134th Commencement to be held May 17

Five extraordinary professionals whose stellar achievements exemplify the Bryant mission of providing students with the broadest exposure to the world’s business leaders, have been selected as Bryant’s 1997 honorary degree recipients, as announced by President Ronald K. Machtery in a memo to the Bryant Community on April 28. Each of the five, highlighted in this issue, will receive an honorary Doctor of Business Administration degree.

Two of these leaders will address Bryant graduates and their families as keynote speakers at the College’s Commencement exercises: Joanna T. Lau, president and a founder of the award winning LAU Technologies in Littleton, Mass., will be the featured speaker at the Graduate School Commencement on May 16 at which 160 students will receive advanced degrees. Henrique de Campos Meirelles, president and chief operating officer of BankBoston will give the keynote address at the Undergraduate Commencement on May 17 where 655 undergraduates will receive degrees. President Machtery will preside at both Commencement exercises and will be the keynote speaker at the ROTC Commissioning to take place on May 16. (See the Commencement schedule on next page.)

High-tech business entrepreneur Joanna Lau, international financier
Henrique de Campos Meirelles, to be keynote speakers

Joanna T. Lau
President of LAU Technologies, manufacturer of electronic systems for U.S. military and commercial applications. Professional experiences range from commercial to military system design and manufacturing operations; earned GE Aircraft Engine’s "Young Engineering Award" in 1987; The New England Council’s First Annual Leadership Award to Women in Business in 1993; 1995 National Turnaround Entrepreneur of the Year by Inc. magazine; 1995 Small-Business Person of the Year for Massachusetts; 1997 Boston Chamber of Commerce Pinnacle Award for achievement in business. Immigrated from Hong Kong in 1976 and obtained U.S. citizenship. Earned B.S. from the State University of New York at Stony Brook; M.S. from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va.; and M.B.A. from Boston University.

Henrique de Campos Meirelles
International financier, president and chief operating officer of BankBoston, super-regional bank holding company with assets of $62.3 billion and 23,000 employees. Native of Brazil, joined BankBoston in 1974 as managing director of Boston Leasing; became vice president of bank in Sao Paulo in 1978; appointed head of the Commercial Bank in Brazil two years later; promoted to deputy country manager in 1981; president and regional manager of BankBoston in Brazil in 1984. Degree in civil engineering from University of Sao Paulo; M.B.A. from Federal University of Rio de Janeiro; completed Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School. Board chairman of Brazilian Association of International Banks; former executive director of Brazilian Federation of Banks. Named "Most Influential Banker of the Year" in 1996 by Latin Trade magazine.

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Diana Beaudoin, interim vice president of academic affairs, has a book review published in the Fall/Winter 1997 issue of the New England Resource Center for Higher Education (NERCHE) Newsletter, University of Massachusetts-Boston. Its title is "Promotion and Tenure: Community and Socialization in Academe."


Professor Paulo de Medeiros will give a lecture titled "Haunting the Nation: Narrative, Nation, and the Contemporary Portuguese Novel" at the International Comparative Literature Association Conference at Leiden (Netherlands) in August 1997. He has also been named co-editor of a new academic publication, Cultural Inquiry: A Portuguese Studies Journal. The first issue is expected in spring 1998.

Professor Joseph Urgo has had an essay titled, "Capitalism, Nationalism, and the American Short Story" accepted for publication in Studies in Short Fiction. He will also deliver a paper titled "Reading Past Tolerance: Faulknerian Encounters" at the 1997 American Literature Conference in Baltimore this month. He has recently been nominated as a fellow in the Society for Values in Higher Education.

Professor Terri Hasseler delivered a paper titled "Mr. Punch's Criminology Anxiety: The Rhetoric of Dress and the Indian Rebellion" at the Northeast Victorian Studies Association Conference in Hartford in April. She will also appear at a conference titled "From Boundaries to Borderlands: Intersections of Feminism and Rhetoric," where she will speak on "Socially Responsible Rage: Post-Colonial Feminism and Writing."

Jack Keigwin, executive in residence, has been appointed to the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education by Governor Lincoln Almond. Jack was nominated by Dr. Edward Liston, president of the Community College of Rhode Island and Dr. Robert Carothers, president of the University of Rhode Island.

Professor Pedro Beade presented a paper titled "Ralph Adams Cram and the Gothic Revival in American Architecture" at the annual meeting of the American Culture Association, which was held in March in San Antonio, TX.

Commencement Schedule of Events

Friday, May 16

- ROTC Commissioning: 1:30 p.m. - Rotunda
- Graduate School Commencement: 4 p.m. - Outdoor site
- Graduate School Reception: 5:15 p.m. - Gym Patio
- Baccalaureate Service: 6 p.m. - Rotunda
- President's Reception: 6:30 p.m. - Salzman

Saturday, May 17

- Students/Families/Friends Breakfast ($5 at door): 7 a.m. - South Dining Room
- Annual Commencement Breakfast: 8 a.m. - Papitto Dining Room
- Procession lineup: 9 a.m.
- Procession begins: 9:30 a.m.
- Undergraduate Commencement: 10 a.m. - Outdoor site
- Receptions following ceremony: 12 p.m. - Bryant Center and Koffler Center Patios

de Medeiros is Fulbright Scholar

English Professor Paulo de Medeiros has been named a Fulbright Scholar for 1997-98. He will teach a graduate seminar in the Ph.D. Program in Literary Theory at the University of Lisbon in Portugal.

Paulo joined Bryant in 1991 and teaches comparative literature, humanities, and other English courses. He is part of the interdisciplinary team that developed the Freshman Liberal Arts Seminar.

Previous grants Paulo has received include a NEMLA award to research diaries and a National Endowment for the Humanities grant.

Paulo enjoys spending summers in Germany with his family, while conducting research at the University of Freiburg. He will leave for Lisbon in January 1998.

The Fulbright program, now in its 51st year, is administered by the U.S. Information Service to promote the international exchange of scholars.
Bryant Focus of Governor’s TV Show

The second floor of the Bryant Center was recently turned into a set for taping the Cox Cable program, "Straight Talk With Lincoln Almond." President Machtley was a guest on the Rhode Island governor's show, along with John Gregory, president of the Northern Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce; and John Mulherin, chief operating officer for Fidelity Investments Institutional Services. Bryant alumnus David Catanzaro '75 hosts the monthly program.

The program focused on economic development in Northern Rhode Island, with Bryant and Fidelity Investments as major players. It was viewed by an audience of Bryant students, faculty, and staff, and aired several times throughout the month of April. Videotapes are available in the college relations office for anyone wishing to borrow one.

In photo (l-r) Host David Catanzaro '75 chats with Governor Almond and President Machtley prior to the show's taping.

Former Bryant Presidents Named to Top Posts

Dr. William E. Trueheart, president of Bryant for seven years, and a visiting scholar at the Graduate School of Education at Harvard University, has been named president of Reading is Fundamental, Inc., the nation's oldest and largest volunteer literacy organization serving 3.7 million children. The announcement was made in Washington, D.C., by Lynda Johnson Robb, chairman of Reading is Fundamental (RIF). Dr. Trueheart assumes his duties on May 5.

Dr. James A. (Dolph) Norton, who served as interim president of Bryant for the 1995-96 academic year, has been named interim president of Adelphi University in New York. Since retiring as a professor of government at the University of Virginia in 1988, he has served as interim president at Hiram College in Hiram, Ohio; the Lamar University system in Texas, and the University of Maryland system.

Four Receive Herstory Awards

Kudos to four members of the Bryant community, who were recently chosen to receive 1997 Herstory Awards. They are Meghan Fraleigh '97, Student Award; Sharon Pacheco '97, Student Award; Deb Pasquarella, Staff Award; and Judy McDonnell, Faculty Award. Other nominees were Diana Brigham Beaudoin, Judith Clare, Rosanne Dana, Doris Helmich, Gretchen McLaughlin, Jennie Rudin '97, Donna Tawse, Nanci Weinberger, and Jeannette White.

The award winners and nominees were honored at a Herstory Awards Celebration dinner that was held April 4 in the Rotunda.

The Herstory Awards are presented annually by Bryant's Alliance for Women's Awareness as part of Women's History Month, an annual, national event that celebrates the contributions of women to the global community.

Bryant sought nominations of women and men on campus who have worked to create a more equitable and just environment for women on and off campus. Last year's recipients were Judy Barrett Litoff, Joanna Powers '96, and Robert Sloss.
Service Awards

A total of 77 Bryant employees will be honored at the 32nd annual Service Awards Reception on May 7. The event begins at 3:30 p.m. in Papito Dining Room.

Congratulations to the following retirees and employees who will be honored this year:

**Retirees**
- William Banks
- Hazel Lavender
- Richard Thivierge
- Lubov Titzmann

**35-Years Award**
- Samuel Ramsay Jr.

**30-Year Award**
- Patrick Keeley
- Alan Olinsky
- Wallace Wood

**25-Year Award**
- Harriet Farrar
- Hazel Lavender
- Janet Morahan-Martin

**20-Year Award**
- Michael Lynch
- John Swearingen

**15-Year Award**
- Eugene Amelio
- Lorraine Benoit
- Judith Farrell
- Kenneth Fougere
- Jo-Anne Lema
- Richard Magnan
- Carol Malo
- Mary Moroney
- Elizabeth Powers
- Claire Senecal
- John Topp
- Susan Wandyes

**10-Year Award**
- Kathleen Albanese
- Theresa Cancelliere
- Robert Caron
- Elaine Catlow
- Gerald Cournoyer
- Beverly Daignault
- Robert Deshaies
- Jean Dominici
- Joseph Folsom
- Paula Iacono
- Linda LaChance
- Robert MacKnight
- Mell Mann
- T. D. Mefford Jr.
- Penny Pietraszka
- Karen Renaud
- Mary Ellen Rivet
- Nancy Servoss
- Carolyn Skeffington
- David Sloucim
- Jane St. Onge
- Sandy Sylvia
- Richard Thivierge
- Denis Trafficante

**Five-Year Award**
- Dennis Bline
- Joseph Bonnici
- Raymond Camara
- Dean Carlson
- Charles Cullinan
- David DeBlois
- Anne Dent
- Louise Doumato
- Hsiang-Ling Han
- Doris Helmich
- Antoine Joseph
- Elizabeth Kelly
- Timothy Krumwiede
- Julie Leblanc
- Guinmar Melo
- Keith Murray
- Margaret Noble
- Donald Papineau
- Vivian Paquin
- Roland Parenteau
- Carmen Pont
- Marsha Posusney
- Louis Reo
- William Scheibal
- James Segovis
- Thomas Szilagyi
- Michael Thompson
- Shirley Wilson
- Lawrence Witner

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Ginnie Bowry, public safety assistant, has been elected a regional vice president for the Rhode Island Crime Prevention Association. She will act as liaison for colleges and universities within the state.

Bryant was well represented at the 4th Undergraduate Women's Conference on "Women Making Meaning: Opening Eyes and Opening Minds: United Against Oppression," which was held at SUNY Oneonta in March. Presenting at the two-day conference were Cheryl Asprelli '98; Bari Bendell '97; Sharon Pacheco '97; and Meghan Fahlen '97. This was the second year that the three seniors participated in this conference.

BY THE WAY . . .

A proud Dick Alberg recently stopped by with a photo of his seventh grandchild. Jeremy Christopher Quinn was born February 11 to Ruth Quinn '87 and her husband, Michael. Jeremy, who weighed 9 lbs. 5 oz. at birth, joins brothers Daniel and Jeffrey at home. Congratulations to all!

Ginnie Bowry wants everyone to know she has landed a new title -- "Nana" Bowry. Grandson Matthew Robert Colucci was born March 23 to Ginnie’s daughter, Donna Colucci, and her husband, Robert. Matthew, who weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz., was one of many heavenly events occurring that day, including the Hale-Bopp Comet, the lunar eclipse, and the brilliance of Mars.

Marty Rosenzweig sends the following note to the Bryant Community: "My wife, Susan, and I would like to express our deep appreciation for the touching expressions of sympathy we received from the members of the Bryant family following the death of my father."

Fatal Vision

World Health Day activities were held last month in the Rotunda. Here, Nicole Whitten '97, organizer of the event, attempts to walk a straight line under the watchful eye of Sgt. Brad Folsom, of public safety. The task was difficult because Nicole was wearing a pair of "Fatal Vision Goggles," which simulate a level of impairment a person would feel after drinking. Brad, who is president of FEDD UP (Friends Ending Drunk Driving), took a vacation day from his regular job at Bryant to represent his organization.
Robert K. Kraft

Owner and CEO of the New England Patriots; owner of Foxboro Stadium. In success story followed by millions of sports fans, Patriots won the American Football Conference championship in 1997, participating in the Super Bowl for only the second time in the franchise’s history. President of Rand-Whitney Group and the International Forest Products Group of Companies that together comprise one of the largest privately owned paper and packaging companies in the nation. Chairs Chestnut Hill Management, money management firm specializing in equity management. From 1986 to 1991, major stockholder and president of WHDH-AM and WHDH-TV, CBS (now NBC) television network affiliate in Boston. Attended Columbia University on academic scholarship and received fellowship to the Harvard School of Business, where he earned M.B.A.

Barbara A. Papitto ’83, ’85 MBA

Member of the Bryant Board of Trustees from 1987 through 1996 when named honorary trustee. Earned both B.S. and M.B.A. degrees at Bryant; chaired the Bryant Annual Fund drive from 1985-87; provided leadership on both Executive Alumni Board and the Graduate School Advisory Council. Also very active as a community leader; past president of the Nickerson House Community Center in Providence, R.I., where she chaired a successful one-million-dollar capital campaign; member of the corporation of St. Mary’s Home for Children in North Providence; guild member of the Hibiscus Children’s Center in Jensen Beach, Fla.; served as an allocation panel member of the Emergency and Disaster Services Panel of the United Way.

Christian Schwarz-Schilling

Native of Innsbruck, Austria, educated in Germany; joined Christian Democratic Party and member of Parliament for 37 years, focusing on economic political developments. In 1982, became minister of Post and Telecommunications, heading the largest single government-owned company, the German Bundespost, with more than half million employees. As minister of Posts and Telecommunications in 1990, liberalized telecommunications services in Germany; actions led to privatization of government-owned telecommunications entity and opened door to private competition. Is international arbitrator in the Bosnian peace negotiations and, from onset of crisis in former Yugoslavia, has worked to end the strife. Received degree in Sinology (Chinese language, literature and civilization) and doctorate of philosophy from Ludwig-Maximilian University in Munich.

In his memo to the Bryant Community, President Machtley commended the Honorary Degree Committee for their work in identifying the superb individuals who comprise the distinguished honorary Class of 1997. The committee members include: John Callahan ’56, trustee and chair of the committee; Gerald Berard ’80, ’95H; Professor Timothy Brown; Tanya Confresi ’97 MBA; Mary Alice Conlon, director of advancement services; Francis Doehner ’98; and trustees John Hoy and James Hoyte.

Reserved Seating For Commencement

Bryant employees who have a son, daughter, or spouse graduating this year are eligible to receive two reserved seat tickets to Commencement exercises. Any employee presenting a diploma case to his or her child may also request reserved seating.

Contact Eileen Chekal at Ext. 6442 for information or to request tickets.
NEW FACES

Michelle R. Gasbarro
Secretary, Career Services

Michelle comes to Bryant from ArtVac Corporation in Lincoln, where she served as receptionist/secretary. Prior to that, she was a secretary for Communication Systems, Inc. in North Providence.

Michelle holds an Administrative Assistant Certificate from the Sawyer School in Pawtucket.

AROUND THE CORNER

May 5-13: Exam period
May 7: 23rd Annual Service Awards 3:30 p.m. - Papito Dining Room
May 12: Community Meeting 9 to 10 a.m. and 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Janikies Auditorium
May 13: Semester ends
May 14: Commencement Ball in Newport
May 15: Class of '97 Clambake in Newport
May 21: Day and evening classes begin
May 26: Memorial Day No classes, offices closed
June 6-8: Alumni Weekend

ON THE MOVE

In the previous issue of Bryant's Business, promotion titles listed for Robert Edwards and Charlotte Rodericks were incorrect. Their new titles are User Services Technicians.

The Two-Minute Drill
by John White

Jerry Hassard knew he would be starting over when he left the University of Iowa after 20 years to take over Bryant's track and field program last summer. While the Northeast-10 Conference should never be confused with the Big Ten, Hassard is happy with the progress his team is making.

"Just about every athlete has reached a personal best," Hassard said. "I'm pleased with the work ethic and attitude of the team. It indicates to recruits that something special is happening with our program."

It also helps to have some talent. Freshman Adam Gray of Barrington took first place in the hammer throw at the Rhode Island College Relays March 22 and another freshman, Tov Birke-Hausien, captured first in the long jump. Keep an eye on junior Jeff Pennini, who won the discus and finished second in the javelin at Wesleyan University on March 29, and sophomore Matt Roloff, who overtook a solid field to win the 5000 meters.

On the women's side, sophomores Michele Mottola and Jackie Ely have dominated the competition. Both have posted victories in the 5000 (at RIC and Wesleyan), and Ely finished in top three in the 800 and 1500 meters at Wesleyan.

Hassard believes the best is yet to come. "I think the best results will occur next season, when the training program makes its impact. Recruiting is also going very well. I expect the team to grow in the very near future."

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Another squad undergoing some reconstruction is the men's tennis team. Gone are Roman Pavlik, Andy Lipsky, and Jason Wall, the cornerstones of the team's success the last four seasons. With seniors Mike Gisler and Derek Ryan providing leadership and freshmen Quentin Carmichael and Joel Slager showing promise, the Bulldogs turned in an impressive third-place performance at the NORTHWEST-10 Tourney at St. Michael's April 18-20.

The architect of this success is head coach Bob Coker. Now in his seventh season, he has turned a struggling program into one that owned a 38-5 record heading into this season and earned a spot in the NCAA Division II Championships last spring.