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# BRYANT Exchange

FOR AND ABOUT THE PEOPLE OF BRYANT COLLEGE

## 135th Commencement to be held May 16

### Public utility and insurance executives to be keynote speakers

#### Honorary degree recipients

**Thomas A. Taylor**



is a 1963 graduate of Bryant College and is president and chief executive officer of Amica Mutual Insurance Company. He joined Amica in 1970 as a member of the claims staff and has held numerous positions in Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts. He has served in management positions at Amica since 1977, including executive vice president and chief operating officer.

**Robert L. McCabe**



is chairman of the retail subsidiaries of New England Electric System (NEES), a public utility holding company headquartered in Westborough, Mass. Prior to being elected chairman in

Bryant will hold its 135th Undergraduate Commencement exercises on May 16 at 10 a.m., when about 600 students will receive degrees. Graduate Commencement will be held for 172 graduate students on May 15 at 4 p.m. Both ceremonies take place under a tent near the Bryant Center. (See schedule of events on page 2).

**Thomas A. Taylor**, president and chief executive officer of Amica Mutual Insurance Company, will receive an honorary Doctor of Business Administration degree and will deliver the keynote address at the Undergraduate Commencement. **Robert L. McCabe**, chairman of the retail subsidiaries of New England Electric System, will receive an honorary Doctor of Business

Administration degree and deliver the keynote address at the Graduate School Commencement. Bryant President Ronald K. Machtley will preside at both ceremonies.

Three other distinguished individuals will also receive honorary degrees. During the Undergraduate Commencement, the late community activist and Urban League of Rhode Island Executive Director **B. Jae Clanton** will receive a posthumous honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree and **Ernest E. Stempel**, director and senior advisor of American International Group, Inc., will receive an honorary Doctor of Business Administration degree. **Morris J.W. Gaebe**, chancellor and chairman of the board of Johnson & Wales University, will receive an

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## Snap, crackle, and pop to finals

Six Bryant marketing students placed second in the American Marketing Association (AMA) Marketing Challenge held recently in Dallas. The team was one of eight finalists teams from among 27 colleges and universities nationwide. They were charged with creating a marketing plan for a division of the The Kellogg Company. The Bryant team are (l-r) Jacqueline Longtin '98, Brian Willinsky '99, Vincent Sullivan '98, Faculty Advisor Frank Bingham, Graduate Student Jeffrey Teixeira, Barry Jackolow '99, and Tracy Bolduc '98.

Rogers University (formerly Northeastern University at Tulsa, Oklahoma) placed first in the competition.

Behind the Bryant team followed Loyola University, New Orleans; Ohio University; University of Hawaii in Manoa; Cleveland State University; Stephen F. Austin State University, Texas; and St. Cloud University, Minnesota.



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# 135th Commencement continued

honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree at the Graduate School Commencement.

This year, Bryant will be one of the first colleges in the region to offer **Commencement "live" on the World Wide Web**. Virtually anyone in the world with basic computer access can view the Commencement exercises via the "What's New" section of the college's home page or at the direct web address of: <<http://www.bryant.edu/commencement/webcast.html>>. Commencement will remain on the web for two weeks following graduation.

Four Bryant students will receive their **ROTC commissions** as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army on Friday, May 15, at 1 p.m. in the Unistucture Rotunda. Lt. Colonel Randy Golonka, professor of military science for the Patriot Battalion (includes northern Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts) will preside over the ceremony. Keynote speaker will be Army Lt. Colonel Richard Formica, a 1977 graduate of Bryant College currently assigned to the Pentagon.

## Commencement schedule of events

### Friday, May 15

#### ROTC Commissioning

1 p.m. — Unistucture Rotunda

#### ROTC Reception

2:15 p.m. — Gulski

#### Graduate School Commencement

4 p.m. — Main tent near Bryant Center

#### Graduate School Reception

5:15 p.m. — Outside Bryant Center

#### Baccalaureate Service for the Class of 1998

6 p.m. — Unistucture Rotunda

#### President's Reception

6:30 p.m. — Reception tent

### Saturday, May 16

#### Breakfast available for families and friends

6:45 to 8:30 a.m. — South Dining Room

#### Annual Commencement Breakfast

8 a.m. — Papitto Dining Room

#### 135th Undergraduate Commencement

10 a.m. — Main tent near Bryant Center

12:30 p.m. — Refreshments in reception tent

## Honorary degree recipients continued

1997, he served as president and CEO of Narragansett Electric Company, vice president and district manager of the Merrimack Valley District of Massachusetts Electric Company, and vice president of the service subsidiary.

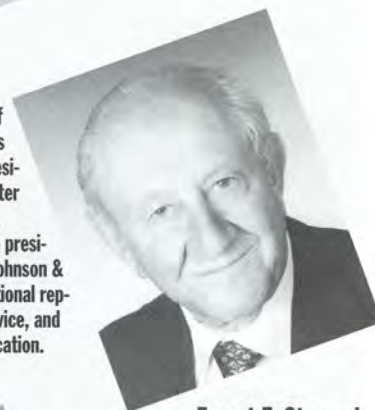


#### Bessie Jae (B. Jae) Clanton

was executive director of the Urban League of Rhode Island from 1985 until her death in 1998, reshaping the organization from a struggling agency to a multimillion-dollar civil rights and social services organization. She was a member of the Bryant board of trustees from 1990 until her death in March and chaired the Audit Committee. Her husband, Melvin Clanton, will accept her posthumous honorary degree.

#### Morris J. W. Gaebe

is chancellor and chairman of the board of Johnson & Wales University. He was named president of the school in 1969 after serving as a faculty member, admissions director, and vice president. Under his leadership, Johnson & Wales has earned an international reputation in business, food service, and hospitality management education.



#### Ernest E. Stempel

is director and senior advisor of American International Group, Inc. (AIG). He has been a director since the company's inception in 1967 and served as vice chairman of its Life Division from 1968 to 1977. He has also served as chairman of two major foreign AIG Life Insurance subsidiaries in Hong Kong and the Philippines.



## 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. Employees participating in Commencement with their sons and daughters may also request reserved seating. Contact Debra Medeiros at ext. 6597 for information or to request tickets.



# Nattress named dean of graduate studies and professional programs

W. Dayle Nattress, former president and chief executive officer of AMBAC Capital Corporation, and chief investment officer of AMBAC Inc. in Westport, Connecticut, since 1991, has been named dean of graduate studies and professional programs.

"I am very pleased to announce Dr. Nattress's appointment," says V.K. Unni, vice president for academic affairs. "His extensive experience in both academia and the business world will benefit our graduate students and corporations involved in management development programs."

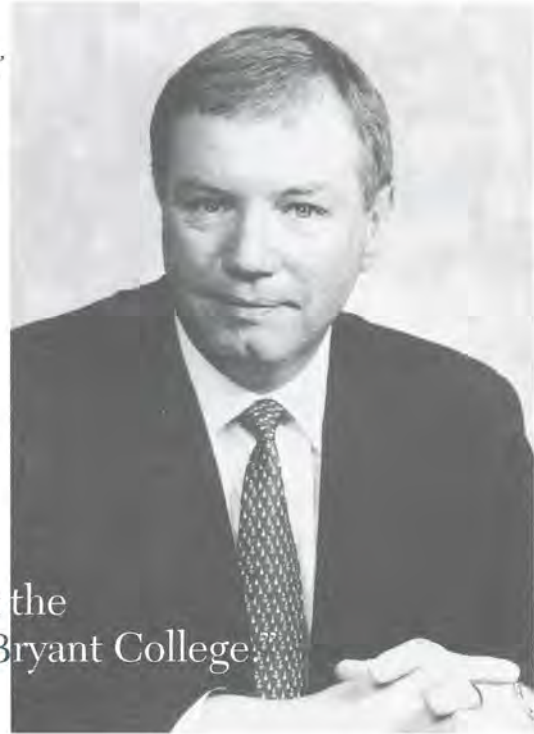
Previously, Nattress was senior vice president, corporate finance, Dean Witter Reynolds; director, corporate finance, Prudential Bache Securities; senior vice president, Mortgage Bank Treasury, Citicorp; and vice president, economics group, Chase Manhattan Bank.

Nattress holds a Ph.D. in economics and a B.S. in philosophy from the University of Utah. He was assistant professor in the department of economics and finance at the University of Wisconsin — La

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Crosse. While at Chase Manhattan Bank, he also held adjunct associate positions at NYU Graduate School of Business and Pace University Graduate School of Business. Nattress has published in a number of academic publications.

"I'm excited about the opportunities for Bryant College," says Nattress, "and look forward to building and growing the Graduate Studies and Professional Programs through partnerships with our corporate community, faculty, and staff."



President Machtley. The first registrant for the program was a Providence police officer — who rode up on his horse and hitched it near the entrance of the building.

## April 9 marked an open house

for Bryant's new location for advanced computer training. The training will be held in a recently renovated computer facility located in the offices of c.w. Costello & Associates, Inc., a local management information systems consulting firm. On hand for the electronic ribbon cutting were (l-r) Patrick Kennedy, branch manager, c.w. Costello, Inc.; Providence Mayor Vincent A. Cianci Jr., and



# Sergei N. Khrushchev

(left), son of Nikita Khrushchev, the former Prime Minister of the Soviet Union, shares a light moment with V.K. Unni, vice president for academic affairs, following a lecture on campus by



Dr. Khrushchev. A senior fellow at the Watson Institute for International Studies at Brown University, Khrushchev spoke on the topic, "Russian Economic Reform: Problems and Prospects for the Future."

## Legendary Italian Pianist Sergio Fiorentino

performed on campus. President's Cultural Innovations at the end of the semester. A sophomore marketing reception in his honor.

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Arthur Richardson, adjunct professor of marketing, presented "Personal Selling in the Healthcare Industry" at *The Health Care Review* conference in Boston. He is a regular contributor to the publication.

Professor Marsha Pripstein Posusney presented a paper, "Controlled Contestation and Opposition Strategies: Authoritarian Elections in the Arab World," at Harvard University and Columbia University in April.

Professor Dan McNally is the primary author of a manuscript, "Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon Degrading Microorganisms in Great Lakes' Sediments," which has been accepted

for publication in the *Journal of Great Lakes Research* for June 1998.

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Judith Clare, director of career services, was a featured seminar presenter at the Providence Chamber of

Commerce's Business Expo '98. Her topic was "Career Fitness: Getting in Shape to Maintain a Healthy Career."

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## leaders edge

### Jim Richardson

**Trustee:** Bryant College

**President:**

Lexus of Cherry Hill; Lexus of Atlantic City; Liberty Toyota;  
Shore Toyota (NJ); \$130 million in sales last year

**Education:**

1968 Bryant graduate; B.S. in business education



**Best job:**

Teaching work-study students  
in Woonsocket from 1970-71

**Worst job:**

U.S. Army tour of duty in  
Vietnam

**Secret to your success:**

Enthusiasm, optimism, fami-  
ly, religion, and people

**Greatest achievement:**

Named *Time* magazine's  
"Quality Dealer of the Year"  
for New Jersey in 1994

**Greatest influence in your life:**

Dr. Priscilla Phillips, retired dean at Bryant; my wife; and my  
mother

**Motto:**

The harder you work, the luckier you get.

**Compare Bryant students of 1968 to today:**

Although we all received a terrific education, I think today's  
technology has dramatically increased students' ability to suc-  
ceed.

**As a trustee, what do you hope to give back?**

Business life experience. When we become students' men-  
tors, it's a big plus in their business careers.

**Best advice to students:**

Attitude is more than half the battle.

**Where would you like to be in 10 years?**

Playing golf.



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# Student-athletes honored



**T. J. Valentine '99**

It is a night that Bryant student-athletes look forward to all year. For some, the annual Athletic Awards Banquet is the last sports-related event of their college life.

Of this year's 185 student-athletes, there were those who earned much deserved recognition. Senior baseball co-captain Bill DiStefano, the Northeast-10 Conference's best hitter, and senior Jennifer Carvalho, who capped a record-breaking volleyball career at Bryant by leading her team to the NCAA Division II Tournament, were chosen Male and Female Athletes of the Year.

David Azzolina, the lone senior on this season's tennis team and a finance major with a 3.4 GPA, and Jaime Eichen, the starting third baseman on the softball team and a financial accounting major with a 3.97 GPA, certainly deserved the Alumni Association Scholar-Athlete Award.

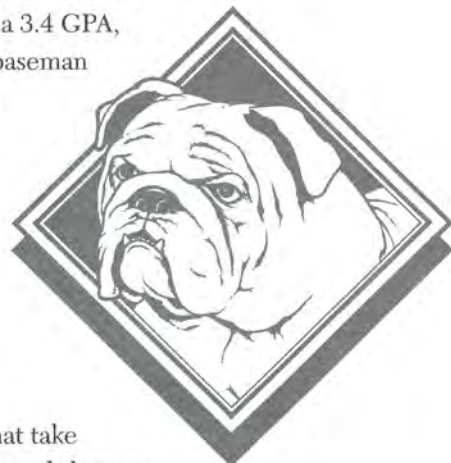
Senior Luke Robustelli, arguably the best baseball player in school history, and senior Stephanie Zanfagna, a four-year starter on the softball team, took home the William T. O'Hara Award.

But for all the obvious outstanding athletic and academic achievements that take place each year, there are those student-athletes who have not broken any records but are equally deserving of recognition. These student-athletes are honored with the Bulldog Award, given by each team's head coach in recognition of an individual's contributions to his or her team and Bryant athletics. This year, no story was more captivating than that of junior T.J. Valentine.

Valentine overcame a season-ending leg injury last season to earn a starting job at second base on this season's baseball team. His successful comeback abruptly ended when a devastating knee injury wiped out what promised to be a terrific season.

With his knee encased in a brace, Valentine is a presence at each and every game, cheering for his teammates from the dugout. He hopes for one more comeback in his senior year.

It's easy to see that Valentine has the heart of a champion. It's what the Bulldog Award is all about.



## Pie with panache

The Third Annual Pie Auction raised \$1,150 for "Make-A-Wish of Rhode Island," a local organization that grants wishes to terminally ill children. Dozens of students, faculty, and staff volunteered to take at least one pie in the face for a minimum bid of \$5 per pie. President Machtley challenged the five-pie limit and raised \$180 for ten pies. Vice President of Student Affairs Tom Eakin (pictured) wears his pie with panache.





# The tradition begins: football schedule announced

Head football coach Jim Miceli announced the schedule for the 1998 season at an alumni reception at the Downtown Athletic Club in New York City on April 23. The Downtown Athletic Club annually honors college football's top player with the Heisman Trophy Award.

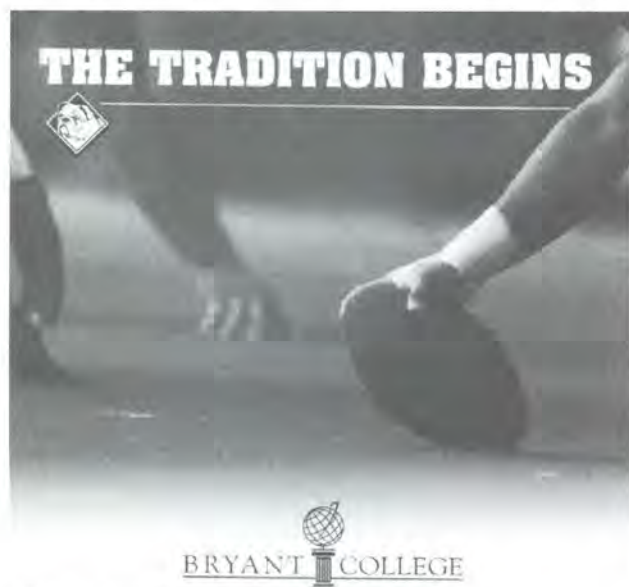
The Bulldogs will play a seven-game schedule next season mainly against Division I-AA teams, and Division II Eastern Football Conference members, where Bryant will compete in the 1999 season. Bryant's home opener against Assumption College on Saturday, September 26, will coincide with the college's Homecoming celebration.

The college is planning the construction of a 2,000-seat stadium to be used for football, lacrosse, and soccer that will include bleachers, restrooms, locker rooms, and a press box.

In addition to football, Bryant is adding four other intercollegiate sports as part of its strategic plan, including field hockey (fall

1999), men's and women's lacrosse, and women's golf (by 2002).

Bryant is a Division II member of the NCAA, the Northeast-10 Conference, and the Eastern Football Conference.



## 1998 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sat., September 12	at Dean College, Franklin, MA	1:00PM
Sat., September 26	Assumption College	1:00PM
Sat., October 10	at Pace University, Pleasantville, NY	1:00PM
Sat., October 17	at LaSalle University, Philadelphia, PA	1:00PM
Sat., October 31	St. Anselm	1:00PM
Sat., November 7	Siena College	1:00PM
Sat., November 14	at Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT	1:00PM

Home games in **bold**

## in the news

In the past two months, the achievements of Bryant College faculty, staff, and students attracted media attention. Here are selected highlights:

**Dan Jansen's** appearance on March 30 as the second speaker in the Trustee Speaker's Series was covered by WJAR-TV 10 that evening and resulted in a major article in the *Providence Journal-Bulletin* on March 31.

The opening of Bryant's **downtown location for advanced computer training** received a "Coffee Cup Salute" on WJAR-TV 10's morning newscast on April 9. Coffee mugs were used from Bryant and c.w. Costello, Inc., a downtown Providence management information systems consulting firm where the training will be held.

In April, the *Providence Journal-Bulletin* and two local television stations carried a story on Bryant's proposed **football stadium**. New England Cable News Network aired a story that Bryant will have football for the first time in its history.

**George Gendron**, editor in chief of *Inc.* magazine, appeared in a feature article in the *Providence Journal-Bulletin* on April 16. Gendron was the keynote speaker at an April 24 conference sponsored by the Center for Design & Business, a partnership between Bryant College and the Rhode Island School of Design.

**Professor Judy Barrett Litoff** tells the women's side of World War II in a cover story titled, "Letters from the Home Front," that was published in the *Providence Journal Bulletin's* "HERS" section on March 19. Litoff has written five books on the subject.

**Professor William Sweeney** and his latest economic forecast were the subject of a feature article on page one of *Providence Business News* on April 5, and a feature article in the April 9 *Observer* (Greenville).

**Professor Richard Smith's** book, "Mastering Mathematics: How to be a Great Math Student," was featured in an article on math success in the April issue of the *Rhode Island Parent's Paper*.

A story on page one of the "Local & Regional News" section of the March 22 *Providence Sunday Journal* focused on the recent advent of two professional women's basketball leagues and featured Bryant Women's Basketball **Coach Mary Burke**.

Baseball's co-captain **Luke Robustelli** was featured on WPRI-TV 12 on the 11 p.m. news on April 8 for breaking Bryant's record for career hits.

The six-member **Bryant marketing team's** selection as one of eight finalists teams nationwide resulted in a major article on page one of the business section in *The Call* (Woonsocket). An article also ran in the April 16 *Observer* (Greenville). The team placed second in the finals competition in Dallas.

**Student fund-raising initiatives** garnered media attention: the Pie Auction, held April 1, was covered by WLNE-TV 6 and *The Observer* (Greenville); Oozball, held April 18, was covered by two local television stations and *The Observer*.



## New faces



**Connie Cirelli**  
Office Manager  
Center for Management Development

**Merrit Crowley**  
Major Gifts  
Officer  
Institutional  
Advancement



**Robert Rico**  
Manager, User Services  
Information Technology

**Dawn Stapleton**  
Secretary,  
Development Office



**Claire Theroux**  
Custodian  
Physical Plant

**Michelle Barbato-Pelosi**  
(photo not available)  
Coordinator of Volunteer Admission

**Cheryl Gomes** (photo not available)  
Secretary, SBA/SBDC -  
Business Info Center

## Promotions

**Cheryl Faria**  
Director for  
the Center for Design & Business

**Julie LeBlanc**  
Associate Director, Residence Life

## Transfer to another position

**Margaret Fogarty**  
Data Entry Clerk, Academic Records

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### View Bryant Commencement exercises "live" on-line:

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### Walt Whitman:

For *Chronicle* subscribers, The Walt Whitman Hypertext Archive contains almost all of Whitman's poetry, facsimiles of manuscripts, galleries of photographs, and more. Hear, for the first time on line, a recording of what is thought to be Whitman's voice. Click on <http://chronicle.com/infotech>.

## just in time

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- May 25** Memorial Day  
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- June 5-7** Alumni Weekend
- June 11** World Trade Day Conference:  
"Globalizing Your Business for  
the 21st Century"  
Hosted by Bryant, various campus  
locations
- June 12** Team Day for faculty and staff  
a.m. - Collaborative workshop,  
South Dining Hall  
p.m. - Barbecue inside the MAC