Radio DJs, such as Charlamagne Tha God, have been outspoken critics of Drake's style and personal life, going so far as to question Drake's sexuality.



The questions raised from Drake's success is what sets him apart from other male artists who tackle the same subject matter. When you look at the full body of Drake's work it becomes apparent. While he has a great deal of success from emotional R&B songs, he gives just enough attention to his rap career to keep his more "hard core" persona credible. Another of Drake's selling points is that he gives male fans an excuse to listen to music that would otherwise be deemed too "emotional" in our society where the conventional man avoids music with overly emotional content.

Drake releases just enough music hinting towards him being a hard rapper to keep his audience from deeming him as a one dimensional R&B artist. As he drops singles like "No Lie" and "The Motto" where he talks about the usual subject matter of popular rap (money and woman), he can release songs like "Marvin's Room" and "Doing it Wrong" which depict a much softer and sensitive image. This speaks volumes about the demographic Drake appeals to, especially the male audience. It is as if to say

listening to songs with an emotional subject matter is unacceptable unless the artist who produces those songs over compensates by assuring the listener he also embodies the traits of a stereotypical shallow rapper.

There are many who praise Drake for his merging of Rap and R&B, while others find him to be weak in one or both categories. The truth is that delving into his skill as a musician would be getting into a circular argument. His success has less to do with musical talent and more to do with what he represents. The tear between the modern male psyche, the battle between exerting masculinity and expressing emotion seems to be wrapped up in the lyrical content of all of Drake's music. That is why he has found success. Drake has made his music an embodiment of the constant identity struggle faced by many males growing up in this generation where almost all definitions of masculinity are changing. Drake's music symbolizes this change, and his popularity speaks volumes about where we are as a generation of listeners.

A Phenomenal Read: *The Fault in Our Stars*

By Sarah Rozenberg
Staff Writer

"Okay?"
"Okay."

Hazel Grace Lancaster and Augustus Waters meet each other for the first time by chance. Although is it really chance? When two people who have nothing else but each other, their encounter cannot possibly be a coincidence. They have so much in common and yet are different nonetheless. Hazel and Augustus first meet at a support group for children with cancer. Sixteen-year-old Hazel was diagnosed with stage four thyroid cancer at age thirteen, and seventeen-year-old Augustus had osteosarcoma, forcing him to lose his right leg, but allowing him to go into remission. While Hazel is still battling her cancer, a drug called Phalanxifor lets her live with the disease.

When the two teenagers start chatting after support group, they decide to go watch a movie together, thus beginning their relationship. They soon find that they cannot live without each other, and do everything from playing video games, to reading the same books, to sitting on the couch doing nothing together. One book in particular catches both of their attention, titled *An Imperial Affliction*. They go so far as to email the author of the book, Peter van Houten, asking him to answer a



The official movie poster for *The Fault in Our Stars*. (MCT Campus)

few questions they have about the ending. When van Houten replies saying he cannot share the information through email, Hazel is both disappointed and angry. Augustus, wanting nothing more than to make Hazel happy, finds a way to learn the answers to their questions. And so begins their journey in encountering explanations, while along the way learning more about themselves and each other than they ever could have imagined. Hazel's and Augustus's story is just one story in a multitude of others. Theirs is special, but not more

special than anyone else's. They are just two stars in a sky full of millions.

"But even if we survive the collapse of our sun, we will not survive forever."

"I cannot tell you how thankful I am for our little infinity."

John Green has done a remarkable job of writing *The Fault in Our Stars*. This is a book that will pierce straight through your heart every time you read it, and yet you will find yourself reading it over and over again. Books like this one do not come around very often. It will make you think about life and appreciate everything you have even more. Not many authors can make his or her readers feel as many emotions as John Green does in this book. The story of Hazel and Augustus will speak to you more than any other story has in the past. It is a roller coaster of feelings that go up as much as down with every page turn. You will find yourself

reading it cover to cover in one heart shattering sitting, leaving you in tears.

The Fault in Our Stars is one of the finest books I have read in a long time. The words John Green writes will leave an impression on your heart that will have it beating faster by the time you finish the last word.

Movie review: *Her*

By AJ Beltis
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What do you get when you combine romance, sci-fi and comedy? *Her*. Spike Jonze's film is essentially a two hour social commentary on our addiction to technology, specifically our smartphones. In *Her*, a middle-aged divorcee, Theodore Twombly (Joaquin Phoenix), downloads a new Operating System, whose voice is sensually provided by Scarlett Johansson. After reading a book on naming

'Phoenix conveys Twombly's anti-social vulnerability admirably, while Adams makes the best of her limited screen exposure, and Johansson is truly convincing in her vocal role.'

in less than a second, the operating system tells Theodore it's decided on Samantha.

Samantha's artificial intelligence causes her to want to learn about society, communication, and Theodore at an alarmingly exponential rate. The two become inseparable, which worries his neighbor Amy (Amy Adams) and frustrates his ex-wife Catherine (Rooney Mara) - both of whom are portrayed by talented actresses that bring our focus to them but unfortunately don't appear on screen as much as some would have liked.

Her had enormous potential, and although I enjoyed the film, it could have been better, and by extension more unique. Yes, Mr. Jonze, I get the message of your movie. Technology can't replace human relationships. We see our smartphones as unique while other users "bond" with their mobile devices in the same way, and when we lose our technology, we're left to realize how valuable our human relationships are. That pretty much sums *Her* up.

While I was intrigued by the developing relationship of Samantha and Theodore, their spats, their sexual encounters, and their long sleepless nights



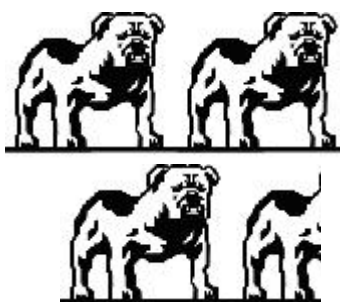
together, Jonze could have gotten the valuable underlying messages of the movie across better if he had treated the movie as an experiment, spending equal time comparing the experimental relationships with the placebo relationships.

Consider Theodore's relationship with Samantha as experimental. How can we fully understand Theodore, his past, and why he is so drawn to this technological companion if we can't compare him to the placebo - his natural human relationships. Aside from a few flashbacks, Catherine doesn't share much on-screen time with her ex, so how can we know what he was like before? Also, Theodore spends far too little time with Amy, and Amy Adams' performance will leave you begging for more.

Instead of comparing these relationships, *Her* is mostly composed of Joaquin Phoenix sitting in an empty room and pausing for where Scarlett Johansson would later dub her dialogue. With a better balance of exposing us to these three different relationships (obviously giving slightly more focus to Samantha), I feel like the movie's messages would have come across more clearly and would have made *Her* worthwhile.

Phoenix conveys Twombly's anti-social vulnerability admirably, while Adams makes the best of her limited screen exposure, and Johansson is truly convincing in her vocal role. They alone are enough to carry the film, and the script supports them throughout. It could have helped them out much more had Jonze written a more memorable story instead of delivering repetitive scenes to thread out his idea until he was out of string.

This movie received 3.5 out of 5
Bulldogs



The College Scoop

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The Stanford Daily Stanford College

Plans for a Stanford University program in New York City have been taking shape in the last few weeks. Stanford University has recently submitted a 115 page proposal to the New York State Board of Education. According to Sharon Palmer '90, associate vice provost of undergraduate education, the quarter-long Stanford in New York City program will be modeled after the popular Bing Stanford in Washington program. Rather than focusing on politics and policy, however, the New York City program will emphasize the arts, architecture, design, and urban studies.

The Miscellany News Vassar College

Vassar College has had co-ed dormitories since the 1990's, and the term "gender neutral bathrooms" has come into use in the last 15 years. Today, college community members are working to expand gender neutral bathrooms to every building on campus. In anticipation, a coalition of students, faculty and staff have planned a push in the coming months to increase campus awareness around them. VP for Student Life Danny Dones said that opposition to gender neutral bathrooms stems mainly from misunderstandings about specifics of the plan and its implementation.

The University Star Texas State University

Fifty years after Martin Luther King made his famous speech, the dream for Americans to be judged by character rather than skin color still seems to be light-years away from becoming reality. The line between "the suspect is a black male" and "black males are suspect" remains dangerously thin. As seen with Trayvon Martin and the eventual acquittal of his killer George Zimmerman, the line between simple profiling and overt racism can have a costly price, especially for blacks. Racial profiling by law enforcement is still one of the biggest civil rights issues in the U.S. One of the most important reasons racial profiling needs to be opposed is because the government has already inadvertently legitimized the practice through various forms of media exposed to the general public.

THE POETRY CORNER

Success Proverb

by Kyle Georgeu

It cannot be seen nor touched like a spirit in the night sky.
It's locked inside a gate that only few find the key to in life.

But everyone is on the search.

It's never measured with the same ruler.

The definition is like a painting, worth a thousand words.

No black, no white, just areas of gray.

It doesn't come easy nor is it easy to keep.

Expect it, don't add it to the Christmas wish list.

It isn't a charity, no one is going to donate it.

Demons will drag you down to the bottom like weights.

The journey will be treacherous.

Put the extra reps in, get stronger, and shake them off.

Wrecking balls will try to crash through your walls.

Build it up, piece by piece, until it is high as the sky itself.

No regrets, just move forward.

Only look back if you plan on going that way.

Just keep running like Usain Bolt.

Remember you are a loser until proven a winner.

Put in the extra work and be the best.

That's why it's important to separate yourself from the rest.

And achieve this little phenomenon that I call success.



Bryant Horoscopes

Your friendship and relationship matches here on campus

By Molly Funk
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Capricorn & Cancer

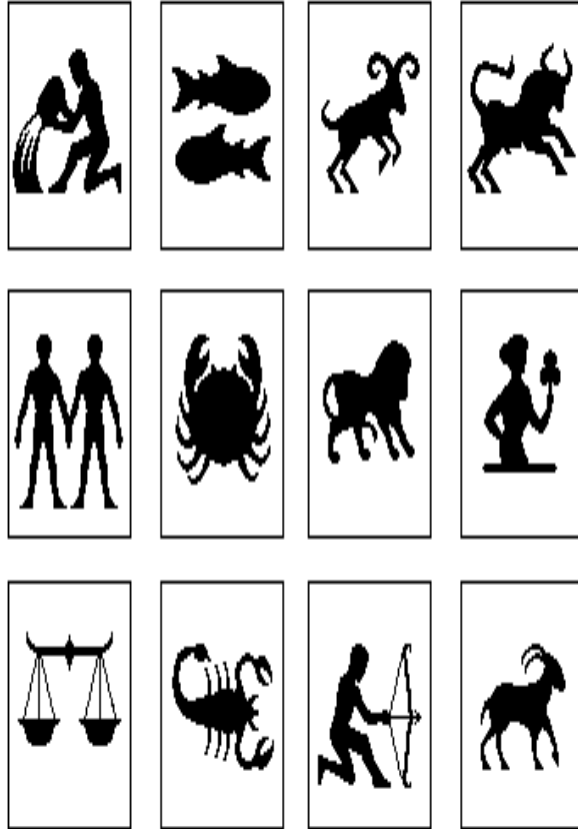
This is a complex friendship that can appear dysfunctional but in reality, is simply two friends who expect much from each other. Capricorn brings rationality and simplicity to the friendship, while Cancer contributes feelings and emotions. Both friends value safety and security leading them to be both traditional and reliable. To assist each other, Cancer will help Capricorn enjoy the benefits of hard work and Capricorn will teach Cancer to control their emotions. Both signs tend to enjoy high-quality material items such as a spacious home, distinguished art, sleek cars and designer clothes—importantly they're both willing to work hard for their comforts. Cancers and Capricorns are fiercely loyal to each other: these are the friends you will see helping the other with a tough group project or quizzing for an exam.

Pisces & Libra

This is a harmonious and well matched combination—both friends are open and honest with each other, striving for peace. Both are intellectual and sentimental personalities who often have action and excitement in their lives. Pisces and Libra are active and enthusiastic and seek out strong, long-term friendships. They aim to help each other as much as possible and necessary; neither feel the need to steal the spotlight. The similarity in character of both the Pisces and Libra, combined with their shared ambition for success, make them the perfect friends.

Aries & Taurus

This partnership of signs leads to a long-lasting relationship. Aries is attracted to the calm and patient nature of the Taurus, who in turn is intrigued with Aries wild, impulsive side. In the friendship Aries will receive loyalty and stability. Together they teach each other how to get the most out of life. Aries keeps the friendship lively and interesting whereas Taurus checks impulses with reason. This is not the “two peas in a pod” friendship; it is more like your best friend from home who you've known since preschool: a completely trustworthy relationship without many disagreements.



Aquarius & Leo

There is seldom a dreary moment in the friendship of Leo and Aquarius—the pair sparkles compared to other friendships due to their innovation and ideas. These friends rarely experience conflict and are zealous about life, loving action and adventure. Leo encourages Aquarius to put their ideas into practice. Aquarius impresses Leo with their creativity and outward vision. Neither of the pair enjoy staying idle and are constantly searching for new opportunity. Leo and Aquarius will work well in teams and on special projects. This friendship is loyal and long-lasting.

Gemini & Sagittarius

This is a highly compatible friendship as Sagittarius is innovative and energetic and Gemini is flexible and intellectual. This is that “two peas in a pod” friendship, the two roommates who you never see without the other, whether it be in class, at Effin's, or watching a Bryant basketball game. The two tend to jump from one topic to another without cluing in outsiders. Many people find it challenging to hang out with the Gemini and Sagittarius pair as they are so in sync, conversation is nearly impossible to follow. The friendship feeds off both physical and mental excitement, and have no problem abandoning plans if they appear too boring.

Scorpio & Virgo

Scorpio and Virgo experience a deep, meaningful friendship, one that has a great opportunity to become romantic if interest allows. These signs share a faithful bond, preferring to spend time alone rather than with a large group. Personal goals of both Virgo and Scorpio include fame and fortune, which they are more than willing to help each other achieve. Virgo can teach Scorpio that outward appearances are not always significant, while Scorpio can assist Virgo in decoding their emotions. This friendship is apt at working as a team due to the balance of Virgo's practicality and Scorpio's passion.

Comic of the Week



“A water balloon fight?! Idiots!”

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