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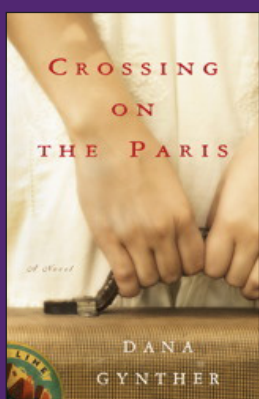


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Let me take a selfie... but later

Bryant gains national attention for strict no selfie policy at 2014 Commencement

By Ashley Esper
Campus News Editor

In the beloved year that is 2014, not too many things are shocking when it comes to the use of technology. It is not uncommon to have online textbooks and homework assignments, changing the way professors operate the classroom. Analogous to progressive teaching methodology is that of student interaction via the use of laptops, tablets, cellphones, and most importantly social media. Technology is a beautiful thing, allowing us to expand our world, but at what point do we need to stop and say enough is enough? Well, for Bryant University that point has may have finally arisen.

A common saying often exchanged between young adults is “pics or it didn’t happen,” to express the validity and acclaim of photographic evidence. We live in a culture that thrives on documentation of every



Ali Luthman takes a selfie with President Machtley.

social interaction, whether via words on Twitter, pictures on Instagram, or videos on Vine. This sort of social media can be put to great use as a medium of communication between students, or even between faculty and students (President Machtley is a great follow on Twitter) but just like most things, moderation needs to be exercised. In conjunction with this belief is the recent prohibition of selfies at the commencement of the class of 2014. The university rests assured that even if there is not a selfie of every graduate and President Machtley, it did indeed happen. This restriction placed upon the class of 2014 is not drastic by any measure, as normal pictures are still permitted per usual regulation. The university is simply asking students to resist the persistent urge to take a selfie with President Machtley on stage while receiving their diplomas.

The President is asked constantly by students if he will pose for a selfie and of course he does not

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OpEd: A top secret guide to Bryant University’s bathrooms

By Brendan Barstow
Staff Writer

Everyone has talents. Some people can fit their fist in their mouth, others can shotgun a Natty Light in four seconds flat, some Photoshop dozens of cats into pictures of their friends. My personal talent is a bit more subtle, but perhaps more useful: Wherever I go, I find the best bathrooms, and – as a product of the process, the worst. Whether in the rugged wilderness of New Zealand (2nd outhouse on the Greenstone trail has a great view) or in downtown Manhattan (steer clear of Hunter College), I make a point to perform thorough research to find the spot for the dopest defecation. I’ve embarked on a lifelong mission - the Quest for the Perfect Pooping Place.

After four years of research at Bryant, I’ve decided to share my experience for the first time, with only one month left! I will no longer be able to apply my secret knowledge, and so seek to fulfill my need for generativity by passing down this knowledge to the next generation of students, to you. You, the reader, are a special kind of student. You aren’t satisfied with the same dirty toilets that your peers frequent every morning and night; you don’t view going to the bathroom as a bodily necessity but as an opportunity for spiritual epiphany. It is to these ambitious maximizers that I dedicate this piece.

Bryant is a special case in the world of waste – with the volume of laxatives I suspected are baked into the food at Salmo, you’re going to have to take the Browns to the Superbowl more often than our collegiate counterparts. Even as a senior, the quality of the food you’re able to afford puts you in the same predicament. This unique quality not only emphasizes the importance of finding the best bathrooms, but also increases the value placed on the factor of isolation - as any obvious spot is going to be filled every time you’re prairie dog-sprinting into the closest loo after a hearty breakfast of omelets and sausage. I do realize that by revealing the locations of the best bathrooms on Bryant’s campus, I am simultaneously injuring their special status, but it is my sincere hope that by altering the patterns of where to poop on campus, I will thus create a new dynamic for the elite explorers who follow me to investigate and conquer.

Allow me to begin our journey where I began mine, in Hall 15. I have fond memories of my freshman year dorm and the community we created, but not of the eternally clogged toilets on the fourth floor. Instead of waiting helplessly for janitorial help with the other peons, avoid the congestion by visiting this little-utilized, hidden bathroom: As you enter the hall, walk all the way to the back of the lobby and enter the corridor; immediately turn right and walk down the hallway, making sure to pass the first bathroom on the right – as this one, too, will undoubtedly be overpopulated, and instead continue on all the way to the end of this hallway to find a bathroom on your right equipped with a handicapped stall and the comfort of relative



PooPourri women from the popular commercials enjoys a glamorous bathroom. (MCT Campus)

isolation. Be sure to cover your escape, though, and return to your own floor via a different stairway than the one nearest this bathroom so as to not arouse suspicion of your clandestine activities.

Next, the Bryant Center (because I refuse to call it the Fisher Student Center and acknowledge its renovated Connecticut rest stop aesthetic motif). Although I lament many of the changes made in the recent renovation, there is one that I simply cannot deny my appreciation for: the most beautiful bathroom on campus. With extreme cleanliness, modern stone styling, and a frosted glass window that lets in the ideal amount of light, this onesie is the place to be. Luckily for us, it also happens to be out of plain sight for the masses of students who mysteriously elect to study in a loud building with ubiquitous distraction. To get to this reflective temple, head to the second floor and walk towards room 2a/2b, continuing on beyond these rooms to find the door to your personal porcelain palace on the right.

Next up is my personal favorite, the best of the best, the most isolated and warmly-lit spot on campus: The Interfaith Center. Although one may stumble across the other two I’ve mentioned accidentally, few students make it to the IFC and so sadly few

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VANDALISM (RESIDENCE)
Apr 13, 2014-Sunday at 20:10
Location: TOWNHOUSE
Summary: A student reported that someone had broken the front window of her Townhouse.

ACCIDENT (MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT)
Apr 13, 2014-Sunday at 20:47
Location: COMMUTER PARKING LOT
Summary: A Bryant staff member reported that earlier today he had been involved in a motor vehicle accident (MVA) with the parent of a Bryant student. The accident took place by the Bello Road, and information was exchanged by the parties at the time.

EMT CALL / MEDICAL SERVICES RENDERED
Apr 13, 2014-Sunday at 23:09
Location: FISHER STUDENT CENTER
Summary: A Bryant staff member requested an EMT due to Chest and Back pain. EMS was activated. Patient was transported to Miriam Hospital by the Smithfield Rescue.

FIRE
Apr 15, 2014-Tuesday at 19:01
Location: TOWNHOUSE
Summary: DPS Officers responded to an activated fire alarm in the townhouse village. Students in the townhouse reported that their toaster oven caught on fire due to burning food. The student had extinguished the fire, but had smoke in the townhouse which caused the alarm.

EMT CALL / MEDICAL SERVICES RENDERED
Apr 17, 2014-Thursday at 18:03
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: DPS received a report from a student stating a female is currently seizing in front of Residence Hall 14. EMS was activated. Smithfield Rescue responded and assisted Bryant EMS. Subject was transported to Fatima Hospital for treatment.

EMT CALL / MEDICAL SERVICES RENDERED
Apr 17, 2014-Thursday at 20:18
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: DPS responded to a report of an intoxicated student. EMS was activated and the North Providence Rescue and Smithfield Police responded. Patient was transported to Fatima Hospital for treatment.

VANDALISM (AUTO)
Apr 18, 2014-Friday at 14:12
Location: COMMUTER PARKING LOT
Summary: A visitor to the Bryant Campus reported that the sport mirror was broken off his vehicle.

VANDALISM
Apr 19, 2014-Saturday at 23:31
Location: RUGBY FIELD
Summary: DPS took a report of vandalism to the Bryant Rugby field.

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World News: Ebola break outs in Africa

By Ashley Esper
Campus News Editor

On March 25th, the Ministry of Health of Guinea reported an outbreak of Ebola in the districts of Guekedou, Macenta, Nzerekore and Kissidougou. The outbreak resulted in the deaths of fifty-nine people prior to the official announcement of the epidemic. By the first of April, Guinea reported 122 probable cases with a case fatality rate of 65.6%. At this time, Liberia had acknowledged eight suspected cases, two of which were persons with recent travel history to Guinea. Suspected cases in Liberia and Sierra Leone were under investigation since the initial announcement of the outbreak in Guinea, and by the middle of April, Liberia reported over twenty cases; Sierra Leone and Mali are still currently under investigation.

‘One of the most challenging Ebola outbreaks that we have ever faced.’

Ebola, otherwise known as Ebola hemorrhagic fever, is an infectious disease marked by signature symptoms of fever and severe internal bleeding, with a typical outcome of fatality. The disease is spread through contact of bodily fluids that have been infected by a filovirus. The virus transmits from wild animals and spreads through humans. Symptoms of Ebola include fever, headache, muscle aches, sore throat, weakness, external and internal bleeding, rash and trouble breathing.

Analogous symptoms dually present in cases of cholera, hepatitis, malaria, meningitis and typhoid fever, making a correct diagnosis difficult in the onset. No licensed treatment or vaccine is readily available for use in humans or animals, contributing to its destructive and unstoppable course of obliteration. However, symptoms are managed through nutrition, oxygen, and intravenous electrolyte treatment. This rare but deadly infection strikes primarily in remote villages of Central and West Africa, correlated significantly with tropical rainforest areas, but has recently become prevalent in some African cities.

The current outbreak of Ebola hemorrhagic fever is one of the most difficult in the virus’ history. Doctors and health officials in the region do not have any personal experience with the virus and thus the incident is generating a great deal of fear and anxiety within the region and around the globe. Dr. Keiji Fukuda, the Assistant Director-General for health security at the World Health Organization proclaims this epidemic as “one of the most challenging Ebola outbreaks that we have ever faced.” Luckily, Guinea does not have to defend its nation alone; the World Health Organization has deployed approximately fifty staff members to work on preventing the spread of infection in health care facilities. Global organizations are also sending personal protective



equipment to surrounding countries.

The world is slightly pessimistic over the Ebola outbreak and some question the likelihood of containment of the epidemic. Doctors Without Borders is calling the outbreak unprecedented because in the past, cases have been limited to a smaller area. Furthermore, this mutation of the virus has a longer incubation period, making it more deadly. In a recent study, it was discovered that the new mutation of the strain of the Ebola virus that has been identified in Guinea has been circulating in the area, undetected, for a significant amount of time. “There might be a lot of variety in these viruses. They might be in many different countries in West Africa and East Africa where we have not heard anything of outbreaks so far,” says virologist Jens Kuhn of the National Institutes of Health.

Unfortunately, it has been confirmed that the capital city of Conakry, Guinea is infected, of which has a population of two million people. Because there has not been a successfully developed preventative vaccine for the disease, the only way to protect exposed persons is to inform the population about the virus and its destructive nature. This unsatisfactory, temporary solution is not highly regarded among health care officials and world organizations are working actively to develop a vaccine to combat the virus.

In light of the recent outbreak, health care officials around the world are coming together in support of West Africa to develop an efficacious vaccine for the Ebola virus. The most promising medical development involves genetic splicing, in which parts of Ebola’s genes are inserted into an existing vaccine-ready virus. The

purpose of this is to deliver a nonthreatening piece of Ebola’s genetics to trigger an immune response. This would create antibodies to protect against future Ebola infection. Alternatively, researchers at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia are developing a vaccine based on the current rabies virus vaccine. This has been tested successfully on mice and primates and researchers are now working to produce a version appropriate for human usage.

The University’s vaccine uses a surface protein from Ebola to generate an immune response, instead of pieces of the virus’ genetic material. The United States National Institutes of Health has provided a grant for five years to develop clinical trials. Furthermore, therapies to help people who have contracted Ebola are in early stages of development. In Canada, the Public Health Agency is preparing studies for a monoclonal antibody. Several other nations equipped for such research are contributing to the ongoing effort to develop an operative Ebola vaccination agent.

The generous clinical contributions of both involved and uninvolved countries face one primary dilemma in their research efforts: initiatives will have to wait for a future outbreak to effectively test any vaccine or treatment for Ebola. Because the virus is rare with unpredictable outbreaks, widespread vaccination is an unfeasible proposal. The combination of the rabies and Ebola vaccine being developed in Philadelphia poses a practicable application because rabies is a significant problem in Africa; with a dual purpose treatment, there is stronger reason to vaccinate the masses. On the contrary, it is extremely difficult to predict where Ebola will next strike, thus making the determination of where to provide mass vaccinations a guessing game.

In the future, a major apprehension regarding the Ebola virus is its pattern of development. The recent outbreak in Conakry raises concern over the ability of a major city to become infected with the virus and also solidifies the need for a vaccine.

Reassuringly, those in the United States or other uninfected countries are confident in the assumption that the likelihood of Ebola spreading to regions where it has not yet been seen is less likely. Ebola is spread via direct contact with disease-ridden bodily fluids; this explains why serious cases have historical roots primarily in Africa. It is possible for the Ebola virus to spread intercontinentally by means of air travel, but the statistical significance of this hypothetical is minor because of strict safety measures in place. In upcoming years, it is likely that the Ebola vaccine will be successfully trialed on humans and subsequently become readily available for treatment of the general public in infected and at-risk nations. The future looks promising for the extinction, or at least the containment and maintenance, of the Ebola hemorrhagic virus, supported by historical patterns and advanced developments in preventative treatments.



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Warren Spector speaks at Bryant

By Nicholas Calabro
Staff Writer

On Tuesday April 15th 2014, legendary game developer Warren Spector gave an exemplary presentation at Bryant. Spector, who notably has a video game program at the University of Texas, spoke about how video games have become so popular recently. In other words, why are video games “the medium of the twenty-first century?”

For Warren Spector, it could be said that it all started with “Dungeons and Dragons.” This stood out because in the game, the players are telling their own stories. That in turn, means that everybody was creating their own experience. For Warren Spector, the ability to have different experiences is a key characteristic of why video games are more popular, and is also what makes a game successful. This can really be seen when video games are compared to other media.

When reading a good book or watching a really great movie, you might be able to imagine yourself in whatever world they create. However, those still have somebody else telling you what happens, and no matter what you think you can have enjoyment, but not any power (it is the author’s intent). The difference with video games is they give the power to the player.

In video games, by means of a controllable main character, the player can have an impact on what happens, the character’s decisions and actions are the player’s decisions and actions. Video games therefore, come from the player’s intent. But, some think that video games are too immersive for society’s own good.

There are lawmakers, among others, that believe particularly violent games are responsible for violence in the real world. For example, blame for the Columbine School shooting had been placed on the first-person shooter “Doom.” Warren Spector has said, that the real-life violence itself is a horrible tragedy, but has also brought up that only 1:10,000,000 people are actually affected by video games like this. Also, he said that if we were worried about every individual, there would not be any video games made. Despite video games being the most interactive of media, it takes a certain amount of mental illness for somebody to try to imitate them, so we need to look at the



context of the situation. Finally, there have been precedents of popular things struggling for acceptance. There seems to be a general rule where parents believe that whatever their kids grow up on is something dangerous, like “the Looney Toons.” Now for video games, what does the larger audience itself mean?

Warren Spector said that a larger number of people playing video games means that there needs to be more diverse content to accommodate them. For this reason, we cannot always blame video games in general for what happens in the real world. They have also become more diverse in the sense that there are video games today that were never thought of before.

With the emergence of social media, there have been more games that involve creating a community through online interaction. The video games themselves could also be about different things, but ultimately they are about problem-solving in some form (at times, the player can be inspired to learn about the real setting that inspired a certain level in the game).

There are always some obstacles to overcome, and it cannot be stressed enough that it is the player solving these problems. This indicates that there is a quick thinking type of strategy involved. And there is no single possible way to solve them, which reinforces the fact that for a game to be successful different people should have different experiences. That is what would give the video games, their replay value, because there is always something new to try out. And isn’t that true of life, we cannot grow without trying something new.

Selfie Nation

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refuse; this certainly speaks to the great relationship Ron Machtley has built with students in the Bryant community. “I tweet a lot, I have 2,200 followers on campus and I think the fear was... because I take a lot of selfies throughout the school year that it would become an epidemic,” Machtley says.

“Our staff was trying to protect me and the students from making this ceremony any longer.” Understandably, it is not feasible to have more than 800 students attempt to snap a quick headshot with the president in the midst of commencement and thus is justification for the university’s request.

Social media and amateur photography are still encouraged leading up to and following graduation. Throughout the month of April, the hashtag #BryantGrad2014 has been trending as a means of collecting students’ opinions, suggestions and experiences with the memorable event. Students are invited to take photos until the start of graduation on May 16th and post them to a new website hosted by Bryant.

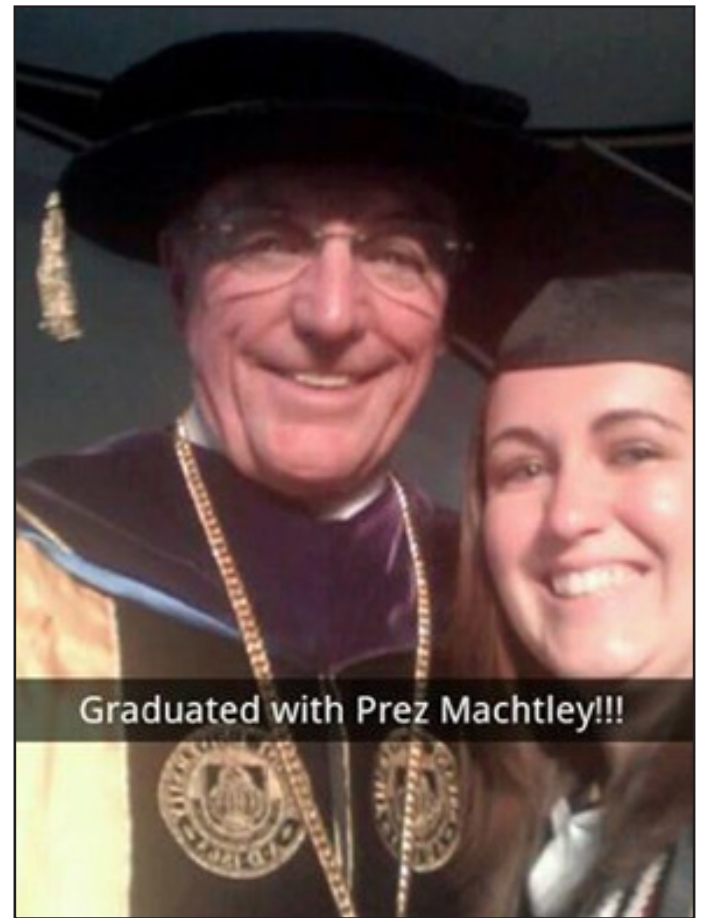
For those students who will not be able to move on to bigger and better things without the satisfaction of a selfie with President Machtley to show their future children, the president says he will be happy to take photos afterward. Furthermore, there will be a professional photographer at the event to capture the moment each student shakes the hand of President Machtley.

What was the breaking point for the university on the issue of the absurd and comical prominence of selfies? Last

year, a few graduates used their phones to snap a picture of their big moment. The commencement committee worried this year more students would catch onto the idea and subsequently slow down the ceremony. Bryant students have been completely receptive to the request and respect the university’s wishes.

Ali Luthman says some students might be upset about the no selfies rule but “no one is crying about it.”

Sometimes, technology can interfere and take away from the true meaning of the moment. The University is



2014 graduate Sara Larabee’s selfie with President Machtley

simply trying to preserve the special milestone of the graduates walking the stage and entering into a new phase of life. Spending a few hours during the ceremony without checking social media or without posing for a selfie may serve as a breath of fresh air for some students. The no selfie policy will certainly allow the class of 2014 to take in the moment with their own eyes, as opposed to seeing it reflected through the lens of their smartphone’s camera.

A letter from Sigma Chi

Hello,

Throughout this year, we have been extremely proud of how the brothers of Sigma Chi have grown and become better men. We would like to take this time to share our experiences with you. Many have wondered what happens within Greek Life, so we wish to highlight some of our greatest accomplishments.

Partnering with St. Baldrick’s, we worked to increase awareness of childhood cancer within the Bryant Community. More than 20 brothers shaved their heads for the cause, and as a chapter we raised more than \$3,300 to find a cure.

We also ran a successful week of Derby Days, our national week-long philanthropy, in which the teams raised more than \$7,000. In addition, we partnered with WJMF to host the first “Greek Hour” radio show and promote Greek Life. We also aided Relay for Life in acquiring additional donations to accommodate the Survivor Dinner. When in need, they turned to Sigma Chi and asked as many of us as possible to donate dining dollars to support the dinner. In a matter of hours, brothers had graciously donated more than \$100. Aside from our philanthropic efforts, our contributions on behalf of the Bryant student body have been astounding. Our own Paden Sadler spoke at the Commencement Ceremony for the Class of 2017. Also, two of our

freshman brothers were members of the presentation team of Enactus presenting at their national competition alongside three other brothers who were also members of the team that traveled and participated in the competition.

Just this year alone, Sigma Chi brothers were involved in 4MILE, the club hockey team, the Bryant Senior Advisory Council, Mr. Bryant, the development project for the Fisher Student Center, the Honors Program, the Orientation Program, Residence Life, Relay for Life, the Special Olympics, Student Senate, WJFM, and about 30 more clubs and organizations. All of these involvements make us so proud of our brothers because they do not focus on one aspect of campus, but instead branch out to become more well-rounded leaders on campus. In the same respect that Bryant stresses the importance of both a dual focused curriculum, Sigma Chi stresses the importance of engaging in many aspects of campus in order to gain as many unique experiences as possible.

We are sad to say we will be graduating 15 seniors this Spring. In the four years these seniors have been involved in Sigma Chi, they have given more than \$25,000 to charity, donating more than 500 hours of community service. Furthermore, they have held some of the most prestigious positions on campus. They have been selected as the President of the Student Body, Head Center Manager in the Fisher Student Center, President of

Omicron Delta Kappa, Co-Chair of the Student Arts and Speaker Series (SASS), Top Dog of Opening Weekend, Student Facilitators of Orientation, Student Coordinators of the Ambassador Program, a Head Resident Assistant, members of the Archway Fund, and so many more that make us so proud to call them brothers. We could do a paragraph about each of our graduating seniors, but we will save you the trouble.

Based on the principles of Friendship, Justice, and Learning, our fraternity strives to instill values that will help establish men of good character. We believe that we exemplify these through our actions on and off campus.

We understand this is not always seen and Greek Life often times comes with a various stigmas, but we are here to change that. We wanted to take this opportunity to reach out to campus and explain all of the good that we do here at Bryant. We hang out with our friends, we go to campus events, and we are involved in clubs and organizations. The only difference is that we are bound by a purpose far greater than any one of our individual accomplishments.

Yours Truly,

Michael McGrail, Consul (President) & Brian Sears, Pro Consul (Vice President)

Life as a History major at Bryant

By Kenneth Warhurst
Contributing Writer

Like many liberal arts majors at Bryant, when I say that my major is History, I am often met with confusion and surprise. People ask: "You can major in history?" and "Why did you go to Bryant?" To that I answer "Yes" and "Lots of reasons."

Unlike many students, when I came to Bryant as a freshman I had already picked out my major. I already knew I wanted to major in history as I liked learning about cultures, places, and events in different times. But instead of choosing a college famous for its liberal arts, I decided I wanted a business education as well. My reasoning was that many liberal arts students get stuck in the theoretical realm without seeing how to apply it practically. Since Bryant University emphasizes both a business and liberal arts education, it made sense to choose this university for my higher education. Still, without knowing much about the history program at Bryant I felt understandably nervous. In the end, it worked out much better than I could have ever expected.

For a school that still has a strong business culture and relatively young liberal arts programs, Bryant does a great job of covering a wide variety of topics. In fact, I was pleasantly surprised at how in-depth many of my courses turned out to be. Even though I took three different courses covering U.S. history, I ended up learning very different details and focusing on different problems facing the United States. For example: In Professor Joseph's course, I learned that the U.S. has sometimes conducted foreign policy based on faulty assumptions and strong lobbying interests. Whereas Professor Litoff's class explained that the international community views the U.S.'s place in the world both positively and negatively, often at the same time.

Above and beyond U.S. History, I discovered different worlds in the History to 1500 course and in Japanese and Russian History. In these classes, I did not just learn information; I learned how to explain what I learned. Unlike what many people think, history is far from static. New information is discovered all the time and historians have to constantly revise their historical narratives to fit the evidence. Often, historians come up with very different points of view on history and you have to decide which arguments you believe. Unlike high school history, Bryant University ultimately teaches you to think for yourself. Add to this historical knowledge a range of business courses focused on the practical and I found out I learned far more than I expected about the world and how it operates.

I will not lie, History is not an easy major at Bryant and, as with any major you will sometimes question exactly why you need to take such a course when it does not seem to line up with your interests. However, what I got out of the Bryant experience was a base of knowledge and set of skills that I find useful in any profession I want to go into. It is for this reason that I find it unfortunate how many people look at history classes as a chore. If someone sits down, reads the material, and takes the time to think about it, they would learn just how many assumptions that we hold onto that do not match up with the evidence. This kind of analytical thinking should apply to any class. Nevertheless, the historical approach to thinking is not something I would ever consider disposable, and so I do not question why I go to Bryant University for History.

Undergraduate Research at Bryant

The benefits of conducting research as an undergraduate student

By May Vickers
Staff Writer

Almost four years ago now, as an incoming freshman environmental science major, I had no idea what to anticipate for the years to come. I had no knowledge that undergraduate students could collaborate with professors on research in the hopes of publication. Luckily, due to Bryant University's small science program and supportive professors, I was presented with the opportunity to work in the Laboratory for Terrestrial Environments under the tutelage of Professors Yang and Leng from my sophomore year until now.

The Laboratory for Terrestrial Environments has constructed a sound model for students to flourish and grow professionally in their program. As a sophomore with little previous research experience I spent the first year learning about the different laboratory technologies students and Professors use to conduct research. The Molecular Geochemistry Lab is equipped with Py-Gc-Ms (Pyrolysis-Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry).

In addition, I spent time attending hour long weekly lab meetings where each member of the laboratory presented on a published journal article. By listening to the presentations I garnered a better feel and understanding for the focus and research goals for the Laboratory for Terrestrial Environments. Research goals include understanding the evolution of terrestrial ecosystems, investigating forces and the impact of climate change using molecular carbon and hydrogen isotopes from modern and fossil plants and studying the process, mechanism, and impact of organic decay in environmental reconstruction.

From my sophomore year until now I have collaborated with Professor Leng on various research projects including establishing a herbarium for Bryant University and using the coexistence approach method to quantitatively reconstruct ancient climatic

Kelsie's Korner

Poppy Seed Bread

By Kelsie Hollenbeck
Staff Writer

Yes...you read that name right, "Poppy Seed Bread," not to be mistaken for "Lemon Poppy Seed Bread." Don't fret, though; without the tangy lemon flavor, this bread is even more delectable. Free of the overbearing lemon extract, almond extract comes alive. Flavored with the comfort of almond and drizzled with a sugary coat of frosting, this bread stands above them all. You may surprise yourself to find how much you can actually eat after baking this dessert! Once you set this melt-in-your-mouth confection down on the table, eager hands will attack like vultures.

Like magic, that loaf will disappear in minutes! You should probably hide a loaf for yourself, or you may not even be able to get a piece! I specifically recommend making a double batch, since seconds and thirds are a must when eating this Poppy Seed Bread. Happy baking!

Ingredients:

- 2-1/4 cups sugar
 - 1 cup plus 2 tablespoons canola oil
 - 3 eggs
 - 3 tablespoons poppy seeds
 - 1-1/2 teaspoons almond extract
 - 1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
 - 3 cups King Arthur Unbleached All-Purpose Flour
 - 1-1/2 teaspoons baking powder
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 1-1/2 cups milk
- ### Glaze:
- 3/4 cup confectioners' sugar
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - 1/2 teaspoon almond extract

Directions:

- In a large bowl, combine the sugar, oil, eggs, poppy seeds, lemon juice and extracts; beat until well blended. Combine the flour, baking powder and salt; add to sugar mixture alternately with milk, beating just until moistened.
- Pour into two greased 8-in. x 4-in. loaf pans. Bake at 350° for 55-60 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean.
- Combine glaze ingredients until smooth; drizzle over warm loaves. Cool 10 minutes before removing from pans to wire racks. Yield: 2 loaves (16 slices each).



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Meaningful work

By Professor Michael Roberto
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In the 1970s, scholars Richard Hackman and Greg Oldham developed their job design model, in which they argued, among other things, that people will exhibit high degrees of internal motivation if they believe they are performing meaningful work. In this article on the Business Week website, Nick Tasler argues that making the meaning of work more clear to employees can be a very effective, and low cost mechanism for enhancing organizational performance. For instance, Tasler describes how Volvo encourages customers and employees to share stories of how people avoided serious injury in a car crash thanks to the automaker's safety features. Similarly, Medtronic invites customers to corporate meetings to share their stories of how the firm's medical devices saved their lives.

Tasler's article cites the research of Wharton Professor Adam Grant in this area. Here is an excerpt from the Business Week column:

"According to research by Adam Grant, an associate professor of management at the Wharton School, making this connection doesn't just improve morale. It also has a huge impact on the bottom line. Grant has discovered that when people get to meet a living, breathing person who benefits from their work, their job performance skyrockets. In one study, Grant found that university fund-raisers who listened to a scholarship recipient tell how the assistance had benefited him increased, by 200%, the number of weekly calls they made to potential donors. The average amount of funds they brought in jumped 500%, from \$400 per week to more than \$2,000 per week.

That's an impressive increase in performance by any standard. It's especially so when you consider what did not happen to create the surge in productivity. The callers were not offered a raise. They did not go through extra training to sharpen their interpersonal skills or persuasion techniques. Their managers did not receive extra training on how to be more charismatic or transformational. It required no internal branding effort to communicate a newer, more inspiring vision. The only expense incurred by the organization—time or money—for this dramatic increase in productivity was the 10 minutes of time that fund-raisers spent listening to the beneficiary of their work."

As I read this article, I was reminded of a visit that I paid to Edwards Lifesciences several years ago in southern California. Edwards Lifesciences produces heart valves. The company executives explained that they occasionally brought customers in to meet the person who had worked on their actual valve replacement. These meetings often proved remarkably emotional, incredibly inspiring, and of course, motivational to all. Executives credited these types of efforts to demonstrate the meaning of the work with helping to create an incredibly dedicated workforce which also exhibited remarkably low turnover.

Working Smarter, Not Harder Part 2

By John Zeiner
Business Editor

As college students, every day we hear our peers complaining about all the work that they have due in a short period of time and how they don't have time for it all. This probably means that they are working harder not smarter. These days we have all the tools at our disposal, but many lack the skills to efficiently and strategically manage their time. Bryant students are notorious for being involved with many different activities on campus, and they need to get as much work done in as little time as possible. Here are a few simple habits to boost your productivity when things get hectic.

1. Don't forget what the word "urgent" means.

At Bryant we are constantly bombarded with updates, emails, phone calls, and texts. But, this does not mean that we need to respond to everyone that demands our attention. However, urgent phone calls and emails should not wait until you are back at your computer. People should be able to know that they can reach you if they need to – regardless of where you are.

2. Be your own Trapper Keeper.

With endless technology at our disposal, there is no reason not to have a pristine calendar that is synced to all devices. Also, take notes during class and meetings to keep track of what is urgent and what can wait. Recording things on your device (so they're searchable) is helpful when it comes to recalling important details and prioritizing tasks.

3. Bond over beer, delays, and proximity.

Being productive doesn't just mean reacting to what others are asking you to do. Have an event with one of your clubs or organizations? Take advantage of networking opportunities throughout the journey. Sit with new people at Salmo, and always introduce yourself to people who you sit next to in class. While we are always trying to squeeze more work out of our minutes, we could be missing out on other things, like potential business relationships or mentorship opportunities. If you can, carry business cards or some other form of representation when the opportunities present themselves. The great thing about not being always in class or the library is that it gives you the chance to meet new people that you don't normally come across every day. And you never know how these people could help you out in the future. Working outside the classroom doesn't automatically mean losing productivity. If anything, it enables you to take advantages of new opportunities without sacrificing your ability to work. With the right tools, you can still collaborate with your team, access your work files, and be productive while you're on the go.

Three best practices for effective networking

By John Zeiner
Business Editor

If there is one thing that Bryant effectively communicates to its students, it is the value of networking. Networking is the distance between you and the interview for the job of your dreams. Knowing how to successfully network with alumni and those around you is a huge tool to have in your arsenal.

Networking is an art, not a science, and it's hard to measure – or even define – its effectiveness. So naturally, we often have a love-hate relationship with it. Here are best practices for three common situations: at an event, online, and with mentors.

1. Never leave an event without a second date.

Sharing your knowledge about current trends in a specific industry or even your career hopes within that industry at an event could get you the next interview, job, or just pure glory. When the opportunity arises, many will welcome the exposure and give it their best shot, others will crumble in their own self-doubt. The effectiveness of offline networking is hard to measure, so how do you know when you have succeeded? Never leave without a second date.

It can be intimidating to enter a room full of professionals when going to an event. The best way to get a second date is to test the crowd until you find someone 'datable.' To get started, you can use simple ice breakers such as asking someone why they chose to come to the event or what they hope to get out of it. If the person isn't a fit, you move on politely and repeat the process until you find someone that you're interested in. You may not have the chance to spend as much time with that person as you would like, and that is who you ask for a second date.

2. Commit a few hours a week to social networking

One hour a week: This is the smallest amount of time any of us needs to spend consuming social networks. Remember to look people up on social networks before meeting them (LinkedIn + Twitter + their company website at the very least) and send a brief note to follow up afterward.

Four hours a week: In this amount of time, you can actively contribute to your community with social networking activities, such as sharing relevant articles and stories every day, organizing a monthly networking event, arranging for a speaker to come visit your club or organization, and even plan a weekly one-on-one networking lunch.

One day a week: By making a commitment to social network, you have the opportunity to raise your profile considerably in any community by: spending the day at a networking event, hosting an event, and making connections within your network that have the potential to turn into win-win partnerships.

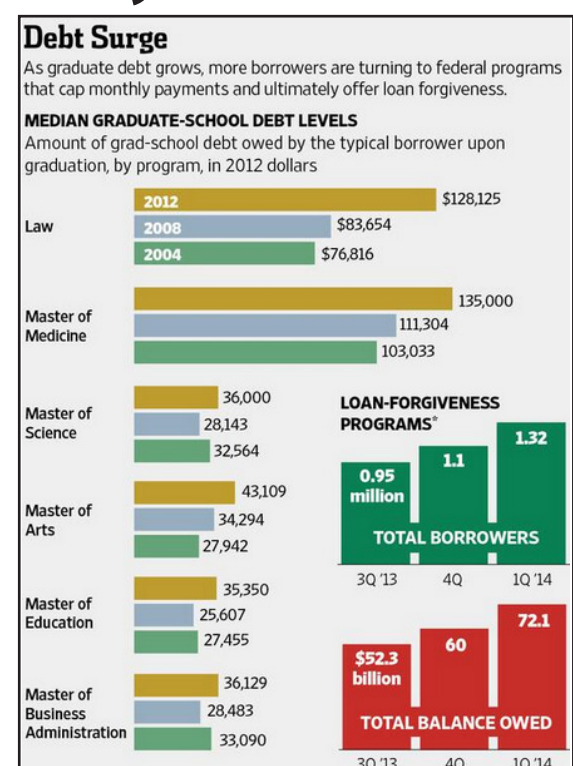
3. Nurture five to ten strategic relationships

Successfully integrating online and offline networking can be extremely efficient in building tight relationships with a select group of people. This approach is most effective when limiting it to five to ten strategic relationships that we care to develop. Focus on these and be guilt-free about the other hundreds you could be managing.

A common misconception is that the length of time spent is most important in building relationships. However, it is the frequency and quality of the interaction that makes an impact. In order to maximize frequency, keep in touch regularly by sending a quick update on new career development or forward them a relevant article. As for quality, the professionals you pick to be your central focus will likely be busy, so they will be grateful if you save them time. Yet before reaching out to them, be clear about what you are asking them. Then decide whether a face-to-face meeting is needed, or if an email, or a phone call will do the job.

Regardless of the number of hours a week you spend on networking, make them productive and feel good about networking. It can get you places!

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"The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack of will."

- Vince Lombardi

Tennis the menace: Bulldogs tennis team wins NEC Championship in Division I

By Justin Beaucage
Sports Editor

So many people at Bryant University were worried about how some of the sports teams were going to adjust to Division I play. Whether it be the added pressure, more competition, or the size and strength of some of the athletes, many believed Bryant athletes didn't have what it takes to compete at the next level. Some thought the Bulldogs, no matter what sport it was, didn't stand a chance.

However, someone forgot to give the memo to the Bulldogs' tennis team. In just its second year of Division I postseason eligibility, the Bulldogs have won their first NEC Championship, completing what was certainly a phenomenal season for the team.

The Bulldogs defeated conference-rival Farleigh Dickson, 4-3, this past weekend to earn their first ever NEC crown. The team has won the fourth conference championship for Bryant in the last six seasons. This just proves not only can any Bulldog team compete in Division I play, but its proving Bryant is dominant in Division I and the NEC.

Winning the NEC Championship wasn't easy for the Bulldogs this past weekend. They fell behind in doubles action. Falling behind to the



Bulldogs tennis earns its first NEC championship (MCT Campus)

two-time defending NEC championship was going to be a task in itself. In No. 6 singles, the Bulldogs fell behind even more to the defending champions, as the 6-0, 6-2, score put Farleigh up 2-0 early.

However, the Bulldogs were ready to fight back against the conference rival, and showed the resiliency they have shown

all season long. In No. 4 singles, Captain Ernesto Arguello earned Bryant's first points on the day with 6-3, 7-5 victory over his opponent. The Knights then came within one point of winning their third consecutive conference title with a straight-set win in No. 1 singles. However, the Bulldogs found a way to fight back and keep within reach of a

title of its own.

With two comeback victories for Oliver Welsh in No.3 singles and Max Vogt in No. 5 singles, the Bulldogs were able to tie the score at 3-3 against FDU. The NEC championship would be decided in No. 2 singles. After winning the first set, 6-4, Zachary Morris dropped the second set to, 6-7, to FDU, and

the NEC Championship came down to the final set. With all hope riding on Morris, he secured Bryant's first NEC championship with a remarkable 6-1 win. This is simply an accomplishment that all of Bryant University can be proud of, and caps off an amazing season for the Bryant Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs can be proud of this amazing feat, and add an NEC Championship to what was already a pretty impressive 2014 season. The team went 18-10 on the season, including an undefeated record in the conference. They also ended the season on an 8 game winning streak, with three of those wins coming in the NEC Tournament. This team has shown the resiliency and dedication all season long, and has shown what it really means to be Bryant Bulldogs. They are certainly a team we can all be proud of.

The season doesn't end for the Bulldogs here. The team will look to prepare for the NCAA Championships. They earned an automatic bid to the tournament, and will have to wait until April 29 to see who they play in the first round. The tournament begins on May 15. Again, congratulations to the tennis team for all of their accomplishments, as they look to end this season with an NCAA championship.

A dominant force: Bulldogs' lacrosse NEC's best

After earning a fifteenth rank in the nation, the Bulldogs look to earn a bid in the NCAA tournament

By Justin Beaucage
Sports Editor

One of the best stories from Bryant University and its sports has been the men's lacrosse team. Not only one of the most dominant teams in the NEC, the men's team has made a name for itself in the nation. Recently, the team was ranked fifteenth in the country, becoming the national powerhouse that it certainly deserves. Under head coach Mike Pressler, the Bulldogs hold a 11-3 record this year, including a 3-1 conference record. They have dominated the NEC.

The team's offense has been the story thus far. The Bulldogs have scored 141 goals this season, and these goals have come off of 80 assists. They average around ten goals per game, which is ranked near the top in the conference. Sophomore Shane Morrell leads the team in points with 37, while senior Collin Dunster is second on the team in points with 31. Kevin Massa has continued to be one of the best leaders on the team at the midfield position, continuing to be a defensive presence for the Bulldogs. The combination of this great defense and offense from the Bulldogs has made them one of the top teams in the entire conference, and they are finally getting the national recognition they deserve.

The Bulldogs' are playing great in nearly every facet of the game, including defending the shot. Goal keeper Gunnar Waldt is playing at an extremely high level, posting an 11-3 record while starting every game for the Bulldogs this season. He has 166 saves this year, and he has a 62.4 percent save percentage this year for the Bulldogs. With few chances to score, the Bulldogs are getting it done on the offensive end and stopping opponents from scoring as well, a great recipe for winning games.

Despite the success for the Bulldogs this year, the team knows that in order to compete in the NCAA tournament, they must take care of opponents in their conference. The Bulldogs, even though being one of the



Are the Bulldogs lacrosse team the best in the nation? (MCT Campus)

best teams in the NEC, know they have to take care of business in this division. When the NEC tournament begins, being the favorites to win the tournament, the Bulldogs can't underestimate any of their opponents. If they can string together a couple of successful games in a row in the tournament, the Bulldogs will find themselves not just in the NCAA tournament but as a serious and legitimate contender for the NCAA title.

The Bulldogs will have a huge game against Brown on Tuesday, which is set to begin at 7pm. The two teams

will battle for the Ocean State Championship. If the Bulldogs can win this big game, it can help them gain momentum toward the NEC tournament and help establish themselves as national contenders in the NCAA Tournament. The Bulldogs, despite being the favored team in this game, cannot let any opportunity slip away from them, regardless of who they play. They must take one game at a time and make sure the rest of lacrosse knows the Bulldogs are one the best teams in the nation.

Problems in Boston? Red Sox show early struggles

The defending world champions are 9-11 and have gotten off to a slow start in the 2014 season.

By Justin Beaucage
Sports Editor

Last season, the Boston Red Sox were one of the best stories in baseball. With a team full of lackluster talent and not many superstars, the Red Sox were projected to be one of the rebuilding teams in baseball. However, that rebuilding process came quicker than expected, as the Sox quickly became one of the biggest surprise teams in not just the American League, but in all of baseball.

With new head coach John Farrell, Boston won the American League Pennant, and found themselves in the World Series. Six games later, the Red Sox won its first World Series since 2007, completing what was one of the most improbable championship seasons in baseball history.

As the champions, the Boston Red Sox in 2014 set high expectations for themselves. However, 20 games into the season and the Sox find themselves at the bottom of the American League East.

The climb from worst to first is not one the Red Sox should panic about. Boston finds themselves at 9-11 on the season, just two games below .500. However, the Red Sox want to fix this problem sooner rather than later and began to figure out how to reestablish themselves as a



Jon Lester has been one of the best players for the Red Sox early on (MCT Campus)

championship team.

So, where has it gone wrong for the Red Sox opening up the 2014 season? Well, it's not like the Red Sox are playing terribly. They are keeping games close. Their last five losses have been by four runs or less. The Red Sox are finding a way to stay in games; they are just having difficulty winning the close ones.

Last season, the Red Sox and their offense was one of the

biggest surprise stories in the entire league. They ranked at the top of nearly every offensive category in 2013. However, twenty games into this season, and the Red Sox are 23rd in the league in batting average, hitting a mere .238. The team is also just 20th in runs, scoring just 76 runs in the team's first twenty games. If the Red Sox want any chance at another championship, they need to start getting the

bats going. If they aren't scoring any runs, there is no chance the Red Sox will be able to compete with some of the better offensive teams in the American League.

In addition to the struggles from the plate, the pitching has not gotten back on track to begin the season as well. The team is surrendering the fifth-worst batting average to opposing hitters. The pitching staff is also only 14th in ERA. Jon Lester

leads the team with a stellar 2.17 ERA, but he needs more help from the rest of the rotation if the Sox want to be successful this year. Both the hitting and the pitching have been off to begin the season.

One of the main differences compared to last season has been the outfield. In the offseason, the Red Sox made a tough decision and watched All-Star center fielder Jacoby Ellsbury walk to the rival Yankees. Boston made some decisions on who should take the place of Ellsbury in the outfield. The Red Sox have let outfielder Jackie Bradley Jr. and newly signed Grady Sizemore give it a shot.

So far, the fielding has been great for the Red Sox. However, the player's production from the plate has been nothing compared to Ellsbury. The two have a batting average of .225, a stat that is just simply not going to get it done for the Sox. If the Red Sox want any chance in making it back to the top of their division, they need more production at the plate from their outfielders.

It's only twenty games into the season, and there isn't a reason to panic. However, the Red Sox can't keep playing like this, as they simply have not been playing like defending World Champions. If the Red Sox can figure out their issues sooner rather than later, they should be back in first place in the AL East.

Draft day is almost here: who's looking promising

With just two weeks until the NFL Draft, teams are making their final preparations

By Zachary Berkowitz
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Just a couple of weeks remain before all 32 teams gather in New York at Radio City Music hall for the 2014 NFL Draft. The best college players will all gather in their living rooms and if you're one of the lucky ones you will be invited to hear your name called at Radio City Music Hall. These players have been waiting their whole lives for this moment, all the long years playing and long practices come down to this moment. The real question is who will be that next Jerry Rice wide receiver type? Who will be the next superstar quarterback? All of those questions look to be answered come draft day.

This year's draft is very heavy with quality playmakers at every position. The one position that gets all the attention is quarterback. With many teams still trying to solidify a quality starting quarterback the draft is a stepping stone to find a legend that could be picked. Arguably the biggest names for quarterback are Johnny Manziel out of Texas A&M, Teddy Bridgewater out of the University of Louisville, and Blake Bortles out of the University of Central Florida. These three are the best available, and most likely all three will be drafted in the first round.

Most NFL fans will keep their eyes on Manziel aka Johnny Football. Manziel the flashy out of the pocket running quarterback has gotten the most attention in his brief two year stint at A&M. A show off in true form Manziel has irked some scouts and team executives for his behavior off the field. This shouldn't have a huge effect on Manziel's stock, but the team that drafts him will have some work cut out for them. Accuracy in his throw and keeping him in the pocket will be essential to making him a good quarterback. The Cleveland Browns at pick four could be the likely destination



Where will Teddy Bridgewater be drafted in this year's NFL Draft? (MCT Campus)

for Manziel, but don't be surprised if he falls out of the top ten.

Blake Bortles the quarterback out of Central Florida looks like the most ready to play quarterback for this upcoming NFL season. A redshirt junior who capped off a Cinderella run for the Golden Knights with a Fiesta Bowl win over Baylor looks to show what he has in the NFL. Bortles has been compared to Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger because his ability to break tackles and avoid sacks. Bortles has the size at 6'5" and 232 pounds. Scouts have been praising his accuracy and ability to fit throws into tight areas. Look for Bortles to get picked up at number eight by the Minnesota Vikings, a team with quarterback issues. Don't be surprised if Bortles goes early, Cleveland might rethink Manziel and go

with Bortles.

The next big name quarterback for this year's draft is Louisville Cardinals quarterback Teddy Bridgewater. He is not the biggest in size; he stands at 6'2" and only weighs 214 pounds, small for a quarterback in the NFL. Bridgewater had a great career at Louisville and had scouts drooling over his ability, but with a shaky end of the season and a poor pro day scouts have been reluctant to say he might be the answer for their team. Scouts have said he is a great competitor and wants to win; he has great footwork and great timing with his throws. Bridgewater is also poised when he is facing the blitz but he has a good awareness that it is coming. His weaknesses are his narrow frame and small hands. He also has a problem with velocity on his throws that could be a

problem when throwing in colder weather. All in all he is still a first round pick. Look for Bridgewater to be picked up at pick five by the Oakland Raiders a team which hasn't had a quality quarterback since Rich Gannon.

This year's draft will be exciting especially because it's so heavy in talent. Other positions like wide receiver and running back will be looked at closely. The clear picture is quarterback, and it always will be. They run the show and if you have a good quarterback who can be a franchise player, then your team will be good for years. We will have to wait and see but get excited football fans because this year's rookies look to surprise everyone this upcoming NFL season.

The race toward an NBA championship: preview

With the playoffs underway here is a preview of who will be winning the NBA championship

By Justin Beaucage
Sports Editor

After what has been an exciting and captivating season, the NBA playoffs are finally here, and it features some of the best players going head to head. With a competitive Western Conference and a few dominant teams in the Eastern Conference, this will certainly be one of the more exciting playoff races in years.

There are so many storylines to watch heading towards the NBA Finals. Will Kevin Durant be crowned an NBA champion for the first time? Are the Spurs going to get revenge after their loss in Game 7 of last year's finals? Or will LeBron James become the third player in NBA history to win three consecutive NBA championships and three finals MVPs? We will have to wait and see what happens and see how the NBA playoffs will unfold.

Of course, there will be plenty of other teams that will try to make their own NBA championship dreams come true. There are sixteen teams competing for the most coveted prize in the NBA, and it will be a grueling journey to get there. Below are the predictions for each round of the playoffs, beginning with the first round all the way to the NBA finals.

First Round Eastern Conference:

Indiana Pacers (1) vs. Atlanta Hawks (8): Indiana wins 4-2

Indiana is a team that is hungry for an NBA championship, and they just have too much talent to lose an opening round playoff series to the less-talented Atlanta Hawks.

Miami Heat (2) vs. Charlotte Bobcats (7): Miami wins, 4-0

Miami plays at a completely different level in the playoffs, and there is no one on Charlotte who can stop LeBron James.

Toronto Raptors (3) vs.

Brooklyn Nets (6): Brooklyn wins, 4-2

The Nets are getting healthy at the right time and just have too much firepower and too many veterans for Toronto to handle.



Miami Heat star LeBron James looks to win his third NBA championship (MCT Campus)

Washington Wizards (4) vs. Chicago Bulls (5): Chicago wins, 4-3

This series has the potential to go all seven games, and Chicago's defense will be the deciding factor against Washington's young team.

First Round Western Conference:

San Antonio Spurs (1) vs. Dallas Mavericks (8): San Antonio wins, 4-0

The Spurs just simply don't lose, and an opening round series against Dallas should be a breeze for them.

Oklahoma City Thunder (2) vs. Memphis Grizzlies (7): Oklahoma City wins, 4-3

Memphis's defense will make this an interesting series, but Kevin Durant is simply too good right now to be stopped by Memphis.

Los Angeles Clippers (3) vs. Golden State Warriors (6): Los Angeles wins, 4-1

The Clippers, with new coach Doc Rivers, are one of the best teams in the NBA, with plenty of

depth to get past the Warriors.

Houston Rockets (4) vs. Portland Trail Blazers (5): Portland wins, 4-3

This will be the highest scoring series in the entire playoffs, and the Trail Blazers will find a way to get by the Rockets' talented offense.

Second Round Eastern Conference:

Indiana Pacers (1) vs. Chicago Bulls (5): Chicago wins, 4-3

The Pacers' sloppy play will be enough to get by Atlanta in Round 1, but Chicago's defense will capitalize on Indiana's mistakes.

Miami Heat (2) vs. Brooklyn Nets (6): Miami wins, 4-3

Even with the Nets beating the Heat four times this season, Miami will play at a much higher level in the postseason, and will beat the Nets in a competitive series.

Second Round Western Conference:

San Antonio Spurs (1) vs. Portland Trail Blazers (5): San

Antonio wins, 4-1

The Spurs will score too much on Portland in this series, and the Trail Blazers will struggle to keep up in this series.

Oklahoma City Thunder (2) vs. Los Angeles Clippers (3): Los Angeles wins, 4-3

This could be the most exciting series in the entire playoffs, and Los Angeles' depth will be too much for the Thunder to handle.

Eastern Conference Finals: Miami Heat (2) vs. Chicago Bulls (5): Miami wins, 4-2

This will be a tough series for both teams. However, Miami will have too many weapons on offense for the Bulls to compete.

San Antonio Spurs (1) vs. Los Angeles Clippers (3): Los Angeles wins, 4-2

The matchup between these two teams will be close all series long. However, the Clippers' youth, depth, and front court will be too much for San Antonio in the series.

NBA Finals:

Miami Heat (2) vs. Los Angeles Clippers (3): Miami wins, 4-3

So, in this finals matchup, LeBron James and the Big 3 are chasing their third consecutive NBA title, while Blake Griffin and the Clippers are looking for their first under coach Doc Rivers. It will be a great series, as Chris Paul will look to take advantage of Miami's less superior point guards.

Blake Griffin and DeAndre Jordan could be the kryptonite for the Heat's frontcourt. James will have to play against one of the better offensive teams in the NBA to win his third title. In the end, this series will go seven games, and, in what would be a competitive Game 7, the Heat come out victorious, thanks to an explosive game from Dwyane Wade and some big perimeter scoring.

That is the outlook for the NBA Playoff race coming into this postseason. However, as we all know, in the NBA, anything can happen. This is the playoffs, and any team can be crowned as this year's NBA champion.

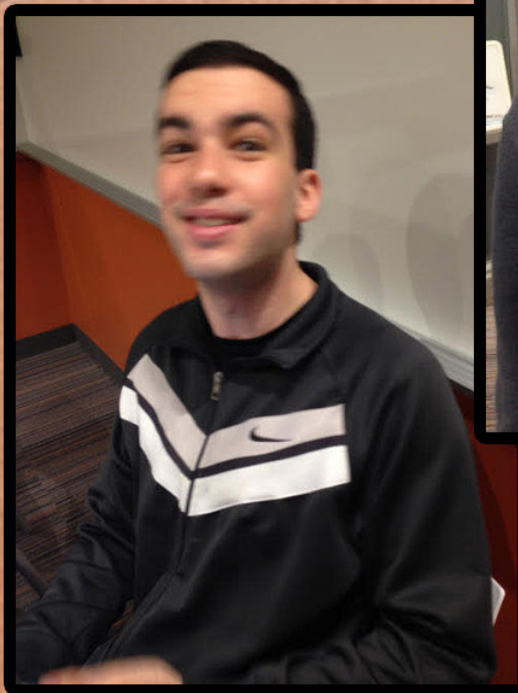
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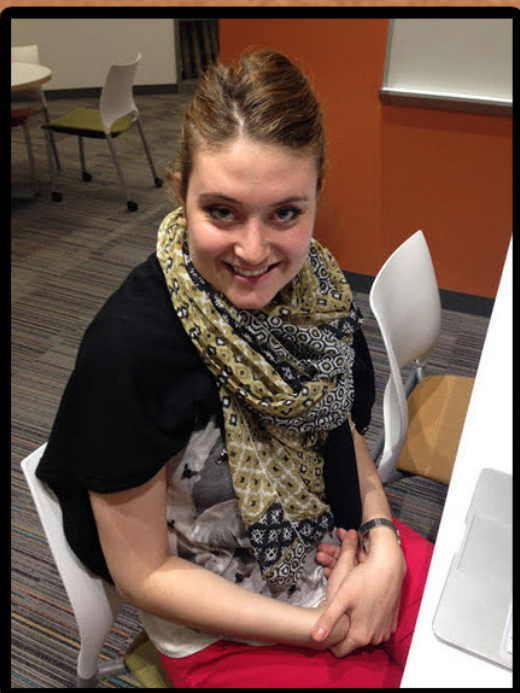


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When technology takes over I'm more of an ideas and policy person

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As you read this article, you are probably no more than five feet away from your smart phone. In fact, you are probably holding it – occasionally scrolling through to check your e-mail or to see if the cute person you met this weekend accepted your Facebook friend request yet. Maybe you checked Foursquare or Yelp for dinner recommendations tonight, and you've certainly already tweeted about the fact that you're reading the Archway. You're probably listening to an online radio station, playing local gamers on Words with Friends, and maybe even reading this article – all from your cell phone.

I'm not saying this smart phone phenomenon is a bad thing. I, myself, am guilty of just about all of these things too. The technology is pretty amazing, but many of us don't realize the extent to which it has entered our lives.

Think about it – the last time there was a rainbow you probably only saw it because your friends tweeted about it. Do you look out the window in the morning to see if it's raining? No, you check the weather app. If you need to know something, you simply ask Siri. And chances are, you haven't actually walked into your bank in years. There's an app for that!

Actually, there's an app for everything, and it may be having some adverse effects on us. The more we rely on technology, the

simpler everything becomes for us. We are getting lazier, and our attention spans are getting shorter.

If we keep relying on technology, will we remember how to use an encyclopedia or send a written letter in the mail? It pains me to say this, but I don't think we will.

While we should be out and about, exploring the world for

stored online, and much of it can actually be found on a simple Google search. An emerging technology called Augmented Reality will give smart phones the ability to generate a list of links about an object, place, or even person by simply being pointed at the object.

An Augmented Reality search on you would bring up



ourselves, we are instead living virtually in our phones. Instead of speaking to the people around us, we look at our phones as a distraction or excuses removing ourselves more and more from our own lives.

Not only are our independence and communication skills in danger, but our privacy is in danger too. We have yet to realize technology's ability to remember everything about us. It knows what we've purchased, who we were with, what we've done, and even where we have been.

All of this information is

any articles, statistics, records, tweets, photos, videos, locations, and Facebook posts that have anything to do with you. Think of what one of these searches on you might look like. It makes you value your privacy a little bit more, doesn't it?

Although I can see technology as a phenomenal tool that has the power to greatly benefit society, I think we need to remember what it should be for and learn how to use it effectively. So for now, loosen your grip on that smart phone and find out what reality might have to offer you.

By Kathryn Cantwell
Contributing Writer

Part of why I love my job at Bryant University and the Hasenfeld Institute is the opportunity to meet and work with the talented and diverse students of this campus and connect them to learning and development related to the public sector. When I ask students what they are interested in doing post-graduation, the "I'm an ideas person" phrase is uttered and it takes all my energy not to shout in warning.

THIS TYPE OF JOB DOES NOT EXIST! Opportunities in public offices, campaigns, nonprofits, graduate school, and even retail customer service had required employees to create, understand, and analyze data in order to advance.

Working with math, data, surveys, and polls can be overwhelming, but I urge you, especially in the Liberal Sciences, to take your time and invest in improving your analytical skills. Investing your credits by concentrating in applied analytics, statistics, and other technical skills will not only better equip you for your position, but will give you an edge in the application process.

From the outside, observing nonprofits, campaigns, government, and other positions, it is easy to see that their outward products have to do with messaging and simple data to support it. However, that is only the outside layer that is carefully crafted for

outside audiences to understand. What is missed is how they use numbers to determine their mission, their products, funding, benchmarking, and many other essential activities. Once you leave the Bryant campus, you will be challenged to use data in just some of the following ways:

1. Develop benchmarks for your success.
2. Ask the right questions of proposals by coworkers, supervisors, and your staff.
3. Use research to support your ideas, and if that research leaves out an important factor or their methodology is flawed, you need to adjust your presentation with that information.
4. Make decisions with the best information you can collect.
5. Answer questions from those who will challenge your ideas and thinking.
6. Test theories and improve systems within your organization.
7. Be an informed voter and engaged citizen of your community.

Bryant University is the perfect environment for you to test your skills and grow as a person. I urge our Junior, Sophomore, and Freshmen students to embrace this challenge and improve your skills in data analysis, using the resources at Bryant to help you fulfill your goals. Employers do not want just an "ideas" person, they want the person who can come up with the idea and lead a team to accomplish it...that requires numbers.

Perfect Pooping

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experience the serenity of the most peaceful bathroom on campus. Pop a squat here and relax in the complete comfort of knowing that no one will interrupt your date with disconnection – only satisfying plops and splashes will punctuate your poop. If you have your choice of relieving yourself anywhere on campus and you've got time to spare, choose the IFC and emerge renewed. Walk into the building from the uni side, head straight, and look to the right side for this precious gem.

Honorable mentions on campus include the back stall on Koffler's second floor men's room, earning recognition not for its aesthetic qualities, which leave much to be desired, but for the wealth of graffiti, including a current working list of the illuminati, in one of the few places at Bryant where the student voice is actually expressed. It is also worth mentioning here the handicapped stall on the second floor of the library – the library is severely lacking in options, but the added room and the reduced traffic from its second floor-positioning make this the best in the building. Finally, I conclude by noting the onesie on the first floor of hall 17, next to the entrance to Ronzio's. It doesn't come close to stacking up to the Bryant Center palace, but if you're out on the weekends regrettably buying a slice or two (shame on you it's horrifically overpriced) then convenience here is your friend, and it also makes for a decent yak receptacle if you took one too many water bottles of Burnett's to the face.

There are of course numerous other bathrooms on campus worthy of accolades for the unique niche they occupy in the plumbing network, but I must leave a bit to the imagination so that some other ambitious soul might build on my work upon the conclusion of his time here. Never underestimate the power of a good poop. I implore you not to settle for clogged toilets and loud stalls but to strive for excellence in excrement. May your poops be plentiful and your curiosity relentless.

This is the last issue of The Archway for the 2013 -2014 academic year!

Thanks for reading and we will see you in the fall! Don't forget to sign up for eboard and editorial positions including staff writer!

Special thanks, congratulations, and adios goes to our seniors:

Will Allen, Web Editor

Justin Beaucage, Sports Editor

Kyle Ebersold, InDesign Guru

Sara Elder, Assistant Editor-in-Chief

Kelsey Nowak, Editor-in-Chief

You will all be missed!

Are you with me on this?

Girls love shoes, but guys can buy them too

By Zach DiFranza
Staff Writer

Though common stereotype paints the female gender as the primary shoe collector, men can and should treat themselves to a wide variety of footwear. In fact, there are several types of shoes every guy should own or pursue obtaining.

1. Moccasins

If you don't own a pair of 'mocs,' you're missing out. Moccasins range in style and material, but consistently offer convenience and comfort. Typically designed to slip into without laces, mocs have become a staple part of my shoe collection and are perhaps my most frequented footwear. Everyone needs that one pair of shoes they can slip on on their



way out, and moccasins offer such handiness with the added bonus of comfort.

2. Timberland Work Boots

The best purchase I made in high school was undoubtedly my Timberland boots. Those things have been through hell and back more than a few times. Despite being almost 5 years old, my boots still fit and function perfectly. However, they are much more of a fall than a winter boot. Yes, they are 100% water proof; in fact I have submerged my entire foot into a frozen pond and my socks remained bone dry; but they are far from warm. The thin leather material is perfect for protecting your feet from

the snow, but not so much the cold. Work boots are also my go to when it comes to yard work or manual labor. It is practically impossible to get them too dirty, and any stain or blemish is just another mark of an adventure I've had. Do yourself a favor and buy some work boots, functional and trendy, they are well worth the investment.

3. Slippers

If you call yourself a college student, but haven't discovered the luxury a nice pair of slippers can offer, you may need to reconsider. Slippers are essential to the college lifestyle. Comfortable, casual, and warm, slippers are a key element of dorm room living.

No one wants to lace up their shoes late at night or early in the morning and there's absolutely no chance of my naked feet touching the gross bathroom floor, so my slippers are often utilized. Also, in - hall travel and studying dominate the circumstances under which I wear my slippers.

When running to a neighboring suite I have virtually no desire to throw on a stiff pair of sneakers, and why would I wear anything less than my most comfortable footwear when I'm trapped in the library? Ever notice how your dad wears slippers around the house on the weekends? I'm willing to bet he picked that up during his college tenure. Some things change but slippers are just as classic as Cinderella.

4. That One Obnoxious Pair

I'm sure everyone has experienced the same phenomenon regarding a particularly vibrant pair of shoes. I personally have fallen victim to my initial admiration over powering my actual taste, but in no way regret it. In fact my obnoxious pair of shoes is easily one of my favorites. Though they are a little larger and more colorful than my typical pair, they capture my personality perfectly, just in a more outwardly



expressed manner.

Splurge a little and treat yourself to that pair of shoes that grab your attention even if you're not sure how often you'll be able to wear them; I'm confident you won't regret it.

5. Basketball Shoes

I suppose if you don't ever play basketball, this one doesn't really apply to you. However, the vast number of readers that do, likely understand the effect



your shoes can have on your game. That being said, the price of the shoe is irrelevant. People spend upwards of \$200 on the latest LeBron and Kevin Durant endorsed shoes, but even those are generically strikingly similar to standard brands in material and instrumentality.

I recently bought myself a pair of Nike Hyper Distributors for \$40 and they function just as well as an elite pair would. Basketball shoes are unique in the sense that each person has their own preferences of fit and support. This makes the search for the perfect basketball shoe a matter of trial and error, but once you find the pair that fits just right your game will ultimately reach its prime.

Recognition does not equal success

By Autumn Harrington
Opinion Editor

Over these past two years at Bryant, people have seemed to be placed into groups based upon their successes. These could be in the shape of awards, leadership positions, and even grades. But most people don't take these as successes unless someone provides them some type of praise.

"Oh wow you got an A? You must be really smart, because that exam was super hard." "Congratulations on receiving 'the highest GPA' in the club!" "I didn't receive the leadership position so I failed myself"

These are types of conversations that occur every day here. Why is it that to succeed, we have to have another's approval? Why do we make it so hard for one another to be proud of ourselves at Bryant? If you did something that you find successful, like say study hard and not fail an exam, then you should be proud of yourself!

Success is not something someone can label for you. Just because someone does better than you does not mean they are better. Be proud of the little battles you win in your personal life. If you don't have any leadership positions, but you're involved in five clubs, then call that a success for yourself. It is time to stop comparing ourselves to everyone else.

Everyone has their strengths and weaknesses, and to be honest, someone will always be better than you. Don't give up

just because someone else "is more successful than you." Push yourself to conquer something that you want to conquer. We should not be waiting around to receive recognition for us to call it a success.

In addition to avoiding the wait, stop being negative towards other people. If you're that person that doesn't say congrats to anyone ever, then start. Stop saying "Oh you received a B? I received an A." No one cares if you did better than they did, I promise. Next time, say congratulations when someone tells you they received a B. Stop trying to define your successes solely based on other people. If you did better than someone else in some sense, then keep that to yourself and be proud of yourself. Success is not about making sure someone else knows what you have done.

With this, make sure you try your best when it comes to your personal successes. If you do poorly on a test or don't receive an award you had hoped for, keep trying. There will be a next time, and the world won't end. Turn to someone who will make you feel better too, not worse.

It's time to start reevaluating how we treat one another. Stop trying to be recognized for something just so you feel like you have accomplished something. Switch your thinking to being proud of yourself whether or not anyone knows about a project, grade, award, or position. And, above all, be yourself, and define your own successes.



Featuring feminism: Jeffrey Cabusao

By Aubrey Waz
Staff Writer

Jeffrey Cabusao is a professor at Bryant University and an empowered feminist on campus. According to Cabusao, feminism is a part of his world view and something that he does not need to work to embody or act out. He notes that he grew up in a world whose popular culture transcoded feminism and allowed him to embrace feminist ideals before he knew what feminism was. At five years old, Cabusao notes that his favorite superhero was Wonder Woman. The nuns at his elementary school had all been involved in the social movements of the 60s and 70s, so he was constantly exposed to female empowerment. Cabusao says that he particularly identified with working class black feminist thought as was embodied by Salt&Pepper, Queen Latifa, and MC Lite. He believes that unlike white feminism, black feminism did not come across as 'man hating' but rather as a part of being more human. It was not until he reached Oberlin College that he was able to identify that he was a feminist.

Learning what the word feminism truly embodied was very different than what Cabusao had previously thought and was much more aligned with his internal belief system than he had originally thought. "Learning about feminism [in the classroom] is all about un-learning everything you previously learned in society."

Cabusao points out that Bryant University is a perfect place to learn to deconstruct and reconstruct what feminism means both through the wonderful in classroom experience, as well as through a variety of other resources such as the Alliance for Woman's Awareness and the Hochberg Woman's Center.

Cabusao states that as a professor, he has a very different feeling about his feminism than most students. As an empowered adult, Cabusao does not worry about how other people view and perceive him. "I need feminism to navigate life," says Cabusao, "I need feminism to help me see myself in relation to the world." Feminism is an important theoretical lens through which to see the world and integrate into the classroom. This lens is particularly pertinent when working with students to engage them in cultural texts.

Cabusao gives the following advice to the members of the Bryant University community. "Take courses in the Women, Gender, and Sexuality studies department. Educate yourself on what it means to be a feminist before judgment; that is what college is about, growing. Growth is key."

It is the hope of the Hochberg Women's Center and the Bryant Archway to make the Featuring Feminism column a permanent spot in the weekly newspaper. The intent of this column will be to highlight empowered women and men who strive to make a difference on Bryant's campus, particularly in the realm of equality

and acceptance of all students. Each week a student, staff, or faculty member can be nominated by Tuesday by sending an email to Aubrey Waz (awaz@bryant.edu) with an individual's name and a brief description of why you believe this individual should be the following week's featured feminist.



Spring Weekend horoscopes

By Molly Funk
Staff Writer

Aries (3/21- 4/19)

You just finished up celebrating your birthday, which may have been a little overwhelming. Your body may be telling you to take it easy this week, which is sound advice. However, this doesn't mean that you can't enjoy Spring Weekend. Take the beginning of the week off to give your body a break and revamp for this weekend. You'll be soaking up the sun all weekend, so just remember to keep hydrated to make it through the evening and late into the night.

Taurus (4/20-5/20)

You're in a state of confusion about this weekend. You have been looking forward to seeing B.o.B. for weeks now, your outfit already picked out, and fun activities planned with your friends. Your mom just asked you to come home for some family event, or maybe your significant other wants to visit or have you visit before finals start. You're conflicted, which is more than understandable; you don't want to hurt anyone's feelings. However, the best thing to do is enjoy Spring Weekend. This decision will make you the happiest, and if you are delicate, so will everyone else.

Gemini (5/21-6/20)

The stars have aligned and your dream looks as if it's going to come true. Keep your fingers crossed and you might just be meeting B.o.B. this weekend! Whether it be through a VIP ticket or just a random coincidence, your goal of talking to B.o.B. may just happen. Brush up on your celebrity savvy conversational skills so you don't regret making a fool of yourself. As usual, keep your spirits high and follow your instincts to make the best of this weekend!

Cancer (6/21-7/22)

You are stressed out about upcoming finals, projects, and long-term papers; that's normal as you are a classic worrier. Follow the advice of your friends and forget about school for the weekend. Weather forecasts show a great weekend of sun and fun to be had. If it makes you feel better, work harder this week to stay ahead. You deserve to take a personal day or two, plus its spring weekend. Embrace the last few weeks of the semester; you won't regret it.

Leo (7/22- 8/22)

You're feeling down because you didn't get a B.o.B. ticket in time, that's understandable. All of your friends got tickets and you feel as though you'll be spending Saturday evening alone. Keep in mind Leo, that although your friends have tickets, they may not make it to the show. Keep your eye out for someone who may be giving theirs away, and remember Spring Weekend isn't just about the concert! You are sure to have a great weekend regardless.

Virgo (8/23-9/22)

As a Virgo you are normally quite restrained. You always analyze your situation before committing to any action. While this serves you well in most situations, this weekend may call for a different strategy. Instead of trying to plan and organize your days off, enjoy them. Go with the flow and tag along with your friends without thought; they are sure to lead you into a worthwhile adventure. Not everything can be analyzed, and it's important to remember that most things don't need to be scrutinized!

Libra (9/23-10/22)

You will not be able to enjoy your weekend if your domestic responsibilities keep adding up. Stay on top of these chores through the week to ensure a successful Spring Weekend. Keep your room tidy, your bed made, and your laundry folded and tucked away. You never know when you are going to need a certain tank or skirt to complete your look. Keeping your room neat ensures that when you meet that cute special someone at the concert, it will be acceptable to bring them back to your room.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21)

You have a plan for this weekend, a shocking feat for your flighty personality. You may be tempted to deviate from your ideas in order to please others but it is important to stick to your gut. You rarely put together plans this far in advance especially for such a fun filled weekend. If the stars have allowed you to strategize this early on in the week, it is because you are meant to do whatever it is you have planned. Stick to your instincts!

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21)

You may find yourself dealing with a mini financial crisis. This set back is putting a slight damper on Spring Weekend—you're not sure you will be able to afford all the activities planned with your friends. Although in the moment this financial concern seems daunting and uncontrollable; it's likely not as significant as it appears. Nevertheless, don't ignore the situation by spending frivolously; instead, enjoy the weekend in an inexpensive manner and come back on Monday to solve your money issues.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19)

You've been feeling good the past couple of weeks, nothing has gone totally wrong and in fact, things seem to be working well for you. Keep these good vibes going through the rest of this week and into the weekend. You're due for a stroke of good luck and that may come this weekend. Although you've been happy without a significant other, everyone's good moods this weekend may set off a spark between you and a special someone.

Aquarius (1/20-2/18)

As a water sign, Aquarius has the tendency to flow from day to day without much complaint or resistance. This is why you have the tendency to get annoyed when your friends take too long to make up their mind. Simplify your weekend by floating in between friend groups depending on their ability to make a decision. It's your weekend to have fun, so don't let others keep you down by their indecisiveness.

Pisces (2/19-3/20)

You have a creative, artistic personality that you rarely let show. This weekend may call upon your inventive side to guide you through the various "darties" (day-parties) and the concert. Let your creativity show through an imaginative outfit or perhaps a clever new drinking game. You may see that you acquire new friends and respect from your current friends if you let your originality shine.



Bryant Said What?!

Compiled by Bryant Students

"The only productive things I've done today are get to 2048 again and go to Yamato, and by some standards those aren't even productive."

"I hate newborns because they're so ugly. But they are cute in 2 weeks so it's fine."

"Can't I just be on duty at Rentes?"

"It takes a while for a sneeze to load, you know?"

Profit and Loss



Get ready for B.o.B, Bryant!



Registration for classes is now open for all



Clean up after yourselves this weekend.



If you get transported, you lose. Don't be that guy.

Farewell to Sodexo

By Rene Parenteau and Karen McAninch

United Service and Allied Workers of RI representatives

We are both on the board of the United Service and Allied Workers of RI, the union that represents the Facilities and Dining employees at Bryant. Rene is a Bryant employee and serves as the Chief Steward of the Facilities unit. Karen is the Business Agent of USAW and works full-time for the union.

As you may or may not know, the Dining Service workers at Bryant do not work directly for the University. Currently they are employees of Sodexo, but as of May 20, 2014, the University awarded the Dining Service contract to Aramark.

We are naturally concerned that everything is as smooth as it can be. All the unionized employees have been assured that they will be hired by Aramark and retain their seniority. We are also expecting the current union contract, including the health insurance plan and banked sick leave, to be picked up by Aramark. The recent negotiations with Sodexo went on for over a year, mainly due to the health insurance. It is only right that Aramark adopt the existing contract until it expires in November of 2015.

Hopefully, the process will be as smooth as it has been in the past. 12 years ago, Sodexo outbid Aramark, and 19 years before that, Aramark outbid Saga (which became a part of what is now Sodexo). On those occasions, the new company agreed to either maintain or even improve upon the union contract. We have been assured by Sodexo that they will do everything they can to ensure a smooth transition (including paying out a vacation day to Dining Services employees who worked on January 22 during a storm) and we have been likewise assured by Aramark and the University.

As Bryant students and staff who use the Dining Facilities, we wanted you to know that we will be vigilant to protect the employees' rights and are hopeful of the best outcome. With any luck you will see all the same faces when you return, either in the summer or next fall, and the only changes will be behind the scenes and on the menu.

We look forward to working with Aramark and bid farewell to the supervisors and managers with Sodexo who will be moving on.

A beautiful novel spans generations

Crossing on the Paris

By Sarah Rozenberg
Staff Writer

Three women, Vera Sinclair, Constance Stone, and Julie Vernet are all travelling on the SS Paris, a ship on its way to America. The ship leaves on its first voyage from Le Havre on June 15, 1921. The women are all unrelated to each other; their paths cross while on the ship. They each have their own story as to why they are on this journey.

Vera Sinclair is an elderly woman who after thirty years abroad is finally moving back to Manhattan. She brought both her maid Amandine, and her dog Bibi along with her. She is fortunate enough to travel in first class.

Constance Stone is a wife and mother of three children, travelling in second class. She was on a mission to find her younger sister, Faith, in France and bring her home in an attempt to make their mother better, but she did not succeed.

Julie Vernet is not travelling in any class, but is working in the servants' quarters in her first job. She is a young French girl leaving home for the first time to create a future of her own.

The three women first cross paths on the day of the departure. Somehow they manage to be standing next to each other

and have their picture taken, which later appears in the newspaper. Throughout the five day journey, they all make each other's acquaintances and become closer than they thought. They all help one another in unexpected ways, using their own experiences as advice.

Vera is near the end of her life, and has some regrets. Constance is having some trouble in her home life, and Julie just does not know what she wants to do with her life. The SS Paris gives all of them unforgettable moments, and through their conversations they all seem

'The characters slowly uncover more about themselves, what they have been through, and what they hope to accomplish'

to figure out what they are supposed to do. Constance and Julie both meet men at unpredictable times, making them learn what is truly important to them, as well as teaching them valuable lessons. All three women end the voyage with a little more knowledge than they had upon boarding.

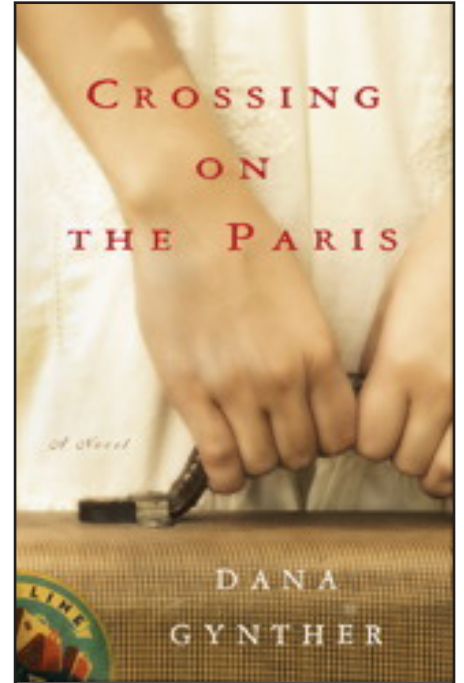
Author Dana Gynther writes a novel

that, while fiction, is also very realistic.

Any of the events in the story are plausible and could happen in real life. She uses simple storylines, but they are filled with all the essential elements of a good book. She tells the story of three very different women who when placed together in tight quarters realize they have more in common than they thought.

Throughout the five days, the characters slowly uncover more about themselves, what they have been through, and what they hope to accomplish. I liked reading this book because it had the viewpoints of three different generations. I got a glimpse at what life is like at each stage of a woman's life; all of their lives are similar to what people in the real world go through. The stories were very believable, which added to the genuineness of the book.

There are ups and downs, funny parts and parts that are not so easy to visualize. While this novel is set in the early 1920s, most of the storylines can be transcribed to today. I have heard stories from friends who have travelled on vacation on a cruise or to a resort, where they met people who ended up becoming some of their really good friends. Gynther does a magnificent job of writing a story that is extremely relatable to her readers' lives.



"Entrancing... a graceful tale, written with wry humor, of three women separated by class, age, and temperament.... Richly and sensually drawn." ~ Roberta Rich

Noah, the modern adaption, a feast for the eyes

By AJ Beltis
Staff Writer



From its inception, the film adaptation for the story of Noah's Ark proved to be a daunting task. Not only is it one of the oldest, most recognizable, and well-known stories in the history of mankind, but for billions of people, it represents a piece of their faith, which defines their very existence. Mess it up and all hell breaks loose.

The story is known on a basic level by most people today. Disappointed with the path man has followed, the Creator decides to wipe clean the Earth with a flood and start anew with two of every animal. To ensure their survival, the Creator visits the good-hearted Noah in a dream, telling him of his plans and recruiting him to build an ark that would keep everyone on board alive until the waters settle.

In this version of the tale, Noah (Russell Crowe, *Gladiator*) brings his wife, Naameh (Jennifer Connelly, *Blood Diamond*), and his sons Shem, Ham, and Japeth, to visit his grandfather (Anthony Hopkins, *The Silence of the Lambs*) for advice. Grandfather Methuselah gives Noah a seed to plant an enormous forest that supplies him with wood for the ark, while providing effectively enjoyable comic relief in all of his appearances. With the help of fallen angels turned stone giants and a little girl left for dead, named Ila, Noah and his family spend the next decade building the enormous ark.

Barbaric descendants of Cain come to demand their place on the ark, forcing Noah to explain to them that they're the reason the flood is coming in the first place.

The group retreats with the intention of fortifying an army to claim the ark. Meanwhile, Noah's son Ham (Logan Lerman, *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*) becomes angry for not having a wife, while he witnesses the love between his older brother Shem and Ila (Emma Watson, *Harry Potter*).

As the storm nears, Noah begins to believe God wants all humans, including his family, dead. This complicates things when Ila gets pregnant. But Noah's first and primary task is guaranteeing the survival of the animals on board his ark, which becomes difficult as the descendants of Cain come to battle right as the storm starts.

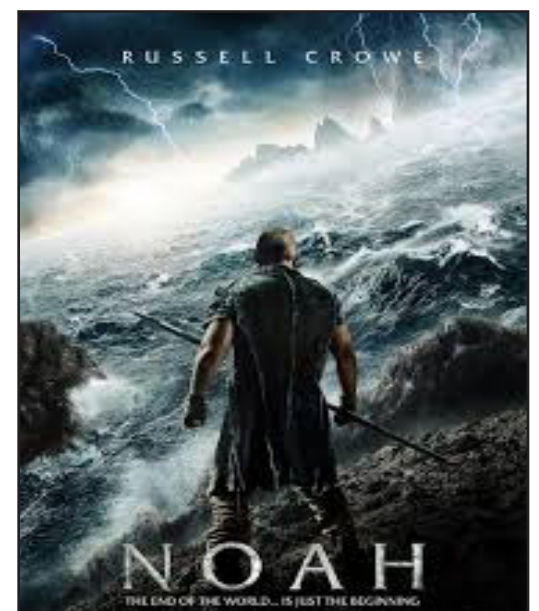
When a story is written more than 2,000 years ago, it doesn't matter how "timeless" it is - it will need some sort of update if it's going to cater to modern movie audiences. Because of that, it's no surprise that a few changes were made to the story to add some excitement and to keep the interest of the 21st century viewers. Not all of these changes went over well in my eyes. The one that stuck out most to me was turning Noah into somewhat of a villain.

Noah has been considered a hero for millennia, and in this movie, he makes many decisions that cost the lives of many innocent people, and almost claim those of two others. Giving a man still held in such high regards a rather villainous and evil spin, regardless of your belief in the man's true existence, was a bold move that I didn't see as successful. His actions become so upsetting that his own two sons try to kill him, and in a moment of subpar acting by Connelly, is told by his wife that his actions will push away everyone he loves. Another detracting element was the movie's decision to imply anyone who eats meat is an inhumane being who is considered unworthy in the eyes of God. I mean, did PETA sponsor this movie?

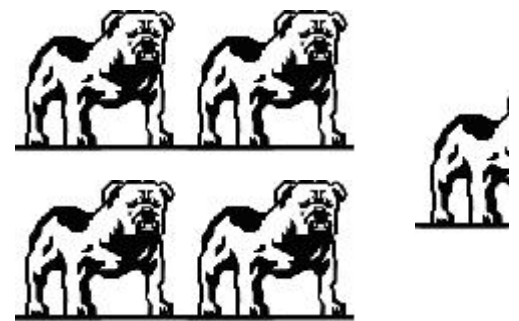
Where *Noah* succeeded most was in the decision to make the story reliant on visuals, almost turning the movie into a popcorn flick. Although the line between real story and cinematic beauty sometimes became blurred, *Noah* boasted highly impressive and creative designs for its visual effects without going to the graphic extent of such films as *300* or *Sucker Punch*. Not only that, but the costumes, set design and filming locations made the movie's optical appeal its most commendable aspects. And while some in the audience might suffer through it, the creatively unique creation scene is worthy of a positive mention.

So even though Noah takes an unnecessarily dark turn towards the end of his own movie, the film itself benefits from mostly strong performances, visual

innovation, and a fitting musical score. Making this story into a page-by-page adaptation from the Bible wouldn't have been the best way to appeal to modern audiences, so they took a respectably serious but less firm approach; *Noah* became one of the best biblical film adaptations I've ever seen.



This movie received 4.5 out of 5 Bulldogs



Check out some great summer reads

By **Lauren Kordalski**
Assistant Editor-in-Chief

When looking for a new book, I usually spend at least an hour searching The New York Times Best Seller's list and cross-referencing the books with Amazon reviews. After my meticulous searches, I usually end up with pretty fantastic books. Because of this, I've decided to make the search a little bit easier for you with brief reviews of three books I think are worth spending your summer with.

11/23/63 by Stephen King

If you've been meaning to read a Stephen King novel, but are a scaredy-cat like me, this is the book for you. A longer novel, at 880 pages, Stephen King perfectly unravels this story, intertwining the lives of Jake, a high school English teacher, Al, a local restaurant owner, and Lee Harvey Oswald, President JFK's assassin. A novel about time travel and the huge implications one event can have on the future, this mesmerizing story will keep you up reading all night. Unable to put this book down, I was grateful the phenomenal Amazon reviews, which gave the book 4.5/5 stars, convinced me to read this thought-provoking novel.

Beautiful Disaster by Jamie McGuire

An easy beach read, my friends and I have been a little obsessed with this book for the past few years. Tugging at your heartstrings in a way *Fifty Shades* is simply incapable of doing, this novel

is perfect for young adults and college kids like myself. The book descriptions will seem very cheesy - detailing how shy bookworm, Abby Abernathy makes a deal with Travis Maddox, a fighter and known man-whore. If Abby wins, Travis must stay celibate for a month, but if Travis wins, Abby moves into his apartment for a month. I know, I know, worse than you thought. But please please do not let this obvious set-up deter you from reading this fantastic book. Abby and Travis' story will truly consume you in and leave you searching for your Travis. Readers on Amazon agreed, giving this novel 4.5/5 well-deserved stars.

The Fault in our Stars by John Green

You will cry. Possibly a lot. Maybe on a plane, next to a stranger, as I did. But it will be worth it. This beautifully written, soulful novel is a story about life and death and what it takes to overcome the fear of both. Based on the lives of two cancer-stricken teenagers, author John Green, pens a lovely story chronicling the relationship between Hazel Grace Lancaster and Augustus Waters. These two witty, sarcastic, insightful teenagers will have you laughing and crying as you partake on this wonderful journey with them. Receiving a whopping 5 stars on Amazon, I would highly recommend this raw and inspiring novel to people of all ages.

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One day three years ago, Maurison Midy watched a neighborhood game of tackle football in the field behind his apartment complex in Stamford, Conn. Of all the players, he noticed one boy, pudgy and standing at about 5'5, dominating the field against eighth and ninth graders. That player was his little brother, Wesley, who was about to start 7th grade. Since that day, Maurison has made it his goal to help Wesley become the best football player he can be.

Wesley, now a high school freshman, earned the opportunity to go to Don Bosco Preparatory High School located in Ramsey, New Jersey, a school known for its high academic and athletic achievements. Don Bosco's athletic programs have won 53 state championships and four national championships.

Two months ago, Maurison started fundraising with GoFundMe to try and compensate for the rest. His goal is to raise \$12,000 so Wesley can attend Don Bosco for his sophomore year.

The University Star *Texas State University*

Gender identity and expression will now be included in the university's anti-discrimination policy to provide "comfort" to all students, according to administrators. The university discrimination policy, which was revised in mid-February, now protects transgender faculty, staff and students against gender expression and identity discrimination. Previously, they were not included in the policy because administrators wanted to ensure practices were in place to protect them, said Robert Gratz, special assistant to President Denise Trauth.

The Heights *Boston College*

BC has confirmed that indie rapper Hoodie Allen will headline Boston College's 2014 Modstock, playing a free show on Thursday, May 1, with San Francisco mash-up artist DJ Earworm starting at 3:30. The concert will take place in the Mod Lot on the last day of classes. The announcement comes more than two weeks after Hoodie Allen tweeted that he would be playing the show.

THE POETRY CORNER

When sky is the earth
When clean is the stain
When civilization
Collapses in pain
When the going gets tough
And the tough stop going
When Heaven is grounded
And rivers stop flowing
I could be you
And you could be I
And all could be free
To leap down and fly
He said even doves cry
In spite of their pride
But if it all ended
We'd have nothing to hide
It doesn't even matter
It could all fall down
It could all just be a joke
We're just playing around
I could be you
And you could be I
And all could be free
To leap down and fly
Forget all our worries
Share what we brought
To each belongs all
And to all belongs naught
Rejoice in the fall
Take in the scene
For even a second
We could say what we mean
I could be you
And you could be I
And all could be free
To leap down and fly

~ Daniel Vaccaro

Translucent Pollution

To, all the veins
helping all the nerves
bringing endless pains
the [invisible] swords
Everything is connected
cliff jump to roof dive
rooted in the polluted air...seeking open minds
through Mouths Ears & Eyes - crawling inside
shelter
to protect,
protections incorrect;
Lies
Sniffing perseverance
Hearing a gentle shove
to what extent is (visibility), physical
recognition
seeking to sway the breeze, enhance its purity
short breaths fluctuating on climatic toxics
Nowhere to hide, everywhere to seek
affinity to a poor man's preach

~ Stephanie Barrett

Sudoku

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	2	9	3					
1				4				
	1			2			3	4
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4	9			1			7	
				9				2
					5	1	9	
	7				8	5		

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