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## 17<sup>th</sup> Women's Summit is successful

*Be the CEO of your life!*

By Kati Machtley  
Director, The Women's Summit

March 14th, was a fabulous day to be at Bryant University with more than 1,000 energetic people ready to network and hear what our accomplished, talented, and fearless speakers had to share with us. Twenty-one workshop sessions led by experts in their fields provided great tools for personal and professional success.

Carley Roney, co-founder and chief content officer of XO Group Inc. (formerly The Knot, Inc.), kicked off the day with an animated opening keynote about the variety of paths that led her to co-founding The Knot with her husband. She illustrated that there is not always a straight path to success, and that once you discover what it is that you love to do, you must work very hard to achieve success. She demonstrated how her previous experiences prepared her for a successful career in creating The Knot, The Bump, and The Nest, helpful websites for those who are planning a life together. Roney also stressed the importance of



Student volunteers meet with Viola Davis at the Summit. (Pam Murray, University Relations)

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## How much can two dollars buy?

*Bryant University and the Department of Economics welcome guest speaker Jonathan Morduch*

By Ashley Esper  
Campus News Editor

How often do you spend more than two dollars each day? For most of us here at Bryant, we spend that amount, at a minimum, on a daily basis. Two dollars is the expense of your morning coffee from Dunkin' Donuts. If you could sacrifice that cup of coffee to feed a person suffering from extreme poverty for an entire day, would you do it? If you had the ability to forgo a ticket to see the newest movie at the theatre and instead use that ten dollars to feed a child for a day, would you?

In 2010, eighty percent of the world was living on less than ten dollars per day. Although poverty rates are on the decline, there are still 1.3 billion people living below the extreme poverty line; this is close to a quarter of all the humans in the world. In several developing countries, there is a widening gap between the rich and the poor, in part due to limited access to opportunity.

Typically, systemic economic problems are the primary contributor to a struggling economy. Access to what we consider essentials in America, such as adequate school systems, healthcare, food, electricity, and safe water are restricted and remain unattainable to those who are citizens of

a struggling economy, forming serious obstacles in overcoming poverty. In a recent publication from The Dallas News, the United States is proclaimed a world leader in reducing extreme poverty on a global scale. The task of decreasing poverty levels is one that is easier said than done; to do so requires an increase in spenders and market stimulators and an increase in education. According to Professor Jonathan Morduch, there are new ways to address poverty.

On Thursday, April 3rd at 3:30pm in Janikies, guest speaker, Professor Jonathan Morduch, will be at Bryant, courtesy of the Department of Economics. Professor Morduch is an economist at New York University's Wagner Graduate School of Public Service and former Harvard professor of economics.

Morduch leads research centers on microfinance, social investment, and the economics of poverty and has held visiting positions at Stanford, Princeton, and the University of Tokyo. He is associated with the United Nations and World Bank and advises global NGOs. He currently serves as the Associate Editor of the Journal of Economic Perspectives and as a member of the Journal of Globalization and Development board. Morduch holds a BA from Brown University and a Ph.D. from Harvard, both in

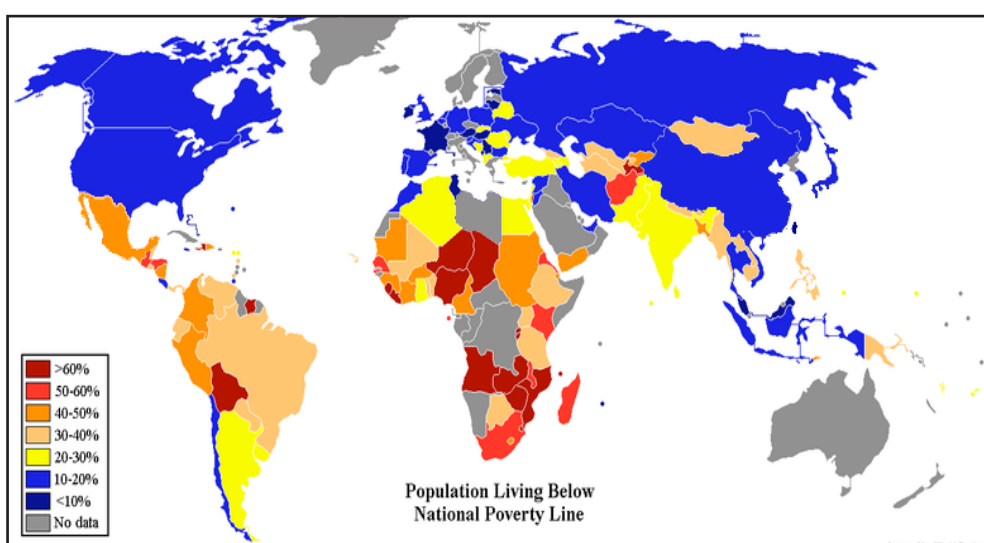


Professor Jonathan Morduch from NYU.

Economics. In December of 2008, he was awarded an honorary doctorate from the University Libre de Bruxelles in recognition of his work on microfinance.

Professor Morduch will be discussing how understanding the economic strategies of the poor opens up new ways to address poverty. Professor Morduch will detail topics such as how families in underdeveloped countries, such as South Africa, India, and Bangladesh, manage to sustain themselves on less than two dollars each day or less. Morduch's co-authored book, *Portfolio's of the Poor: How the World's Poor Live on \$2 a Day*, reveals the truth about the financially impaired: even the poorest families are borrowing, saving and coping with risk. Morduch is knowledgeable on new financial tools that can be utilized to aid the poor in succeeding financially and is currently working to develop a theoretical framework with Jonathan Conning to understand how governments and philanthropists can use market forces to create social change.

Please join the Bryant Community in welcoming Jonathan Morduch to Bryant on Thursday, April 3rd at 3:30pm in Janikies. This event is free and open to the Bryant Community.





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April	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
	7pm - Papitto - Sexpert Panel	7pm-Papitto - Sex Bingo				8:45am - Amica Center - Mojo Mondays	

## Bulldog Bulletin



**The Archway:** Writers' Meetings, Mondays 5:00pm, Fisher Center Room 3  
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## DPS Log

## VANDALISM (AUTO)

Mar 23, 2014-Sunday at 08:02

Location: BRYANT POND

DPS received a report of a golf cart in the Bryant pond. The vehicle was on the Bello Centre side, and the front wheels were submerged. Willy's towing called to remove the vehicle from the pond.

## LARCENY

Mar 23, 2014-Sunday at 17:04

Location: UNISTRUCUTURE

A student came into dispatch and reported his laptop was stolen.

## LARCENY

Mar 24, 2014-Monday at 13:14

Location: TOWNHOUSE

A student came into dispatch and reported his laptop was stolen.

## EMT CALL EMT CALL /

MEDICAL SERVICES RENDERED

Mar 28, 2014-Friday at 23:33

Location: RESIDENCE HALL

DPS received a report of an intoxicated male. EMS was activated. Patient was transported by Smithfield Rescue to Fatima Hospital for treatment.

## VANDALISM

Mar 29, 2014-Saturday at 21:28

Location:

RESIDENCE HALL

DPS received a call reporting a smashed toilet top in a Residence Hall bathroom.

## EMT CALL EMT CALL /

MEDICAL SERVICES RENDERED

Mar 30, 2014-Sunday at 00:59

Location: RESIDENCE HALL

A DPS received a report of an intoxicated male. EMS was activated. Patient was transported to Fatima Hospital for treatment by Smithfield Rescue.

## LARCENY

Mar 30, 2014-Sunday at 01:41

Location: RESIDENCE HALL

DPS received a report of a stolen purse.

## VANDALISM

Mar 30, 2014-Sunday at 02:04

Location: TOWNHOUSE

DPS received a report of two vandalized laptops.

## The US China Institute and Bryant University

**By Zach DiFranza**  
Contributing Writer

The US China Institute(USCI) is a significant part of our campus that students often overlook. Located in the East Wing of the Chaffee Center, the Institute works to promote Chinese culture in an educational and engaging manner. Incorporating Chinese culture into our business education is a gift from Bryant University to its students that will only grow in value. China is a developing economy with many opportunities and citizens prepared to collaborate with American businesses. With the cultural exposure the USCI offers, we all have the opportunity to attain a more global citizenship.

One of the Institute's most substantial programs is their Geoscience Road Trip. The trip is designed to give students from Bryant and China University of Geosciences (CUG) an opportunity to work alongside each other on a cross country expedition from late July to early August. Though the goal is educational, the means of achieving it are quite interactive and appealing. The group first travels to Spokane, Washington, where the students and staff convene and chart their path. There is no need to be concerned about leg room or snacks, because rather than cars the group will travel in a convoy of RV's each equipped with living space, a bed, and a kitchenette.

The stopping destinations are the most attractive aspects to the students, each both fun and educational. Yellow Stone National Park is, in my opinion, a reason to attend this trip in itself. From a geological standpoint, the geysers and formations certainly deserve exploration. But more appealing still, are the open fields, wild animals, and blue sky which had me filling out my application. Another one of the trip's most popular destinations is the Clarkia Fossil Site, a dried lake bed teeming with 15 million year-old fossils. Students will have the chance to quite literally "dig into" this opportunity, considering that they are granted permission to search for the rare artifacts and keep their findings.

Despite being only a two year old program, The US China Institute's road trip received generous reviews from the students who attended. One of the students who attend last year claimed, "it was really laid back and everyone treated each other like adults," saying her favorite part was the flexibility and ratio of free time for exploration, to the time allocated to organized events. Another student's passion was quite evident in how she spoke about the trip; she claimed Yellow Stone was "like seeing a textbook come to life," and that she would certainly encourage students to attend as the program is, "...not only a great chance to travel, but more importantly a chance to exchange ideas and culture with students from another country."

The USCI may be tucked into the corner of campus, but the programs and the opportunities it offers is one of the school's centerpieces. If you are one of the many students eager to embrace this opportunity contact Justin Paulsen at [jpaulsen@bryant.edu](mailto:jpaulsen@bryant.edu) and he can forward the application your way. For those students with a global perspective who seek to expand their cultural horizons, this is the ideal opportunity. Low cost, exciting, and in the company of friends and strangers alike, it's a difficult offer to refuse, and I encourage everyone to pursue the opportunity.

**Want to get involved in  
*The Archway*?**  
**Come to FSC room 3 on Mondays at  
5:30pm!**

# Cellphones for Soldiers

*Donate your past phones for soldiers use!*

By Nicholas Calabro  
Staff Writer

In the life of a soldier, there are two things one must deal with. The obvious obstacle is the enemy combatants, but there is something not obvious. When the soldiers are finished serving overseas, they return home, and must adjust back to civilian life. Part of that involves having to pay for things like cell phone service, which can be difficult. Making this easier is the purpose of “Cell Phones for Soldiers,” (with AT&T as their partner). Given what these brave soldiers have sacrificed to defend us, it is time for us to help them in return.

The way this organization works is that a prepaid phone card is sent to the soldiers in a care package. This card is what allows them to call their loved ones at home free of charge. The fact of the matter is there are always going to be soldiers away from home, so this will always be helping them. It does not stop there either, because there is another piece called “Helping Heroes Home.” Here the assistance with readjustment is more direct, where the organization is helping soldiers pay off any debts that they have, for more than cell phones (Internet, groceries etc.). In addition, this part of the program helps soldiers through physical, emotional, and assimilation hardships.

Lastly, because the soldiers have been away from home for so long, forty-two percent of them feel like they are just a guest in their own home. By helping them readjust to civilian life, this organization alleviates that discomfort.

The following is a summarized transcript of an interview with the presenters, about the organization:

*What is the nature of this cause?*

The nature of the organization is to support the troops and allow them to call home. We want to spread the word to collect cell phones for this cause.

*What inspired you to want to do this?*

Robert B. and his sister heard about a soldier with an \$8,000 cell phone bill, and they also had two cousins serving overseas, so they created this organization together. It was created with the intent of making sure that the soldiers can call their loved ones at home for free.

*How does this help the soldiers?*

There can be large cell phone bills, costing a lot to call home. The phone cards allow for a free call home, which also makes it easier for them to adjust to life back home. This is important because, there are soldiers that cannot make the initial payment, so the organization provides free calling time.

*What kind of rewards would you say await people that participate?*

A lot of us know somebody in the military. War affects everybody, so it gives a good feeling to people that support the troops. People give the old cellphones, so it is rewarding for people that do not have a lot of money. There is a real satisfaction in knowing that you have helped the soldiers call home.

*Have you thought of things, other than cell phones, to send over? If so, what?*

We have partnered up with care package programs, which vary with their contents. It is not the cell phone that is sent over, but a prepaid phone card, within the care package.

*Do they (the soldiers) respond to you? If so, what do they say?*

The soldiers do respond. The military is very humble, respectful and understanding of the work being put in by Robert and his sister. The troops always say Thank You for the service being provided. They are serving our country, and they appreciate the assistance being provided by “Cell Phones for Soldiers.”

*If you met a soldier that benefitted from the program, what would you say?*

Nick A: A thank you for the services provided overseas. You need to be a special person to fight for your country, especially when it means being away from your loved ones. Robert B: Thank you for the service.

# Women's Summit

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and need for more women to enter the fields of science and technology.

Marie Pasinski, M.D., neurologist, Harvard Medical School professor, and author, provided great insight into the “Intrinsic Power of the Brain.” Dr. Pasinski shared recent research on neuroplasticity that showed how stimulating environments and learning to juggle actually resulted in the growth of new brain cells. She believes that by optimizing the brain’s remarkable ability to redesign itself, a healthier, more vibrant brain can be achieved at any age.

Cheryl Merchant, president and CEO of Hope Global Engineered Textile Solutions, and the winner of the 2014 New England Businesswoman of the Year, gave a great acceptance speech in which she credited early years working on her family’s farm in Michigan as the foundation for her work ethic, perseverance, and success in many male-dominated manufacturing companies.

Viola Davis gave a passionate testimony about her life and the challenges that she overcame to realize her dream of becoming an award-winning actor. Everyone in the room was mesmerized by her. Her message included “10 Lessons,” one of which is that no one is perfect. We all have obstacles to overcome, she said. Work hard to fulfill your passion, and acknowledge your fear of failure. Don’t quit! One of her best quotes was, “You can’t sit on your potential all your life and be ok with it.” Drama students from Central Falls High School and middle school students from the Segue Institute Charter School who were at the luncheon will surely benefit from her words of wisdom.

Carey Lohrenz, the first female, F-14 Tomcat Fighter pilot was energetic and gave us a glimpse of her experience as a pioneer in the U.S. Navy. She revealed some key cutting-edge leadership pointers and urged us to acknowledge our fear of failure. “One thing that makes your dreams impossible to achieve is the fear of failure,” she said, adding that fear hates focus, and that if you have diluted focus,

your power is diluted. She left us with the concept, “Great teams always embody two qualities—belief and trust. We will survive solo, but we will win together. We all need a wingman.”

Speaking of wingmen, I want to thank the hundreds of Bryant University faculty, staff, and students who worked around the clock to make the 17th Women’s Summit a huge success. This is almost a yearlong effort and requires the entire campus to work together.

Bryant students also helped on this event and were an integral part of its success. Renee Lawlor was the Lead Student Project Manager for this event with Alisheya Luthman as another Student Project Manager. Stephanie Chaca was also an important part of the student team on the day of the Women’s Summit.

To get an idea of the student perspective I asked two Bryant students about their experience at the Women’s Summit. Junior, Amy Mouradian said, “As a student, the Women’s Summit has been an exceptional opportunity to take the skills I learn in the classroom and around campus and apply them to a professional setting. By attending workshops run by professional women on a variety of subjects, I have been able to expand my mindset and knowledge in a variety of ways.”

Senior, Ali Luthman felt that, “As a woman entering into the business world in just a few short weeks, being able to not only work, but attend the 2014 Women’s Summit was an experience unlike any other. I met passionate, daring, and driven women who were eager to share their experiences with me. The summit went without a hitch, and the attendees spoke so highly of it, it’s hard not to smile when you get to see and experience it from both angles. The three keynote speakers, and the power plenary sessions all made me stop and think about how I can be better for myself, my life, those around me, and in the business world.

Finally, we had an enthusiastic response to our

# Kelsie's Korner Coffee Cake Cookies

By Kelsie Hollenbeck  
Staff Writer

From coffee cake and coffee cake muffins, the coffee cake cookie was born. Yes, the coffee cake cookie is very similar to its origins, with its crumble top and cinnamon taste, but it also has its own, original qualities as well. First things first, you don’t have to worry about consuming tons of calories (as you would with those dense cakes and muffins). The coffee cake cookie isn’t as overwhelming either, since in just two bites the cookie will be gone! Soft and moist on the inside, with a sugary crumble on top, this cookie boasts two personalities in one. Be aware though, once these cookies are placed in the oven, a cinnamon smell will overwhelm your house, causing eyes to be drawn to the oven, awaiting the birth of the coffee cake cookies. Also, don’t worry about these cookies hanging out around the house for too long, I can assure you they will be devoured before you can even grab one yourself!

*Ingredients:*

*Directions:*

## Crumb Topping:

- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 2/3 cup flour

## Cookies:

- 10 tbsp butter
- 1/3 cup shortening
- 1 cup light brown sugar
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 2 eggs
- 2 tsp vanilla
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp salt
- 3 1/3 cup flour
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar for dusting



1. Preheat oven to 350°
  2. Line cookie sheet with parchment paper or silicone liner. Set aside.
- Crumb Topping:
3. Mix all the crumb ingredients together in a medium bowl, and cut together with a pastry cutter or fork until evenly mixed. Refrigerate while making cookie dough.
- Cookies:
4. Mix together butter, shortening and both sugars for 1-2 minutes on medium speed, until combined and smooth.
  5. Add in cinnamon, eggs and vanilla, and continue mixing until evenly combined.
  6. Turn mixer to low, and add in baking powder, salt and flour, mixing until dough comes together evenly.
  7. Scoop cookies out, using a cookie scoop or spoon (about 3 tablespoons), and place on lined cookie sheet. If using a spoon, form the dough into rounded balls.
  8. Make an indentation in the center of the cookie dough.
  9. Scoop at least 1 tablespoon of Crumb Topping into the center of the dough pressing lightly to stick. I added as much as I could get in there!
  10. Bake cookies for 9-10 minutes, or until edges start to get golden.
  11. Remove from oven and allow to cool for 3 minutes on cookie sheet, then transferring to a wire rack to finish cooling.
  12. Dust with powdered sugar if desired.



**Viola Davis speaks at Bryant's seventeenth annual Women's Summit.** (Pam Murray, University Relations)

community service request for donating personal care items for the women and children at the Homeless Shelter in Central Falls, and for the adolescents and babies involved with the Parenting in Progress program for teenage parents there. Both of these programs are run by the Northern Rhode Island YWCA. Those who attended the Women’s Summit donated 1,871 items to help these women and children. The women who attended chose to help others while helping themselves to a day full of professional and personal development and empowerment.

# Environment and economy



Morris K. Udall, congressman of Arizona.

By May Vickers  
Staff Writer

Congressman Morris K. Udall truly committed himself to the protection and conservation of Earth's environment and over the course of his career dedicated himself to not only the preservation of our environment for future generations but strove to make the American public believe that a healthy environment could equal a healthy infrastructure. From reading Congressman Udall's speech on "Environment vs. Economy: Exploding a Phony Issue" presented at the Izaak Walton League Annual Meeting in Des Moines, Iowa in 1975 I felt at a loss for words because of the astounding clarity of his vision. His environmental principles provide a strong foundation and infrastructure not only for America but for our global civilization.

Morris K. Udall believed that the three E's: energy, environment and economy, "are inextricably intertwined, and decisions about them will determine the quality of our lives in the decades ahead." This idea proposed in 1975, seems prophetic of the future to come. Morris K. Udall's idea hits home for me because the field of environmental science can be applied to our global world.

I grew up on the Island of Borneo, in Brunei Darussalam in South East Asia for the first fourteen years of my life before moving to Montrose, Colorado in the United States. The Sultan of Brunei Darussalam, once the richest man in the world, has derived all of the country's economy from the lavish oil reserves. As fossil fuels run out, the country's sole source of economy will vanish. Despite this knowledge, the government has taken little action to diversify and expand into alternative sources of energy and other means of income such as solar power and tourism.

On my most recent visit to South East Asia, my family and I sailed down the Belait River in Brunei Darussalam to see the world renowned probiscus monkeys. These endangered monkeys are famous for their large noses and are native to the Island of Borneo. Probiscus monkeys only live in coastal environments like mangrove forests. During the middle of the tour, we reached a spot called "The Area" where many probiscus monkeys congregate.

Contrary to the healthy mangroves forests I had seen sailing down the river, all the mangrove trees in this specific area were dead. I felt puzzled and worried about the cause of the death of the mangrove trees in this area. If the death of the trees spreads, the probiscus monkeys would lose their only remaining habitat and Brunei would stand to lose a true gem and means of economy from tourism. I researched online and presented to students at the University of Technology Brunei (ITB)

on the importance of conservation and the linkage between the environment and economy. Without the probiscus monkeys, fewer tourists would visit the country and less money would be invested into their economy.

I strongly believe in Congressman Udall's philosophy that energy, environment and economy are intertwined and interconnected. If Brunei Darussalam diversified their energy supplies to gradually include alternative energies such as solar power, they would stand to have a much stronger economy in the years to come. The country's location on the equator makes Brunei Darussalam the perfect candidate for solar panels. To diversify their economy from solely relying on oil, the country could greatly improve their tourism opportunities such as the probiscus monkeys, tropical rain forest, Kampong Ayer (a village that lives on the water) and Empire Hotel.

All of these places show biodiversity and beautiful attractions only found in this geographical location. Brunei Darussalam's Sultan must begin to greatly intensify tourism in the country before all fossil fuels run out. However, Brunei Darussalam cannot diversify its tourism unless the environment is preserved. Without the preservation of the country's beautiful environment, the probiscus monkeys and surrounding bio diverse rain forest will disappear. The local population needs to understand how energy, economy and environment are all interconnected and begin to better preserve special habitats such as the mangrove forests mentioned above.

Congressman Udall's ideals on the environment can be applied to every country across our globe. Governments must understand the importance of preserving the environment to better their countries infrastructure and economy. With a more stable economy and increased jobs, countries will have the money to invest in alternative and renewable sources of energy. If we can spread this ideal throughout countries in the world, we can save mother Earth before it is too late.

As Congressman Udall said, "Bringing the facts into the light, and convincing the American public of the only really sound energy course, will not be easy. We will be blocked — we are today being blocked — by those who would profit in the short run from slowing down the environmental movement. I'm speaking of those in industry and in politics who have posed this phony choice for the nation between jobs and environmental quality." The path to an environmentally sustainable future will be fraught with hardship but bright and open minded individuals working together can accomplish the most difficult of goals. Together we are strong and greatness will be achieved.

# 5th annual Public Speaking Colloquium

By Mikayla Rice  
Contributing Writer

On Monday, March 24th, the 5th Annual Public Speaking Colloquium was held in the Bello Grand Hall at Bryant University. There were about 260 people in attendance including President Ronald Machtley and his wife Kati. This year's event was sponsored by The Hanover Insurance Group, the College of Arts and Sciences, the Department of Communication, as well as The Podium. Mike Cronin, news reporter and anchor for Charter TV3 News in Worcester, MA hosted the event this year. Professor Susan Baran, director and creator of the

speeches, it was announced that the winner of the 2014 Public Speaking Colloquium was Ugonna Iheme. Her speech was titled "Being African Simply Isn't For Me." Ugonna talked about the stereotypes that the people of African origin face on a day to day basis. She explained how people do not realize how many unique cultures, traditions, and countries exist within the continent of Africa. As the first place winner she took home \$1,200.

In second place was Matthew Thompson who was awarded \$500. His speech was titled "A Gift. Not A Disorder." Matthew's speech focused on ADHD and the challenges those affected



The top three finalists of the colloquium (from left to right): Matthew Thompson, Ugonna Iheme and John Logan.

Public Speaking Colloquium, organized the event along with The Podium.

In the preliminary round of competition held on Friday, March 21st, there were 45 participants. The judges for this round were John Garcia from the Advancement Office, Krystal Ristaino from Undergraduate Advising, Kathleen Brown from Alumni Relations, and Chris Morse from the Communication Department. The six finalists who were chosen to speak at the event on March 24th were Austin Beltis, John Logan, Enxhi Elezi, Catherine Emond, Matthew Thompson, and Ugonna Iheme.

These final six participants were judged on overall confidence, speaking volume, body language, quality of speech, passion, inflection, vocal variation, attire, ability to hold the audience's interest, pausing, pacing, ability to avoid mall speak, credibility, etc. All of which are important skills to have either when speaking in front of large audiences or having a personal conversation.

The judges for the final round of this event were Stanley Baran, the Communication Department Chair; Derek Snow, a public speaking teacher at Smithfield High School; Kaitlin Beauchamp, who works for Human Resources and Marketing at The Hanover Insurance Group; and Jennifer DeLuca, a spokesperson and Communication Director for Village Retirement Communities.

After listening to six excellent

face. He also addressed the many benefits resulting from having ADHD.

In third place was John Logan. His speech was titled "Does Ultimate Happiness Really Exist?" John took a philosophical approach to this long standing question. He talked about how complex yet simple ultimate happiness is. John Logan was awarded \$250 for his speech.

The following finalists, Austin Beltis, Catherine Emond, Enxhi Elezi, and the 7th place "alternate" speaker, Breanne Lubinsky, were each awarded cash prizes of \$50 each. The contestants were not the only ones who took home prizes, as two iPads were raffled off at the conclusion of the program to two audience members. Congratulations to all participants and iPad winners.

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of Professor Susan Baran; this year's event was the most successful one to date. The Bryant community is very proud of all the participants and the amazing talent they brought to the table this year. The Public Speaking Colloquium could not have been made possible without help from the generous sponsors, organizers, and dedicated judges. Also, thanks to Mike Cronin for being an energetic host throughout the evening and to the dedicated panel of judges for their hard work as well. We are looking forward to next year's event and all the talent it brings out in Bryant students.

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# Your Piece of the Pi: Bryant's chapter of PSE

By Adam McGarry  
Contributing Writer

Pi Sigma Epsilon – Zeta Rho, here at Bryant, just wanted to give you an update on what has been happening in our organization during the month of March! We have had many exciting events that make us even more excited for the rest of the semester; they include initiation, transitioning e-board, socials, and preparing our members who will be heading to nationals next week!

On March 1st we were lucky enough to Initiate 4 new members into our organization: Eric Norman, Abigail Teichert, Dario Bermudez, and Corey Chan. These new members are part of our Epsilon class and they could not be more excited! Our ceremony went spectacularly and each time I experience Initiation it brings me back to when I was first initiated. All of the members of our chapter had an amazing time and we are very excited to see what they can do within our organization! Also on March 1st we had the new executive board transition into their positions to take on leading the chapter during the next academic year. Congratulations to: President Rosangela Altamirano, VP of Finance Kiersten Photiades, VP of PR Jenna Keenan, Chapter Presentation Director Eric Norman, Director of Member Retention and Recording Secretary Kayla Nixon, and Director of Marketing Sydney Logan.

If you have any questions or concerns about anything with our organization, these are the people who you should speak with in order to get that information. We are all very excited to see what amazing events and other activities they have planned for the rest of the semester

and into the next year.

Already we have had a very busy month within our meetings! We are starting a new tradition where the new Initiates and their "Bigs" will be presenting at meetings defined after initiation takes place. This will help them develop their skills in presenting, and also provide a workshop that the members will enjoy. This month we had a presentation on soliciting donations and one focused primarily on the history of Pi Sigma Epsilon, and our chapter specifically.

New and old members were placed into new committees this past March, with the transition of the new executive board. We have four different committees in our organization, these include: Public Relations, Philanthropy, Fundraising, and Marketing. The public relations committee is in charge of dealing with all of the outreach and promotion of our organization not only on campus but to the other chapters across the nation. Their duties are: monthly newsletter, social media, promotions, as well as other items. The Philanthropy committee is in charge of creating one community service event per semester, this can be anything whether it's a fundraiser for a cause to organizing a 5k race! The Fundraising committee is in charge of raising funds for the chapter through different programs and events. They are required to have one fundraising event per semester. The Marketing committee is in charge of creating market research projects for the chapter; this past semester they actually created a market research plan focused around the appropriateness of dress in the business workplace. Each semester they must implement one of these projects.

Finally it is very exciting to announce that we will be having a group of our members attend the PSE National

Convention next week in Miami, Florida. All of them are looking forward not only to visiting Miami, but to also learning all they can at nationals! Each of them will be participating in the Pro-am Sell-a-thon competition, Officer Training, as well as other amazing workshops at the convention.



## The power of a single class

By Sariga Pillai  
Contributing Writer

Before coming to Bryant I knew I wanted to be a Finance major, but what I wanted my liberal arts minor to be was a completely different story. I never took any social science classes in high school and was never a fan of history so it was a little stressful to say the least that I did not know what I wanted to focus on. I tried to get into an Intro to Psychology class but all the spots were taken... and I am so thankful for that.

Instead, I signed up for a lower level sociology class and I realized that I wanted to minor in Sociology, as it taught me the significance of social phenomena and showed the complexity of society. Sociology examines the relationship between the individual and society and society's impact on the individual and other matters. You start to realize that our decisions that we make to affect our own lives may be part of a greater scheme in society and that our own decision making is affected by society as a whole. I became more interested and intrigued with each class I took, and by my sophomore year, I decided to bump my minor up to a concentration. However, it was one class I took my junior year that completely changed my concentration to a major.

While it was a pilot class, I took Social Entrepreneurship with no expectations. I was thinking, "Well it's a sociology class and I am also a business major, why not?" It was the best academic decision I've made at Bryant. At the time, Professor Enos was pioneering a new concentration called Social Entrepreneurship, which intertwined sociology, business, and community service. The class I was taking was one of the first ones of its kind, and it opened my eyes to the problems that many social enterprises and nonprofit organizations faced, but aren't known to the general public. When we think of businesses and organizations that give back to the community, we think of large enterprises such as Toms Shoes and the Susan G. Komen Foundation, but what about the other smaller organizations who are trying to do the same thing? Small social enterprises and nonprofit organizations share a great deal of pressure and strain as they fight every single day to sustain their businesses and keep their vision and goals alive. Many of these institutions have great ideas that can change society for the better, but they don't have the necessary business knowledge to start the business and most importantly, survive in a competitive market.

It was after this class that I realized I wanted to use my business knowledge I gained from Bryant and help those businesses need it the most. For my sociology capstone project, I am working with a local arts-based nonprofit in Providence called Everett Company Stage and School, in which my main focus will be nonprofit sustainability. By conducting outside research and using this nonprofit as a case study, I want to find creative alternatives for social enterprises and nonprofit organizations to fund themselves instead of going the typical route of donations, foundations, grants, and charities. With new innovative ideas such as microfinancing, these businesses can survive and possibly flourish in a "business-eating," profit-driven, competitive market.

With my main interest in finance, my new love of sociology and my passion for giving back to the community, I have found my true calling. My decision of double-majoring in the business and the liberal arts fields has allowed me to see new opportunities unbeknownst to me. I encourage every student to look into liberal arts programs and take one class that either piques your interest or is out of your comfort zone. If one class that I never planned on taking changed my plans for my future, maybe this class will do the same for you.

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## Paradigm shift in the auto industry?

By Sam Phillips  
Contributing Writer



The electric car market has experienced niche success in recent years, providing the next level of automotive sustainability for consumers already enamored with hybrid vehicle technology. However, success in the mass market has been elusive for burgeoning electric vehicle technology, held back by a myriad of consumer concerns ranging from battery safety to limited vehicle range. In response, one California-based automaker is intent on demolishing all consumer misconceptions and ushering the electric car into the mainstream.

Tesla Motor Co. was founded in Palo Alto, California during 2003 by entrepreneur, Elon Musk. After a mildly successful initial public offering in 2010, the company launched their first full size sedan, the Model S, in early 2012. The Model S experienced relatively little fanfare upon its release, but critical acclaim and consumer word of mouth quickly catapulted it to the forefront of the automotive industry.

In January 2013, MotorTrend Magazine named the Model S their Car of the Year. This sentiment was echoed in 2014 by Consumer Reports who rated the Model S as the Best Overall Car in their annual Top 10 List. In addition, Tesla's Model S set a new record in 2013 by receiving the highest safety rating of any car ever tested by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Despite the relatively high \$62,400 base price of the Model S, Tesla was able to sell just under 23,000 vehicles by the end of 2013. This exceeded their production goal of 20,000 vehicles and made the Model S the third best-selling electric

plug-in vehicle in the U.S behind the Nissan Leaf and Chevrolet Volt. In addition, the Model S was the best-selling full size, luxury vehicle in 2013, besting offerings from Mercedes-Benz, BMW, Lexus, and Audi.

Tesla Motor Co. is already in the final stages of development for their next vehicle, the Model X, which is targeting the average U.S consumer with a planned base price of \$30,000. In addition, the company is completing plans on a 10 million square foot facility which will increase their lithium battery production while driving down component costs and enabling the assembly of up to 500,000 vehicles per year.

Motivated by Tesla's rapid ascension to automotive stardom, more automakers are entering the electric plug-in market than ever before. In early 2014, both Kia and Hyundai announced plans to debut their first electric plug-in vehicles by 2016.

Naturally, Tesla's rise in popularity has not been without some negative press. Reports of four Model S battery fires in 2013 and New Jersey's legislative decision to bar Tesla's franchise-less business model cast a temporary shadow on the company's recent success. However, Tesla has been quick to address both issues, reinforcing Model S underbodies with titanium liners and promoting online ordering in pro-franchise states such as New Jersey. Tesla has managed to emerge from both issues with product improvements and enhanced brand equity, trumping the roadblocks as temporary distractions to the inevitable progress and innovation of the electric vehicle.

Tesla truly is making strides towards achieving their corporate goal of accelerating the world's transition to sustainable transport with a full range of increasingly affordable electric cars.

While no business faces a guaranteed future, Tesla Motor Co. and the electric vehicle market as a whole are undoubtedly on the upswing, and it is certainly in the best interests of consumers and investors to jump on the bandwagon sooner than later.

## Bryant partners with Santander

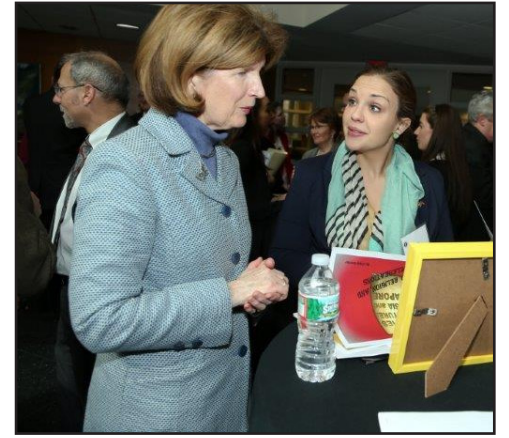
By John Zeiner  
Business Editor

Wednesday, March 26, marked the third time since 2011 that Bryant held an event with Santander Bank. The purpose of the reception was to recognize the ongoing and developing relationship between the two parties. The program was highlighted by several students who shared their experiences with the Sophomore International Experience which were made possible through the generous donations by Santander.

SIE, founded by Dean David Lux, has had more than 1,300 Bryant students take part in this enriching course, which begins weeks before your departure with an introduction to cultural norms, historical reading and analysis, language study, and art appreciation. Following is the 10- to 12-day travel component, during which students learn firsthand about other cultures and how businesses operate globally. For many students, SIE is their first opportunity to travel abroad and understand a different culture. Having this experience early in their academic career often inspires future international interest and prompts further study abroad and/or an international internship.

The mix of sophomores, juniors, and seniors commented on how their experiences with the program have made an impact on their lives. Many of these experiences were made possible by the financial aid that is available through Santander Universities International Experience grants. Santander's commitment to higher education has resulted in the creation of a long-term, strategic alliance with universities that is unlike any program of its kind in the world. The Bryant Development Office started working with Santander Universities, the philanthropic arm of Santander Bank shortly after Santander completed its takeover of Sovereign Bank.

At that time, Santander had nearly 1100 partnership agreements with Universities in 20 countries – but fewer than 10 agreements total in the US. Bryant signed our first 3 year Partnership agreement with Santander in March, 2011 and



became one of the first universities in the US to partner with Santander. Over the course of the next couple of years, Santander expanded their philanthropic support for Bryant to include financial support for the Bryant World Community Scholarship program to assist in bringing international students to Bryant, and with leadership level support of the Bryant Women's Summit. Most recently, they have agreed to provide Santander smart cards to Bryant, free of charge. The new smart cards promise to be more durable than existing ID cards and have greater future functional potential.

Santander has just agreed to renew the partnership agreement for an additional three year period. This new agreement will renew all existing philanthropic support, and will also create a new faculty research collaboration award. This award would foster research collaborations between Bryant faculty and universities around the globe with emphasis in Spain, Latin America, China, Europe, and Brazil. Santander has provided significant philanthropic support primarily for one of the pillars of Bryant's Vision 2020 strategic plan – educating our students for global engagement. They have helped more than 150 Bryant students – so far – take part in the potentially life altering experience of studying abroad through the SIE program, and are helping to internationalize our campus by helping bring international students to Bryant.

## Keep your options open

By Matt Theriault  
Contributing Writer

It seems that pretty much every college student, especially at Bryant, is on the hunt for the perfect internship or job that best matches them. But who are we to say if we match that job or don't match that job? Leave it up to the employer whether you are a good fit or not.

Many students feel cornered into which jobs they can apply for based on what their major is. However, that should not be the case. Many job openings and internships can be filled by students with varying majors and job experience. Even students who are minoring in a particular field are definitely eligible for a job or internship that matches or relates to that minor.

If you see a marketing internship, for example, posted on the Bryant Career Connection (BBC) or on another job listings site, that position is not solely for marketing majors. Often times communication majors, psychology majors and even finance majors are eligible and even hired for that type of internship. Most of the time employers are looking for competent, professional and well-rounded students to fill their positions, while looking past the fact that you are not majoring in

the exact field as their job opening specifies.

Experience of any kind can also be a great point to bring up while applying for the position or even interviewing with a company. Just because you have never had an internship before does not mean you are not qualified for the job.

Often times, being involved in on campus clubs and organizations can be shaped to fit different levels of experience. Whether you were a general member of the club, or leader, you contributed to its success and potential employers want to know how. Even group projects are excellent experience for an internship or job because of the communication skills, time management and organizational skills you acquired while working on such a team.

Another factor that seems to influence whether or not students apply to certain job positions is what they already know or heard about the company. Preconceived notions, ideas or rumors about a company should be left at the door when considering whether or not to apply to a job. Just because you think a company only performs accounting services, or only focuses on event planning, does not mean they don't need your skill set which might not directly fit into those specializations.

Have never heard of the company? Well they have never

heard of you either. This is an excellent way to not only learn about this seemingly unknown or small business but also to introduce yourself and why you can contribute to their businesses success. The fact that you have never heard of a company does not mean they are unsuccessful or don't offer "the perfect internship experience" you have seen in informational videos.

Some extremely successful and profitable businesses that you might not have heard of in the area are Unified Natural Foods Inc., Biogen Idec Inc, and Actavis Plc. All of these companies are in the New England area and offer various jobs pertaining to many different majors and interests.

And lastly, there is nothing about the job search process or the interview process that will be wasted time. The interview process is great practice for future interviews and helps you build your confidence with each new potential employer. You will also notice that after several interviews, you can basically talk with anyone about how well qualified you are for any position. Having said that, good luck with the internship or job search process and know that you have more than enough choices at your fingertips if you keep your options open.

## Weekly Business Quote

*"I think it's very important to have a feedback loop, where you're constantly thinking about what you've done and how you could be doing it better."*

- Elon Musk

## Bulldogs' women's lacrosse make impact

*The Bulldogs are making history and are one of the most exciting teams in NEC*

By Skylar Zotnick  
Contributing Writer

At this time of year the Men's Lacrosse and Baseball teams at Bryant will continue to show Division I followers the true competitiveness of these programs. The Baseball and Lacrosse teams will continue to make history, as they have since the school made the transition from Division II. With less fans and fanfare Bryant Women's lacrosse team is headed in that same direction.

The Bryant Women's Lacrosse team may not be nationally ranked in the top 20, but these lady Bulldogs, currently ranked 40th in the country, are also very determined and destined to make history. The team returned this year with nine seniors, who have greatly contributed to the team's impressive growth and success. Lead by Coach Jill DePetris-Batcheller, in her second year, the dogs are off to a historical start on the season.

Thus far, Women's Lacrosse has a winning record of 6-2 with three exciting overtime wins. Off to its best start, Bryant beat respectable teams such as Holy Cross, Lehigh, and Lafayette which has propelled the team to a Division I laxpower ranking below 50 for the first time in team history.

The only two losses recorded this year were against teams ranked in the top 20 nationwide. Before the NEC conference games start, Bryant plays its second home game of the season against cross town rival Brown Tuesday April 1st. Rhode Islanders know this game as



**Bryant women's lacrosse team is becoming one of the best stories in the NEC** (MCT Campus)

the Ocean State Cup, which has never been won by Bryant.

Coming off a huge 18-5 win against former NEC rival, Quinnipiac, on March 20th, the Bryant women have had 13 days to prepare for this game. Coach Jill DePetris-Batcheller, was the assistant coach at Brown before being recruited to become Head Coach at Bryant. DePetris-Batcheller has held very rigorous and focused practices daily in preparation for this intense and personal rivalry. The energy and desire to win the Ocean State Cup and beat a nationally ranked team is strong among the team both on and off the field.

After the game on Tuesday,

Bryant heads into conference play with the potential to make program history. In the preseason Northeastern Conference poll, the women were ranked number one for the first time since joining Division One. The opening conference games start on the road at Wagner Friday April 4th followed by Mount St. Mary's on Sunday the 6th. The team hopes to start conference play with two huge wins.

The lady Bulldogs were ranked 7th prior to the start of the 2013 season. Being the underdogs was not something the team was afraid of, as the team proved in conference

by playing in the NEC championship final game against Monmouth University. The dogs lost a heartbreaking 9-7 game to the two time NEC champions.

For the 2014 season, the smell of redemption is in the air. If the bulldogs stay true to their NEC preseason ranking, not only will they make NEC history for Bryant University, but they will also have a bid into the NCAA tournament.

For both the coaches and members of the team, this opportunity is much deeper than just making history and winning a title. The lady Bulldogs are viewing this opportunity as a chance to be a part of something

bigger than themselves.

Captain Lindsay Langella shared her thoughts on the season, and what is expected to come in the next month for the Bulldogs. Her perspective is not only a reflection of her drive and her teammates, but also a symbol of the pride and unity this team has for Bryant.

"This season is all about 'firsts' for us. To start, it was the first time in program history we were picked to finish first in the Coaches NEC Preseason Poll. From there our success of 'firsts' continues. In our first game of the season we beat Holy Cross for the first time in program history. The list goes on with this being the first time we've had such a successful non-conference start at 6-2.

On Tuesday we are looking to add more firsts to the list by beating Brown, our first time beating an Ivy League team and winning the Ocean State Cup. However, the list of firsts does not end there; for we want to be the first team to win the NEC's in program history and to top it off we want to be the first team in program history to go undefeated in conference play."

The message from the team to the student and faculty of Bryant University is clear: On a spring day when the Women's Lacrosse team can be heard throughout campus warming up on the athletic field, go watch history in the making. Although this team has already accomplished many of their "firsts" for the season, they plan on making permanent history in the Bryant record book of athletics; a moment in time that should not be missed.

## Bryant alumni share how to make it in sports

By Justin Beaucage  
Sports Editor

The sports industry is one of the toughest fields to make it in. Whether it is the media, marketing, or the business aspect of sports, it can be one of the toughest industries to crack. It is such a highly competitive field and industry, it can take students years to make an impact in the field. Beginning a career in this field can be difficult.

However, alumni at Bryant have done it, and they recently shared their advice with students.

Last Wednesday, at the Amica Center, four alumni, who all have different paths and journeys shared their experience with about thirty students. All of them have different jobs and perspectives in the sports field, and they all took different paths to get where they were. All of them spoke with students for about an hour, and all of them offered a unique perspective on sports and how to be successful in the field.

Each member of the panel had a different path they had taken to get into sports. The first member, Mark Dondero, graduated in 2008 and is currently a sports reporter and anchor for WPRI. It wasn't always easy for Dondero to make it in sports. After graduation, he had to work for Toshiba in order to make a demo video for other opportunities in television. Then, he had to work in Georgia and Michigan before getting a job with WPRI back at home. It was a journey that certainly brought him all over the country.

The next member of the panel was Lauren Dinneco, a member of the class of 2011. She currently works as the Director of Hospitality for the PawtucketRed Sox. She said that, despite working for an up and coming minor league team, it wasn't easy making it with the company. She first had to start with an internship with the team and then had to climb her way up through the ranks with the company. She says that her job is always different, and there is always something new to do.

Eric Loh, who graduated in 2008, has made quite the career for himself at the most prestigious sports industry in the world. He is the Associate Manager of Programming and Television at ESPN. Loh is in charge of television contracts with all the college football conferences, and striking television deals with big programs. He says he is always busy, especially around football season, and his job has a lot of demand. Loh also said his journey began by starting a radio show and television program with Dondero at Bryant. With his involvement at Bryant, Loh was able to establish himself as a serious employee, which led to his hiring at ESPN.

The most interesting journey, perhaps, came from Colin Mayberry, who graduated last year. Currently, he is working toward his masters in Sports Management at Seton Hall. Part time, he works as an NHL scout, where he travels all around New England scouting potential hockey players at the college and professional ranks. His job requires him

to drive for over two hours all around the region scouting players. He said he could never see himself doing this, and knew that it would be great opportunity for him for other employers.

All of these alumni all had different paths, but offered the same advice. They said it's all about making connections, and contacting as many people in the industry that you can. In the sports department, someone must take every opportunity in the field, no matter how small the job may seem. They said there is no small job in the sports field, and every single opportunity can give someone the experience and chance to move further along in their career. They said if someone puts in the effort, the sports world can be an industry to begin a career.

So, as competitive as sports can be, the sports industry can be just as fierce. However, if someone makes the effort, they can make it, in the sports industry.

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# You call that a sport? Check out some strange sports from across the globe

By Lauren Kordalski

Assistant Editor-In-Chief

We've all heard of football, soccer, field hockey, and even cricket. But have you ever heard of bike polo, or urban golf, or wife carrying? There are tons of strange sports which originate from all over the world, many of which we've never heard of! Let's expand our knowledge and delve into some eccentric sports from across the globe!

## 1. Bike Polo:

Founded in Ireland back in the 19th century, bike polo is pretty much what you would expect – polo on bikes. Getting away from traditional polo games involving riding on horseback, this version of polo generally takes place in more of an urban setting such as a tennis court or hockey rink. You definitely wouldn't want to take a tumble on the hard concrete! Slow moving in popularity, 2009 was the first national bike polo championship, though tournaments have been held ever since. If you're looking for a less traditional version of polo, I've got your sport!

## 2. Pumpkin Boat Racing:

Ah, our good ole quirky neighbors to the north. Taking place on Lake Pesaquid in Windsor Nova Scotia, this entertaining event draws thousands of spectators every



It might seem ridiculous, but racing pumpkin boats: yeah people do it (MCT Campus)

year. I mean, who wouldn't want to watch a bunch of people paddling across a lake in giant hollowed out pumpkins? Using a half-mile long course, contestants are free to compete in three categories, motor, experimental, and paddle; though paddle is the most popular by far. Since 1999, spirited Canadians have been hollowing out their huge pumpkins, training – yes, training, and excitedly competing in this fun October race. If you're looking for something fun to do this fall, head on up north, but remember to train before you go. These pumpkins can weigh up to 1,000 pounds! What a great pumpkin! Charlie Brown would be impressed...

## 3. Wife Carrying:

Yes, that does say wife carrying, and it's exactly what it sounds like. Allegedly, in Finland in the late 1800's some wife stealing forest dwellers would break into homes and quite literally carry women on their backs out of the village. Why was this awful criminal activity turned into a funky sport? Who knows, but the modern version is pretty hilarious. With major competitions taking place in Finland and Maine (Yes, we Americans participate too), male challengers lug their female counterparts through a series of obstacles including fences, pools, and rocks. Silly or not, this sounds like an intense and difficult race to me!

## 4. Urban Golf:

I generally don't have enough patience for golf, however I would definitely make an exception for a chance to play this awesome sport, derived from Scotland in 1741. Taking place in urban environments such as rooftops, college campuses, and camp sites, golf holes are replaced with objects such as trash cans, drains, and chairs. I'm pretty sure this sport is just as dangerous as it seems, as it takes place in largely public places and the point of the game is to hit the designated objects with a golf or tennis ball. I definitely wouldn't want to be in the line of fire! I'm sure Bryant wouldn't be too happy with this, but often on college campuses, this is used as

a day time drinking game with makeshift courses set up around dorms and quads. What a fun twist on a traditional game!

## 5. Footvolley:

Those Brazilians loved soccer so much, they turned volleyball into a no-hands game! As expected, this version, created in the mid 1960's, is very similar to traditional volleyball, however it uses the ball-touch rules of soccer and a soccer ball. Created as an alternative to the much-loved sport of soccer, this fast-paced game showed great innovation in sport. Surprisingly, the United States actually has their own professional league which competes in the spring and summer months. In recent years, this creative sport has spread to various countries such as the United Kingdom, Israel, Italy and Australia. Such a creative twist on a already-fun game!

While some sports are clearly more wild than others and there are tons more from around the globe, these competitions prove that creativity is endless when it comes to the world of sports. Whether you want to create an entirely new sport or build on a current one, the options are limitless. So go out and make your own new sport, or try out one of the funky sports listed above! Have fun and be safe...

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# Kings of the hill: Sox could have one of best starting rotations in the entire league

By Mark Gallant  
Staff Writer

The Boston Red Sox could potentially have one of the better starting rotations in baseball this season, but it's a bit more complicated than that. Jon Lester is really the only starter that fans should be comfortable with. His only bad season was the disaster 2012 campaign in which he posted a 4.82 ERA, and he has started over 30 games every year since '08.

Clay Buchholz should be the number two starter, but he could end up as the number five. His injury history and inability to pitch at his best for extended periods of time make it tough on Sox management to throw him out there for all of his starts, hoping that he feels good after the game. It's unfortunate because he has better stuff than Lester and could easily be an MLB ace if he could stay healthy.

Similar to Stephen Strasburg and the Nationals' problems in the past, the Red Sox may need to 'baby' Buchholz this



Clay Buchholz ended up as number 5 starter (MCT Campus)

season in an attempt to keep him healthy. The thing is, how much would starting him fifth really matter? Sure, he might get

to skip a start here or there, but he would still be on pace to start 25 games or so, a feat he has only done twice so far in his

career. Perhaps he should start the season on the DL and stay fresh for the stretch run. He doesn't exactly have the heart of a warrior, so we shall see just how his season unfolds and how manager John Farrell decides to use him.

John Lackey was great last year in his comeback campaign, but has looked lackluster at best this spring. He and Felix Doubront have both posted ERAs in the nines so far, but they can easily turn around and have great seasons. Lackey is 35 though, so perhaps his arm is on the decline. Last year was his best statistically since '07 with the Angels, so it may be hard to ask him to repeat his performance.

The prospects that had hoped to boast their potential this spring were all quite underwhelming. Every one of the bunch, including Anthony Ranaudo, Allen Webster, and Henry Owens, all posted ERAs over five. This doesn't exactly give the Sox much faith in their young arms if they need to call a pitcher up for an extended time. Brandon Workman hasn't looked great either.

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Some of you didn't agree with me when those five guys went in the first round ...

**John Calipari @UKCoachCalipari**

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**Aaron Rodgers @AaronRodgers12**

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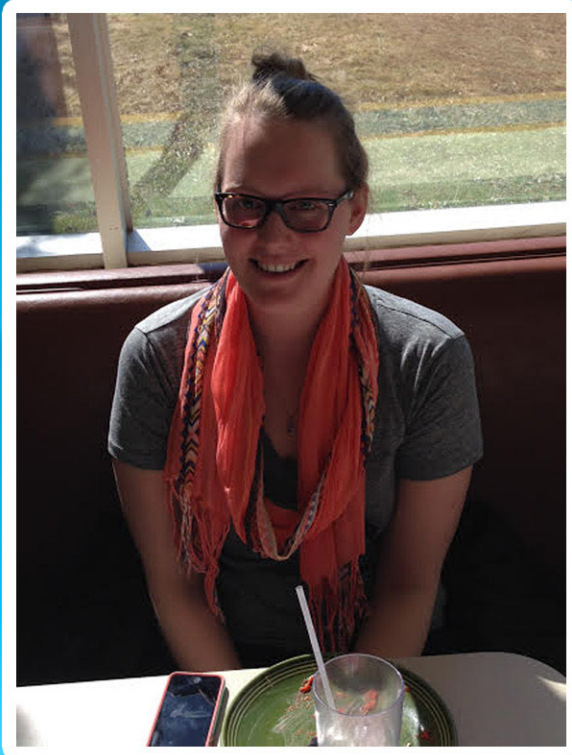
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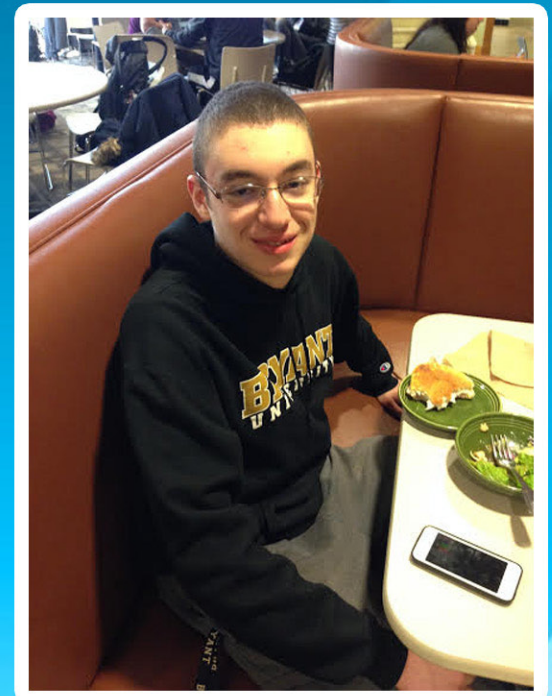
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charles Barkley your belly looks tired, you should rest it on the desk. What's up Kenny clark and the legendary MR GUMBLE tell to brotha hi

# How do you feel about B.O.B. playing at Spring Weekend?

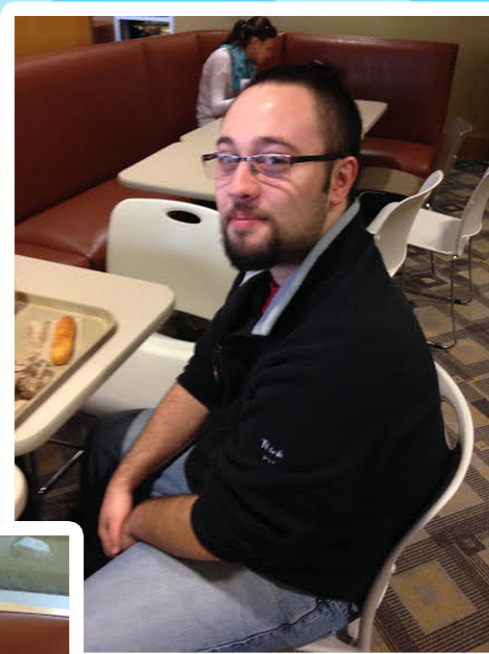


Mallory Wilczynski  
Freshman  
"It should be fun!"



Chris Ciarlone  
Freshman  
"It's gunna be great"

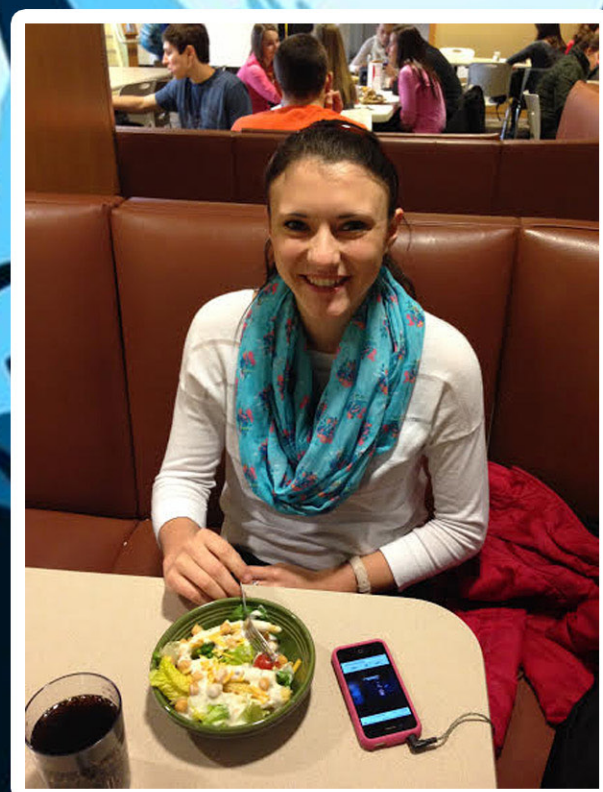
Nick Perry  
Freshman  
"I'm excited"



Jen Tomasetti  
Junior  
"Should be awesome"



Shannon Foglia  
Freshman  
"Excited, but I wish I knew  
more songs"



## The truth about carbs

*Carbs can have both a negative and a positive impact on your body*

By Kendra Hildebrand  
Staff Writer

CARBS. Our society has given them a bad name; so much so that some mistakenly consider carbs the main culprit for gaining weight. Too many ludicrous diets use the word “carbohydrate” to denote “weight gain” and preach that eliminating the macronutrient is the key to cutting fat and losing weight. Contrary to popular belief, carbohydrates are an essential part of a healthy diet.

Carbs are one of the three macronutrients required by the body. Together, these three components help fuel the body to function properly. It is imperative to make sure carbs are present on your plate because they are the main source of energy for the body. The body’s cells, central nervous system, muscles, tissues, and organs all require the macronutrient for this very reason. Likewise, the brain

relies on a constant supply of glucose. And where does that glucose come from? CARBS.

While the circulating claim that carbs are a huge no-no should be disregarded, the statement does hold some truth. The key to understanding carbs is getting rid of the notion that all carbs are bad and realizing the difference between good and bad carbs. Simple carbohydrates are bad because of the little nutritional value they hold in the body. Their chemical structures are composed of one or two sugars; these simple sugars are easily broken down and digested quickly. Although they may provide short term energy, this rapid digestion leads to a huge insulin spike, which triggers appetite and potential fat storage. These refined and processed

carbs should be limited. Examples include table sugar, baked goods made with white flour, bread and pasta made with white flour, sugar, soda, candy, cereals, some fruits, and corn syrup. Keep in mind that fruit is an exception. While fruit may be a simple carb, it provides healthy nutrients. Fortunately, there is an easy way to avoid simple carbs: replace them with good carbs.

Complex carbohydrates are the good carbs that should be consumed regularly. Structurally they are comprised of many sugar units. Thus, they take a longer time to break down and digest, which leaves you feeling full longer. Nutritionally they are extremely vital to the body’s performance because of the energy they provide. Complex carbs can be found in vegetables, fruits, starchy vegetables, whole grain foods, and legumes.

Examples of the good carbs that should be on your plate include potatoes, beans, oatmeal, quinoa, whole wheat breads and pasta, broccoli, and spinach. The list goes on. These are the foods that provide the body with the energy it needs to function.

So, the lessons learned? There is a distinction between simple and complex carbs, and recognizing this is the first step towards understanding the truth about carbohydrates. Although simple carbs are in some foods that taste amazingly delicious (cake, cookies, candy!) they need to be eaten in moderation. Carbs should never be avoided or eliminated from your plate. A lack of the macronutrient deprives the body of its main source of energy. Eating complex carbohydrates is a step towards leading a healthier lifestyle.



## SAT change for 2016

By Caroline Butts  
Contributing Writer

The dreaded SATs. For some this test was all a blur but for others the stress of doing well will forever be etched in memory. For everyone, however, it was a big part of Junior and Senior year of high school due to the weight the SATs hold in the college acceptance process.

It has been announced recently that the 2400 point SATs that we have all come to know are being redesigned to become more accessible to all test takers. It is being designed to develop and test skills that will actually be used in the workforce, opposed to the seemingly random and impossibly difficult questions of the current format.

However, it is not only the question topics that are in the process of changing, the overall set up of the exam is being altered as well. Returning to its former 1600 point scale, one major format change is that the essay portion will become optional. The test will also be available, in certain locations, on the computer. These changes will give different kinds of test takers the chance to excel on this exam where they would have been restricted by the current format.

The other adjustments will be based on the “eight key changes”, according to the CollegeBoard SAT website. Some modifications include obscure vocabulary words will be replaced with more relevant terms, documents used for excerpts will be more like the Declaration of Independence rather than unfamiliar novel passages, and incorrect answers will no longer be penalized. The questions will be focused on more real world objectives, asking test takers to analyze current global problems having to do with science, history and social studies.

Some people think this change will negatively impact the acceptance rates of United States colleges. By using more common vocabulary words, not deducting points for incorrect answers, and making the essay optional, critics believe the SATs will be too easy. Therefore more people will score higher on the exam and colleges will accept more students who would have previously been denied because of their scores.

Contrary to this belief, the redesigned SATs will actually have a more positive effect. It is becoming more and more accepted that standardized testing is not the best measure of academic ability. By adjusting the SATs to focus on job, like situations the exam will evolve into something more relevant for colleges to evaluate. As for making the exam easier for more students, this will create less anxiety for the test takers who were previously expecting the perplexing format the SATs is known for. It will also create more of an equal playing field that accounts for different curriculums in schools, as the focus will be on real world objectives.

This change will not go into effect until the spring of 2016. With two years of development, I believe this exam will become a better way to equally measure the relevant skills of prospective college students. Creating an exam that is more accessible to all juniors and seniors will allow a more balanced acceptance in the college process in the years that follow.

## What is your spirit animal? Deer? Turtle?

By Molly Funk  
Staff Writer

**The Deer: gentle, innocence, intuitive, sensitive**

You are able to bring gentleness and grace into your entire life, even when you feel overburdened and overwhelmed. The deer can be strongly determined yet gentle without being defenseless. You will achieve ambitious goals, and tackle difficult situations smoothly. Take advantage of your ability of perspective and revise patterns of thought or methods of behavior. Deer are inclined to be constantly on the move, looking out for life’s next opportunity. Your spirit animals encourages you to take some alone time and invites you to seek rest in silence.



**The Bear: strength, confidence, leadership**

Your spirit animal provides you courage to face challenges and adversity. You are strong, and others admire you for your power. Due to your strength and powerful presence, you are often looked to as a leader in academics and daily life. You find balance and comfort in solitude; you have no issue setting personal boundaries. Call on your inner animal to guide you to your center and build a foundation to build your busy and noisy life upon.

**The Turtle: determination, persistence, wisdom, emotional strength**

You are naturally tuned into the elements, land, plants, people, and animals of the Earth. You have the ability to make a home wherever you happen to be located, while still recognizing your roots. You are determined and strong despite obstacles and

distraction. You tend to stick with hobbies, relationships, and projects—it may take you longer to make a decision, but once you have, you stick with it. Allow your spirit animal to instill peace into your world, externally and internally.

**The Fox: awareness, swift acting, shrewd, cunning**

You have the unique ability to see through the deception of others, whether in relationships, or business. You have a strong sense of humor and are smart when faced with an obstacle, always extracting a life lesson. You are most active by night—this is when you have your most profound thoughts, or are simply most productive. For this reason you are very in touch with your dreams and apply these visions into your daily life. You are witty, quick, and intelligent; many may see these as deceiving qualities.

You must work hard to express your genuineness to those you care about or they will interpret you as sly.

**The Butterfly: playful, emotional, spiritual, in touch with psyche**

You are constantly transforming your life to better suit your ever changing personalities and perspectives. You have the wonderful ability to let things go; you don’t allow experiences, people, and interactions to weigh you down with burden. Your friends describe you as vibrant, emphasizing your tendency to appear bright and alive. This being said, people gravitate to your positive friendship. You accept and embrace change; you are willing to relocate, drop relationships, and leave responsibilities if you feel you will find happiness elsewhere. You often assume others share your transparency and express yourself openly.

**The Sheep: self-acceptance, family oriented, virtue**

You are fully enjoying your youth, and hoping it never stops. You feel vulnerable when facing an overwhelming and difficult situation and long for the days when you didn’t have responsibilities. You are not a leader but instead a powerful contributor, adding quality and purity to those around you. You are most comfortable following the herd; you tend to join any and all social and academic groups of interest. You look at your discomforts and vulnerabilities with compassion, and take care of yourself instead of wasting energy blaming the world for your mishaps. You are a healer; friends look toward you for guidance and more importantly, acceptance.



# Battle of the Sexes

## Dealbreakers

By Lauren Kordalski

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### 1. Height:

Sticking to old fashioned gendered stereotypes, I like my men big and strong. At 5'4", anything less than 5'10" in a man is a stretch for me...and the bigger the better, gimme a 6'8" guy and I'm on cloud nine. If the guy is my height or shorter than me, forget about it. That's a deal breaker.

From my point of view, height equals masculinity, and if I'm with a guy shorter than me, I perceive him as more feminine and myself as more masculine. And what girl wants to feel masculine? For this reason, I truly sympathize with short men... they quite literally got the short end of the stick in life. I know they didn't ask to be short, and they shouldn't be penalized for something they can't control, but there's plenty of gals out there who don't mind short men. I'm just not that gal.

### 2. Selfies:

It pains me to even have to address this widespread issue but the man selfies need to stop. Personally, I think all selfies, unless they're of hot models or pubescent eleven year olds, should be banned, but man selfies bother me the most. There's just no way to make it work. A post-workout selfie? Braggy. A "Getting ready for a night out with my boys" selfie? COME ON! A "In the lib doing homework" selfie? No one cares! I could go on and on but the point is, no selfie is a good selfie. If you think you're looking particularly fine one day, make sure your crush sees you, don't post a selfie on social media! No matter how good you look, your cool points will diminish as soon as you hit publish. I can't be with a man who loves his looks so much, he needs to take a photo of himself and have his followers "like" his face. See how ridiculous that sounds? Unless you've shaved your head for cancer, got a super irresponsible face tattoo, or lost an impressive amount of weight, don't post a selfie. This is a good transition into my next deal breaker, the core of all selfies...cockiness.



### 3. Cockiness:

I'm sure many other ladies can relate to this one. Who likes a cocky person? Well I did, until I couldn't take it anymore. Don't tell me, "I'm a good listener" or "I have a lot of options" and DEFINITELY don't tell me "A few teachers wanted to bang me in high school." I'm calling bullshit. This will lead to an eye roll and immediate construction of an exit plan. When men make audacious claims about themselves, they've gotta go. I don't need to hear about how all the ladies love you, how you were a star athlete in high school,

or how you're soooo much more busy than me. And good listeners don't declare that about themselves because THEY'RE GOOD LISTENERS! Whew. Clearly this one hits a nerve with me. Boys, just don't be cocky...let your actions speak for themselves.

### 4. Can't hang with my friends:

If someone can't hang out with my friends, I don't trust them because my friends are awesome. They're hilarious, sociable, kind, friendly, and they know how to have a good time. If you can't get along with these fantastic people, I can't get along with you, and quite frankly, I seriously doubt your judgment.

On a more practical level, spending



time with my friends is a top priority for me and I don't want to have to sacrifice that time for a guy. If my man enjoys hanging out with me and my friends, he's set. I've been in a relationship before where I've had to choose between the two and I won't put myself through that again. Disappointing one or the other, feeling like I'm missing out, and arguing about splitting my time are just not concerns I'm willing to deal with. My friends came first, I'm not ditching them for a man.

### 5. Closed mindedness:

As most student have, I've come a long way since freshman year. When I joined the Bryant community in the fall of 2011, I was a naïve girl from a small town in New Jersey. Over the years, through my interactions with others students, experiences in various clubs, and rowdy week-end adventures, my maturity and outlook on life have evolved immensely. I'd like to say I've become a person who withholds judgment, befriends people from all different backgrounds, and cares more about having fun and maintaining happiness rather than worrying or overthinking. It's just a waste of time to be unhappy, and I could never be with someone who doesn't see that.

Anyone who has three tests in a week and thinks the world is over, judges someone for tossing a few drinks back on a week night, or has their future planned out to a tee is just not for me. Being closed minded is a flawed personality trait I used to possess; I would encourage anyone who still suffers from this to join me on the other side...it's a much more pleasant way to live. And people will like you more! Being open to interacting with different kinds of people and their individual lifestyles and views, looking forward to an unknown future full of adventure and change, and disallowing anxiety to ruin your good time will make you a much more well-rounded and enjoyable type of person; the type of person I'm interested in!

By Matt Gillen

Marketing and Business Director

### 1. Perpetual Bitch Face

I don't know. This one might be considered a medical condition; so I am sorry if I offend anyone. Everyone knows those girls with that constant serious, stone cold look on their faces, sometimes combined with a slight scowl. Maybe you're the nicest happiest person in the world - probably not - but maybe. No one will ever know if you're normal and just shy if you don't smile and express a little personality once and a while. The word 'unapproachable' comes to mind because everyone is most likely scared of you.

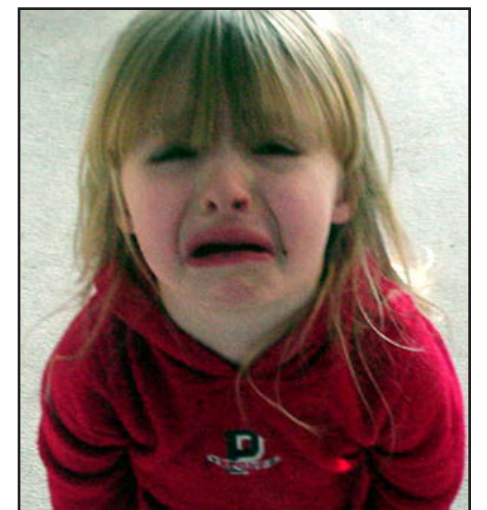
to get her.

We're all human; things piss us off and we complain about them. It gets taken to a new level with this victim mentality that a lot of girls (and guys) have; I absolutely cannot stand it. Everyone wants to be happy. People complain when something is "making" them unhappy. If you don't do anything to change that thing that you're upset about then you are useless in my eyes.

Personally I consider myself to have zero problems. Problems aren't real. Certain setbacks arise, obstacles present themselves, and I deal with them. Walk to class is too long? I go back to sleep. Don't want to wait in line? I yell, "Fire!" and everyone scatters. I am in complete control of my life. We create these issues in our own heads, and that's the only place they really exist. If you truly want to be happy, just to take action to make problems go away or change your mind set about them. Or keep being helpless, that works too. Not.

### 4. Stage 5 Clinger

I like some flattery and attention like everyone, it feeds my ego a little bit. You like people, that like you. Sure, I schedule a 2 hour block where I can stare at myself in the mirror and take selfies every single day but too much attention from a girl gets annoying. When she acts as if I am the best thing that ever happened to her and can do no wrong, the feeling slowly turns from attraction to resentment. Actions like constant texting and staring at me while I sleep for 6 hours straight are too much. I much prefer someone who sees me for who I am, flaws and all. Don't forget those compliments too, I eat that shit up. In all seriousness, a key in relationships is having a significant other that supports and motivates you to be better. If someone is obsessed with you and in a constant honeymoon faze, how are they ever going to help you grow.



Symptoms of PBF include judgmental remarks, permanent seriousness and putting up a figurative wall so thick that one laser eyed glare makes us feel like we literally ran into it. A quality that very attractive girls hold is being open, playful, and quick to a smile, you might have also heard this referred to as being feminine. Call me sexist, please. How dare I enjoy being around girls who are fun, friendly people.

### 2. Lack of Reciprocity

The guy texts the girl first, initiates the date, makes the first move blah blah I get it. That's natural, it's the way things are for a reason. What that 'act first' principle doesn't do is it doesn't all of a sudden allow the girl to sit back and make the bare minimum of effort.

I don't entirely blame girls for this because it's something they've become comfortable with. They've probably been chased by guys since middle school and have had the luxury of choosing how they respond. The funny thing is, that if they choose to back off or do nothing a lot of guys just come at them even harder. I'm sure many girls never even developed the habit of making an effort.

Chasing/initiating is a masculine trait but the ones who do it relentlessly when they're not getting anything in return, those are boys. Men will initiate if they're interested but they don't need you to respond, and if you don't, they have options and you will fade into the background. If you don't learn to recognize the right guys and meet them halfway then you lose.

### 3. Whining

No one likes those girls that are always complaining about how that girl with perpetual bitch face looked at her weird or her marketing professor hates her or whatever else is "going wrong". According to her, her life sucks. Yeah her parents are paying for her tuition and bought her a car for her birthday, but she doesn't have it easy. Between having to walk all the way to class from her townhouse every day to having to wait in line for her coffee in the morning, the universe is pretty much out

### 5. Game Playing

I've been fortunate enough in my life to have met some real quality girls that have tried almost every game in the book on me. At this point it's just insulting to my intelligence. Girls, if you think about playing a game with a guy to get him to act or feel a certain way then just stop right there. You're being manipulative. Again this is something we've all done, probably something small like deliberately not texting back or giving them the cold shoulder in person, but it's time to grow up. Be a real person and use those communication skills to send your message rather than being passive aggressive. That's all I have to say, now if you excuse me I've got to go, I have about 200 man-selfies to take and send to Lauren.

# Why is Frozen an instant classic?

By Zach DiFranza  
Staff Writer

After priding my self-on being a Frozen hold-out for several months I finally caved and watched Disney's latest masterpiece. My expectations were significantly low, and I was assuming the rave was simply the exaggerated opinions of girls and children, who had fallen in love, with another prince charming storyline. However, I was pleasantly surprised at just how enticing the plot was and how the characters generated immediate affection.

Disney crafted the film around a handful of main characters, each warm and kind, yet perfectly unique. Anna, the younger of the two princesses, displays herself as the fearless optimist whose energy and excitement draw an instantaneous connection with the audience. Elsa, the other princess, is tainted with magical snow powered abilities. After an accident in their youth, Elsa was forced to conceal her powers and isolate herself from her unknowing sister. Despite being painted as a villain for her powers, Elsa is admirable as the individual who's proud to be different.

The male characters also capture the hearts of the viewers, but with a twist. Hans, the handsome prince from the neighboring kingdom, quickly steals Anna's heart on the first day the castle opens. But when Elsa's powers accidentally strike Anna, and only a true act of love can save her, he coldly refuses, "Oh Anna, too bad there's nobody that loves you." The other male characters are genuinely

compassionate. Kristoff, an ice harvester, and his sidekick Sven the Reindeer offer a dynamic not seen since Shrek and Donkey; a wisecracking sidekick, and a reclusive partner, teaming up to save the princess. The vibrant duo highlight true friendship and play an essential role in helping

Anna for the cold spell to kill her, Olaf somehow stumbles upon her. Knowing the danger she was in, he escorts her close to the fire where she promptly warns him that the heat will melt away his existence. Olaf looks at her with a crooked smile and whispers "Some people are worth melting



Anna find Elsa after she flees the city.

Perhaps the warmest of all the characters was the one made of snow. Olaf the snowman is created in an uncontrolled outburst of Elsa's powers, and stumbles upon Anna, Kristoff, and Sven on their search. Olaf is particularly special, representing the character chasing the impossible dream. The snowman, whose greatest desire is to bask in the hot sun of summer time, is completely unaware of just exactly what the heat will do to him. However, the other characters play along and let their oblivious friend day dream. Contrary to Hans, Olaf melts the heart of the audience rather than breaking it. After Hans abandons

for."

The other aspect of Frozen that sets it apart is the songs. Against my own personal will, I find Do You Want to Build a Snowman and Let it Go, playing in the back of my head more often than any other song. Catchy, witty, and just predictable enough, the songs steal the ears of adults and children alike.

Each character has distinct and clever personalities that mesh together well and perfectly compliment the musical selection that has landed atop the Billboard charts. Frozen is an instant classic, with a plot, characters, and twists guaranteed to tug at the heart strings of the viewers while keeping them glued to their seat.

# You don't know what you have until it's gone- at Bryant

By Molly Clark  
Contributing Writer

I spent my fall semester studying abroad on the Gold Coast of Australia at Griffith University. In those four months I engaged in all kinds of travel, adventures and new experiences. However, all the while taking part in this crazy semester there were tons of things about Bryant that I could not help but miss. Being 10,000 miles away from our home in Smithfield, RI, in my new school, new city and new environment, I began to truly appreciate aspects of Bryant University's culture that I had previously overlooked.

1. How close the campus is—literally and figuratively. Who doesn't appreciate being able to wake up with minutes to spare before class and still make it on time? While abroad, I had walks as long as 30 minutes to get to class. That was something that required serious adjustment. In a figurative sense, there's nothing quite like being able to see people you know everywhere you go, having friends in the majority of your classes, and being able to meet up new friends at social events. At Griffith, there was over 30,000 students. This meant that I rarely spent time on campus with people I even recognized.

2. Small school, big spirit. Bulldog nation has something to say in terms of school spirit. Our sporting events are frequently packed with spectators and have all kinds of student support. Not only that, but many of these athletes are people that we know on a personal level, which makes it even

more exciting. In Australia, it was really different to attend a school that did not have competitive sports. I definitely missed going to football tailgates, basketball games where the students would "black out the Chase," or any sporting event that I had the opportunity to cheer on my classmates.

3. TNR / TNE. While abroad there were some nights that all I wanted to do was head down to Rentes and enjoy a night with some close friends.

We definitely make the best of Tuesday and Thursdays here, thank you to Rentes and Effins for giving us something to help us get through our busy weeks. People at Bryant have a "work hard, play hard" attitude which allows us to balance nights out along with a tough curriculum.

4. Traditions. Around the World, Festival of Lights, and Homecoming are just a few. These are school traditions that are done each year, and usually noted as the best days of the semester. These traditions allow everyone and anyone from Bryant to take part , giving us all the opportunity to be on one common ground and enjoy the experience together.

5. Community. Bryant University exemplifies what it is to be a community. It's the little things. For example, the one and only President Machtely occasionally joining us in Salmo, small class sizes allowing us to get personal bias with professors, and the ability to genuinely get to know so many people. One of the greatest insights I gained from being in Australia is that it is not where you are, but who you are with. With that being said, there's no place I'd rather be than right here at Bryant.



# Bryant Said What?!

Compiled by Bryant Students

"The more boys I meet the more I like my dog, and I don't even have a dog."

"Last night: sprained ankle, queso, and lizards."

"Options: stay up until the flight, or chug this .75 cent wine next to me?"

"Asked for a bagel with cream cheese, got 5 chocolate munchkins... thanks Dunks."

# Profit and Loss



Get your Greek on for Greek Week! Keep it up ladies and gents.



Get your SASS tickets for this Sunday's show at the Opera House. Only \$5!



Keep those fake smiles on! Yearbook pictures have begun.



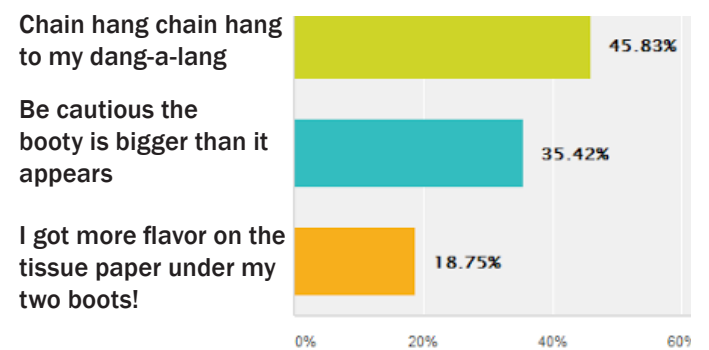
Will spring semester weather EVER get here?!

# Real Talk

By Brendand Barstow  
Staff Writer

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

How satisfied are you with B.O.B as our spring concert?



## Divergent heads to the big screen

By AJ Beltis  
Staff Writer

*\*This review contains some spoilers\** Skip to the last paragraph for my spoiler-free conclusion.

The young adult novel-to-film saga continues. As if *Harry Potter*, *The Hunger Games*, and unfortunately, *Twilight* and *The Mortal Instruments* weren't enough to satisfy our desire for this type of movie, in comes the *Divergent* saga, based on the book trilogy by Veronica Roth. The story takes place in a dystopian future where teenagers must choose their future path.

This path, known as a faction, separates people by strength of bravery, honesty, peacefulness, intelligence and selflessness. Our protagonist, Beatrice, goes in for her test to see where she is supposed to belong, even though the audience never really finds out how exactly the test works. The test results come back inconclusive, indicating that she shows signs of belonging to more than one faction. Someone with this rare trait is known as "divergent," and Beatrice is told not to reveal this result to anyone she knows.

Despite the test, the government allows children to select their faction of choice (which pretty much goes against the entire message of the movie on how human will is detrimental). Surprising her parents of the selfless faction, Beatrice chooses Dauntless - the brave enforcers of the city. She puts on an eager and willing face as she jumps right into the Dauntless way of life, even renaming herself "Tris," but the name change doesn't necessarily qualify as a complete personality shift.

Tris finds herself struggling to get by in Dauntless training, consistently under-performing in her challenges and running the risk of being kicked out of the faction. Eventually, Tris starts to live up to the Dauntless expectations and is allowed to stay in the faction, but just when she starts getting comfortable, she learns of a possible war of the factions that could put her life and the lives of her family and friends at risk.

Surprisingly, *Divergent* proved to be rather fun. I wasn't expecting to enjoy it as much as I did, but a lot of the movie really did work. I think my favorite part was the on-screen chemistry between Tris (Shailene Woodley, who once again proves she isn't just your average American teenager), and her trainer Four, played by Theo James. By themselves, they both do fine, but together, they outshine Katniss and whichever boy she's in the



Divergent movie snap shot (hollywoodreporter.com)

mood for at any given moment.

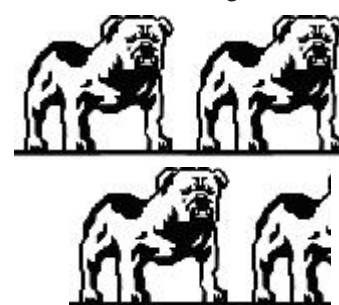
Slightly more shocking was the movie's use of violence. Teenagers fist-fighting to the point of KO is shown explicitly, which I think sends a message to adult moviegoers who thought they would dumb down the violence for the sake of the younger crowd. They didn't, and for some scenes, you might think you're watching MMA.

*Divergent* in itself never quite reaches the heights of any of the installments of *Harry Potter* or *Hunger Games* (I may have to come back and re-edit that after I see *Mockingjay*). The shift from Dauntless training to all-out war is a bit abrupt and unexplained. Characterization of some sometimes suffers at the hands of sufficient exposure to Tris and Four, so we don't get to see much of Tris' friends or family. Thus, when her parents are killed during battle, it can't help but feel forced. Also, does the government just hire out random tattoo artists (one played by Maggie Q in this movie) to administer the most important examination in the city?

*Divergent* could have simply existed to fulfill fan's wishes for a feature length film, but thankfully it went

above those expectations, although not too far beyond that. Unlike the first *Mortal Instruments* movie, it also shows some real promise for the future of its franchise with its performances and sheer brutality. I'll see you in the theater for *Insurgent*.

This movie received 3.5 out of 5 Bulldogs



## The Memory Keeper's Daughter

By Sarah Rozenberg  
Staff Writer

It is March 1964, and outside snowflakes are falling, slowly at first, and then covering the ground completely. Inside, Norah Henry is in the beginning stages of labor; this will be her first child with her husband, David. Being a doctor, David is trying to help Norah stay calm.

out to be twins, a boy and a girl. His son, Paul, is perfectly healthy, but when David sees Phoebe's face, his heart sinks. His daughter is born with Down syndrome. Without much knowledge about this condition during this time period, David makes a decision that will impact him for the rest of his life. He tells Caroline to take her to a place for children like her. When his wife wakes later, he tells her that their daughter died right after she was born.

gets back in her car and starts driving far, far away, Phoebe in the car with her. She eventually settles down and is able to find a job and a place to live. She has decided to raise Phoebe as her own. She tells David this, and he is unable to do anything about it, already caught up in his own web of lies.

Years pass, and the two separate lives of Paul and Phoebe go on. Norah still feels like there is emptiness about her; the loss of her daughter has affected her greatly. Although she has Paul, she is depressed nonetheless. David sees this in his wife, yet cannot bring himself to tell her the truth, thinking it will only bring her more pain. Meanwhile, Caroline's life is turning out better than she thought possible. She gets married, and Al proves to be an amazing father to Phoebe. Phoebe is growing every day, and Caroline is so grateful that she has such a beautiful daughter.

Author Kim Edwards writes a novel that deals with challenging matters. Readers will be shocked at the decisions the characters make and how those decisions carry on through the rest of their lives. Between the lies, secrets, and surprises, there is also delight found in the amount of love and compassion shown. Upon reading this, I could not help feeling drawn into the two separate lives, split by mysteries so acutely intricate. I could not stop reading, waiting to see

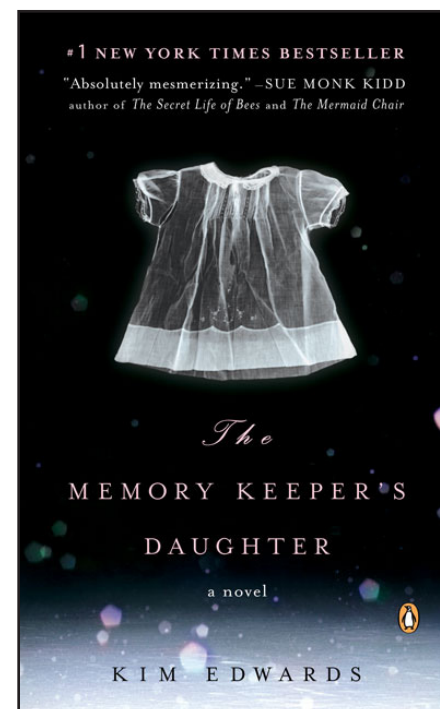
what would happen next for Norah, David, Caroline, Paul, and Phoebe. I have always liked books where there is more than one storyline to follow, and *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* is one where the separate stories will keep you fully engaged.

*'The Memory Keeper's Daughter unfolds from an absolutely mesmerizing premise, drawing you deeply and irrevocably into the entangled lives of two families and the devastating secret that shapes them both.'* Sue Monk Kidd

Once they realize how difficult it will be to drive to the hospital, David decides instead to go to his own clinic which is closer to their home. When they arrive, the nurse tells them the other doctor was not able to make it in the snow, and David accepts that he will have to deliver his own baby. Together, he and Nurse Caroline Gill are able to deliver what turn

Norah is heartbroken, but grateful for their beautiful son at the same time. Little does she know that her daughter is alive somewhere.

The next day, Caroline arrives at the institution David told her to bring Phoebe to, but upon walking inside the building and observing the people, makes a choice that like David's, will affect her life in ways she never imagined. She quickly



# Minnesota's duck controversy

By Jeff Strickler  
MCT Campus

The game is Duck, Duck, Gray Duck. Or is it? If you think it's Duck, Duck, Goose, then either: a) You're wrong, b) You're not from Minnesota, or c) Both.

Minneapolis resident Christopher Pollard is the pre-eminent national expert on Duck, Duck, Gray Duck. He didn't ask for the job, but, as in the game itself, when he was singled out, he jumped to his feet and charged into action.

His mission: To proclaim that Minnesotans are the only ones playing the game the right way. We play Duck, Duck, Gray Duck, while the rest of the planet plays the inferior Duck, Duck, Goose.

in Minnesota. He put together a "playful little map," showing the state standing alone when it comes to the Gray Duck nomenclature, and posted it on his blog.

That was the end of it. Or so he thought. Suddenly last week, his e-mail inbox was overflowing with messages that his map was turning up all over the Internet.

"I'd become the de facto expert on Duck, Duck, Gray Duck," he said.

The impetus behind his sudden national prominence was a column in the online news source BuzzFeed. Minnesota native Katie Heaney wrote about growing up playing Duck, Duck, Gray Duck, only to discover as an adult, much to her dismay, that the kids in the rest of the country are "playing some

*'Minnesotans are the only ones playing the game the right way. We play Duck, Duck, Gray Duck, while the rest of the planet plays the inferior Duck, Duck, Goose.'*

"Minnesotans are not necessarily boastful people," he said. "But when you see those best-of lists of positive attributes, Minnesota always ends up at or near the top. This is just another example of how we are slightly superior."

Minnesotans also take pride in being nice, so he's willing to acknowledge that "there probably is room for both games to coexist." He paused before adding: "But ours is better."

The games begin the same way. Participants sit in a circle, while the person who is "it" circles the group, tapping each player. That's where the differences start. In DDG, the tapper says only "duck" until using the word "goose," at which point the tappee jumps up and gives chase.

DDGD is more elaborate. To each "duck" designation, the tapper also adds a descriptive color, such as "red duck" or "yellow duck." The chase starts when the tapper dubs someone "gray duck."

Pollard, who by day is the digital strategy director at Go East, a branding agency in St. Paul, Minn., inadvertently stumbled into the Duck, Duck controversy about a year ago.

A friend from Minnesota had opened an art gallery in Texas called Gray Duck. Texans didn't understand the name. So Pollard did some research and discovered that Duck, Duck, Gray Duck is a regional term used primarily

abomination version called Duck, Duck, Goose."

Her proof was Pollard's map. When Heaney's column went viral, the map went with it.

"I didn't know about it," Pollard said of his map showing up all over the Web. "My friends told me that it was on BuzzFeed, so I went to check it out. But by the time I got to BuzzFeed, it was everywhere."

Realizing that he was likely to get calls from people wanting to tap into this newly ballyhooed expertise, he spent the weekend doing a lot more research on the Gray Duck phenomenon. It paid off when he uncovered a possible explanation for the regional differences.

"I found a story that two versions of the game existed in Sweden," he said. "The story was that the Swedes who came to Minnesota played Duck, Duck, Gray Duck, while everyone else played Duck, Duck, Goose. Maybe that was just made up, but it's still a good yarn. It's like the Paul Bunyan lore another great story about Minnesota."

Minnesotans don't have to venture far to find themselves in alien Duck, Duck country. Michelle Waters grew up in Rochester, Minn., before becoming the partnership coordinator at the Chippewa Valley Montessori Charter School in Eau Claire, Wis., where she discovered: "The kids here are playing the wrong game."

# Sudoku

*Be the first person to bring the completed sudoku with correct answers to Monday's meetings at 5:30 in Room 3 in the FSC and walk away with a prize!*

5	3			7				
6			1	9	5			
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## THE POETRY CORNER

*To Daffodils*

By Robert Herrick

Fair Daffodils, we weep to see

You haste away so soon;

As yet the early-rising sun

Has not attain'd his noon.

Stay, stay,

Until the hasting day

Has run

But to the even-song;

And, having pray'd together, we

Will go with you along.

We have short time to stay, as you,

We have as short a spring;

As quick a growth to meet decay,

As you, or anything.

We die

As your hours do, and dry

Away,

Like to the summer's rain;

Or as the pearls of morning's dew,

Nèer to be found again.

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# Mr. Peabody and Sherman good but could be better

By AJ Beltis  
Staff Writer

Mr. Peabody & Sherman is a clear attempt at going back to past ideas in order to make money, but to the naked eye, this might not be so obvious. With its sweet, fit-for-family atmosphere, the movie kept my grin constant and my eyes on the screen. But to me, the filmmakers' true intentions were occasionally evident in the film. This was simply a way to get parents and grandparents who watched these characters growing up into the theater with their kids. But, with that said, I enjoyed it.

Mr. Peabody & Sherman centers around genius canine Peabody, who tells us he's obtained various degrees and invented Zumba, planking, and time travel. One day, he adopts abandoned baby Sherman, who soon becomes Peabody's reason for living. On Sherman's first day of school, a jealous girl named Penny bullies Sherman to the point of Sherman biting her. The school board comes in and, seeing Peabody as a bad guardian, threatens to have Sherman removed from his custody.



Mr. Peabody, Penny, and Sherman (nydailynews.com)

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In the interest of peacemaking, Peabody invites Penny and her family over for dinner. When Sherman shows Peabody's time machine, the WABAC, to Penny, it sparks an adventure across time to rescue Penny, return home, and most importantly, save Mr. Peabody from losing custody of Sherman.

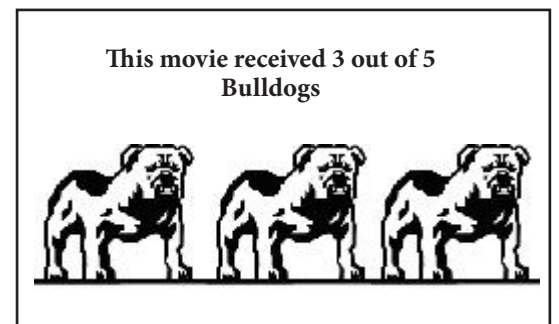
Consistently, the movie failed to be a letdown in any sense of the word. The only reason I come across as a bit

unenthusiastic is because I feel that if a tad more effort had gone into the making of this film, it would have been fantastic. Otherwise, the film only benefits from splendid comedic timing and from Ty Burrell's voice work on Mr. Peabody.

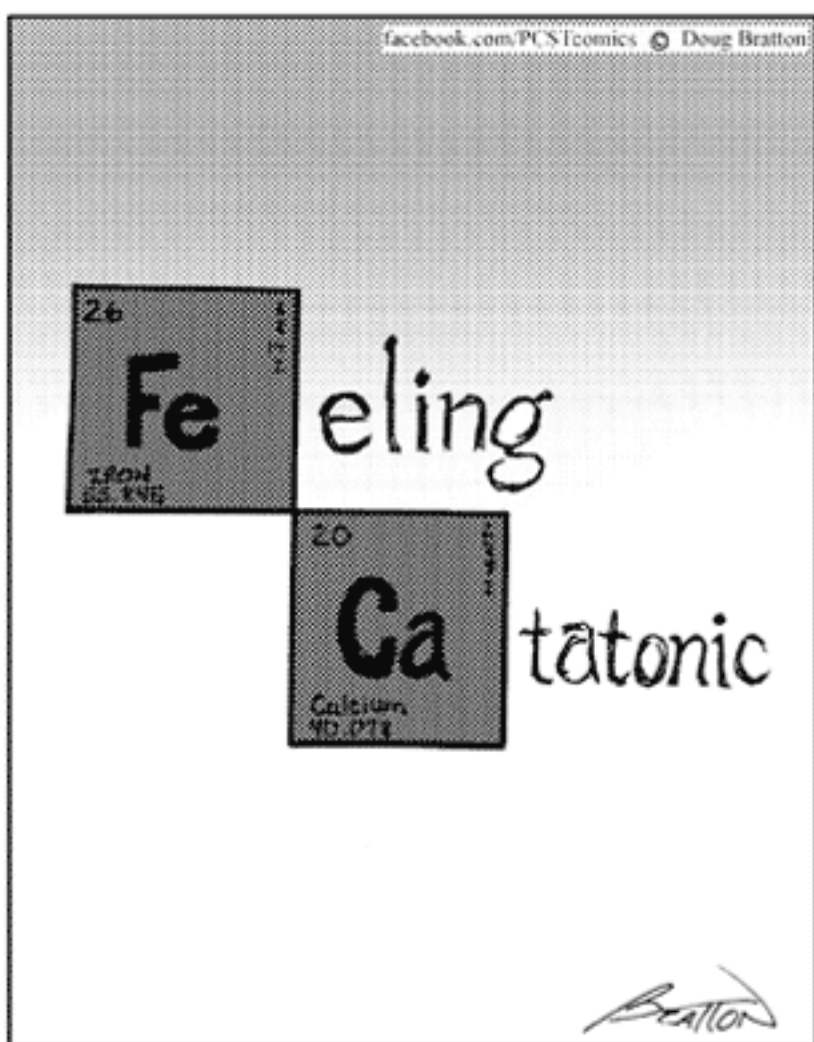
Also, I feel compelled to say a few words about Penny, who makes Angelica Pickles from "Rugrats" seem like Mahatma Ghandi. Even though Penny grows a heart towards the end, she's more violent and selfish than probably any other character her age that I've ever seen, and watching everyone in the movie bend over backwards to cater to her isn't very uplifting.

Good-natured and lacking any detrimental flaw, Mr. Peabody & Sherman offers enough satisfying entertainment to make you leave the theater smiling. Although it doesn't deliver to its full potential (maybe this would've served better as a reboot to a new TV show), it's quite enjoyable once you can get over Penny's character. It ever-so-slightly breaks the surface of

average, but even though there weren't any boring or unnecessary moments, I can't help feeling like Mr. Peabody and Sherman could have been so much more worthwhile had a bit more effort gone into it.



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