The Festival Was Fantastic!

By Janet Proulx

Students Ambassadors (l-r) Kehkashan Adil '97; Hang Wang, who is enrolled in the MBA program; and Amy Chin '99.

Guests coming to Bryant for Parents' and Family Weekend were in for a special treat -- the first annual United Nations Festival. Organized by members of the International Students Organization (ISO), the event provided an opportunity for visitors and the Bryant Community to explore the many different cultural and ethnic backgrounds of our international students. Represented were Azerbaijan, Thailand, Indonesia, Brazil, Canada, Pakistan, Kuwait, Japan, Greece, Sweden, India, China, Korea, and Turkey.

I arrived shortly after 10 a.m. to find activities in full swing. The gym reverberated with the music of several countries and wonderful aromas filled the air. Student ambassadors, many in their native dress, manned tables exhibiting cultural and religious items, geographic and historical information, jewelry, snacks, and more.

At the China table, I was welcomed by Amy Chin '99, a CIS major. Dressed in a beautiful pink silk Chinese tunic and black pants, she offered to write my name in Chinese. Amy demonstrated the proper technique for writing with a long wooden pen, which she dipped in ink and held straight up, not at an angle. My name was written by sound, and the characters translated to the words “treasure” and “accept.” (I like that!)

Amy explained that she is actually from Hong Kong, not China, but that the cultures of both countries and Taiwan are very similar. She attended high school in San Francisco as an international student and came to Bryant because she wanted to experience the East Coast and “see snow!”

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Professor Jeannette White has had an article accepted for publication in The Langston Hughes Review. Its title is “Langston Hughes’ On the Road: No Path to Freedom.” An essay, “Is Black So Base a Hue: Shakespeare’s Aaron and the Politics of Race” accepted for publication in CLA Journal: Official Quarterly Publication of the College Language Association.

Professor Joseph Ungo’s article, “An Obscure Destiny, This Business of Teaching,” has been accepted for publication in Profession 96 (Modern Language Association, 1996). He has also been invited to deliver the keynote address at the 1998 Willa Cather Colloquium at Drew University.

Professors Frank Bingham and Charles Quigley have co-authored two papers that have been accepted for publication. “Managers’ and Salespeople’s View of Sales Control Systems” will be presented at the Atlantic Marketing Association Annual Conference in October 1996 and published in the conference proceedings. “The Effect of Gender on Sales Managers” and Salespeople’s Perceptions of Sales Control Tests” will be published in a forthcoming edition of The Journal of Marketing Management.

In June, Professor Pedro Beado attended the William Morris Centenary Conference at Exeter College, University of Oxford, England, where he delivered the paper “William Morris in New England: Architecture and Design in Late Nineteenth-Century Rhode Island.”

Professor Paulo de Medeiros delivered a paper titled “The Astronomical Canon: Brillat-Savarin, von Rumohr, Launcelot Sturgeon” at an international conference on consumption held at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth. His article, “Saving Spirits: Vergilio Ferreira, Thinking, and the Diary” has been accepted for publication in the annual journal Santa Barbara Portuguese Studies (1997).

Additionally, he has been elected to the executive committee of the American Portuguese Studies Association.

Professor Judy Barrett Litoff has published American Women in a World at War: Contemporary Accounts from World War II (Wilmington, DE: Scholarly Resources, Inc. 1997).

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The Chinese display included wall hangings, money, fortune cookies, and a variety of candy. I sampled some “Haw Flakes,” which are made from fruit and have a sweet and sour taste. “Chinese people love to eat preserved fruit, like mangoes, lemons, plums, and peaches,” she said. She opened a jar of small dried plums that contained sugar, salt, and vinegar and tasted sweet, sour, and salty at the same time. “These are also used for medicinal purposes,” she said. “If you feel carsick, for instance, eating these will settle your stomach.”

I examined a wooden chess set, and a Hong Kong magazine called “East.” I thought I was holding it backwards until Amy explained that the front cover is where our back cover would be and the magazine is read from back to front. An ad on the back cover was in English. “In Hong Kong, every child goes to kindergarten from three to six years of age and learns the basics of the English language, beginning with the alphabet, and progressing to easy words and short sentences, so that nearly everyone knows some English,” she said.

My next stop was at the Canadian table. There were no items on display, but irresistible smells were coming from a frying pan and a crock pot. Benoit Henaute, a senior exchange student from the University of Sherbrooke in Quebec, explained that he was making a native dish called, “poutine.” Benoit scooped french fries from hot oil, ladled on some light brown gravy, and topped it off with melted cheese. I checked to see if Richard Simmons was anywhere in sight and tried some -- absolutely delicious! I left Benoit to his frying -- his “poutine” was in big demand and customers were patiently waiting.

The Bermuda display was attended by Raymon Glasford ’00 and his parents, Dennis and Colleen Glasford, who flew to Rhode Island for the weekend. I asked Raymon if he had been homesick for his beautiful island when he first came to Bryant.

“I was homesick -- for about two days, but I quickly got over it,” he said. “Raymon,” laughed Mrs. Glasford, “you’re breaking your poor mother’s heart!”

Raymon attended a college fair on Bermuda in his third year of high school and made up his mind that day that Bryant was right for him. “I love it here,” he said. “It’s small, friendly, and safe.”

Mr. and Mrs. Glasford brought a large number of items to display, including a kite, brochures, maps, cedar carvings made by Raymon’s grandfather, and a small glass jar of shark oil, which is used to forecast the weather. The Glasfords even brought food, including native stone ginger beer, which is similar to our ginger ale, but spicier, and Bermuda fish chowder containing snapper, grouper, hogfish, and lots of spices. Mr. Glasford explained that the chowder is traditionally served on holidays and at parties. I left friendly Bermuda sporting a pink and green “Let Yourself Go in Bermuda” button and a flag pin.
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Across the aisle at the Korean display sat Eunjoo Lee, a junior finance major, who transferred to Bryant after successfully completing the IntraX English program on campus. Eunjoo’s display included a Korean flag, fans, sculptures, and masks, which, she explained, were all borrowed from friends. Only one item was her own—a beautiful inlaid pocket mirror in a pink silk pouch. “It’s the only thing I brought from home—it’s small and travels easily. Women hang them under their clothing,” she said, demonstrating how the strings of the pouch would tie at the waist.

I asked Eunjoo what she liked best about Bryant, and she didn’t hesitate for a moment. “The faculty,” she said. “They are so friendly and approachable. In Korea, we listen to our professors and respect them and that is all. Here, you can talk to them. Here you can express your ideas and opinions. Here what you have to say is of importance.”

After she graduates, Eunjoo would like to stay in the U.S. and work in the insurance field for a few years before she returns to Korea. “I really want to work for Prudential!” she said with a smile.

The festival featured musical entertainment throughout the day, and I had the opportunity to watch “Koula Rougas,” a folk dance troupe from the Annunciation Greek Church in Cranston. Amy Chin performed what she described to me as a “ballet Chinese style” to the song “Tea Picking and Butterfly Catching.” These performances were followed by the Bryant College fashion show. Students in traditional and modern dress strutted on stage as an appreciative audience looked on.

The International Student Organization, led by ISO President Shirley Brakenwagen ’97 and board members Joyce Chang ’98, Eunjoo Lee ’98, Sofia Wallin ’99, Feng Chen ’97, Jaime Eisensmith ’00, and Tim Sung ’99, put a lot of effort and enthusiasm into their event. The first Annual United Nations Festival was simply “first-rate.”

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Professor Ken Sousa has been elected to the Board of Regents of the Delta Chi International Fraternity. He will represent Region VII, which includes ten undergraduate chapters and two colonies in eight states. The board provides legislative, budgeting and policy-making assistance to the fraternity while visiting local chapters.

Professors David Louton, Betty Yobacco, and Dale Domian (Memorial University of Newfoundland) presented “Psychological Barriers in Canadian and U.S. Stock Indices” at the June 1996 meeting of the Administrative Sciences Association of Canada in Montreal.

Professor David Ketcham’s paper, “An Expanded View of the Operating Cycle,” has been accepted for publication in the Journal of Financial Education.

Professor Ken Cyree has co-authored a paper that was accepted for publication in the Journal of Financial Services Research. Its title is “Do Black Owned Banks Discriminate Against Black Borrowers?”

Professors David Ketcham and Art Gudikunst presented “Should Investors Allow New Funds to Age” at the April 1996 meeting of the Eastern Finance Association in Charlotte, North Carolina. At the same meeting, Professors David Louton Betty Yobacco, and Dale Domian (Memorial University of Newfoundland) presented “Threshold Models and the Small Firm Effect.”

Professors Harsh K. Luther and Joseph Bonnici have co-authored a paper that has been accepted for publication in the Employees Responsibilities and Rights Journal. The title is “The Arbitration of Discrimination Complaints: A New Look at the Issues.”

Professor Stan Kozikowski’s article, “Successfully Merchandising Hamburgers: The Eschatological Vision of Joyce Carol Oates’ Where Are You Going, Where Have You Been,” has been accepted for publication in Notes on Contemporary Literature. He will also present a paper, “Miller Deconstructing Aristotle,” at the Third International Arthur Miller Conference at Utica College later this month.

Three Receive DPS Awards

Bryant has recognized three public safety employees for outstanding service in 1996. Patrolman John Rainone has received the Robert A. Ferbert Jr. Distinguished Service Award, Patrolman Louis Reo has received the EMT Award, and Corporal Richard Hoover has been named Officer of the Year.

Pictured at the award presentation are (l-r) Vice President of Business Affairs Joe Meichelbeck; award recipients John Rainone, Louis Reo, and Richard Hoover; President Ron Machlsey; and Public Safety Director George Coronado.
Quickly...  


Professor Vera Froelich’s paper “Betrayal and Guilt: Theme and Paradox in Irene Zabryko’s “Home Soil,”” has been accepted for publication in Notes on Contemporary Literature.

Professor Lynda St. Clair has co-authored a chapter in the 1997 Handbook of Business Strategy. Its title is “Leader Development as a Strategic Initiative.”

Professor David Louton has been appointed to serve as a public member of the Rhode Island Automobile Insurance Plan Governing Board.


Three Named to Board of Trustees in 1996

Bryant has added three new members to its Board of Trustees. They are Michelle L. Jacodine ’96, Bernard A. Jackvony ’87 MBA, and James S. Richardson ’68.

Michelle Jacodine ’96, a pension administrator with The Angell Pension Group in Rumford, is Bryant’s newest recent graduate trustee. She began serving a three year term in May after earning her Bryant degree with a dual major in management and marketing. As an undergraduate, she served as an orientation leader, a student senator, student operations manager of the Bryant Center, and president of the Student Programming Board and was named Student Leader of the Month, trustee scholarship recipient, and Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Bernard Jackvony ’87 MBA is an attorney and partner for Tillinghast Licht & Semonoff in Providence. He is a member of the Florida, Rhode Island, and American Bar Associations, and has served on several of their various committees and sections. He is also a member of both the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and the Justinian law Society.

He received his commission in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1968 and served on active duty from 1970 to 1973. He served as defense attorney and prosecutor for the Marine Corps in both the U.S. and Japan and was also an instructor in law enforcement, criminal law, and administration of justice in both the U.S. and in Japan.

An active volunteer, he serves on the boards of the American Cancer Society, the American Red Cross, the Academic Decathlon, and the South Providence Neighborhood Ministry.

He holds a B.S. in accounting from Bryant, a J.D. from Suffolk University Law School, and an LL.M. in taxation from Boston University School of Law.

Jim Richardson ’68 is president of Lexus of Cherryhill in Maple Shade, NJ. He is founder and former president of the J.S. Richardson Group, Inc., a New Jersey company consisting of four retail auto dealerships, five property management companies, and a marketing firm.

An active community volunteer, he received the Burlington County Boy Scouts Outstanding Achiever Award in 1993, the People Magazine Toyota President Award in 1994, and was named the Time Magazine Quality Dealer for the State of New Jersey in 1994.

He holds a B.S. in business education from Bryant.

By the Way...  

Becky Alberg, wife of Dick Alberg, dean of academic administration, sends the following message to the Bryant Community: “Dear Friends: Thank you so much for all the lovely cards and notes of sympathy on the death of my mother. What a lift it was to our spirits to come home and find all these kind expressions of sympathy! We are grateful for your thoughts and prayers and thank you all for your thoughtfulness.”

Judy Dawson of the admission office and her husband, Paul, are proud to announce the birth of their granddaughter Jenna Patricia DeFrancisco. Jenna was born to Jamie and Luke DeFrancisco (both Bryant graduates) on Nov. 1. She joins brothers Ryan and Brendan at home. Congratulations to all!
More Than a Plan
by Elizabeth S. Kelly

There has been a lot of planning for the future of Bryant College. Many talented people have devoted their time and talents to charting a new direction, yet great progress has not always followed great effort and the planning has not necessarily led to action. That is about to change. At a Town Meeting on October 28, President Ron Machtley outlined his intentions for planning, and then implementing, the future of Bryant College.

President Machtley conveyed a sense of urgency in developing a strong direction for the College. Factors contributing to the urgency include a continuing, competitive student enrollment environment and the College’s shift away from the growing part-time student and graduate student markets as the college sought its AACSB accreditation.

“We can’t just stay the same and think the world is going to do the same,” said the President. “We need a strategic plan. I need to be able to go back to the board of trustees in May to tell them where we’re going, why we are planning new initiatives that take us into the next millennium, and what it will cost.”

The place to begin is with the college’s very reason for being. “We need to develop a new mission statement, one that everyone will know and live and use to ensure our success,” President Machtley said. “It will be a mission that requires every one of us to participate. Bryant College will be student focused and will strive to ensure that every graduating student is ready to achieve his or her personal best in life and business.”

All staff are being asked to take an active role by being student focused themselves. President Machtley is asking each staff person to take a personal interest in five Bryant students. That interest could be as simple as an occasional telephone call or as involved as a invitation to Thanksgiving dinner. “This is about understanding students, about understanding the world from their perspective. And it is about taking an interest in them, showing them that someone cares, and helping them to develop and grow,” said President Machtley. Developing these types of relationships could increase students’ satisfaction with their college experience and provide faculty and staff with a personal sense of fulfillment and satisfaction. Dramatic results can result from even a three percent reduction in the College’s attrition rate.

Community involvement will not end there. The entire strategic planning process will be participatory. A campus management team, led by Management Professor Tom Powell and Vice President Laurie Musgrove, will solicit input from the various college constituencies, both on and off campus. Graduate School Director Jack Huebsch will serve as the group facilitator; and the data office for strategic planning will be the extra office in the presidential suite. Staff are invited to offer their ideas by contacting one of these individuals or through the email address of strgplan@acad.bryant.edu or splan@acad.bryant.edu.

ARAMEK Generosity

For the 13th consecutive year, the ARAMEK Corporation has donated $10,000 to the ARAMEK Scholarship Endowment. Presenting the check to President Ron Machtley are (l-r) Bill Baker, director of purchasing; President Machtley; Bill Petti, director of dining services; and Mark Allen, district manager of the ARAMEK Corporation.

Outstanding Achievement

Karen Callan, senior designer/associate director of publications (front and center) has received an outstanding achievement award for the design and production of the “Undergraduate Viewbook.” Presenting the award are (right) John McAuley of Consolidated Papers and (second from right) Robert Donohue of ResourceNet International. Also recognized for their contributions were (l-r) Jay Buckley, sales representative for Meridian Printing; Beth Kelly, executive director of college relations; and Margaret Drugovich, dean of admission and financial aid.
In Memoriam -- Robert A. Provost

Robert A. Provost, a professor of accounting at Bryant for 30 years, died Oct. 25 in South County Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of Dolores Provost and the father of Mark, Nadine and Nicole Provost, and Noelle Leite.

A CPA and a CPA (certified fraud examiner), Bob developed and coordinated the CPA review program during his tenure at Bryant. He received a faculty merit award in 1990 for outstanding teaching. “Bob was a dedicated teacher and really made certain that his students understood the field they were getting into,” says Professor Mike Filippelli. “He was a very ethical person and a true professional both as a faculty member and in his profession. He was also a good friend and colleague and will be greatly missed.”

Dottie Scott, coordinator for Faculty Suite B, says Bob touched a lot of students’ lives in a very positive way. Phuong Le ’97 is one of them. “I wasn’t sure that I wanted to be an accounting major,” she says. “But after taking a course with Professor Provost, I knew that I definitely was in the right field. I loved his teaching style -- he always spoke clearly and emphasized what was important and what we needed to remember. He was the best teacher I had in my freshman year and, I think, one of the reasons I made it through that first year”

A memorial scholarship fund has been established. Checks should be made payable to the Robert A. Provost Scholarship Fund-Bryant College, and sent to Box 40.

Stormy Weather

Through sleet, snow, and rain, Bryant employees are always on the job. Well, almost always. Occasionally, there may be a delay or cancellation due to nasty weather conditions. So when the snow starts to fly, or ice covers the roadways, tune in to a local radio or television station and listen for Bryant’s announcement. Or, call the Campus Information Line at 232-6002 for an updated message.

Decisions to delay or cancel will be made by 6 a.m. for day classes and programs and 3 p.m. for evening classes and programs. A snow ban on overnight parking will begin with the first snowfall and will remain in effect throughout the winter months. This year, overnight parking will be allowed only in Commuter Lot C-4, the lot nearest to the Bryant Center.

A memo listing radio and television stations that will broadcast Bryant announcements will be sent to the entire Bryant Community before Thanksgiving.

Forum on the Future

Students from Professor Marsha Pripstein Posusney’s “Electoral Systems and Electoral Reform” class will host a public forum, “The 1996 Elections and Beyond: Where Do We Go From Here?” on Tuesday, Nov. 19. It will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Papitto Dining Room, and the Bryant Community is invited to attend.

Darrell West, chair of the political science department at Brown University; M. Charles Bakst, political commentator for the Providence Journal-Bulletin; and Rob Richie, executive director of the Center for Voting and Democracy in Washington, D.C., will discuss the future of economic policy, and the two-party system in Rhode Island the United States.

In addition to students from POLS 385, sponsors include academic affairs and the departments of history/social sciences, economics, and finance.

Governor Visits Campus

Governor Lincoln Almond recently visited campus, where he spoke to students in Professor Leo Mahoney’s forecasting class, ate lunch in Salmanson Dining Hall, and met with international students. The Governor later toured the Nynex Telecommunications Center. In the photo above, he stops to talk with brothers of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.
Bryant Welcomes Graduate School Director

Welcome to Jack Huebsch (pronounced "Hipsh"), new director of the Graduate School. He comes to Bryant from Syracuse University, where he served as the assistant dean and administrative director of the MBA program.

Jacks brings a wealth of experience to Bryant, including a proven track record in admissions, academic advising, and student services. He characterizes his management style as customer service oriented. "I believe in the "Total Quality Management" approach to meet and exceed the needs of the students," he says.

Jack is impressed with the enthusiasm on campus for the graduate program, and with President Ron Machtley's vision for the future. "Such enthusiasm is contagious and creates an exciting place to work," says Jack.

Busted!

Rose Marie Powell, of college relations, offered no resistance when she was arrested during Phi Sigma Sigma's annual Jail & Bail. The sorority raised nearly $500 for the National Kidney Foundation.

In Full Swing

Brothers of Delta Chi fraternity and sisters of Delta Zeta sorority recently held a 25-hour "Swing-A-Thon" to raise money for two worthy causes -- United Cerebral Palsy of Rhode Island and Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. President Ron Machtley and Mrs. Machtley (at left on swing) helped to kick off the event.

Bryant Selected as a "Best Buy"

Bryant College has once again been selected as one of the nation's 300 "best buys" in college education by a leading college guide.

The 1996 edition of "Barron's 300 Best Buys in College Education" lists Bryant among schools that deserve recognition in the performance of their faculties, the depth and comprehensiveness of their curricula, the preparation of their students for lives after graduation, and the prices they charge for their services. Other criteria were the percentage of faculty with Ph.D.'s, the percentage of entering freshmen who graduate from the college, and the percentage of graduates who pursue advanced degrees.

Barron's sent questionnaires to Bryant students and used the completed questionnaires to gauge student satisfaction. Statistical data was provided by the College's administration.

Holiday Party

Bryant's annual holiday party for employees and their guests will be held on campus on Saturday, Dec. 7. "A Winter Wonderland" is the theme for this year's event. The evening begins at 6 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar in the Unistructure Rotunda. Doors to Salmanson Dining Room open at 7 p.m., where a holiday buffet dinner will be served, followed by dancing until midnight.

Tickets are $10 each. Completed R.S.V.P. cards should be returned to Committee Co-chairs Todd Nelson in the conference office, or Guiomar Melo in the president's office. For further information, call Todd at Ext. 6521.
NEW FACES

Barbara Gregory
Assistant Director of Career Services/Internship Program

Barbara returns to Bryant after serving as associate director of career planning services at Brown University. Prior to that, she had been assistant director for career development at Bryant for four years. Barbara holds a B.A. from Mt. Saint Mary College and an M.A. from the State University of New York in New Paltz.

John A. White
Sports Information Director

John joins Bryant from Framingham State College, where he served as sports information director for two years while pursuing his master's degree. Prior to that, he was co-director of public relations for the Cape Cod Baseball League. John was sports and competition coordinator for the ESPN 'X' Games in Providence this summer. He holds a B.A. from the University of Massachusetts and an M.A. from Framingham State College.

Linda C. Lyons
Assistant Director of Career Services/Career Development

Linda most recently served as director of transfer and career services, and coordinator of career development and transfer at Dean College in Franklin, Mass. Prior to that, she was a career development specialist for the Northern RI Private Industry Council in Woonsocket. Linda holds B.A. and M.S. degrees from the University of Rhode Island.

Diane M. Ruotolo
Admission Assistant

Diane most recently was a real estate assistant for the Warwick law offices of Wallick & Paolino, and Joel Robinson. Prior to that, she was executive secretary to the president of Rhode Island Central Credit Union. Diane attended the Sweeney School of Business and is a licensed realtor.

The Two-Minute Drill

by John White

There are certain things that you can count on every fall. A nip in the air. The leaves turning radiant colors. And the Bryant golf team winning the Northeast-10 championship.

This fall was no exception as the Bulldogs coasted to their fourteenth title in 16 seasons. Legendary head coach Archie Boulet, the architect of this dynasty for 33 years, earned his second consecutive conference coach of the year award. His prize pupil, senior captain Ray Issler, became the first golfer in history to win four straight Gordon McCullough Awards (NE-10's top golfer), shooting a three-over par 145.

From there, Bryant finished second at the ECAC Southern District qualifier. The Bulldogs, who outdistanced the closest Division II foe by a staggering 30 strokes, were edged by Division One-power (and eventual ECAC champ) Hartford by just one. While Issler played his usual brilliant round (secondplace 77), it was senior Jeff Weber's turn in the spotlight. His 75 was the best individual score of the 69 golfers competing.

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In the market for a new car? You might want to begin your search by picking up a Bulldogs Sports Card at a Bryant basketball game. For every home game you attend, you receive a stamp at halftime on your card. Obtain 20 stamps and turn your card into the athletic department. You will automatically be eligible for a raffle that may put you on the court to shoot for a new car courtesy of Bristol County Dodge. And remember, games are free for College community.