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Instagram account highlights the humans of Bryant

By Allie Miller
News Editor

Inspired by Brandon Stanton's social media sensation, Humans of New York, three Bryant students have set out to pop the Bryant bubble. Freshmen Emily Bullock and Cassandra Priante, and sophomore Brendan Bullock are collaborating on the Instagram account @humansofbryant. With over 300



Photo of founder Emily Bullock.
(@humansofbryant)

followers just a week following its inception, this project is giving the spotlight to Bryant students. One of the founders, Emily Bullock sat down with The Archway to share her story.

Allie: What inspired you to create the Humans of Bryant account?

Emily: Days before starting the account, I read a quote by John Steinbeck that says, "I wonder how many people I've looked at all my life and never seen." Just think about it. You see hundreds of different faces on this campus every single day, but there are only a handful that you have a deeper connection with. Yes you are looking at all these people, but are you truly seeing them for who they are? And how often is it that someone takes the time to listen to anything and everything you have to say? So obviously this quote really resonated with me, especially because before college I was incredibly shy, which in hindsight I regret because I feel like I missed out on meeting who knows how many amazing people!

This quote reminded me of Brandon Stanton's "Humans of New York" blog, where Stanton basically goes up to strangers in New York, asks to take their photograph and then just strikes up a conversation with them. Knowing that both my friend, Cassandra Priante and my brother, Brendan Bullock, also loved HONY, I reached out to them to see if they would be interested in possibly starting our own version here at Bryant. Everything seemed to just click and we kind

of just went for it, and we are truly humbled by the amount of success and support we have had in such a short amount of time.

Allie: Is it challenging to approach strangers?

Emily: The three of us can all agree that prior to this experience, approaching random people to strike up a conversation was far beyond our comfort zones. To our surprise, within the first few conversations, all of our nerves turned into an eagerness to meet and connect with as many new faces as possible. We have been blown away at how open people are to the concept of Humans of Bryant--courageously sharing a piece of their world with us, so willing to engage in such a deep conversation with complete strangers.

Allie: How do you decide who to talk to?

Emily: It is definitely spontaneous, if someone happens to be at the right place at the right time--and we have our camera on hand--then we just walk up to them and do our thing! In the spirit of the page, there is absolutely no criteria as to who we talk to. We are doing our best to practice what we preach. We want to embrace people from all different backgrounds, and we wouldn't be able to do that if we decided who to talk to, based on looks. We believe that every single person on this campus has something important to say, if we would just take the time to listen.

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Who do you relay for?

Students gearing up for beloved campus event happening in just a few months!

By Taylor Burger
Contributing Writer

This year Bryant University is hosting their Relay for Life event from April 22nd until the early morning of April 23, 2016. For those who are unaware of what this event is, it is an overnight opportunity for the community to come together in the fight against cancer. Once teams are formed, it is their task to always have someone walking around the designated track. Cancer never sleeps, so neither should we. More often than not, a person has or had a personal connection to someone affected by cancer whether it be themselves, a family member, friend, etc. Therefore, this is an event that brings those together who are celebrating survival, as well as mourning a loss. The money that is raised during this event goes to the American Cancer Society. Not only does this money benefit research, but also different programs such as, "Hope Lodge", which is housing for those who have to travel to treatment, "Road to Recovery" which give rides to treatment, and "Look Good...Feel Better" which teaches women going through chemotherapy and radiation beauty techniques to help them improve both their appearance and self-confidence.

Bryant University Relay for Life Director, Christina Gramling, along with her team of Bryant students is hoping to host another successful event. One of the major goals this year is to raise \$40,000. Bryant has been recognized by the American Cancer Society for being an up-and-coming Rhode Island Relay. Last year, as a Bryant community we raised a little over \$35,000, so this goal is completely achievable. Another goal of the team is to make sure that the faculty gets involved just as much as the students.

When talking with Christina, she added that, "This will be my 11th year participating in a Relay for Life event. It has taught me the importance of community, I am fortunate to still have my mother around, however there are some students/staff here who lost someone significant in their lives." After Christina's mother got diagnosed with cancer, she has made it her personal mission to continue to be involved in Relay for Life whether it be as a walker or being the head of planning the entire event. To Christina Relay is, "A time to celebrate the survivors, remember those lost, and fight back against the disease that has taken so much. We are all in this together, we come together for the common purpose of finding a cure and



Colleges Against Cancer President and Vice President, Abby Blecker and Tyler Conrado. (Taylor Berger)

supporting those struggling right now."

If you or anyone you know wants to become a part of this year's Relay for Life please visit: www.relayforlife.org/bryant. Due to the fact that we were hit with serious snow last Monday, the kick-off event was unable to be held in the Rotunda. Don't worry though, because the logistics are currently being squared away to be able to host another official kick-off in the Fisher Student Center in the later part of February.

As of right now, the Relay for Life committee has 14 teams signed up, totaling 104 participants after their first go-around of tabling for this year which took place during the week of February 7th. If you have any questions about this event please contact Christina Gramling and stay tuned for future opportunities to get involved in this amazing overnight experience!

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Department of Public Safety Log

LARCENY Feb 07, 2016-Sunday at 15:14
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A student reported money stolen from a wallet left in a bedroom. Cash in the amount of \$130.00.

(MVA) MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT Feb 08, 2016-Monday at 07:23
Location: CHASE ATHLETIC CENTER
Summary: DPS responded to a reported motor vehicle accident near the athletic center. No injuries were reported. Smithfield Police were dispatched for a report.

LARCENY Feb 09, 2016-Tuesday at 18:04
Location: CHASE ATHLETIC CENTER
Summary: A student reported \$200 had been stolen from his wallet that was inside his backpack in the Athletic Center.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT / DOMESTIC RELATED Feb 10, 2016-Wednesday at 01:01
Location: TOWNHOUSE
Summary: DPS responded to a reported domestic disturbance in the Townhouse Village. Smithfield Police

were dispatched to assist DPS. One person was arrested by the Smithfield Police.

(MVA) MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT Feb 12, 2016-Friday at 13:51
Location: DORMITORY ROAD PARKING
Summary: DPS responded to a reported motor vehicle accident near Residence Hall 17. No injuries were reported.

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Flint water crisis continues in Michigan

By **Gianna Sollitto**
Contributing Writer

You may have heard of the Flint Water Crisis from someone on Facebook or heard it in the news. However, many people are still unaware how dire the situation was (and still is).

In late April 2014, state-appointed emergency manager Darnell Earley and Michigan Governor Rick Snyder made the decision to change the city of Flint's water source from treated Detroit water and Sewerage Department water to the Flint River in an effort to save money. Once the switch was made, the highly corrosive river water caused lead from old pipes to leach into the drinking water of approximately 100,000 Flint residents. Citizens of Flint also complained that their drinking water looked, tasted, and smelled strange. Some reported the water made them sick or gave them rashes.

The state did not respond, and citizens were given false assurances that the water was safe. The water was deemed completely unsafe last summer after an independent study was conducted by a Virginia Tech research team. However a state of emergency was not declared until January 5th, 2016. Less than two weeks later, President Obama declared it a federal state of emergency, employing the aide of FEMA (the Federal Emergency Management Agency) and the Department of Homeland Security. An estimated 6,000 to 12,000 children have been exposed to drinking water with high levels of lead, which causes severe, often irreversible health problems, especially in children.

How bad is it? LeeAnn Walters, one of the people who exposed the Flint Water Crisis, had her water tested only to find that the lead concentration was 400 parts per billion. The legal concentration for drinking water 15 ppb – and the safe amount to ingest is none. Lead is especially harmful to children under six years old, and can affect their mental and physical development in different ways. In children, signs of lead poisoning are: irritability, loss of appetite, weight loss, fatigue, abdominal pain, poor muscle coordination, skin rashes, vomiting, constipation, hearing loss, decreased bone and muscle growth, seizures, and unconsciousness. Lead poisoning can lead to developmental delay, learning difficulties, anemia, damage to the nervous system and kidneys, seizures, and speech and language problems.

Activist Michael Skolnik (@michaelskolnik) posted a photo on Instagram that went viral about his encounter with Nakeyja, a Flint resident. "Her one-year-old daughter is having seizures and tested very high for lead poisoning, and her three year old son

is not speaking. He is staring at one location for long periods of time. She is having him tested this week, but he is not doing well." he reported. Heartrendingly, the World Health Organization notes that lead's behavioral and physical effects are believed to be irreversible. Additionally, a recent outbreak of Legionnaires' disease has taken the lives of 10 Flint residents and is said to be linked to the contaminated water.

So, why did it take so long for anything to be done about this? Some claim this is another matter of racial inequality in America (as Flint's population is 56.6% black, according to 2010 data from the United States Census Bureau). Or, perhaps this is another example of government neglecting the poor, as 41.5% of Flint residents live below the poverty level, and the median household income is \$24,834. Was this merely a government mistake? Governor Snyder has apologized to the people of Flint in his State of the State address, but now the people of Flint want action.



Ahmirah Porter, 9, participates in a Michigan protest. (Jake May)

PSC application Who is your superhero?

By **Susan Baran**
Faculty Writer



Bryant University's Public Speaking Colloquium is right around the corner and applications are now being accepted by the Department of Communication. This successful event was established seven years ago in an effort to help Bryant students better their presentation skills as they prepare to enter the workforce.

The PSC is sponsored annually by the Hanover Group who awards the winners with over \$2,000 in cash prizes!!! Other sponsors include the College of Arts & Sciences, the Department of Communication, and the Podium – Bryant's premier public speaking club.

Last year's program drew over 50 participants and 200 audience members. The PSC has earned its place as the largest and most lucrative competition in the College and has produced some of the region's most successful business professionals. Known as the "American Idol" of public speaking, the event has been covered by media throughout the state including FOX Providence and Providence Business News.

According to U.S. News and World Report, most companies acknowledge that excellent communication skills have a direct impact on job attainment and success in their organizations. Bryant's Public Speaking Colloquium offers you a chance to improve your speaking, writing, and critical thinking skills as well as gain some feedback from experts in the field.

SIGN UP NOW before the deadline (March 4, 2016). Applications can be obtained by emailing Professor Susan Baran (subaran@bryant.edu) or Podium President, AJ Beltis (abeltis@bryant.edu). The preliminary round will happen on Friday, March 25th and students who make the finals will proceed to the main event on Monday evening, March 28, 2016.

By **Delaney Bradley**
Contributing Writer

Cancer. One disease with over a million individual stories to tell. We have all heard of it, and we have all been affected by it in one way or another. So let's come together to put an end to it once and for all. The Bryant University Relay For Life is back and is going to be better than ever. This year, we will unite as a school to celebrate our loved ones. We will walk in honor of the "superheroes" in our lives who have had cancer, currently have cancer, or will have cancer in the future. On April 22, 2016 at 5:00 pm, Bryant University faculty and students will gather outside of the Fisher Student Center to begin a 12 hour journey. A journey that will represent our willingness to celebrate, remember, and fight back.

For those who have never attended, the Bryant University Relay For Life is a community event in which teams camp out overnight around the Bryant Pond. Team members will

take turns walking around the track and participating in the various events that occur throughout the night. This past Spring, Relay For Life had the honor of being awarded the "2015 Community Service Program of the Year" at the OCE Banquet. Carrying on this legacy is a goal of the Colleges Against Cancer Committee, the Relay For Life Committee, and our American Cancer Society partners. Last year, the 440 individuals who participated in Relay For Life were successful in raising \$35,371.88. The money raised at the event each year goes to research and various programs that the American Cancer Society provides for cancer patients. These programs include, but are not limited to, transportation to and from treatment, as well as accommodations for individuals who travel long distances to receive the proper medical attention.

The Bryant University Relay For Life is just one of 5,000 Relay For Life events that take place in

over 20 countries throughout the world each year. Together, we are making a contribution in finding the cure for cancer. The 2016 Bryant University Relay For Life is off to a fantastic start, as the 79 participants that are signed up have already raised \$1,239.00. Who will you Relay for this year? Signing up is easy, and can be done at any time leading up to the event. Visit www.relayforlife.org/Bryant, set a fundraising goal, and attend the 2016 Bryant University Relay For Life to celebrate your hero.

We Relay so that no future parent, sibling, friend, or loved one will ever have to hear the words, "You have cancer." Relay For Life, one of the biggest events held on campus each year, is a chance for us to come together as a community and fight back. We will fight for those who can no longer fight for themselves and we will celebrate, for cancer has taught us all just how precious life truly is. We will stay up all night to walk in honor of our loved ones. Cancer never sleeps, so neither should we.



Photo of survivors kicking off Relay for Life. (HerCampus)

College freshmen are keen on social justice according to recent survey

By Teresa Watanabe
MCT Campus

Today's American college freshman is more liberal, less religious and increasingly committed to civic involvement and political activism compared with those in previous generations, according to a national survey by researchers at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Nearly 60 percent of freshmen said they expected to vote sometime during their college years, and majorities supported same-sex marriage, abortion rights, affirmative action, legalization of marijuana and equal pay for women. They also overwhelmingly opposed U.S. involvement in other countries' wars.

"Collectively, the findings suggest that more students are committed to social justice," said Kevin Eagan, director of UCLA's cooperative institutional research program, which has conducted the annual American Freshman survey for the last 50 years. "That may be why they are the most committed to political and civic engagement of any of the previous 49 classes."

The results released last week showed that one-third of those surveyed said they were "liberal" or "far left," the highest proportion in four decades, while one-fifth described themselves as "conservative" or "far right."

But their attitudes were markedly different according to race and ethnicity.

Although interest in political and civic activism has grown among all students, African-American and Latino students were far more likely than Asians and whites to expect to participate in a campus demonstration. They were also more likely to believe it important to promote racial understanding and influence politics.

For instance, only 6 percent of Asians planned to participate in a protest or felt it important to influence politics, compared with more than twice that share for

African-Americans.

The UCLA researchers said the heightened interest in political activism could be the result of students witnessing the recent wave of protests against police shootings of African-American men and student demonstrations against campus treatment of minorities at Claremont McKenna College and Occidental College in Southern California, the University of Missouri and elsewhere.

Whether the enhanced political interest will affect the presidential election this year is another matter.

Although Barack Obama produced a record turnout of young voters in 2008 — and won the backing of 66 percent of those under 30 years old — young people still have the lowest voting rates of any age group.

"We certainly see students embracing more of the progressive perspectives," Eagan said. "But will it actually translate to action?"

"If they organize, protest and show up at the polls, they may have a role in shaping the public discourse on issues related to social inequality, equity and discrimination," he said. "By contrast, if these students do not follow through on their intentions and goals, the enthusiastic support we're seeing for addressing social justice concerns will likely diminish, eliminating the potential for a broader impact in politics or American life."

The researchers surveyed more than 141,000 first-time, full-time students who entered 199 four-year U.S. colleges and universities in 2015.

Despite their overall embrace of liberal views, today's freshmen are more likely to support restrictions on free speech — a trend that has led to controversial student movements to disinvite commencement speakers, disrupt presentations by those with unpopular views and demand "trigger warnings" before uttering potentially

uncomfortable speech.

Support for banning racist and sexist speech on campus reached 70.9 percent in 2015, up from 58.9 percent in 1992. And 43 percent of those surveyed said colleges should have the right to ban extreme speakers, up from 25 percent in 1971.

Eagan said he understood student concerns that derogatory speech could lead to violence or harm students. "At the same time, institutions need to make sure we aren't insulating students from ideas that may be counter to their narratives," he said.

The proportion of students who did not affiliate with a religion grew to 29.5 percent, an all-time high since the survey began. Freshmen also continued to report that they studied more and partied less in their last year of high school than previous classes.

For the first time, the survey asked students about their sexual orientation and gender identity and found that those who described themselves as bisexual, gay, lesbian, queer or "other" more frequently felt depressed and overwhelmed than the 93.2 percent of students who said they were heterosexual.

The survey also asked questions about financial aid for the first time.

It found that more than a quarter of freshmen received a federal Pell Grant — an annual award of up to \$5,775 for low-income students — and they were disproportionately Latino and African-American. Those students worried far more than others about their ability to pay for college and had to scramble more to take out loans, find work-study jobs and seek other ways to foot their educational bills.

The UCLA institute plans to release another analysis in June that will provide more detail about how college freshmen have changed over the 50 years of the surveys.

Humans *(Continued from pg. 1)*

Allie: Is there a reason you think people are so open in their conversations with you?

Emily: When we approach someone, we have no idea where the conversation is going to go, and the curiosity and genuine interest is written all over our faces, as pointed out by various people that we have talked to. We like to think of it as less of an interview, and more of a casual, friendly conversation. The fact that we care sincerely about what they have to say, and openly welcome their ideas, seems to really make them feel confident and valued. And there is also a kind of beauty in having a deep conversation with someone you don't even know. The last thing we want to do is to make people feel self-conscious or embarrassed of what they want to say, so we even give them the option of remaining anonymous so as not to limit their voices.

Allie: Do you have a goal for the HOB account?

Emily: Ultimately, our goal is for HOB to act as a vehicle through which our peers can express themselves in any way they want. We are aiming to break through surface level conversations, to dig deeper and discover who they are, what they stand for, and what has shaped them. Eventually we would like to not only talk to students, but also all of the people who make our living and learning here at Bryant University possible.

In today's world, the presence of technology is undeniable, and so we've decided to use social media in a positive way to promote face to face interactions and communication. We hope to inspire others to branch out and take some time to get to know the incredible people around them, especially here at Bryant University.

Allie: Favorite story so far?

Emily: I genuinely don't have a favorite story so far, and I don't think choosing one is even possible! All of the stories that we have heard and the people we have met are so unique and therefore incomparable. I think that is what is so great about the Humans of Bryant page, it's a place where we are able to join together as a community to celebrate the diverse thoughts and experiences of our peers.

Allie: Anything else you'd like to share with your fellow bulldogs?

Emily: Although we share a relatively small campus, we find ourselves constantly seeing new faces and hope that after four years we are able to make as many of those faces familiar. It is such a great feeling when we are able to connect with the people we talk to and create friendships that continue far beyond the initial conversation. In a way, it validates what we are doing and shows that we are not just speaking to a person once, posting their story and leaving it. We truly want to make lasting connections with the people we meet.

Scalia's death likely to change outcome of key cases

By Michael Doyle
MCT Campus

With the death of conservative Justice Antonin Scalia, a narrowly divided Supreme Court now enters tricky terrain. Tie votes and tougher calculations will become the order of the day.

Scalia appeared ready this term to help a slender conservative majority upend such things as California teacher union fees and a University of Texas affirmative action scheme.

Now, the court that decided 20 percent of its cases last term on 5-4 votes is reduced to an eight-member body that is evenly split between Republican and Democratic appointees.

And with the Republican-controlled Senate unlikely to confirm a nominee before oral arguments end in April, a litany of 4-4 ties could result for some of the nation's most pressing legal controversies.

These tie votes could have some surprising and, for Scalia's fellow conservatives, unwanted consequences.

In January, for example, Scalia hammered at California Solicitor General Edward C. DuMont over the issue of mandatory fees charged by the California Teachers Association. Conservatives challenge the fees as an infringement on nonmembers' First Amendment rights, and Scalia

made it clear that he was prepared to sustain the challenge.

"Why do you think the union would not survive without these fees charged to non-members of the union?" Scalia asked DuMont. "Federal employee unions do not charge fees to nonmembers, and they seem to survive. Indeed, they prosper."

The case, *Friedrichs v. California Teachers Association*, further underscores the significance of Scalia's departure. The association won at the lower level, in a decision by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. That was fine with conservative challengers, whose intention all along was to reach the Supreme Court and get an unwanted 1977 precedent-setting decision overturned.

Now, though, a 4-4 tie is likely, in which case the lower court's decision is upheld.

In another consequence, the challenge to affirmative action in *Fisher v. University of Texas*, which the court heard in December, could now come to a different conclusion, as liberal Justice Elena Kagan had already recused herself. Had he lived, Scalia would have voted against the university's affirmative action plan.

"There are those who contend it does not benefit African-Americans to get them into the University of Texas, where they do not do well, as opposed to them going to a less advanced school," Scalia said during the oral argument.



Photo of Scalia courtesy of Adrian Sainz

Why is the word “BUNEEC” everywhere?

By John Logan
Business Editor

Wondering what all the commotion was in the Roto Friday? First off, it's pronounced “Be Unique”, how creative right? It stands for the Bryant University North East Entrepreneurship Conference. Bryant represents the greater New England area out of over 400 CEO chapters nationwide. Bryant CEO is hosting their 5th annual nationally sponsored conference this Saturday, February 20th from 10 am – 5 pm in Bello Grand Hall.

There are a variety of keynote speakers including Marques Ogden, a former NFL lineman and now entrepreneur, Jenna Atkinson, a nationally renowned branding

consultant out of the midwest, and Darren Lacroix, an '88 Bryant alum who founded the Humor Institute. He was crowned the world champion of public speaking in 2001 out speaking 25,000 contestants and travels the country teaching entrepreneurs about public speaking. There are a selection of breakout sessions for attendees to choose from, which aim to develop entrepreneurial skill sets. Oh yeah, and Not Your Average Joe's is catering lunch and sponsoring the event!

You don't have to be an entrepreneur to attend. The conference welcomes all who are interested in entrepreneurship and anyone who wants to be successful. The best part is, it's FREE for Bryant Students! Register today at buneeec.com and use promo code “Bulldog” to get your ticket before they run out!



The Biz Recap with Shayan

By Shayan Ushani
Business and Marketing Director

The markets are entering uncharted waters. A lot of factors are playing into the mix of an unpredictable market, including but not limited to the very low oil prices, China's slow growth rate, and economic crises happening globally from Venezuela to Germany. If it's one thing investors don't like, it is unpredictability and, on top of that, brewing regulatory problems. Obama has proposed a \$10 tax on every barrel of oil which has resulted in adding to the concerns of domestic fracking companies and giants like British Petroleum and Aramco. His plan would use the taxes to fund innovation in areas of renewable energy and more.

OPEC is continuing to increase output and tensions are weighing heavy between Saudi Arabia and Iran. Iran's economic growth is projected to increase and they have made deals in over tens of billions of Euros with Europe. Commodities have a bleak forecast to come with metals and energy continuing to fall with no bottom. Platinum broke news recently for falling under gold's value of around \$900 while gold remained in the four digits. The speculation is that gold is still in higher demand compared to other metals for prove a good hedge against uncertain and falling markets.

The U.S. economy is still showing strong signals, and the Federal Reserve has increased the rates an additional 25 points. U.S. unemployment broke a record for falling under 5 percent to 4.9 percent. Economic critics have jumped to these stats to mention that many Americans are underemployed. Furthermore, income growth has been close to dismal with little improvement. The U.S. dollar is continuing to stay strong although most are not expecting it to continue for much further. USD to the Japanese is 117.23 and .90 to the Euro.

Earnings seasons have been sending mixed signals with some real winners and some losers. Among the losers, the biggest was LinkedIn. The company fell 43.63 percent on Friday and a further 1.15 percent after hours. Twitter, the same day, fell over 7 percent and Facebook was close to 6 percent. Facebook is performing the best out of its counterparts for massive income growth and high projected earnings due to projects like Oculus Rift's venture into virtual reality. Microsoft has also posted great numbers for their Surface line that has brought in billions of dollars and lots of happy consumers. Buyers like their devices for the strong hardware and software capabilities. Amazon has posted poor earnings although Amazon Web Services performed well.

Chipotle has also showed those the effects of behavioral finance, with a low at \$459.98. Their Public Relations has been atrocious recently and they are trying to gain back the public's trust. They failed to act quickly enough and they may be losing their edge of the market share.

Coming up in the week is retail sales, import and export prices, and consumer sentiment.

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Bryant alum expands “Brewski Bandz” business

By Ben Sawicki
Contributing Writer



December 16, 2015 -- One determined Bryant University graduate took advantage of the entrepreneurial energy here at Bryant well before his graduation date. Matt Kaiser, 23, is marketing his venture Brewski Bandz, a wrist-band bottle opener. Kaiser designed the first-of-its-class gadget and applied for a patent while he was enrolled in an entrepreneurship course at Bryant. Brewski Bandz' primary target market consists of college students and recent graduates, alike. Matt figured it would be tailored for anybody with a taste for beer.

Now, just 6 short months later, Kaiser and his startup have signed on a handful of impressive clients. Locally, Rhode Island craft brewer, Narragansett and well-known craft soda company Yacht Club now emblazon their brand marks on the colorful silicone bands as a promotional marketing tool.

“Matt was thorough – he asked himself ‘what makes me believe this will work?’ – and answered that question with thorough research,” noted Dr. Sandra Potter, Entrepreneurship Professor at Bryant. Kaiser said he created an initial prototype, talked to many potential customers, sought guidance from many experienced individuals, and ran the numbers to see if it would be profitable. “Matt is an example of a person very driven to get out there and try” said Potter. “A lot of students dream about innovation but for many, it’s ‘I would have, could have, should have.’ With Matt, it’s ‘I will.’ And there is no time like early in a graduate’s career to take that kind of risk.”

Kaiser, who is working for a tech startup in Waltham, MA, took the advice of his mentors Professors Potter and Mark Feinstein to heart. In his off-work hours, he is creating his own path forward by being an upstart entrepreneur in an industry that he loves - beer. Armed with thorough research and a clear understanding of its market appeal and positioning, Brewski Bandz aims to engage its target demographic at various venues including bar crawls and concerts, in campus stadiums, and at community events.

Kaiser points out, half in jest, “It’s for those who have Oktoberfest on their bucket list, and craft beer always on their minds.”

For more information and to get a Brewski Band for yourself, go to www.BrewskiBandz.com.

What should you look for in the market?

By Joe Bolton
Contributing Writer

Elon Musk, famously known for being the CEO of the American automotive and energy storage company, Tesla, is a leader in innovation that he believes he will change the world. On Wednesday, February 10th, USA Today stated that Elon Musk’s holdings in Tesla and SolarCity are down \$3.5 billion this year. Musk is the majority owner in both of these companies, which this year have reported losses of \$15.7 Billion.

Tesla is a brand that is gaining more and more spotlight seeing its popularity increasing over their self-driving cars which rolled out in October 2015. Since then, many videos have gone viral of Tesla’s hands free driving technology. With the advancement of their technology, many safety questions of the autopilot have been brought into question. According to Fox Business, Tesla Motors reported their eleventh straight quarterly loss. Losses nearly tripled to \$320.4 million in the fourth quarter of 2015. Speculations explaining this include sales not offsetting rising costs, as well as a decrease in the price of oil weakening the demand for renewable energy. Surprisingly, Tesla shares are up 4.6 percent despite their eleventh straight quarter loss and lower than expected revenue, according to Fox Business. Musk’s other large investment, SolarCity, saw bigger than expected losses. The company failed to meet its installation quota. In

the past year, the company has lost nearly half of its value; decreases in oil prices weakening the demand for renewable energy may be to blame.

LinkedIn, known to all college students as a great networking tool, is experiencing higher costs which led to a quarterly loss. According to Wall Street Journal, LinkedIn had what looks like its biggest loss on record after shares plummeted 40 percent. The company is already down 48 percent this year. LinkedIn was not the only social media based company to have a bad week in the market.

Twitter has now confirmed growing concerns that the company isn’t growing fast enough through reporting its quarter four earnings. According to Fortune, Twitter’s average monthly active users stalled causing the stock to drop 6.6 percent. This has investors questioning the turnaround strategy of interim CEO Jack Dorsey. Dorsey has been trying to make the website more engaging to combat slowing user growth.

In recent news, Twitter announced it will be introducing an algorithmic timeline similar to Facebook. This news caused a lot of uproar from users after a BuzzFeed article was published with screenshots from testers of the new algorithmic timeline. According to Bret Taylor, former Chief Technical Officer of Facebook, “Algorithmic feed was always the thing people said they didn’t want but demonstrated they did via every conceivable metric. It’s just better.” It is expected that

the new algorithmic timeline will bring new users to Twitter despite the uproar the announcement created. Our timelines will now show tweets that Twitter predicts people most want to see, instead of chronologically like we all are accustomed to it being. The update will start as an opt in or opt out feature through the settings. However, there is no news if the new timeline will eventually be mandatory for all users. The change to the timeline is said to attract more advertisers because it will give more importance to tweets they pay for. It will be interesting see the effect these changes have on Twitter’s stalling growth when we see their next quarter earnings report.



AnziTech looking to serve Rhode Island



By Mark Berger
Berg’s Eye Communications

Rhode Island —Technology supports the way we live, communicate, and work. Without cell phones, iPhones, tablets or high speed Internet access, none of the aforementioned devices would exist and progress would come to a screeching halt.

With so much machinery out there and processing information from one place to another, what happens if a “glitch” threatens the network?

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Founder Frank Anzivino began his shop last fall to support small companies and individuals with its computer, network and storage needs. He has dedicated more than three decades towards building, securing, and maintaining many networks for small and mid-size businesses. What sets himself apart from other vendors is his ability to help multiple platforms, he said.

“Some people can just fix MAC computers; others can only handle PCs but I can oversee both,” said Anzivino. “I work on the nuts-and-bolts of the network, including the operating systems. It is disturbing to me when a network is

not living up to its capabilities. I want my customers to know what can be done to get their computers and mobile devices running smoothly.”

Among AnziTech’s specialties include: WAN (Wide Area Networks), virus removal, windows installation and support and training. Anzivino said a good client is a company that either does not employ an Information Technology (IT) department or has one but the workload either requires further attention and/or additional skills are needed.

“We offer many services to cater to the customer’s needs,” he said. “We work on all types of phones and tablets because businesspeople are constantly on the move. They rely on their mobile devices to get work done and to complete transactions. Our mission is to ensure they can use their networks without fear of losing data or a service interruption.”

Anzivino graduated from Providence College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management and a MBA in Computer Systems from Bryant University. Among his community endeavors include: membership in the Northern Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce, Business Networking International (BNI) Founders Chapter in Lincoln and Boys Scout Troop 711/Albion. He is married to wife, Julie, of 27 years, and they have two sons, Thomas and Steven.

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Bryant women top Vermont 11-7 in rescheduled lacrosse season opener

By Bryant Shapiro
Staff Writer

Originally scheduled for Saturday, the Bryant and Vermont season opener was moved to Monday due to extremely cold temperatures.

Senior Lauren Descalzo led the Bulldogs to victory with a hat trick while fellow classmate Nicole Britton picked up two goals and two assists. During the game, seven different Bulldog players registered goals, two coming from freshman Jess DeMeo.

Bryant Junior Shannon Sullivan got the Bulldogs rolling with the first goal of the contest at the four-minute mark. Vermont's Meredith Moore quickly retaliated, evening the score. At the half, Bryant led by one goal.

But at the start of the second, Vermont's Brynne Yarranton knotted the score. Eager to pick up the pace of play, Bryant junior Emily Columbus retaliated with a goal and the Bulldogs never looked back, going on a four-goal run.

Desperate to fight back with three minutes left in regulation, Vermont's Alex Bernier brought the Catamounts within two goals. Strong ball movement by the Bulldogs put an end to a potential Catamount run. With one minute remaining, Britton and sophomore Laura Fullam found goals to solidify the Bulldog win.

The defense came up with a lot of stops that set the tempo for us on offense," said

Bryant senior captain Nicole Britton. "We focus on following up a positive with a positive on both ends of the field."

Vermont's attack unit of Meredith Moore and Alex Bernier were a threat the entire game. Moore registered a hat trick and an assist, while Bernier picked up two goals and two assists. Bryant's sophomore goalie Sam Santeramo was stellar between the pipes, making nine saves off of 16 shots. Santeramo came up big late in the second half, making two saves 15 seconds apart from each other that ended a potential run by the Catamounts.

On the opposite side of the field, Vermont's Maddy Kuras had 12 saves while facing 23 shots. The Catamounts also fought hard for the ball; Micaeala O'Mara and Meghan Cobb both picked up three ground balls and had two caused turnovers. It was not enough to match the quick Bulldogs.

I think we played incredibly well today. Our offense had a great showing, considering seven of us found the back of the net," said Bryant senior captain Lauren Descalzo. "Our draw game was solid that really allowed us to control the game."

Bryant took 14 of 20 in draw controls.

The Bulldogs will have a short week, as they take on UC Davis this Friday at the Bryant Turf Complex. Game time is set for 1:00pm and will be streamed live on www.NECfrontrow.com

2016 NBA All-Star game recap

By Joel Moffitt
Copy Editor

The NBA All-Star Weekend took place this past weekend north of the border in Toronto, Canada. The storyline of the weekend was the celebration of the Los Angeles Lakers' representative, Kobe Bryant's Hall of Fame career. But young stars throughout the league stole some of the spotlight and showed that the sport has much to look forward to.

The weekend kicked off with the Celebrity All-Star Game headlined by coaches Kevin Hart and Drake. The game featured a wide range of celebrities including HGTV's Property Brothers Drew and Jonathan Scott, as well as Nick Cannon, Jason Sudeikis, and many more. Drake and Team Canada took the win 74-64.

World with Team USA narrowly winning by a score of 157-154. The Minnesota Timberwolves' Zach LaVine took home MVP honors scoring 30 points. Knicks rookie, Kristaps Porzingis, showed what all the hype has been about matching LaVine point for point for Team World, thus ending with 30 points as well. The game was close throughout and provided many highlight moments for the up-and-comers of the NBA.

Saturday featured three events that were the Skills Challenge, Three Point Shooting Contest, and the main event, the Dunk Contest. Karl Anthony Towns continued the youth revolution winning the Skills Challenge showing an impressive amount of skill for a big man. The Three Point Shooting Contest featured teammates Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson, two of the greatest



winning the competition by a score of 27-23.

Most thought that the epic battle between Curry and Thompson would be the climax of the night, as the Dunk Contest had lost some of its luster over the years. However, dunkers Zach LaVine and Aaron Gordon stole the show and created one for the ages. Reigning champion LaVine was widely expected to retain his title, but Gordon showed that he was up to the challenge scoring a solid 45 on his first dunk, then leaping over the Orlando Magic's mascot on his way to a 49 on his second.

Gordon's next dunk was even more impressive, with some calling it the best ever. Taking a ball held from above the head of the mascot, Gordon seemed to levitate almost as though he was sitting in a chair eight feet in the air before slamming the ball through the hoop. However, LaVine was up to the challenge, using an assortment of free-throw line leaps, through the leg moves, and freakish

athleticism to defend his title as Gordon seemed to run out of dunks at the end. Many believed the two should share the trophy, but either way, each made a name for themselves and created a moment that will last in NBA All Star game history.

The actual All-Star game itself could not match the hype of the previous night, despite the presence of stars such as Kobe, LeBron, Kevin Durant, Russell Westbrook, and Carmelo Anthony. The game featured countless dunks and three point attempts with little to no effort given on neither the Western nor Eastern sides. The West won the game handily 196-173 led by MVP Russell Westbrook's 31 points. Kobe Bryant received loud ovations and added ten points in his final appearance, while Paul George led the East scoring a whopping 41 points. Most importantly, all stayed healthy and left the game ready for the stretch run after a well-run event put together by the city of Toronto.



Next, the up-and-coming talent of the NBA was on display in the Rising Stars Challenge featuring the best 1st and 2nd year players in the league. The game was contested between Team USA and Team

shooters in NBA history, widely expected to battle it out for the title. The two did not disappoint with each defeating stiff competition to reach the final. Thompson one upped his more famous teammate,

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Club Sport Spotlight: Racquetball

By **Molly Funk**
Editor in Chief

This week, we took a look into racquetball, a hidden but lively sport on Bryant's campus. The Archway sat down with Emily Pieroni and Gemma Henderson, Co-Presidents of the club racquetball team.

Molly: Many students, myself included, don't know much about racquetball, can you fill us in?

Emily & Gemma: Racquetball is both an individual and team sport where you may play in singles matches and/or doubles matches. In simple terms, the object of the game is to score points by hitting the ball off of the front wall and out of reach of your opponent. Two matches are played to 15 and a third tie-breaker match is played to 11 if necessary. Racquetball takes both skill and patients but is a very easy sport to pick up!

Molly: Why did you decide to get involved in the racquetball team?

Emily & Gemma: Freshman year, Gemma and I became friends with one of the members on the team and he encouraged us to try it out. We went to Walmart one day, picked up \$10 racquets and found ourselves on a trip to Regionals the next weekend.

Molly: How is the team looking this semester? Are there any events we should be looking forward to?

Emily & Gemma: The team has improved tremendously over the past semester due to the fact that we finally picked up a coach at the end of last year. He has been a huge addition to the team and has helped each of us individually develop skills and

focus. The team will be traveling to New Jersey to compete in the Regional Tournament during the last weekend of February. From there, we will be training for our final tournament of the year, Nationals, at Arizona State University in March!

Molly: Are you looking for more involvement? If so, how can students get involved?

Emily & Gemma: We are always looking to add more students to our team! Both men and women at all skill levels are welcome to reach out to Gemma Henderson, myself, or anyone they know on the team at any time!



This Week's Scores

Men's Basketball - Game February 13th
 Bryant (4-10) 55
 Wagner (9-5) 79

Women's Basketball - Game February 15th
 Bryant (11-3) 57
 St. Francis Brooklyn (3-11) 58

Men's Swim and Dive - MAAC Championships on February 13th
 Men's finished third overall with 511 points. Ben Schulte was the only individual winner, bringing home gold in the 200 breast. Schulte also broke school records in the 200 breast and 100 free.

Track and Field - BU Valentine Invitational on February 15th
 Milan Duka broke his previous record for the 1000 with a time of 2:27.08. Other notable performances included Deion Raper, who posted the second-best time in school history of 8.55 on the 60m hurdles.

Men's Lacrosse - Game February 14th
 Bryant (1-1) 10
 Bucknell (2-0) 11

Women's Lacrosse - Game February 15th
 Bryant (1-0) 11
 Vermont (0-1) 7

Week's Best Sports Tweets

"Big shoutout to @BryantWLax who opened up their season with a dub at UVM today! Great game Dawgs!"

@BryantSoftball

"GOLF: Bulldogs tabbed as @NECSports preseason favorites, ready for spring campaign behind strong senior leadership"

@BryantAthletics

"Men's team finishes 3rd in the MAAC with their highest place in program history! #BOOM #FTB #YouLikeThat #MAACSwim"

@Bryant_Swimming

"T&F: Duka sets school record at BU Valentine Invitational"

@BryantAthletics



Bryant athletes or advertisements?

By Victoria Whitham
Contributing Writer

The athletic involvements at Bryant University include varsity, club and intramural teams, which allows any student the opportunity to continue their athletic passion. A quick and easy way to announce their involvements around campus and in public is through their many forms of apparel. It is understandable that being an athlete requires a different lifestyle, but is it the only lifestyle to attain? In most cases, the athletic persona seems to overpower the student identity, which is primarily the far more important one.

Sophomore Track and Field athlete Liz Willmonton from Rowley, Massachusetts says “my identity is an athlete only half the time” due to her other involvements such as being an RA, her part in Bottom Line, the A Capella group on campus, and her role as a full time student. Willmonton also states that “everyone in the gear represents the program as a whole, not ourselves”.

Although the program seems to receive more attention as a unit rather than the athletes as individuals, it is important to realize that regardless of the position one has on a team, their responsibility as a student is still more essential.

A similar perspective is shared by Jack Owens, a freshman from Scituate, Rhode Island who is on the baseball team. He says “my apparel is like a tag attached to me” as in it is an easy way to identify him, whether people know who he is or not. In addition, he enjoys being able to wear various forms of his Bryant Baseball apparel in public and around campus. Although his main identity may be from his sport, he also includes that “people do not perceive me differently”. His association with Bryant Baseball as a player is not the only identity he holds; his job as a student is just as important. As he stated, his athlete-self does overpower his student-self, but he balances both responsibilities accordingly. Richie Ukele from Springfield, Massachusetts is a freshman on the Bryant Football team and has similar views with

the other athletes included. Ukele quotes that he is “identified as a football player more than just ‘Richie’” because of the status the team holds and his contribution towards the team as well. In addition, he also mentioned that the logos on the apparel advertise the football aspect of his identity more than his student obligation, but he works diligently in the classroom and on the field. The image of the apparel is also attractive and different looking, so it easily catches the eyes of anyone who sees it.

The student part of the athletes on campus is implied, but still is not often advertised. It may be because everyone on campus is a student here, so it is rather a common connection, which explains why the athlete identity could stand out; but the title is “Student-Athlete” as in the student part comes first. Whether the athlete is advertising their team, the program, or themselves, they all share a connection between their team and academic accolades.

Missouri dismisses Wes Clark from basketball team for academic failures

By Todd Palmer
MCT Campus

Wes Clark is no longer a member of the Missouri men's basketball team.

Clark, a junior point guard from Detroit, was dismissed Tuesday before the Tigers played South Carolina at Mizzou Arena. According to a release, Clark repeatedly failed to live up to the Missouri athletic department's academic expectations. A source told The Star that team and university officials met with Clark during the last several seasons, admonishing him to improve his class attendance and grades, which did not improve.

The decision to dismiss Clark was made by the Mizzou athletic department, but second-year coach Kim Anderson didn't contest Clark's dismissal, according to a source.

Freshman guard Cullen VanLeer started in Clark's place Tuesday.

Clark retains his final year of NCAA eligibility. Minutes after the MU basketball team announced Clark's dismissal, Clark posted “Never dismissed FYI” on his Twitter account.

Clark, who graduated from Romulus High School, was a Rivals four-star recruit during his prep career. He was ranked No. 72 nationally and No. 14 among point guards in the 2013 class. He signed with Missouri before Frank Haith's final season.

This season, Clark averaged 9.8 points

per game, starting all 25 games entering Tuesday. He was the Tigers' second-leading scorer and also ranked second on the team with 74 assists and 23 steals.

Clark was the team's second-leading scorer at 10.1 points per game last season and finished with a team-high 38 steals despite playing only 23 games. He was suspended for one game last season and missed the final eight after suffering a dislocated elbow at South Carolina. Before he was injured, Clark averaged 11.7 points during conference play, which led Missouri.

Earlier this season, Anderson made pointed remarks about players needing to get in the gym more and play video games less.

“If you're sincere about being a good basketball player, when you don't do well or your team doesn't do well, you should come into the gym and try to get better,” Anderson said during a Feb. 1 news conference. “If you want to blame somebody else and say, ‘Well, it ain't me,’ then you stay home and point fingers and play Xbox and watch TV or whatever it is you do.”

Clark's name was never among those mentioned by Anderson nor teammates when discussing players who were putting in extra time in the gym.

In the short term, Clark's dismissal solves a scholarship problem for Mizzou, which was over-signed by one player for the 2016-17 season. The Tigers had one unused scholarship this season and

Martavian Payne signed a scholarship but never played for the team.

With senior forward Ryan Rosburg's graduation, Missouri had three open scholarships for next season. Three players (Willie Jackson, Reed Nikko and Mitchell Smith) signed with the Tigers in November, but the addition of Texas

issue with respect to academic progress rate, the NCAA's tool for monitoring graduation rates among all programs. The Tigers' four-year average last May, which included figures through the 2013-14 season, was 941. That's above the 930 threshold that triggers penalties.

The 2013-14 score was 851. That



transfer Jordan Barnett at semester created a surplus again.

Missouri's roster makeover may not be finished either. The staff continues to recruit possible additions for next season and must forfeit one scholarship during the next two seasons as a result of self-imposed sanctions announced in January.

Clark's dismissal creates a potential

left Anderson's program with a three-year average of 929.7. Missouri must be significantly above 930 in the coming years or face a possible postseason ban. Clark's impact on the Tigers' APR won't be calculated until next spring, when the 2015-16 numbers are released.

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A bulldog cry for help

By Will Tondo
Photo Editor



Welcome to Bryant: where parking exists in the form of Hunger Games. (anniemayhem.com/wordpress)

The time is 9:40 in the morning. The line is already outside of Fisher for Dunkin. You attempt to go to the cafe in the uni and you notice an even longer line. You don't have time for salmo so you say screw it. You then realize you forgot to print your rough draft for class...shit. You run down the hall and the line for the printer is long but you have to wait. Turns it, it's not working. You have nowhere else to go because class starts in four minutes. You decide to email your professor and Google asks for your password because it's somehow now "incorrect". What is going on Bryant University??? College is stressful as it is, loading on this extra nonsense is completely unnecessary. After compiling with other students, there have been many demands for things that would help make life at Bryant a little easier and little more stress free.

We shall start with food. Another Dunkin or Starbucks Cafe would be good. Actually great. And also it would be nice if they never ran out of bagels by 9:00am. I know Salmo isn't directly run by Bryant faculty, but another omelet station would be nice, or the station we already have gets more workers and cooks. Because waiting 45 minutes for an omelet is absurd, nobody has that time to spare, especially as a busy bulldog. Speaking of time crunch, if you are in one, you shouldn't go to Nick's. I've never waited longer for a grilled cheese in my life. Expect at least a half an hour and that's not included during peak hours. More staff is definitely needed. More variety of food at nicks would be nice too, especially healthier options. Too much fried food doesn't help the freshmen 15 case. And meal swipes should be available at Nick's always. I think it's time for another dining hall. With the amount of students we have now and the amount of new students who want to come to this amazing up and coming institution, we need the facilities to feed the overflow students.

Next issue to address has to be technology. Printers first. A printer available in Hall lobbies as well as more in the unistructure would help students in a time crunch as well as cause less of a buildup of students in certain sections of campus. More charging stations or laptop ports should be present in the unistructure and library. And finally the Bryant app. If is super glitchy as well as not entirely user friendly. If you give the app to a panel of students who are tech and design savvy, I'm positive it would turn out amazing.

Parking. Wow. I don't use my car much, because it is such a hassle. I can never find a spot. I don't mind parking all the way in Lot C, but there is a good chance that it's full by time I get there. I know there isn't room everywhere, but I feel any lot should be fair game, it would cause less of a problem for DPS as well as make lives for students easier.

This final one is crazy, but adding 4 more hours to each day would be a blessing. That would be perfect for anyone who craves those extra hours to sleep or go to the gym or cram for an exam. But hey, a guy could dream right?

Don't get me wrong, Bryant University is an amazing place. I am truly blessed that I attend school here. The community is so welcoming and it is a great place to succeed here. We have such an amazing school that is making headlines in the news for so many amazing things. Our academics are impressive and our sport teams are competitive. But these little things are minor changes that would honestly help the school flow a little more and diminish stress in students lives.

Nick's Place digresses

By Holly Blackstead
Contributing Writer



Although this salad is not from Nick's, this is an example of what some salads look like coming out of that kitchen. Salads that are drenched in their dressings are unappealing to students! (yelp.com)

Students, including myself, are always complaining about the food at Salmo and choose to use their meal swipe at Nick's Place. However is the food at Nick's Place really much better? The lack of options along with the unbelievably long wait time and dirty tables makes me think twice about going to Nick's rather than the Salmo dining hall to use my swipe. So the question raised why isn't there another option to use meal swipes?

Nick's Place is the only place on campus that takes meal swipes other than Salmo, but is it really worth it? The line at Nick's during the meal swipe period is almost always outrageously long to receive average quality food. Students, groan walking into the Fisher Student Center to see the size of the line. Then we begin to question if waiting thirty minutes to order food plus another twenty minutes to actually get the food we ordered is actually worth our time. Not only is the wait a problem but also the lack of options. Every day students are left with the same options to choose from. One of the biggest problems is the lack of healthy options. Salad is the number one choice for students looking to eat healthy; however when the salad is drowning in dressing the health benefit is lost. I don't know about anyone else but I know I hate when there is a reservoir of dressing at the bottom of my salad. Another thing about the salads is that the lettuce is sometimes brown and not all the toppings are in it and lately this problem has become increasingly worse.

Coming back from break I have noticed a serious downfall in the overall performance of Nick's Place. Due to the overwhelming amount of students coming to Nick's to use their meal swipe the food and service have suffered. The salads have become increasingly smaller and undercooked grilled chicken more often. In order to fix the problem I think there should be another time for students to use their meal swipe, or another food place on campus should be available to students. I think to reduce the amount of students trying to use their swipe at the same time Nick's should make another time available. For example two to four on weekdays. Also by putting another time option in place I think the quality of food and service would increase because the workers would not be overwhelmed by the amount of orders coming in at one time. I believe if either of these solutions were put in place students would be very pleased along with the workers at Nick's Place. Another solution to increase the performance of Nick's Place and the happiness of students during the meal swipe time would be to have different options available on different days. For example: if a panini special was held on Mondays or a make your own salad option.

Overall, Nick's Place is totally underperforming. In order to make students satisfied, something needs to change; whether it is more food options, a different time to use swipes, or honestly just another food place to go to on campus.

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The trouble with 'racial awareness' on campus

By **Brendan O'Neill**
MCT Campus

When I was at university in London in the early 1990s, Michael Jackson's mega-hit "Black or White" was forever blaring in the student bar. As we drank our flat beers, we'd sing along: "It don't matter if you're black or white." On American campuses, that statement might now be perceived as a so-called microaggression.

Recently I visited USC and the University of California at Irvine. The students I met saw themselves and their classmates as colors more than characters. They obsessed over the historical baggage their pigmentation allegedly brought with it.

"As a white man" _ that's how one USC student started almost every sentence. As a white man he has privilege, suffers from ignorance and requires sensitivity instruction.

At Irvine, a black student told me that "white students and white faculty" lack knowledge of the black experience and require education to remedy that problem. I heard a white female student talk about the "privilege of paleness."

Many shared the view that interaction between the races is all but impossible without the guiding hand of race experts. A white student at UC Irvine told me that his school's efforts to "ensure a positive climate" for black students isn't enough: they need seminars on racial understanding to allow white students to better understand black students _ "and possibly vice versa," he added, cautiously.

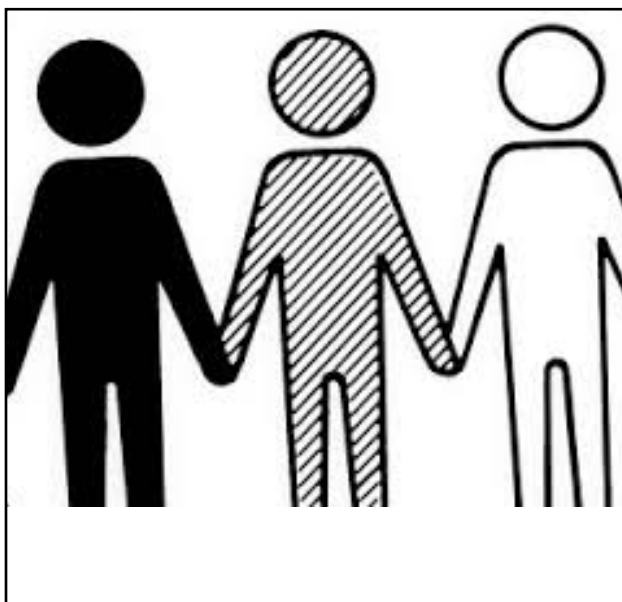
I found it all deeply dispiriting. "Racial understanding" sounds nice; it's always good to be understanding, right? Yet the logic of it strikes me as dire. It rehabilitates, in politically correct lingo, the belief that skin color is more important than what lies beneath.

Indeed, some university administrators now actively encourage their students to be color-conscious rather than

colorblind.

A University of California document titled "Recognizing Microaggressions" lists various potentially offensive phrases that students and faculty should avoid using. It includes: "When I look at you, I don't see color;" "There is only one race: the human race;" and "I don't believe in race."

It goes on to say that "colorblindness," a refusal to "acknowledge race," is about "denying the individual as a



racial/cultural being." I thought that was precisely the aim of the liberal project: to deny that individuals are "racial beings," and in fact to fight against such a foul idea. What happened to the truism that race is a construct? Having gone through my life refusing to treat people as "racial be-

ings," must I now change tack, and think racially, if I want to be seen as good?

California's hardly alone in this. At the University of Missouri, staff have been encouraged to see colorblindness as "disempowering for people whose racial identity is an important part of who they are."

The new racial imagination is reaching its nadir with demands for minority-only or minority-specific spaces.

At Oberlin College, students want rooms across campus "designated as a safe space for Africana identifying students. Afrikan Heritage House should not be the only space allotted for the promotion and acknowledgement of our community specifics needs." At New York University, students are calling for "an entire floor of the mixed use building in the Southern Subblock plan (to) be dedicated to students of color." At UCLA, the Afrikan Student Union claims that "black students lack spaces where they feel safe and comfortable." The solution? An "Afrikan Diaspora floor" branded as "a safe space for all black students." I guess if you put the word "safe" in front of "segregation," it's suddenly all right?

This is what the politics of identity has wrought. As we're implored to define ourselves by our race, gender, sexuality or some other given trait over which we have little control, we become separated from one another. Some will say I can afford to be colorblind because I'm a white man. I don't experience racialized hardship, so it's easy for me to say: "Race doesn't matter." But challenging racial thinking doesn't mean denying the reality of racism.

Ultimately I find these new campus movements profoundly pessimistic. They've accepted the reactionary view that it's not only possible but desirable to categorize people by color and _ as a corollary _ that genuine integration is futile. Excuse me for wanting no part in it.

Ask not where are we; ask where to next?

By **Hayley Wilcox**
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The Cambridge Dictionary defines the term opportunity as "an occasion or situation which makes it possible to do something that you want to do or have to do, or the possibility of doing something". AKA, when life gives you lemons, make lemonade. There is a key part to this definition, that is simply the word a or an, which are both synonyms for the word once. When we think of the ideas behind an opportunity, we often forget that if the situation is an opportunity, chances are it won't come again. Thus reveals the importance of truly taking all opportunities when offered. Now ask yourself, what is one of the most significant opportunities offered to students here at Bryant University? The answer is travel. Whether it be through the Sophomore International Experience program (SIE) or the heavy Study Abroad options, students are handed several chances to explore locations on a global scale. Recently, I took up this important opportunity to travel and enrolled in the SIE program here at Bryant. Myself and 43 other students found ourselves in a two week exploration to Malaysia and Singapore. Here is where I stress the importance of taking these offers to travel while you are still young and studying.

As an International Business major, part of my curriculum includes being forced to study abroad in a country fluently speaking my language minor. How awful, right? I'm being forced to study abroad. Wrong. I consider myself very fortunate because this very concept is something I do not understand. That is the students with the capability and

availability to study abroad or participate in SIE and they choose not to. Many students choose not to take part in an SIE as they have plans to study abroad for a semester which is perfectly logical. However for those of you who have no plans to study abroad throughout your college career, I stress you to reconsider. Chances are since you are handed the multiple opportunities to travel now, if you choose not to, you will not get the chance to for a while into your future.

Traveling possesses importance for so many reasons. It teaches a culture, provides a highly memorable experience, allows for networking, and even looks wonderful on a resume. Sure the traveling process is not the best portion of the experience. However, it is the location that holds all the fun. Had you come to me two years ago, today, and told me that I would be taking a trip to Malaysia and Singapore for two weeks for college credits, I would have laughed in your face. Now, I can't picture a better part to my sophomore year. Traveling is neat. Though I was a thirteen hour time difference and a twenty-four hour plane ride away from home, I still felt like a part of me belonged there. My trip provided me with so much more respect for culture and traditions, and allowed me to grasp an experience that would need a whole other article to discuss.

Imagine your life in thirty or forty years. Do you want to say that you are a person who has never once left your home country? Say no, trust me. Whether you take the opportunities to travel through Bryant University or on your own time, do so. The experience of travelling is hard to place into words, but maybe when you do so, you'll be able to do just that.



Millions of college students are listening to podcasts and you should too

By Nicole Britton
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Podcasts suffer from a negative stigma of being an out of date type of media. There is no doubt that podcasts provide a vastly different experience in comparison to television, magazines, and music. However, the amount of people tuning in week to week has consistently increased over the last few years.

Maximize Social Business states that 46 million Americans over the age of 12 listen to podcasts monthly. The listeners are young and tech-savvy, with over half falling between the ages of 12 and 34. Within that demographic, 24 percent of Americans with a college degree listen to podcasts weekly, and people that make over \$100K are twice as likely to tune in.

What is so interesting about podcasts? When I first heard about Serial and its success in the realm of podcasts, I was wary to try it out myself. I was held back by preconceived notions that they were lengthy recordings of opinionated writers airing their grievances to a limited audience. Serial, on the other hand, is a podcast documenting a murder trial, ridden with leads gone cold due to the test of time and one investigator's pursuit of truth in hopes of exonerating an innocent man. If you enjoyed "Making a Murderer" on Netflix, then Serial needs to be your next binge.

You can listen to podcasts on nearly any device, using free apps or the internet. Most segments or episodes last anywhere from thirty minutes to an hour, depending on the frequency of the episodes and type of podcast. They can keep you up to date with the latest news, teach you something new every week, or even tell you a story. It is up to you to listen and use your imagination to develop the narrative in your own head, giving yourself a unique perspective.

In a given day, it is easy to find yourself doing work on your laptop, listening to



music, and texting your friends simultaneously. Our generation is known for our ability to multi-task, however your focus cannot be honed in on any one task if you are constantly distracted by the latter. Podcasts are a good way to relieve this mental stress and exercise your mind by focusing on just one thing for an extended period of time. You can listen when you are walking to class, working out at the gym, driving in the car, or just lying in bed. Give your mind a break from the over exposure by simply listening and relaxing. You can start by listening to Serial, TED Radio Hour, Stuff You Should Know, This American Life, or Radio Lab among countless others. Find one you like, and join 46 million other Americans in the ensuing rise of podcasts.

'Spotlight' and 'The Big Short' take top honors at the Writers Guild Awards

By Josh Rottenberg
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One of the final bellwethers before the Academy Awards, the Writers Guild of America Awards honored Tom McCarthy's newsroom drama "Spotlight," which chronicles the Boston Globe's investigation into allegations of child sex abuse by Roman Catholic priests, and Adam McKay's financial-crisis dramedy "The Big Short."

"Spotlight" _ which has been nominated for six Oscars, including best picture, and earned the ensemble honors at last month's Screen Actor Guild Awards _ picked up the award for original screenplay, beating out "Bridge of Spies," "Sicario," "Straight Outta Compton" and "Trainwreck." It is the front-runner for the same category at the Oscars.

Taking the stage at the Hyatt Regency Century Plaza, Josh Singer, who co-wrote the film with McCarthy, acknowledged both the victims at the heart of the scandal and the journalists whose reporting helped bring it to light, giving a special nod to former Globe columnist Eileen McNamara and abuse survivor Phil Saviano, both of whom were in the audience.

"Phil's story was the one the Spotlight team found," Singer said. "He'd been trying to tell his story for a very long time. I think that story is finally now being told _ and it needs to continue being told."

In the adapted screenplay category, "The Big Short" _ which has been nominated for five Oscars, including best picture, and was the big winner last month at the Producers Guild Awards _ beat out "Carol," "The Martian," "Steve Jobs" and "Trumbo." It too is favored to

win the Oscar.

Accepting the award alongside co-writer Charles Randolph, director McKay _ previously best known for broad comedies such as "Talladega Nights" and "Anchorman" _ nodded to the film's deadly serious underpinnings in the global economic meltdown of 2007 and 2008.

"Millions of people lost their homes," McKay said. "Millions of people lost their savings. That's really what this was about. In the end, we really just want people to take a look at how the banks have taken control of our government."

With the Academy Awards just two weeks away, Oscar watchers are looking for any indication of how voters may be leaning in what has been one of the most unpredictable years in memory. But the Writers Guild Awards are generally a rather spotty predictor of future Oscar wins, in part because guild rules render some potential contenders ineligible if the writer isn't a WGA member or the production is not a signatory with the guild. Several of this year's Oscar contenders in the screenplay categories _ including "Room," "Brooklyn," "Ex Machina" and "Inside Out" _ were not included on the WGA Awards ballots.

On the TV side, USA Network's "Mr. Robot" picked up the award for best new series, beating out "Better Call Saul," "Bloodline," "The Last Man on Earth" and "Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt."

AMC's "Mad Men" was awarded best drama series over "The Americans," "Better Call Saul," "Game of Thrones" and "Mr. Robot."

HBO's "Veep" took the award for comedy series over "Broad City," "Silicon Valley," "Transparent" and "Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt."



While the #OscarsSoWhite controversy has loomed large over this awards season and was much remarked upon at earlier ceremonies such as the Screen Actors Guild Awards and the Producers Guild Awards, the diversity issue was mentioned only a couple of times, jokingly, on the dais during the WGA Awards ceremony.

Presenting the award for documentary screenplay _ which went to Alex Gibney for the Scientology film "Going Clear" _ actor Keegan-Michael Key introduced a montage meant to honor all the past African-American winners of the WGA's original and adapted screenplay awards.

The clip showed a single honoree _ Richard Pryor, who shared a WGA award for the screenplay for the 1974 comedy "Blazing Saddles" _ then cut immediately to the words "The End."

Key did a double-take and paused, as the audience laughed and applauded.

"Wow," he said. "The Oscars don't look so bad."

The Variety section of The Archway
Review a movie, book, restaurant, or album!

A Taste of Fall

By Molly Funk
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Amanda waltzed into a new coffee shop that had recently popped up on her street, intent on getting her second dose of caffeine before work. Blindly, she opened the door, only to stumble into a line that stretched on endlessly.

"Could you just hurry up," she mumbled under her breath, her work folder growing heavy under her arm, "some of us have real jobs to get to."

Determined to get her pumpkin latte before a long day of meetings, Amanda decided to wait in line a few more minutes. Evaluating the line, she wondered if anyone was even working behind the counter. Fifteen more minutes passed, and she still had only moved up two places in line—the counter appeared no closer than it had previously. Giving her watch another glance, Amanda gasped. Her heart beat like a hummingbird's as she tried to understand how she could have possibly been standing in line for two hours.

"I have to go, I've already missed my first appointment," she said to the man behind her, waiting for him to let her pass.

Justifying her rudeness with a few quick 'sorrlys', Amanda pushed her way back toward the entrance. Kicking one foot in front of the other, she plowed through the crowd, only the door was not getting any closer.

"Look," Amanda muttered to the nearest employee, "I don't know what is happening here, but you need to let me out of this place right now."

"Ma'am, please get back in line, there really isn't any time for theatrics," the busboy explained.

Near heads turned to look at the two, wondering who dared to break the silence in the café. Only the sound of the coffee bean grinder and milk frother could be heard.

"Please ma'am, go back to your place. Quit making such a disturbance, we're all in a rush."

Returning to her place, Amanda pulled out her compact, she tried to compose herself as she blotted her face. Staring back at her in the mirror was an ancient looking woman with deep wrinkles creasing her face. Turning to the man behind her, Amanda faintly asked him where they were.

"Uhm, I'm not sure what you mean," he said, giving her a confused and concerned glance. Vacantly staring at the crowd of people stuffed in the building, Amanda realized something had gone terribly wrong when she had come into the new café.

Wishing she had just made a thermos from her Keurig, it dawned on her that she might very well die in that coffee shop, standing in a never-ending line. Xeroxed copies of her meeting agendas fell to the floor, forgotten by the elderly woman who now claimed Amanda's existence.

"You dropped something," the man behind her said, bending down to pick up the loose papers. Zoning out, Amanda gazed toward the front of the line, the taste of pumpkin latte filling her mouth.

How to travel solo safely

By Jess Shanahan
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Traveling alone can be a wonderful experience as you're not limited by the agenda of a companion. This leaves you free to explore the world as you want to. It means you can do the things you want to do, and you don't have to worry about someone else looking on (bored) as you have your fun.

There's a safety concern that comes with traveling alone, often especially for women. So here are seven super helpful tips on how to stay safe, and have the solo trip of a lifetime.

1. PLAN YOUR ROUTE

Proper planning means you can tell people back home where you're going. At the very least you should plan ahead so you know you'll be able to get a taxi from the airport to your hotel, for example.

If you're arriving late at night, make sure the hotel you've chosen has a 24-hour front desk manager, or at least some means of letting you in at an odd hour, as the last thing you want is to be stuck outside at night with nowhere to go.

2. LET PEOPLE KNOW WHERE YOU'RE GOING

Whether it's your family and friends back home or another traveler at the place you're staying, let people know your itinerary _ and if it changes, make sure they know that, too. You should also avoid long periods without contacting the folks back home because you don't want to worry them, or set a precedence of going MIA for hours.

Staying in contact is so important when you're out exploring on your own, so make sure you have an unlocked phone you can whack a SIM card into or, at least, know the whereabouts of an Internet cafe so you can check in every once in a while.

3. DON'T GO OUT ALONE AT NIGHT

We understand you need to enjoy your vacation, so if you are out at night, stick to public places. This is common sense when you're out anywhere, not just when traveling. Opportunist thieves might target you if they realize you're alone, so it's best to avoid putting yourself in this kind of situation.

Extra Tip: If you're out partying, be sure to watch your intake so your judgment isn't impaired. Also, order all your drinks yourself.

4. CARRY A DUMMY WALLET

One of the most widely circulated pieces of advice when it comes to traveling alone is to carry a dummy wallet. This should contain a few expired cards and a little cash so a thief thinks they've got something worthwhile before going on their way. This helps you to avoid having everything stolen; keep the most important documents, cards, and cash more closely concealed.

5. BLEND IN

If you dress like a tourist, you're more likely to be targeted by scammers. Keep the "I Heart NY" T-shirt in your bag and tuck away your camera as you travel. You should also walk purposefully, with your head held up, to show that you know where you're going _ even if you don't.

Keep your nose out of your guidebook until you can pop into a coffee shop or back to your hotel. If someone senses you are lost or looking for somewhere, they could take advantage.

6. TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS, AND DON'T BE AFRAID TO SAY NO

If something doesn't feel right, don't do it. Use your instincts to avoid potentially dangerous situations. Don't feel you have to say "yes" to the first person who offers you something, even at the expense of seeming rude. This is especially true for taxis; make sure you book through a reputable company and always ask for the price before you get in the car as many will try and rip tourists off.

7. HOSTELS CAN BE GREAT PLACES TO MEET PEOPLE

The two main things you need to think about when traveling alone are letting people know where you're going, and trusting your instincts. If you have a bad feeling about something, you're probably right about it and should stay away.

Most importantly, though, you should enjoy the freedom of traveling alone and doing exactly what you want to do (within reason, of course). You'll no doubt make friends along the way, but don't forget to enjoy your own company because solo travel can be a really enlightening experience. Hostels are wonderful places for solo travelers to stay because they often serve as the crash pads for liked-minded travelers, and many (such as Hostelling International) provide a large team of staff members, dedicated to making sure you have a safe and enjoyable stay.

Movie review: Michael Moore seeks greatness in other lands in 'Where to Invade Next'

By Soren Anderson
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Looking like an unmade bed in his signature uniform of T-shirt, jeans, ruffled fatigue jacket and ball cap adorned with the Detroit Tigers logo-ed letter D (he's a Michigan boy, don't you know), Michael Moore places himself squarely in the center of all of his pictures.

And there, displaying an ego as big as his waistline, with an attitude marbled with cynicism and often condescension, he plays the role of ringmaster and provocateur.

He's an outsize personality, and his look and attitudes are his brand. Love him or loathe him, you can't ignore him.

He brings instant attention to the important issues he spotlights, whether it's gun violence ("Bowling for Columbine") or inequities in the U.S. health care system ("Sicko"). There is no balance in his movies. They're bullhorns of advocacy. And they're entertaining. The guy is a showman as well as a troublemaker.

So it is in "Where to Invade Next."

Claiming the U.S. spends far too much on its military and gets way too little in return for its investment _ Iraq war, anyone? _ Moore travels around the world to visit countries whose social-spending priorities, he contends, unlike those in America, are not screwed up.

Carrying Old Glory over his shoulder, Moore tells the people he interviews he's come to their nations as an invader to take the best features of their societies and bring them to the U.S.

In Italy, he finds a society in which workers have eight weeks of paid vacation a year, thanks to the efforts of labor unions. In Finland _ where the school year is short, no homework is assigned and no standardized tests are administered _ student achievement far outstrips that in the U.S. In Slovenia, college tuition is free so graduates aren't burdened with debt.

In Portugal, laws are such that no one is busted for drugs. Moore contrasts that with U.S. drug policies. Prisons are humane in Norway. In Muslim Tunisia, women helped bring down a dictatorship and won constitutional protections of their rights (and real legislative power).

"My mission is to pick the flowers, not the weeds," he says, explaining why he makes no effort to address, or even acknowledge, social problems in the countries he visits.

America bashing? Without a doubt. But it comes from a place of profound disappointment.

At the end, Moore says that the ideas he found overseas originated in America. The struggle for equal rights for women being one area where he says the U.S. once led the way.

"We need to go to the American lost and found," he says, to rediscover and rededicate ourselves to the ideals that have inspired people around the world.

As with any Michael Moore movie, attention must be paid.

Funniest Tweets of the Week

“BEN CARSON: I never get to talk, why don't I ever get to talk, let me talk

MODERATOR: ok fine what is it

BEN CARSON: I gotsa website”

@sageboggs

“*handing D.A.R.E shirt to high school freshman* now hold onto this because in about 5 years you'll want to wear it ironically.”

@shutupmikeginn

“tbh I thought it said saloon but I couldn't be happier with these highlights, debra, thank you”

@Karate_Horse

“a pizza is basicaly a real-time pie chart of how much pizza i am going to eat”

@jonnysun

“me: [throws jacket over a puddle like a gentleman]

my date: why my jacket”

@ch00ch

The College Scoop

SEE WHAT STUDENTS AT OTHER COLLEGES ARE READING ABOUT

The Stanford Daily Stanford University

The Board of Trustees announced today that Marc Tessier-Lavigne, current president of The Rockefeller University in New York and former Stanford faculty member, has been selected as the 11th president of Stanford University, effective Sept. 1.

The Harvard Crimson Harvard University

Smoking marijuana with rapper Ice Cube on national television is not a typical resume item for guests invited to speak with University President Drew G. Faust in a packed Sanders Theatre, but Conan C. O'Brien '85 is not your typical Harvard alumnus. During an afternoon advertised as a “wide-ranging conversation about arts and education,” Faust asked O'Brien what the humanities had done for his career, and the late-night legend responded in turn—but not without sarcasm.

The Brown Daily Herald Brown University

After months of planning and testing, students are launching Souk, a new campus website that aims to connect students buying and selling used products. Last year, the start-up won Spark, a venture competition hosted by Brown Student Agencies that encourages students to identify a problem they see in the Brown community and create a project to solve it.

The Tech MIT

The sweeping transformation that is currently underway at MIT's Information Systems and Technology office is one that is unprecedented in its scope and backlash from employees. Many students and faculty are familiar with IS&T, which maintains services ranging from email accounts to Athena clusters across campus — technologies that underlie everyone's time at MIT. Fewer people, however, are aware of the changes that have redefined the organization over the past year.

The Weekly Sudoku

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