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Exchange

FOR AND ABOUT THE PEOPLE OF BRYANT UNIVERSITY



A banner day

Bryant officially marked its change to university status with the raising of its new school flag on August 25. Students, faculty, and staff gathered for this milestone event, which was followed by a reception that featured a cake decorated with the university logo.

Within the new organizational structure for the university, there will be a College of Business, and a College of Arts and Sciences, and each will be headed by a dean. There will be increased focus on a global context for the Graduate School, and the university will investigate joint partnerships in order to enhance the Bryant educational experience for students both here and abroad.

The number of undergraduates at Bryant University is expected to remain at about 3,000.



(L-R) President Ronald K. Machtley, Amr Zawawi '07, Francisco Oliveira '07, Rohan Shah '06, Joseph Hansen '06, and Kati Machtley

Bryant to host "Presidential Debate Debate"



Dr. Sidney Kraus

Sidney Kraus, Ph.D., a specialist in political communication and professor emeritus of communication at Cleveland State University, will join the audience to view the presidential debate on the jumbotron in the Grand Hall.

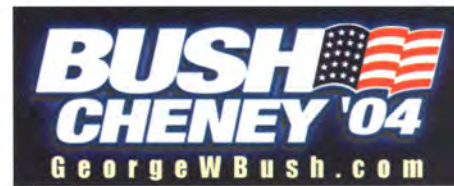
Students, faculty, and staff, as well as members of the surrounding community, will have the opportunity to view and discuss the televised presidential debate on September 30, when Bryant presents "The Presidential Debate Debate." The event will be held from 8 to 10:30 p.m. in the Grand Hall of the George E. Bello Center.

Kraus will then analyze the communication styles and methods used by each candidate and lead a 30-minute audience discussion beginning at 10 p.m.

Kraus holds a Ph.D. from the University of Iowa. He is a national expert on televised presidential debates. Two of his books have been cited as among 25 of the most important books on media and politics by The Freedom Forum at Columbia University. He recently completed the second edition of his award-winning book "Televised Presidential Debates and Public Policy."

This event is sponsored by student affairs, the department of communication, the department of history and social sciences, and the College of Arts and Sciences.

It is free and open to the public.



Relationship-building in China

President Ronald K. Machtley presented a Bryant University t-shirt to Tenley Peterson '03 in Beijing, China, in June. Peterson is teaching English and studying advanced Chinese language in Beijing. President Machtley, along with Assistant Professor of Science and Technology Hong Yang (left) and Bryant Trustee Ned Grace (right), traveled through China to begin exploring partnerships with Chinese universities. In a seven-day whirlwind tour, they visited six universities in five major cities, met with four Chinese and American governmental agencies, conducted three meetings with Chinese and American business leaders, and visited four national heritage sites.

MEDIA SPOTLIGHT

A **flag-raising ceremony** on August 25, which officially marked Bryant's name change to University, was covered by WJAR-TV 10, WPRO-AM radio, The Call (Woonsocket), and The Observer (Greenville).

Announcements on Bryant's change to **university status** appeared in the Boston Business Journal (7/04); NCAA News (6/21); Valley Breeze (6/24); and The New England Business Bulletin (7/04).

Bryant was featured in a special advertising section titled "Regional Guide to Venues and Services," in Business Week on September 6.

Professor Judy Barrett Litoff served as an historical consultant for the PBS documentary "The Perilous Fight: America's World War II in Color," which has been nominated for an Emmy for Outstanding Achievement in Research.

President William O'Hara and his book, "Centuries of Success – Lessons from the World's Most Enduring Family Businesses," were featured in Providence Business News on August 9. The book also received a very favorable review in the Charlotte Business Journal on June 11.

Keith Murray, chair of the marketing department and interim associate dean of the College of Business, was quoted in the Providence Journal on July 22 in an article on marketing milk for a co-op of Rhode Island dairy farmers.

Professor Elaine Notarantonio was quoted in Providence Business News on June 28 in an article on how CVS is redesigning its stores to target female customers.

The **Graduate School's** new graduate certificates and the **Executive Development Center's** new Certificate in

Business Management were highlighted in a special two-part "Education & Employment" focus section in the Providence Journal on August 1 and August 3.

An article on the football team and new coach **Marty Fine** appeared in the Providence Journal on September 3 in an article titled, "Bryant walking the Fine line."

Head Basketball Coach **Max Good** was quoted in The Call on July 15 in a preseason feature article titled, "Bryant takes on the big boys."

Director of Admission **Cynthia Bonn**, the Commencement speaker at North Smithfield High School's graduation, was quoted in a graduation article in The Call on June 17.

An opinion piece by **Ed Sevilla**, director of university relations, was published in the September issue of University Business. It is titled, "University Marketers, Heal Thyselfes."

A feature article on **Pam Malcolm '07** was published in the Norwich Bulletin on July 4. Titled, "The long road back," the story chronicled the high school basketball standout's recovery from a near-fatal car crash.

A feature article on Bryant first **Presidents' Cup** was the subject of Mike Szostak's "College Notes" column in the Providence Journal on July 6.

The **2004 Entrepreneurial Extravaganza** was featured in The Small Business Advocate, a monthly newsletter produced by the U.S. Small Business Administration Office of Advocacy.

Unveiling a milestone

Please join President Machtley and members of the Bryant Board of Trustees for the unveiling of the Bryant University entrance sign. The ceremony is planned for 1 p.m. on Friday, September 17, at the campus entrance.

PEOPLE

NEW/TENURE- TRACK FACULTY



John Dietrich
Assistant Professor,
History/Social
Sciences



Bradford Martin
Assistant Professor,
History/Social
Sciences



Alex Perullo
Assistant Professor,
English and Cultural
Studies

NEW FACES



Jeanne Creighton
Admission Assistant
Graduate School

New Faces (cont.)
Photos not available

Joseph Moitoso
Custodian
Physical Plant

Sean Sullivan
Custodian
Physical Plant

CHANGES AT BRYANT UNIVERSITY

Robert Berard
Custodian Lead
Physical Plant

Thomas Burlingame
Grounds Worker
Physical Plant

Wynette Dahlquist
Senior Assistant
Director
Financial Aid

Laura Hayward
Registration
Assistant
Office of Records
and Registration

Diane Ruotolo
Office Manager
Graduate School

Bruce Shepard
HVAC Mechanic
Lead Physical Plant

AROUND THE CORNER

- Sept 17-19 **Homecoming & Reunion 2004**
- Sept 19 **4th Annual Shawn M. Nassaney Memorial Cross Country Road Race/Walk**
- Sept 29 **Best-selling author Augusten Burroughs "Dry: Living Life Without Booze"**
8 p.m., Janikies Theatre
Free tickets at Bryant Center Info Desk
- Sept 30 **The Presidential Debate Debate**
8 to 10:30 p.m., George E. Bello Grand Hall
(See article in this issue.)
Free and open to the public
- Oct 7-9 **Academy of International Business-Northeast USA Annual Conference**
An academic conference
- Oct 15-17 **Parents & Family Weekend**
For information, go to
<http://bryant2.bryant.edu/~family/>
- Oct 23 **Fall Open House**
- Oct 28 **President's Cultural Series**
7:30 p.m., Janikies Theatre
Performer to be announced

In Memoriam

Michelle L. Dubreuil

August 27, 2004

Class of 2007 • Member, Sigma Sigma Sigma

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Golf tournament raises \$39,000 for scholarship fund

Approximately 120 people took part in Bryant University's First President's Cup Golf Tournament, held June 21 at the Newport Country Club. Participants raised more than \$39,000 to support the President's Scholarship, which provides full tuition, room, and board for a talented student each year. In addition to the \$27,000 raised at the tournament, a live and silent auction generated an additional \$12,000.

The event was organized by co-chairs Tom Celona '69, president of Thrifty Car Rental in Warwick, R.I., and a

current trustee; Jerry Cerce '69, partner of Management Capital and a former trustee; and Charlie Francis, president of CB/Richard Ellis in Providence and an active honorary trustee, with support from the university's development office.

Sponsors included lead sponsor Tyco Engineered Products & Services, The Berkshire Group, Stuart Brenner/Lovett International, Walter Stepan, Alliance Bernstein, GE Financial, J.R. Group, Inc., Lynch Construction, Move Management, and Trinkle Design Associates.



The First President's Cup Golf Tournament received lots of praise from those in attendance as a fun fund-raiser. Pictured (l-r) are Jerry Cerce '69, President Ron Machtley, Thomas Celona '69, and Charlie Francis.

SAVE THE DATE

Homecoming & Reunion 2004

September 17-19

Visit www.bryant.edu for Homecoming schedule.

Bryant University convocation focuses on successful intelligence

6 “Creative flexibility” is the key to success — in education and life. That was the essence of the message to hundreds of freshmen, upperclassmen, faculty, and staff as Dr. Robert J. Sternberg, IBM professor of psychology and education, Yale University, presented the keynote speech at the first convocation at Bryant University on September 1.

Dr. Sternberg’s expertise is on the relationship between intelligence and success. He argues that intelligence can not be reduced to an IQ score, and that conventional notions of intelligence fail to explain why some people achieve true success while others do not. His research at the Center for the Psychology of Abilities, Competencies, and Expertise at Yale has led him to conclude that “real life is where intelligence operates.”

At Bryant, Dr. Sternberg stressed five attitudes students should adopt in life in order to achieve success, based upon his extensive research.

- Persevere, even when it means defying the crowd to overcome obstacles.
- Present ideas and sell them with confidence no matter how “different” they are from the mainstream.
- Solve problems by redefining them — look at them in a different way.

- Be willing to take risks.
- Finally, creativity requires knowledge, which is why students are in college. But sometimes what we “know” can keep us stuck in a particular path rather than exploring new avenues. Be open to new ideas that do not support what you already know.

Using anecdotes and recounting his own personal experiences as a student and highly regarded professor and speaker, Sternberg was funny and engaging. Success for him did not come easily or quickly. In fact, he got a “C” in his introductory psychology course as an undergraduate at Yale. But he stuck to his principles, persevered, and gained the momentum he needed to achieve success in his field and in his life. He urged Bryant students to do the same.

The program also featured presentations by President Ronald K. Machtley, Vice President for Academic Affairs V.K. Unni, Vice President for Student Affairs J. Thomas Eakin, Student Senate President Quentin Phipps ’05, Student Alumni Association President Joseph Hansen ’06, and Alumni Association 2nd Vice President Raymond Grigevich Jr. ’91, ’00 MBA.



Dr. Robert J. Sternberg



As an emerging alumni tradition, all freshmen in attendance received Bryant University hats and were officially welcomed to campus by members of the Student Alumni Association (SAA) and the National Alumni Council (NAC). Pictured, Jessica Tardif ’08 of Upton, Massachusetts, meets SAA member Kevin May ’07, of Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Bryant adds Africana/Black Studies minor

A brand new minor in Africana/Black Studies can be found in the 2004-05 course catalog. The minor got its "wings" from sophomore Charles Hill, a communication major who felt it was important to diversify the curriculum, and the idea took flight to the desk of the academic administration.

Faculty and staff were not only supportive of the idea – they were also amazed by its originator, who has been working on introducing the minor since he was a freshman. When Hill noticed there were no African-American programs, he consulted with the Multicultural Student Union and the idea of minority literature and African-American Studies was born.

"Diversifying the Bryant curriculum not only enriches the learning of all students, it also attracts a larger population of people of color to enroll at Bryant," says Hill.

"Becoming more aware of diverse backgrounds helps people in their personal endeavors and in the business world as well."

The name of the course itself changed from African-American studies to Africana/Black studies to encompass cultures from the United States to the Caribbean to Africa, according to Hill. "It's more about learning about cultures that are different from your own," he explains. "No matter where you live, you are dealing with neighbors."

Hill then sought the support of students around campus and fine-tuned the request – should it be a full-fledged minor or a series of electives, he asked. He petitioned the Bryant constituency and enlisted the help of Assistant to the Vice President for Academic Affairs Elizabeth Powers, English and Cultural Studies Chair Terri Hasseler, History

and Social Sciences Chair Gregg Carter, Sociology Professor Judy McDonnell, and former Assistant Professor of History and Social Sciences Kesha Moore, to take the proposal to the next level.

Hill also took the summer to work with the Faculty Liaison Advisory Committee Senate co-chair to put together a plan for implementation.

Professor McDonnell helped with researching which courses would support the minor and how they fit into the curriculum at large. After the feasibility study, the committee submitted a proposal to the curriculum committee, who recommended it to the vice president for academic affairs. The minor fit all of the criteria necessary, including the university's mission and strategic plan, and it was approved.

"It might seem that it took a long time, but the reality is, in less than a year we have a new minor," McDonnell notes. The minor is retroactive, so some courses in the areas of English, sociology, and history can count toward it. Examples of courses that are being offered in the minor are Urban Sociology, Race and Ethnicity, Post-Colonial Literature, and Special Topics (such as African-American literature).

Says Hill, "This was a way for me to leave my mark at Bryant – when the minor finally got approved, it was a great feeling. Bryant is a place where students should feel comfortable proposing new ideas. The opportunity to make change is here – you just need to be ambitious and motivated enough to achieve your goals."

F Y I

President Emeritus William O'Hara's book "Centuries of Success-Lessons from the World's Most Enduring Family Businesses" is a featured title on the JPMorgan Private Bank 5th Annual Summer Reading List. More than 200 non-fiction books submitted by the company's 3,200 employees worldwide were considered for the "Top 10" list, which is based on quality of content, timeliness of appeal, and author expertise.

Professor Robert Muksian spoke on "Social Security, Past, Present, Future?" before the Rhode

Island Chapter of the Financial Planning Association on campus.

Professor Janet Morahan-Martin presented a paper, co-authored with **Professor Phyllis Schumacher**, titled "Characteristics of online health searches according to their impact" at the Convention of the American Psychological Association in July in Honolulu.

GOOD SPORTS

New season kicks off for sports teams

Fresh off the school's most successful athletics sports year, the fall season kicked off in high gear with 10 games before the calendar turned to September. The Bulldog volleyball team had an impressive showing at the University of Puerto Rico tournament, going 3-1 during their four-day trip. The field hockey team opened its season with a 7-1 win over Mansfield before falling to defending national champion Bloomsburg. The men's and women's soccer teams visited California to open their seasons. While the men's team dropped both games on their trip through the Golden State, the women's team defeated Cal Poly Pomona 3-2 in the opener and gave third-ranked U.C. San Diego all they could handle before falling to the powerful Tritons 1-0. The football team opened their season on Saturday, September 4, at American International. Bryant returns 14 starters for first-year Coach Marty Fine. The first home game was held on Sept. 11 followed by Homecoming on Sept. 18 against Assumption College.

There's a new dog in the house

In conjunction with the recent transition to university status, the athletics department has introduced a new logo, replacing the previous one that has been in existence for the past decade. The logo will be visible on all future athletic publications and uniforms, and at all Bryant athletic facilities.



Men's basketball to play UConn and Maryland in exhibition

The Bryant men's basketball team opens the 2004-05 season in November with exhibition games against two of the last three NCAA Division I National Champions. Bryant will travel to 2002 national champion University of Maryland for an exhibition game on Friday, Nov. 5, and to the University of Connecticut, the 2004 national champion, for a game on Nov. 11. The Bulldogs will return three starters from last year's team that went 23-10 overall and reached the NCAA Division II Sweet Sixteen.

These will be the first Division I opponents for Bryant in 10 years. Bryant played Providence College during the 1994-95 season, and prior to that, faced the University of Rhode Island three times from 1984 to 1987, and played Brown University six times from 1986 to 1992.

Head Coach Max Good begins his fourth season at Bryant with a 47-43 record at the school. He was previously the head coach at Maine Central Institute for 10 seasons and at UNLV before arriving at Bryant in 2001. At MCI, Good amassed an overall record of 275-30 (.902). He will be inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame this month. The full men's and women's basketball schedules are available online at www.BryantBulldogs.com

Athletics adds swimming & diving as a varsity sport

Bryant University has added women's intercollegiate swimming & diving, as well as reinstated men's intercollegiate swimming & diving as varsity programs, beginning in the fall of 2005. These additions will bring the total number of varsity sports to 22. Bryant is a member of the Northeast-10 Conference, which sponsors 23 championship sports – the most of any Division II conference in the nation.

Student-athletes named to Northeast-10 Conference Academic Honor Roll

A total of 52 student-athletes have been named to the Northeast-10 Conference Academic Honor Roll for 2003-04. Gold scholars finished in the top five percent for grade-point average among student-athletes at their respective institutions. Silver scholars finished in the top six through 10 percent, and bronze scholars placed among the top 11 through 15 percent. They include:

Gold Scholar

William Palacino, Lacrosse (Smithtown, N.Y.)
Carly Muise, Softball (Hanson, Mass.)
Rachel Bessette, Soccer (Pawcatuck, Conn.)
Elizabeth Blaisdell, Lacrosse (Gorham, Maine)
Kristen Harmon, Soccer (Nashua, N.H.)
Michelle Lewis, Field Hockey/Lacrosse (E. Amherst, N.Y.)
Edith Muller, Track & Field (Andover, Mass.)
Kim Rekart, Soccer (Ellicott City, Md.)
Carola Pierluisi, Volleyball (Guaynabo, Puerto Rico)
Terri-Lynn Gidius, Soccer (Coventry, Conn.)
Annette Jervasi, Tennis (Colchester, Conn.)
Chris Pisciotta, Lacrosse (Floral Park, N.Y.)
Michael Williams, Basketball (Ellington, Conn.)
Kristen Patat, Field Hockey (Portsmouth, N.H.)
Jon Feinman, Soccer (Amherst, Mass.)
Jessie Weber, Basketball (Norwell, Mass.)

Silver Scholar

Justin Williams, Football (Randallstown, Md.)
Elise Kim, Volleyball (San Jose, Calif.)
Kristen Braga, Track & Field (Taunton, Mass.)
Mickey Ryan, Baseball (Lowell, Mass.)
Tanya Iwanski, Basketball (Manchester, Conn.)
Dan Falcucci, Golf (Northborough, Mass.)
Stephen Carr, Track / Cross Country (Wolcott, Conn.)
Andrew Brabender, Soccer (Newark, Del.)
Lauren Rubenoff, Basketball (New Hartford, Conn.)
Jeremy Hall, Golf (North Attleboro, Mass.)

Allison Kelly, Soccer (Trumbull, Conn.)
Megan Wright, Soccer (Corwall on the Hudson, N.Y.)
Jean Wall, Field Hockey (Sharon, Mass.)
Jennifer Goodwin, Track & Field (Yarmouthport, Maine)
Michelle Stevens, Basketball (Miller Place, N.Y.)
Steve Dube, Baseball (Cumberland, R.I.)
Deidre Kittredge, Softball (Worcester, Mass.)
Katie Slack, Softball (Blackstone, Mass.)

Bronze Scholar

Madeline Bergeron, Soccer (Westfield, Mass.)
Zach Goodman, Tennis (Amherst, Mass.)
Tia Freeman, Track & Field (Windham, N.H.)
Dave Falcucci, Golf (Northborough, Mass.)
Stephen Barone, Track / Cross Country (Trumbull, Conn.)
Colleen McLaughlin, Basketball (Westbury, N.Y.)
Peter Scannapieco, Track (Fairfield, N.J.)
Chris Burns, Basketball (Merrimack, N.H.)
Lisa Freeman, Track & Field (Monroe, Conn.)
Riley Doherty, Tennis (North Andover, Mass.)
Laynie Salder, Field Hockey (Rehoboth, Mass.)
Tom Euley, Tennis (Bristol, Conn.)
Joseph Truncali, Soccer (Unionville, Conn.)
Hannah Sandrowski, Soccer (Trumbull, Conn.)
Matt Lovejoy, Lacrosse (Thorton, Pa.)
Laura Pursell, Soccer (Cherry Hill, N.J.)
Sandra Greene, Track & Field (W. Townsend, Mass.)
Heather Clay, Track & Field (Hanson, Mass.)



www.BryantBulldogs.com

The Bryant University Department of Athletics
is pleased to announce a new home for Bryant
sports at <http://www.BryantBulldogs.com>

**The Web site will now serve as the best source
for the latest information on Bryant University
varsity, club, and intramural sports teams, as
well as department information.**

Quentin "Que" Phipps '05

Middletown, Connecticut. Senior marketing concentrator. Senate member since freshman year, currently serves as president. Resident assistant (five semesters). Intern, BankAmerica. Member of INROADS.

Why Bryant?

I was looking for a business school and was considering one of Bryant's competitors. My aunt graduated from Bryant and urged me to visit. As soon as I stepped on campus and talked with some of the students, I knew it was the right place for me. I sent in my deposit that day.

Why did you choose to get involved in the Student Senate?

It was a natural thing. I'd been in the Student Council since sixth grade, and I've always liked politics.

What would you like to accomplish during your presidency?

You can't go into the senate leadership with an agenda. I'd rather work with my fellow students on issues.

Biggest daily challenge:

Keeping in touch with my mother. She's a single mom, and I'm her only child, although I consider my best friends back home – P.J., Junior, and Damian – to be my brothers.

Favorite subject:

Political science, American history

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

I honestly wouldn't change anything. I think everything a person experiences makes them who they are.

Most memorable professor:

Professor John Dietrich. I can go to him and talk about anything. He was a big help to me after 9/11.

What would be your ideal job?

A magazine editor or a U.S. Congressman

What is your greatest strength?

I love talking and meeting people. Growing up, my neighborhood was predominantly Catholic, Polish, and Italian. We were one of about 10 black families in a complex of 500 apartments. I'm African-American, but my dad's Jamaican, so I've always lived in two differ-



ent cultures. I think I have an intrinsic understanding of people and where they're coming from.

As a child, what did you want to grow up to be?

By first grade, a veterinarian. Third grade, a lawyer. When my grandmother passed away from lung cancer, I wanted to be a scientist and find a cure. Now I'm in marketing.

Greatest influence in your life:

My mother. I am definitely my mother's child – I even look like her. I see all her hard work and sacrifice, and I try to follow her example.

Childhood hero:

Malcolm X. He impressed me at such a young age, and I still look up to him today. He came from nothing, overcame so much, and went on to become a great man during his brief life.

If you could meet anyone, past or present, who would it be?

Stan Lee, the creator of Spider Man and the X-Men. I think comic books are America's mythology and have had a great influence on our culture.

Motto you live by:

If all else fails, keep smiling. If things are going badly, why look bad?

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

I would love to know how to play basketball. It's a stereotype that every black man can play basketball, because I'm just awful, awful, awful.

Advice to Bryant students:

Hardship and adversity are inevitable. It's important to know how you'll deal with those hardships. Once you do that, hit it as hard as you can – and keep smiling.

The ambassadors of Bryant

It's a selective Bryant student organization run out of the Office of Admission to which members are chosen after a rigorous screening process. Candidates should be dynamic yet approachable, extremely dedicated, and possess good time management skills. Those who make the cut must spend hours in training, memorize the contents of a 40-page manual, and attend regular meetings. Lastly, they must sign a contract and pledge to always conduct themselves in a manner that portrays the university in a positive light. And that's before their official work actually begins.

Meet the Bryant University Student Ambassadors. Eighty strong this year, this diverse group of students stand at the frontline of recruitment efforts as they lead campus tours throughout the academic year. Although ambassadors must be knowledgeable about curriculum, faculty, campus activities, and other aspects of campus life, it is often the personal, unscripted experiences they share that leave a lasting impression and may positively affect a prospective student's decision to attend Bryant.

Ambassadors also lend a strong student presence at major events such as Fall Open House and Admitted Student Open House, and are easy to spot in their custom-designed uniforms. Behind-the-scenes, they do everything from host prospective students for a day or overnight to preparing thousands of student packets for Enrollment Days.

What motivates these students to join an organization that requires this level of commitment?

"Initially, ambassadors are eager to share their positive Bryant experiences with prospective students and their parents," says Michelle Barbato, associate director for events and volunteers, and the "unofficial" advisor to the ambassadors. "Later, they come to appreciate the exposure to different opportunities and the benefits of working with such a cohesive group of student leaders."

Rookie ambassadors are assigned a big brother/sister ambassador to welcome them into the program and show them the ropes. Michele Silveira, a senior from East Providence, Rhode Island, serves as student coordinator – the only "paid" position among the ambassadors. Silveira handles the myriad logistical details of the program and strives to serve as an example to all other ambassadors.

"A prospective student can visit Bryant's Web site or read a brochure," notes Silveira. "But meeting a Student Ambassador can make the university come alive."

When senior ambassadors enter the job market, the skills they've learned serve them well. "Being an ambassador couldn't have helped me more as I began my quest for the perfect job," says C.J. Kuntz '03, an actuarial analyst with Mercer Human Resource Consulting in Boston. "There's no substitute for experience when it comes to thinking on your feet. Answering all those questions from prospective students and their parents definitely prepared me well for the interview process."

Students who are interested in the program should call the admission office at 232-6100.



Michele Silveira '05, Ambassador Student Coordinator

Camilla Robinson '06, (right) of Mansfield, Massachusetts, Ambassador of the Year for 2003-2004, talks with a prospective student at Admitted Student Open House.



Bryant moves up to 20th spot in U.S. News college rankings

Bryant University has been ranked number 20 in the Masters 1 College/University Category in the North in its latest appearance in the U.S. News & World Report publication "America's Best Colleges." Last year Bryant ranked 24 in this selective category.

"It is very exciting that Bryant has improved its ranking in this highly competitive region and category," says President Ronald K. Machtley. "Now, as Bryant University, we will continue to focus on enhancing the student-centered learning environment. We are preparing our graduates to achieve success in their lives and their professions through the pursuit of knowledge and the development of character. This ranking reflects the broader recognition our accomplishments."

The U.S. News ranking relies on quantitative measures

of academic quality and a nonpartisan view of what matters in education, as determined by U.S. News & World Report editors. A few of the key criteria used to determine the rankings are peer assessment, retention and graduation rates, and faculty resources such as the number of faculty with doctoral degrees and the number of classes with less than 20 students.

Bryant is also listed in this year's edition of the Princeton Review's "Top 357 Colleges in America" and the most recent edition of Barron's "Best Buys in Education."



Movin' in the Class 2008

Bryant University welcomed 762 freshmen to campus on August 28. Enrollment Days streamlined the student experience by coordinating important processes and distributing information – all in the air-conditioned comfort of the George E. Bello Center. In the course of three days, Bryant staff had direct contact with virtually each and every undergraduate.

The top three floors of Hall 6 were renovated this summer to accommodate some of the new International Business major students. Upgrades included lighting, sprinklers, new doors, carpeting, draperies, and wall repairs and repainting. A committee selected what may prove to be a new generation of furnishings intended to make rooms more study-friendly.

The space was previously home to the Intercultural Center, which is now housed in the Bryant Center, and the Academic Center for Excellence and The Writing Center, which have relocated to Academic Hall in the Unistructure.



Student volunteers were on hand to help new students move in their belongings. Among the volunteers were Ashley Wilkinson '07, a Bryant Experience Leader (left), and Bulldog football team members (l-r) Jay Stahl '08, Andrew Howlett '07, Justin Benevides '07, Jonathan Zenquis '08, Paul Wojciechowski '06, Michael Locke '08 (holding the television), and Alex Chaparro '06.