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# BRYANT Exchange

FOR AND ABOUT THE PEOPLE OF BRYANT COLLEGE

MAY 2000

## 137th Commencement to be held May 20 First graduating class of 21st century

Bryant will hold its 137th Undergraduate Commencement on Saturday, May 20, at 10 a.m., with 552 students expected to receive degrees. Commencement exercises for 137 graduate students will be held on Friday, May 19, at 4 p.m. Both ceremonies will take place under a tent adjacent to the Bryant Center.

### Graduate Commencement

**Richard F. Syron**, the keynote speaker, is chairman, president, and CEO of Thermo Electron Corporation, a \$4 billion multi-industry company that is the world's leading manufacturer of instruments that monitor, collect, and analyze information for a broad range of industries. Syron will receive a Doctor of Business Administration.

Prior to joining Thermo Electron in 1999, Syron was chairman and chief executive officer of the American Stock Exchange from 1994 to 1999. He has more than 20 years of government and financial experience and is a past president and chief executive officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

He was recently profiled in *The New York Times* and *Business Week*.

### Undergraduate Commencement

**David S. Wetherell**, the keynote speaker, is chairman and CEO of CMGI, a firm with a portfolio of more than 70 Internet companies including stakes in companies such

as AltaVista, Lycos, and iCAST. Wetherell effected a leveraged buy-out of CMGI and has served as chairman and CEO since 1986. He will receive a Doctor of Humane Letters.

Previously, he co-founded the software development firm Softrend,

Inc., and has held senior management positions in application software development and marketing management in the healthcare and transportation industries.

He was recently featured on the covers of *Business Week* and *Boston Magazine*.

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## Scenes from the Summit

More than 700 business people, nearly all women, turned out for the Third Women's Summit, "Women and Business in the 21st Century," held at Bryant on March 29.

The daylong conference, chaired by Kati Machtley, featured nationally known and recognized leaders in the business field,

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Susan L. Taylor, editor of *Essence* magazine and one of the most influential black journalists today, tells how a positive attitude in life can help reach solid goals.



# 137th Commencement

Also receiving honorary degrees are **O. Rogeriee Thompson**, associate justice, Rhode Island Superior Court, and **Rajendra B. Vattikuti**, founder, president and CEO, Complete Business Solutions, Inc.

**Judge Thompson** became Rhode Island's first black woman justice of the Superior Court in 1997. Prior to her current position, she was a member of the Rhode Island District Court bench for 10 years. Before being nominated to the judiciary, Judge Thompson was a partner in the law firm of Thompson and Thompson, specializing in Native American law, civil rights, personal injury, family, and real estate law. She was a member of Bryant's board of trustees from 1988 to 1997. She will receive a Doctor of Humane Letters.

**Vattikuti** has served as president and chief executive officer of Complete Business Solutions, Inc. (CBSI) since its formation in 1985. The company provides a variety of information technology services, including software development, package software implementation, contract programming, and IT strategy to mid-sized clients in the financial services, healthcare, manufacturing, retail, and utility industries. Public since 1997, CBSI had sales of more than \$462 million in 1999.

Before founding CBSI, Vattikuti held management positions with Yurika Foods Corporation and the Chrysler Corporation.

Vattikuti has been featured in the *Detroit Free Press* and *Business Week*. He will receive a Doctor of Business Administration.



Richard F. Syron



David S. Wetherell



O. Rogeriee Thompson



Rajendra B. Vattikuti

## Commencement schedule of events

### Friday, May 19

**Graduate School Commencement** 4 p.m. — Main tent adjacent to Bryant Center

**Graduate School Reception** 5 p.m. — Main tent adjacent to Bryant Center

**Baccalaureate Service for the Class of 2000** 6 p.m. — Unistructure Rotunda

**President's Reception in honor of the Class of 2000** 6:30 p.m. — Reception tent

### Saturday, May 20

**Annual Commencement Breakfast**

(for honorary degree recipients, faculty, and staff) 8 a.m. — Papitto Dining Room

**137th Undergraduate Commencement** 10 a.m. — Main tent adjacent to Bryant Center

**Reception for new alumni** 12:30 p.m. — Reception tent

## Reserved seating for Commencement

Bryant employees who are graduating, or who have a son, daughter, or spouse who are graduating, are eligible to receive two VIP seating tickets to Commencement exercises. Contact Paul Sanford at Ext. 6812.



# Bryant's Diversity Council — Planning for the future

By the year 2010, white men will account for less than 40 percent of the U.S. labor force. By the year 2050, one-half of the U.S. population will be black, Hispanic American, Native American, or Asian American. Bryant College is adopting policies that support a diverse academic environment and assist our students as they become leaders within a changing workforce.

President Ron Machtley recently announced the formation of a Diversity Council to develop strategies and a framework for managing the priorities of the college's diversity initiative. Laurie Musgrove, vice president of institutional advancement, and Thomas Eakin, vice president of student affairs, are co-sponsors of the council.

**"I am encouraged that Bryant is developing initiatives to socially challenge everyone on campus..."**

**Colin Mincy '03**

mission to "...prepare its students to achieve their personal best in life and business." I am encouraged that Bryant is developing initiatives to socially challenge everyone on campus to step out of our comfort zones to welcome change, nurture individual differences, and work towards a united, all-encompassing community. With representatives from organizations and groups across campus, this task force is capable of developing new and exciting ideas to tackle this very important issue."

The council has already met to begin designing action and communication plans that advance the college's commitment to a more diverse community and promote the importance of this work.

Many recommendations emerged from the college's Task Force on Enhanced Community Relations and the Strategic Blueprint for Diversity Management. The Council is integrating those recommendations with the issues that emerged from an executive management training session that was conducted for the administrative leaders of the college in January.

From the perspective of Colin Mincy '03, a council member representing the Student Senate and Student Life, "The Diversity Council is in keeping with Bryant's

## *Council members include:*

Robert Beggs  
Executive Director, College Relations  
Tom Dimieri  
Director, Planning and Institutional Research  
Nicanor Figueroa  
Admission Counselor  
Marc Furtado  
Executive Assistant to the President  
Dan Gavitt  
Director, Athletics  
Diane Grabyjelsk '01  
Judy Kawamoto  
Director, Student Activities  
Sachin Khiani '03  
Julie Leblanc,  
Director, Residence Life  
Harsh Luthar  
Associate Professor, Management  
Hao Ma  
Assistant Professor, Management  
Judy Mastronardi  
Assistant Director, Alumni Relations  
Judy McDonnell  
Associate Professor, Sociology

Colin Mincy '03  
Kaoru Paganelli  
Secretary, Intercultural Center  
Fanny Peralta '01  
Rev. Joe Pescatello  
Catholic Chaplain  
Bill Phillips  
Director, Counseling Services  
Ron Pitt  
Director, Faculty Development  
Jon Shelton  
Assistant Football Coach/Intercultural Assistant  
Norrine Simpson  
Assistant Director, Intercultural Center  
Deanna Therien  
Custodian  
Joe Tucker  
Public Safety Officer  
Jonathan Wallis '03  
Shirley Wilson  
Assistant Professor, Management  
Wilbur Harrington  
Consultant  
Jane Tuohy  
Consultant



# Tiananmen Square participant shares personal experience

Wang Dan, a prominent student leader during the 1989 pro-democracy movement in Tiananmen Square and a Nobel Peace Prize nominee, spoke at Bryant in March on his personal experience during the event. He also shared his opinion about its impact, which is still being felt in almost every aspect of modern China.

The Tiananmen Square incident is regarded as one of the most important historical events in recent Chinese history. Dan's lecture, titled "From Tiananmen Square to Harvard Square," was aimed at providing Bryant students, who were about 10 years old at the time, with a better understanding of the current social, political, and economic situation in China.

Dan's appearance at Bryant was his fourth major presentation (after Harvard, Yale, and UCLA) since he came to the United States. It was jointly sponsored by The John H. Chafee Center for International Business, the Department of History and Social Sciences, and the Department of Science and Technology.

Pictured with Dan is Jake Horine '02, an economics/finance major.



## www.bryant.edu

The Bryant College Web site is going through a transition. The first changes you will see are an improved front-page design and easier Web site navigation. These changes will be visible in early May. During the ensuing months, a major overhaul of all aspects of the Web site will take place. Targeting a late summer launch, the new Bryant Web site will feature a fresh design, enhanced content, and automated features designed to keep the site up-to-date.

A campus-wide task force created to move this project forward is developing new policies and collecting information to reflect the transformation of the Web site.

### Access to self-published Web sites

In order to provide improved access to faculty, staff, and student self-published Web sites, those pages will be located at <http://web.bryant.edu>. The change will only affect people who have bookmarked a Web site as <http://www.bryant.edu/~username>. For example, a Web site bookmarked as [www.bryant.edu/~nhannon](http://www.bryant.edu/~nhannon) will need to be changed to <http://web.bryant.edu/~nhannon>. We apologize for any inconvenience this necessary change may cause. All present methods for posting and updating self-published pages will not change.

If you have comments or suggestions regarding the interim or the new Web site, please contact Neal Hannon at Ext. 6227 or Joyce O'Neill at Ext. 6130.

## Who's who

### and how to locate them

Do you take your name and address for granted? As we update the Web site, it is a good time for everyone at Bryant to review the information that appears in the Web site directory to be sure that it is complete and correct.

To verify your information, go to the Bryant home page, click on Campus Directory; select the staff or faculty directory; select department, and click on Search. Review your information for accuracy.

Each person should look at the name, the department under which it appears, and the phone number and e-mail address. Any changes that need to be made should be directed to [dshaw@bryant.edu](mailto:dshaw@bryant.edu) by May 10.



## Buisson appointed PR director

Renee Buisson, APR, has been appointed director of public relations, where she is responsible for media relations, internal communications, and publications.

Most recently, Buisson was associate vice president of public relations at Quincy Medical Center in Massachusetts. Prior to that, she served as public relations specialist and as director of public relations at Roger Williams General Hospital in Providence.

"Renee brings a wide array of professional communication skills, talents, and expertise to this position," says

Robert Beggs, executive director of college relations. "We look forward to her many contributions in the months and years ahead."

Buisson holds a bachelor's



degree from Marquette University and a master's degree from Emmanuel College. She is a Smithfield resident.

## leaders edge

### Alicia Cipriano '96

**Events Coordinator, United Way of Southeastern New England**

Former Chapter Coordinator, Make-A-Wish Foundation of Rhode Island; member of the Alumni Admission Commission (AAC), in which she works actively in the admission process at Bryant.



**Greatest accomplishment:**

Graduating from Bryant. I was the first in my family to graduate from college, and without my degree I would not be where I am today.

**You've been an ACC member since 1996. Why do you do it?**

I enjoy talking to prospective students and telling them about all that Bryant

has to offer. It is also a great way for me to stay up-to-date with campus changes, activities, and college staff.

**What is the most valuable lesson you learned at Bryant?**

The importance of teamwork

**Which professor had the greatest influence on you?**

Ron Deluga. Through his leadership course, I learned how to be a leader at work and in the community.

**What did you enjoy most at Bryant?**

Being a member of the Student Senate

**Most challenging part of your job:**

Trying to stay ahead of everything to avoid disasters

**Most important skill you use daily:**

Diplomacy

**If you could change one thing about yourself what would it be?**

To be more patient

**Motto you live by:**

"No Fear"

**Words or phrase you most overuse:**

Clearly

**If you could have any talent, what would it be?**

To throw a football like a man

**Greatest strength:**

Compassion

**As a graduate, what advice would you give to Bryant students?**

Get involved. Activities in and outside of the classroom are directly related to the "real world" and will definitely enhance your college experience.

*Save the Date*

**Thursday, May 18  
4 p.m.**

**Groundbreaking Ceremony  
for the Center for  
Information and Technology**

Exhibit on Bryant's 21st  
Century Campus and  
reception immediately  
following the ground-  
breaking

**RSVP by May 11 to Kathy  
Midura at 401-232-6804**





# Third Women's Summit: Women and Business in the 21st Century

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local businesswomen and men, and Bryant faculty offering their expertise on everything from understanding E-commerce to new retirement rules for women.

The conference sold out weeks before the event with minimal advertising and publicity. Many registrants had either attended last year's conference or heard about the Summit through word of mouth.



It was standing room only for opening keynote speaker Sally Helgesen, management consultant and author. Bryant seniors (l-r) Meghan Leis, Pamela Coppola, and Kristen Harrington enjoy front row seating.



Judge Florence Murray, the first woman to serve on the Rhode Island Supreme Court, receives the Newell D. Goff Award for Ingenuity, Creativity, and Enterprise.



Sandy Alemian-Goldberg '83, motivational speaker, founder of LifeCraft, and author of *Congratulations...It's an Angel*, helps others to rediscover the positive aspects of their lives.

Sally Helge  
Women an



Luncheon keynote speaker Kelyn Brannon, chief financial officer of Fort Point Partners and former chief financial officer, international, of Amazon.com, notes that networking is a very powerful benefit of the Women's Summit.



Brannon signs copies of her book, *Everyday Revolutionaries: Working and the Transformation of American Life*.

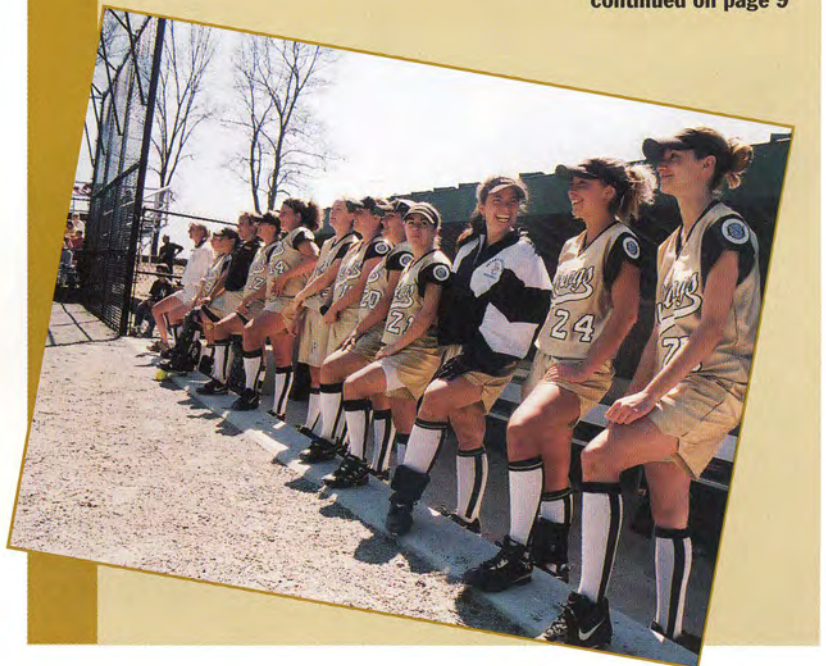
## Baseball, softball complexes dedicated

Truth be told, their deliveries needed a little work. But then again, Ben Mondor '91H and Lorraine Hudak weren't on the Bryant campus on April 8 to throw strikes. Mondor, owner and chairman of the Pawtucket Red Sox, and Hudak, former women's athletic director at Bryant, were the guests of honor as the college formally dedicated its new complexes for baseball and softball, completing yet another phase of the more than \$4 million overhaul of Bryant's outdoor athletic facilities.

The baseball complex is a far cry from Bryant's former home field (just four years ago Bryant had to play 42 of its 43 games on the road), while the softball facility might well stake its claim as the finest in New England. Both facilities boast stepped dugouts, an efficient drainage and sprinkler system, bullpens for both home and visiting teams, and electronic scoreboards.

To celebrate the grand opening of the complexes, Bryant welcomed alumni, parents, students, and fans to campus on a sunny Saturday afternoon that belied the forecasters' predictions of rain. Following remarks by Director of Athletics Dan Gavitt, President Ron Machtley, and Head Baseball Coach Jon Sjogren '88,

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good sports



## In the news

The **5th annual Pie Auction** on April 6 to benefit "Make A Wish" of Rhode Island was featured in pictorial spreads in *The Call* (Woonsocket, R.I.) on April 8 and the *Providence Journal* on April 12. The event also appeared on television channels 10, 12, and 6 on April 6.

A lecture by **Jerry Greenfield**, co-founder of Ben & Jerry's, was the lead story in the Business Section of the *Providence Journal* on April 7, and the top story on the cover page of *The Call* on April 8. Coverage of Greenfield's lecture also aired on WLNE TV-6 at 6 p.m. on April 6.

The **United Nations Festival**, hosted by the International Student Organization on March 31, resulted in a pictorial spread in *The Call* on April 3.

The **Third Women's Summit** held March 29 was covered by WJAR-TV 10's Nicole Livas and appeared on the 5 p.m. news that evening. The conference also was the lead article on the front page of *The Call* on March 30, and also resulted in a feature article in the Diversity Section of the *Providence Journal* on April 4. A photo/caption appeared in *The Observer* (Greenville, R.I.) on April 6.

The **baseball team's placement** as the number-one ranked Division II team in New England resulted in a feature article in *The Call* on March 30. An article also appeared in the *Boston Sunday Globe* on February 17.

**Professor Joe McCarthy** was interviewed by WPRI-TV 12's Karen Southern on March 23 on the subject of what changes consumers could expect at BankBoston branches taken over by Sovereign Bank. The segment aired at 5 p.m.

An article by **Douglas Jobling**, program manager, Rhode Island Small Business Development Center at Bryant, appeared in the Northern Rhode Island "Eye on Business" column in *The Call* on March 17. The topic was developing a strategic plan.

## Marketing students net scholarships in national competition

### Senior Tim Bertrand takes top honors

**F**our Bryant students were among 50 students selected from throughout the country to compete in the Northwestern Mutual Life Sales Competition, held recently in New Orleans at The American Marketing Association International Conference.

Seniors Tim Bertrand, David Greco, Robert Fressola, and Kurt Zelch prepared a 10-minute sales presentation that involved selling *The Wall Street Journal* to a prospect. Judges were sales recruiters and managers from Northwestern Mutual Life and *The Wall Street Journal*. Each participant had to create a scenario and presentation, based on the prospect's goals and needs, and propose a solution, market the solution, and close the sale.

Sarah Marder '00, who traveled with the team, provided research assistance and also served as a prospect during the competition.

After the first round, Bertrand, Greco, and Fressola made the final cut and competed again in front of a large audience and seven judges. The top five winners were announced at a luncheon the next day, with more than 2,000 American Marketing Association members in attendance. Bertrand placed first, Greco fourth, and Fressola fifth.

"Our students really worked hard to make the finals," says Professor Frank Bingham, faculty advisor, "and they are all to be commended. They used everything they learned in their "Personal Selling" course and more.

"And Tim — well he was simply magnificent. Nobody did it better than he did."

The Marketing Association also received an award for "Outstanding Chapter Improvement," given to a new or revitalized chapter that excelled in efforts to (re)establish their chapters.



Kurt Zelch, David Greco, Tim Bertrand, Robert Fressola, and Sarah Marder



## Baseball, softball complexes dedicated

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Mondor delivered the ceremonial first pitch, framed nicely by Bulldog catcher Jim Collins '03. Hudak, meanwhile, flirted with the idea of firing a windmill-style fastball before settling for a more modest overhand toss to catcher Kelley Cimino '01. For their part, the Bulldogs followed the ceremonies with entertaining performances on their new home fields. The baseball team exploded for a 31-14 win against Assumption, while the softball team came up just short in a pair of nailbiters against Saint Joseph's College.

## Scott Paltos signed by New York Giants

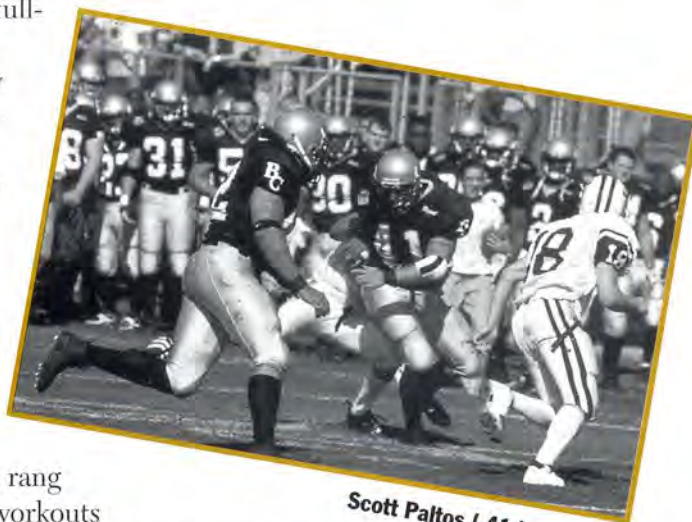
By all accounts, Bryant's first year of varsity football had to be considered a success. But no less an authority than the National Football League has given the program a sense of legitimacy after inviting one of the Bulldogs to join its ranks.

Scott Paltos '00, who was the starting fullback on the Bulldogs' first varsity squad, was invited to the mini-camp of the New York Giants and signed a free agent contract with that club following the NFL draft. Already etched into Bryant history as the first player to score a point in a varsity game, Paltos also became the first Bulldog football player to sign a professional contract.

Although confident he had made a good impression during the winter and spring combines, Paltos was still somewhat surprised when the telephone rang shortly after the draft. "I had very good workouts (with the Giants and Baltimore Ravens) and both teams seemed to be very impressed," said Paltos. "They told me that I would be on their boards, but I didn't think much of it at the time, thinking that they told everyone that. When the Giants called that night, I could barely speak."

A 6-foot-1-inch, 230-pound fullback, Paltos started eight games for the Bulldogs and finished as the team's second-leading rusher. He averaged 6.3 yards per carry, gaining 213 yards on 34 attempts with one touchdown. He also served as the primary blocking back for a Bulldog offense that averaged 203.7 rushing yards per game.

Bryant finished 5-4 in its first season of varsity football and was 4-4 in the Eastern Football Conference.



Scott Paltos ( 41 )

## Racquetball club places second in world championship

Congratulations are in order for the Bryant College racquetball club, which placed second among Division II colleges at the World Intercollegiate Championships in Tempe, Arizona, in early April. Bryant was one of 30 colleges and universities from around the world participating in the event, which featured more than 240 players.



## 26th Annual Service Awards

**S**eventy-six employees were honored for loyal service to the college at the 26th Annual Service Awards reception on Wednesday, May 3 in Papitto Dining Room. William Sweeney, professor of economics, celebrated his 35th year of teaching.

### Retirees

Robert Behling  
Arthur Boulet  
Ray Camara  
Jacqueline David  
Jean Dominici  
Mary Grondines  
John Hannon  
John Jolley  
Shirley Plante  
Clive Randle  
Charlotte Rodericks

### 35 years

William Sweeney

### 30 years

Michael Filippelli  
Gaytha Langlois  
Mary Lyons  
Janice Smith  
Steven Soulos

### 25 years

Nora Barry  
Brian Britton  
Glen Camp  
Robert Jencks  
Stanley Kozikowski  
Judy Barrett Litoff  
Aurelie Maciejewski  
Richard Smith

### 20 years

Paulette Allaire  
Bernard Blumenthal  
Earl Briden  
Arthur Johnson  
Susan McDonald  
Roger Pereira  
William Phillips  
Bruce Plante  
Dorothy Scott

### 15 years

Judy Clare  
Loraine Cournoyer  
Ronald DiBattista  
Elaine Lavallee  
Cleo Lindgren  
Susan Moir  
R.D. Norton  
Thomas Rayko  
Helen Senecal  
Robert Sloss

### 10 years

Maurice Carriere  
Joseph DiOrio  
William Gilmore  
Arthur Gudikunst  
Douglas Levin  
Dana Lowe  
David Lux  
Eileen McAuliffe  
Patricia Odell  
Miriam Perry  
Janet Proulx  
Walter Reedy  
Nanci Weinberger

### 5 years

Frank Arena  
Karen Barrett  
Deborah Botelho  
Pat Crawford  
Paula Doyle  
Robert Edwards  
David Ferry  
Denise Godin  
Denise Gormley  
Theresa Hasseler  
Robert Improta  
Julie Little  
Sharon Mariani  
Richard Morello  
Derek Munsch  
Todd Nelson  
George Pina  
Paul Roske  
Diane Ruotolo

## FYI

**Jean-Paul Nadeau**, assistant director of the Writing Center, was elected to the Steering Committee for the Northeast Writing Centers Association at the 16th Annual NEWCA Conference in March. He also presented "A Writing Center on the Move: Shifting Locations, Roles, and Perceptions." Eight student writing consultants, **Christine Beaudoin, Jessica Dodge, Melissa Kendall, Melissa Mancuso, Shannon Naujock, Daniel Pennini, Daniel Pepin, and Courtney Zullo**, conducted a session titled "Consequences of Poor Communication: The Writing Center and the Blame Game."

**Serle Stolasz**, academic advisor in undergraduate programs, has been reappointed to the board of directors for Girls Scouts of Rhode Island (GSRI). She represented GSRI at the 13th Annual Contemporary Issues Conference (co-sponsored by GSRI and the Plymouth Bay Girl Scout Council) held at Salve Regina University March 17-19. Senior Girl Scouts from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York, New England, and Canada attend this event.

**Solanchi Fernandez**, academic advisor in undergraduate programs, presented at the Regional NACADA, National Academic Advising Association Conference on March 22 - 24 in Portland, Maine. Her presentation was titled "Expanding Our Horizons: Meeting the Needs of International Students."

**Yvonne Arruda**, academic advisor in undergraduate programs, has been named Region I Representative for the Advising Transfer Students Commission for NACADA, the National Academic Advising Association. She presented a roundtable discussion titled "Advising Transfer Students: Charting a Course for the 21st Century" at the Region I NACADA conference held March 22 - March 24 in Portland, Maine.

**Professor Kenneth Sousa** presented the paper "Teaching Economics with Technology or Not: A Quantitative Approach" at the 2000 Northeast Decision Sciences Institute in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on March 24. The paper was co-authored by Professor Sam Mirmirani and Maling Ebrahimpour. Sousa also gave a speech, "Electronic Commerce: Now and Future," for the Small Business Development Center on March 21. It was simultaneously broadcast to several Iowa SBDC locations.





## Tree dedicated to Pedro Beade

**O**n April 10, students, faculty, and staff gathered in front of the Bryant Center to dedicate a tree in memory of Professor Pedro Beade, who died in February from cancer.

Brothers of Delta Chi Fraternity donated and dedicated a Japanese red maple. Robert Mancusi, president of Delta Chi, spoke on behalf of the fraternity.

"When Professor Beade first learned of his illness, he had many options. He had the opportunity to retire and travel and enjoy the time

he had left. He chose not to leave but to finish out the semester doing what he loved most — teaching," said Mancusi.

"This Japanese red maple is a living tribute to Professor Beade. It will serve to remind us of the impact he had on his students and the college and to ensure that his legacy at Bryant will never die."

Father Joe Pescatello followed with a blessing and a short prayer.

Beade joined Bryant as a humanities professor in 1983. His wife, Lisa Beade, has established a Pedro Beade Scholarship Fund for Non-traditional Students. Donations may be sent to the Development Office, Box 40.

Pictured are (l-r) Father Joe Pescatello, faculty advisor, and Delta Chi members David Greenblatt '00, Joshua Goldmeier '03, Roy Barbu '03, Richard Lapin '03, Kurt Vollhardt '03, Robert Mancusi '00, Aaron Kanarvogel '02, Steven Mullin '03, Michael Massimilla '03, Michael Gamble '03, and Bryan Nicholas '03.

## just in time

- May 5** Day classes end
- May 6** Northern Rhode Island Special Olympics
- May 8** Evening classes end
- May 16** Semester ends
- May 18** Groundbreaking for Campus Expansion Plan 4 p.m., in front of MAC
- May 19** Graduate School Commencement 4 p.m., main tent
- May 20** 137th Undergraduate Commencement 10 a.m., main tent
- May 22** Graduate Summer Session begins
- May 24** Undergraduate Summer Session begins
- May 29** Memorial Day
- June 3** Reunion 2000 9 a.m. to midnight, Bryant campus
- June 14** World Trade Day
- June 14** Dedication of The John H. Chafee Center for International Business 3:30 p.m., Chafee Center

## Reunion 2000 CELEBRATION OF THE CENTURY

**Saturday, June 3**  
**9 a.m. to midnight**  
**Bryant campus**

Go to [www.bryant.edu](http://www.bryant.edu) and click on Alumni Services for more information or to register online.



## The ice cream man

Dressed in sneakers, jeans, and a purple Ben & Jerry's T-shirt, Jerry Greenfield, co-founder of Ben & Jerry's, spoke to a crowd of 800 about his ice cream career and strategies for making money while addressing the problems of society. His lecture was followed by a reception in the Rotunda, which featured free ice cream bars for everyone. Students flocked around Greenfield as he autographed ice cream boxes and posed for pictures. His appearance on April 5 was part of Bryant's Trustee Speaker Series, which brings renowned business leaders to campus.

(L-r) Kelley O'Leary '00, Jennifer Kloster '00, Jerry Greenfield, Molly Devanney '00, and Christy Brega '00



## Shall we dance?

Donna Taft '00 and Herb Southworth share a dance at the 7th annual Senior Citizens Prom. Approximately 200 senior citizens from the Northern Rhode Island area enjoyed a dinner served by students, faculty, and staff, followed by music, dancing, and entertainment. The event, which is sponsored by the Student Senate, is so popular it sells out each year. Jaime Before '00, chaired the event.

## World Trade Day

### Building Global Markets in the Age of E-Commerce

to be held on June 14

Come to Bryant College and invest eight hours to extend your company's reach into the worldwide market. Meet people who can help you enter and develop your international market to secure your company's place on the world map.

For more information on seminars, trade show booth rentals, and corporate sponsorship opportunities call the R.I. Export Assistance Center at 401-232-6407.