Bryant Professor Tops In Rhode Island

Dr. Kumar Chittipeddi, associate professor of management at Bryant College and interim director of Bryant's Center for International Business and Economic Development (CIBED), has been named "Rhode Island Professor of the Year" by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).

Kumar was one of 400 instructors nationwide nominated by their institutions for awards in their respective states.

"Kumar is not just one of the most well liked and respected professors on our campus, he is also a nationally recognized leader in his field," said President Bill Trueheart. "This is a singular honor for Kumar, and all of us in the Bryant community are pleased that this recognition was bestowed on our colleague."

In a letter of recommendation on Kumar's behalf, Elaine Mailhot, a 1993 Bryant alumna, wrote, "Professor Chittipeddi teaches with a style unique to any other professor I have had. He brings cases to every class for the students to solve, and he brings his own..."
BY THE WAY

A fond farewell to the man who gets Bryant’s unqualified “Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval.” Bob Pariseau, who recently retired after almost nineteen years at Bryant, will be missed by one and all.

David Denault sent a note to Joe Ilacqua thanking the Bryant Community for “all the support and caring wishes I and my mother (Pauline Denault) have received” and a special thank you to the Faculty Federation for the fruit basket. David wrote, “Please let people know how much I appreciate their reaching out to my mother.” David has taught economics at Bryant, both full and part time, since 1987.

Mary Ellen Rivet thanks all her friends at Bryant for their cards, kindness, and support during her illness.

Sandy Langford of the post office became a first-time grandmother on September 23. Her daughter, Kacy, and son-in-law, Tim, became the proud parents of Thomas Anthony Pimental, who entered the world weighing 8 lbs. 2 oz. Both baby and grandmother weathered the event nicely.

Congratulations to Charlotte (Moskalenko) Rodericks, of information technology, and her new husband. She and Frank Rodericks were married October 13 during a candlelight ceremony.

Susan Ross ’95, Niral Patel ’95, Melissa Fortier ’92, and Professor Nanci Weinberger would like to thank the many sponsors who encouraged them to stand up against violence in the October 17 “Walk for Women’s Safety” held in Boston.

Ginnie Bowry of public safety has a new son-in-law. Robert Colucci married her daughter, Donna Pirri, on September 4 in St. Phillip’s Church, Greenville. Donna is the stepdaughter of Richard Bowry.

Donna Klepadlo of financial aid and her husband, John, received the best “treat” of all on Halloween. Christopher John was born at 11 a.m. on that day and weighed 5 lbs. 10 oz. He joins three siblings at home. Congratulations to the entire family!

Bryant Enrollment Bucks Business School Trend

Bucking a national trend at institutions specializing in business education, Bryant College enrolled its largest freshman class in two years this semester, despite a decrease in the number of college-age students expressing an interest in business careers. The Class of 1997 totals 652 students, an increase of 16 percent from last year’s entering class. An additional 152 men and women transferred to Bryant from other colleges and universities.

“We are one of a small number of business schools in the Northeast and the country that has seen an increase in enrollment, particularly of women, increase despite the mood of the general public toward our economy’s future,” said Dr. Wallie Roettger, executive vice president.

“Bryant’s Class of 1997 is also a more diverse class as well as a class of high quality,” said Wallie. She noted that this year’s freshman class also includes more minority students and more international students than the Class of 1996.

“Over the past seven years, surveys have shown that interest in business education is down about 12 percent. The ’80s attitude is definitely dead,” Wallie said. “Couple that with a 20 percent decline in college-age demographics since 1987-88, and the future could look bleak.”

What’s the reason for the increased enrollment? “We believe our customers know we have a quality program at a reasonable price,” said Wallie. “It’s also been a team effort. Alumni, parents of current students, and the students themselves, along with the College’s faculty and staff, have all come together to tell what’s unique about a Bryant education.”

Bryant’s designation as one of the country’s best buys for a business school education by U.S. News World Report and Barron’s has also helped in these financially tough times, Wallie added.

Things look bright for future years. “Inquiries from prospective Bryant students who are currently high school juniors and seniors have increased significantly from last year to this year,” Wallie said. “With the help of the Bryant Enrollment Support Team (BEST), our admission staff will be reaching out to those students to make sure this year’s higher enrollment trend continues for the foreseeable future.

Bryant to Unveil New AIDS Awareness Stamp

The U.S. Postal Service will unveil its latest postage stamp at Bryant on Wednesday, December 1. December 1 is AIDS Awareness Day, and Bryant is the only location in Rhode Island, as well as the only college or university in the country, to host such an event.

The unveiling will take place in the Unistructure’s Koffler Roundta at noon that day. The official stamp cancellation will read “Bryant College Station, Smithfield, RI.” Envelopes with the special cancellation will be available for $2.50. One dollar will be donated to AIDS education programs on campus and one dollar will be donated to RI Project AIDS.

Health Educator Doris Horridge is working with faculty to have a portion of each class discuss an aspect of the AIDS crisis on December 1.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recently announced that AIDS is now the leading cause of death among American men 25-44, and the fourth leading cause among American women of that age group. A 1990 study by the CDC found that one of every 500 people on a college campus tested positive for the HIV virus, which causes AIDS.
Bryant Named One of the Top Business Colleges in U.S.

For the fourth straight year, Bryant College has been named one of the top business schools in the country by U.S. News & World Report in their annual ranking of America's best colleges. Bryant ranked third out of 25 business schools across the U.S., and raised its academic reputation ranking from fifth to third. Bryant's overall score also jumped from 87.9 to 89.5 out of a possible 100 points, an increase of 3.4 points since 1991.

"We are delighted to be recognized, for the fourth consecutive year, as one of the nation's best business schools. It is deeply gratifying to know that presidents and deans of the nation's universities hold Bryant's academic programs in such high esteem. That is the finest affirmation of our commitment to excellence," said Bryant President Bill Trueheart.

Almost 1,400 accredited four-year schools were surveyed by U.S. News & World Report, which ranked the institutions according to a system that combined statistical data with the results of an exclusive U.S. News & World Report survey of academic reputations among 2,655 college presidents, deans, and admission directors.

The seventh annual ranking of America's best colleges was contained in the October 4 issue of U.S. News & World Report.

Bryant Students, Alums, Learn the Art of Entrepreneurship

"So, You Want to be an Entrepreneur?" That was the theme of a day-long series of seminars offered to Bryant College students on October 21 in the Bryant Center on the College's Smithfield campus.

"A student may have a skill that came naturally or through training that can form the basis of his or her own business," said Professor Jack Keigwin, a member of Bryant's Entrepreneurship Committee. "Bryant brought together some of the most accomplished entrepreneurs in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and Connecticut to share their secrets to success with our students and alumni."

Three seminars featuring a panel of business leaders were offered. The first included Nicholas Janikies '57, president of the Jan Companies; Nicholas Kondon, chief executive officer of Spectra Science; and Cheryl Watkins, president and CEO of Banneker Industries. A second seminar featured Warren Alpert, chairman and CEO of Warren Equities, Inc., and founder of the Warren Alpert Foundation. The third seminar included Linda Brunini, vice president and co-owner of International Etching, Inc., president and co-owner of Two-hands, Inc., and president of L.A. Browning Corporation; Peter Corbett and Robert Kermes, managing partners of Ocean States Sports Center; and Steve Lander '69, owner of Amazing Stores.

Bernard G. Mondor '91H, chairman of the board of the Pawtucket Red Sox Baseball Club, Inc., was the keynote speaker at a luncheon that day. Mondor serves on the College's Board of Trustees.
Professor Urgo Broadens European View of “Borders”

The U.S., Canada, and Mexico take their North American borders for granted. Our neighbors to the north and south share, with the U.S., what are now among the oldest undisputed borders in the world.

“Europe is looking to the United States to learn how to manage borders, or what the Europeans refer to as ‘frontiers,’” said Bryant College Humanities Professor Dr. Joseph Urgo, who recently returned from the University of Leon in Spain, where he was one of only two U.S. presenters at a conference on “The Frontier - Myth and Reality in the New World.”

“Europeans are intrigued by the openness of America’s borders with Canada and Mexico,” said Joe. “There is no fighting over borders, and travel between nations is virtually unrestricted. This is an issue all of Europe is dealing with, from the conflicts in the Balkans to the breakdown of trade and monetary barriers through the formation of the ‘European Community,’ he said.

Joe noted that frontiers are also at the forefront of a policy issue in the U.S. -- the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). The conference he attended included a roundtable discussion on NAFTA by representatives of the U.S., Canada, and Mexico.

Joe’s topic was “The Burden of the Future: The Reinvention of the U.S. Frontier at the End of the Twentieth Century.” His presentation focused on the writings of novelist Willa Cather.

“Americans have a traditional view of what ‘frontier’ means in our history,” he said. “Willa Cather is different. She stresses a multicultural frontier and the differences among the various ethnic groups of the West and Southwest. That’s an increasingly important view in Europe, where centuries of conflict based on ethnicity are again coming to a boil over the changing borders, or frontiers, of nations.

“When we think of the myth of the American frontier, what comes to mind? Usually it’s a family moving to a location, staking a claim to land, and homesteading,” Joe said. “Cather compels us to take a closer look at history, to realize that there was a continual migration from one ‘state’ to another.”

The five-day conference was funded by the Spanish government. Joe was awarded a Fulbright Lectureship to teach at Leon in 1992.

The University of Leon is the only university in Spain with a business school, and it has entered into a cooperative agreement with Bryant. The two institutions conduct student, faculty, and research exchanges. Associate Professor of Humanities Pedro Beade will leave for the University of Leon in June.

Joe has also written a “think piece,” called “NAFTA and the Border Line,” which has been submitted to several newspapers across the country for publication.

Bryant Professor (Cont’d. from Page 1)

experiences to show what the real world is like. He comes to class with such excitement and enthusiasm that a student’s only choice is to pay attention to him and listen to what he has to say.”

“I like to stimulate the student’s curiosity about everything, especially about the intricacies of managing a business,” said Kumar. “My fascination with corporate and business strategies becomes apparent to the students through a high-energy teaching style. I don’t let the students relax in my class,” he said.

Born in India, Kumar joined the Bryant faculty in 1990. He received his PhD in business administration from Pennsylvania State University, an MBA in management from Oklahoma State University, and a bachelor’s degree as an accounting major from the University of Bombay, India.

Kumar is a director of the Eastern Academy of Management and served as vice president of the minority entrepreneurship division of the U.S. Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship (USASBE) from 1989 to 1991. He was recently elected USASBE’s vice president of finance. He is also a reviewer for several professional journals and was named Outstanding Consultant of the Year for the Rhode Island Small Business Development Center at Bryant College in 1992.

Kumar was presented with the CASE award by President Trueheart and Dr. Americo Petrocelli, Commissioner of Higher Education for Rhode Island, at a Rhode Island State House ceremony.
Dress Down Day
A Continuing Success Story

began as an experiment in the summer of 1991. And it's apparent that the experiment is an unqualified success.

Since "Dress Down Day" began, the Bryant Community has donated an amazing $20,472 to a long list of charitable and community service organizations. The running total for '93 alone is nearly $10,000.

"Dress Down Day" allows employees to dress casually each day by donating $2 to the charity selected for that week. Judging may be purchased in the Unistructure at the reception desk or in support services, and must be worn throughout the day.

Names of proposed charitable organizations may be submitted to Cleo Lindgren or Charlotte Rodericks, co-chairs of the Executive Clerical/Secretarial Council. Upcoming November and December charities include McAuley House, a homeless shelter; the Dora C. Howard Center, which offers day care for the elderly; and the Shriner's Children's Burn Center.

On behalf of Dress Down Day, the Shrine's organization will be "sensing in the clowns"--well, at least one clown. December 3 and 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Bob Edwin, public relations director for the Palestine Temple, will be donating his time and donning his costume to distribute lollipops to students, faculty, and staff. Look for him in the Unistructure's Rotunda.

CIBED Search in Final Stages

The search for a new director of the Center for International Business and Economic Development has been narrowed to nine semi-finalists.

The position was advertised nationally in such publications as The New York Times, The Boston Globe, National Business Employment Weekly, and The Wall Street Journal. Over 250 resumes were received by the search committee.

"We received applications from people with a wide variety of backgrounds," said Dr. Kumar Chittipeddi, acting director of CIBED. "Included among the applicants are college presidents and others with academic experience, corporate executives, entrepreneurs, and former diplomats."

Kumar said that many of the candidates are looking for opportunities to build an organization, and CIBED provides that.

"We are looking for someone who has experience in fundraising, developing a streamlined organization, and marketing CIBED as a singular entity," Kumar said. "We also need someone who can build bridges linking government, business, and academia."

The CIBED search committee is chaired by Professor Wally Wood, computer information systems department head. In addition to Wally and Kumar, other members include Cheryl Comai, Jack Keigwin, David Lux, and Bill O'Hara. Cathy Currie of human resources serves as staff support member on the committee.

Interviews will be conducted through the month of November, and three candidates will be recommended to President Trueheart in early December. The goal is to have the new CIBED director on board by January 1.

Festival of Lights Set for December 8

The seventeenth annual Festival of Lights celebration will be held on Wednesday, December 8. Cosponsored by the Student Alumni Association and the Office of Student Activities, the festivities will begin with a special holiday dinner for students from 6 to 7 p.m. Bill and Carol Trueheart and Wallie and Peggy Roettinger will be among the faculty and staff guest servers.

There will be an interdenominational service in the Rotunda at 8:30 p.m. The menorah will be lighted, followed by holiday songs and the "Lighting of the Candles." After the closing prayer, President Trueheart will lead the procession to the Bryant Center Plaza for the official lighting of the campus Christmas tree. The Student Alumni Association will then host a reception in the Bryant Center.
GET TO KNOW . . . THE DEPARTMENT OF PUB

"To provide personal safety and the security of property on campus" - that is the overall mission of the Bryant College Department of Public Safety (DPS), according to Director of Public Safety George Coronado.

George heads a staff of 20 officers and six reserve officers, who rotate three shifts a day. DPS officers patrol the Bryant campus, handle medical emergencies, and, should the need arise, assist in arrests.

Their ranks include veterans from all four military branches, former police officers, current reserve officers, and members of local rescue squads. They come from as close as Smithfield, and as far away as Arkansas.

"Bryant is fortunate in that even though crime situations develop, they usually are not of the nature and frequency often found in society in general," he added.

George joined Bryant nearly three years ago, and during his tenure, he has set a high priority on the ability of his department to respond to emergencies, especially medical emergencies. More than half of DPS officers are registered Emergency Medical Technicians, including sergeants Brad Folsom, Del Senecal, and Richard Hoover, corporals Tom Mefford, Denis Trafficante, and Fausto Garcia, and patrol officers Ray Perry '87, John Rattigan, Louis Reo, Charles Strickland, and David Slocum. Ray serves as EMT coordinator.

George also established a Bicycle Harinder Rai as a sexual assault.

Other DPS officers include Vin Hopper, Wasiu Raman-Davies, John Rattigan is fire and safety.

Ginnie Bowry serves as public assistant DPS as student officers.

Each year, DPS recognizes the presents them with awards. More received the Distinguished Serv ed EMT of the Year.

Public Safety has made a commit George is confident the men an pus "the safest possible envi

Midnight Madness Tips Off Basketball Season

The witching hour of midnight meant more than the eve of Halloween this year. It was the official start of basketball season, one minute into the first day that teams are allowed to practice according to NCAA rules. And over 1,000 students, parents, and staff let the men’s and women’s teams know they have the Bryant community's support.

Almost every seat in bleachers opened for the event was taken, and the accompanying cheers and foot stomping were music to the ears of Athletic Director Linda Hackett.

"What a turnout! We couldn’t have asked for a better night," said an ecstatic Linda. "The players got the attention they deserved, and everyone saw good, wholesome student spirit at its best. This kind of support makes athletes play to the best of their ability, and we're all looking forward to a great season."

A three-point field goal contest kicked off the night, with the winner of the preliminary rounds, Eric Bertrand '94 going up against President Bill Trueheart. Though the crowd was rooting him on, Bill was no match against Eric’s pinpoint accuracy.

The Bryant cheerleaders and sisters of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority revved up the crowds with their exhibitions, leading to the midnight introduction of the women's team, under the guidance of third-year head coach Mary Burke, and her assistants Bill Boffi and Bridgett Casey. Following the women's opening drills, the men’s squad was welcomed. Head coach Ed Reilly is in his fifth year.

President Bill "Hoops" Trueheart goes for a three pointer but came in runner up to senior Eric Bertrand.

Midnight Madness, which will now become an annual event, was sponsored by the Bryant Athletic Department, the Sixth Man Society, and the Student Programming Board.
PUBLIC SAFETY by Kevin Pishkin, '94

The Patrol Unit, headed by Officer David Slocum, and appointed its specialist,

nie Benoit, Brian Desmarais, Steven Kraftcheck, Scott Lebeau, Darryl
Robert Holmes, and our newest officer, Dana Packer.

y coordinator and Harinder Rai is the new locks and keys coordinator.
safety assistant and crime prevention officer. A number of students
and administrative officers.

age of its members for the outstanding performance of their duties, and
members of the department select the award recipients. Ginnie
vice Award, Vinnie was named Officer of the Year, and Ray was select-
dent to diversity, quality, experience, and maturity in its staffing.
women who work with him will continue to make the Bryant cam-
ment.”

Corporal Tom Mefford guides a visitor to campus who stopped for direc-
tions at the Entry Control Station.

It’s Snowtime!

Don’t let the mid-November warm spell fool you. Winter is right
around the corner, and that means snow is on the way.

In the event of weather-related delays or cancellations, tune into
Rhode Island or Massachusetts radio and TV stations to learn if
Bryant is among those canceling classes. You can also call the
Bryant Information Line at 232-6002 for an update.

The decision to delay or cancel will be made by 6:15 a.m. for day
classes and programs, and 3 p.m. for evening classes and programs.
The Information Line will be updated at those times as well.

Holiday Party

Dress a perfect fit? Picked out a tie? Sitter reserved? Then you’re
ready to attend the 1993 Bryant College Holiday Party at the
Providence Marriot on Saturday, December 4, from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Music for your Listening and dancing pleasure will be provided by
“Brass Attack.”

Again this year, the Marriot is making double rooms available to
Bryant employees. To make reservations, contact the Marriott
directly at 272-2400, and don’t forget to mention your Bryant affiliation
to receive the special $65 rate.

Although the ticket deadline has passed, tickets may still be available.
Call Frank Weeks at Ext. 6180 or Cathy Currie at Ext. 6369.

Bryant APPLE
Collegiate Partnership

Bryant College has been accepted by APPLE Computer Computer
Corporation into the new Collegiate Level Partnership Program.
This program allows Bryant College to purchase APPLE computer
products at an institutional discount and provides APPLE system
engineering support for technology integration in the classroom
and administrative offices. As an added benefit, faculty, staff, and
students can make individual purchases of those same products
at a discount.

With the intensive recruiting of new faculty from across the coun-
try, the Office of Information Technology recognized that they had
to make available the best tools for faculty research and teaching
to remain competitive. In the last three years, APPLE users have
grown from two faculty members to more than 15 users and infor-
mation technology has fielded growing requests from students
who have brought APPLE computers to campus.

For more information about the purchase program, contact Brett
McKenzie at Ext. 6012 or stop by his office in the Koffler
Technology Center.
PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to the following individuals who have recently received promotions:

Kumar Chittipeddi: Chair of the Management Department;
Mike Curran: Superintendent of Housekeeping;
Louise Drouin: Part-time Secretary, Office of Vice President of Academic Affairs;
Irene Mowry: Customer Service Assistant, Center for Management Development;
Vicky Paquin: Secretary, Alumni Relations.

NEW FACES

DAVID F. BETSCH
Assistant Professor of Science

Most recently, David served as director of the Iowa State Public Education Program in Biotechnology, and was also president and owner of Biotechnology Training Programs, Inc. Prior to that, he was visiting industry professor of animal science at Iowa State University. David holds PhD and MS degrees in macromolecular science from Case Western Reserve University and a BS in chemistry from Denison University.

MARY YORK CHRIST
Assistant Professor of Accounting

Mary comes to Bryant from Penn State University, where she was assistant professor of accounting. Prior to that, she was a lecturer and assistant instructor at the University of Texas at Austin. Mary holds a PhD in accounting from the University of Texas at Austin, an MS in accounting from the University of Wisconsin - Madison, and a BA in management science and management systems from the University of Iowa. She is also a CPA.

LORI ANN COAKLEY
Assistant Professor of Management

Lori most recently was an instructor at the St. Petersburg Institute of Management Training in Russia. Before that, she held various teaching and research positions at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Lori holds a PhD in organizational studies/human resource management from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, an MBA with emphasis on organizational behavior from the University of Lowell, and a BA in American studies from the University of California, Santa Cruz.

FALL SPORTS

The schedule below lists only home games. For information about away games, contact the athletic department at 232-6507.

Thursday, December 2
7:30 p.m.: Men's Basketball v. New Hampshire

Wednesday, December 8
7 p.m.: Women's Basketball v. Sacred Heart

HARSH LUTHAR
Assistant Professor of Management

Harsh comes to Bryant from Virginia Tech, where he was a research assistant and an instructor. Prior to that, he held teaching positions at Longwood College in Virginia and Madison Area Technical College in Wisconsin. Harsh holds a PhD in human resources management, labor relations, organization behavior, and research methods/statistics from The R.B. Pamplin College of Business, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, an MBA from the University of Wisconsin - Whitewater, and a BA from Beloit College.

KUNIO MITSUMA
Assistant Professor of Mathematics

Kunio was most recently an assistant professor of mathematics at Methodist College in Fayetteville. Prior to that, he held positions as a computer consultant, a graduate teaching assistant, and an interpreter. Kunio holds a PhD in mathematics from Penn State University, an MS in mathematics from West Virginia University, and a BS in mathematics from Nihon University.

PATRICIA M. AVOLIO
Coordinator, The Learning Center

"Trish" comes to Bryant from Salem State College, where she was the coordinator of reading and study skills, and administrator for learning center programs. She was also an instructor for psychology, sociology, history, and composition courses. Trish earned an MA in reading from Tufts University, and a BA in psychology from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.