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Homecoming & Reunion

Homecoming & Reunion 2007, held September 28-30, featured alumni and athletic events, tailgating festivities, and the Bulldog Fun Zone with plenty of food and activities for all ages. Bryant hosted its largest ever Homecoming & Reunion crowd as close to 5,000 students, faculty, staff, and alumni converged on Bryant's campus to celebrate the Bulldogs 22-19 victory over Pace.

On Sunday, more than 1,000 participated in the 7th Annual Shawn M. Nassaney Memorial Cross

Country Race/Walk held in memory of the 1998 Bryant graduate and former cross country team captain who died on United Airlines Flight 175 with his girlfriend, Bryant alumna Lynn Goodchild '98. Proceeds from the race were added to a scholarship established in Nassaney's memory by his family, friends, and classmates.

Homecoming & Reunion activities were sponsored by Coca-Cola.



These women have spirit! Volleyball team members (left to right) Adrienne Boss '11 (Dracut, Mass.), Likica Grceva '08 (Natick, Mass.), Morgan Wood '10 (Cedar Park, Texas), Tiffany Garry '08 (Frankfort, Ill.), and Julie Geonnotti '10 (Eden Prairie, Minn.) cheer on the football team.

Bryant holds inauguration for Confucius Institute

On September 14, Bryant welcomed Zhuang Zedong, the Chinese table tennis player who helped start what became known in history as “Ping Pong diplomacy.”

Zhuang retold how a simple act of friendship toward an American competitor in 1971 opened the door for improved relations between China and the United States, and, in his mind, paved the way for Beijing to host the 2008 Summer Olympic games.



His talk was part of the official inauguration of the Confucius Institute at Bryant, one of 20 centers around the country dedicated to the promotion of Chinese language and culture that are named after the revered Chinese thinker, educator, and philosopher.

Zhuang was also awarded an honorary professorship by the Confucius Institute.

Following the talk at Bryant, Zhuang took part in a table tennis demonstration with Richard Bowling, the top ranked player from Rhode Island. The pair wowed the crowd with a dazzling display of speed and skill.

Other activities during the week as part of the institute’s grand opening were a photograph exhibit, a film festival, and a quiz show about China’s landmarks, traditions, and people.

The Confucius Institute, part of the U.S.-China Institute, reflects the mission of Bryant University – to educate the community and prepare students to succeed in a global environment.

“This is a wonderful transformational opportunity for us to be the leaders in helping people in the United States to learn the language, understand the culture, and be able to communicate in ways that have not historically been possible,” said President Ronald K. Machtley.

Students reach out to alumni for support

Bryant students are once again an integral part of relationship-building with alumni.

Each spring and fall, students pick up the telephone to solicit donations, and many find themselves updating alumni on campus activities and school accomplishments. The telefund program, a part of Bryant’s Annual Fund, uses alumni gifts to provide students with more scholarships and enrich their daily lives through academic, sports, cultural, and social events.

“Though the job is challenging at times, our students find that the rewards can be beyond anything they’d imagined,” said Susan Detri-Souvé, director of the annual fund.

Through their work in the telefund program, students have made new friends, expanded their networks, and even obtained job interviews with alumni.

“Our alumni know it’s important to give back, and they do in many ways,” said Detri-Souvé.



Daniel Barsky '09, of Princeton, N.J., and Erica Baldacchino '09, of Everett, Mass., discuss strategy in between calls.

■ **Professor Michael Lynch** and his son, **Nicholas '04 MSA**, coauthored two articles that appeared in professional publications recently. "Attaining Capital Gains Treatment of Property Transactions: Dealer Versus Investor," was published in the June 2007 *CPA Journal* and "Final Production Activity Deduction Regulations Favor the Construction Industry" was published in the *Real Estate Review*, Fall 2007 edition. On a personal note, **Professor Lynch** recently earned an honorable mention recognition on the U.S.A. National All-American Triathlon Team.

■ **Professors Janet Morahan-Martin** and **Phyllis Schumacher** coauthored a report "How Gender Influences Uses of Health Information from the Internet," based on findings from four years of national survey data collected by the Pew Internet and American Life Project. It was presented by Morahan-Martin on August 19 at the American Psychological Association's annual meeting in San Francisco and has since appeared in several newspapers. **Professor Morahan-Martin** collaborated with **Assistant Librarian, e-Resources, Colleen Anderson '05 MBA**, and **Instructional Support Specialist Enoch Park** on a paper titled "Facilitating More Effective Use of Internet-Based Research Resources." Morahan-Martin presented the paper at the meeting.

■ **Professor Bradford Martin** has published "'Unightly Huts': Shanties and the Divestment Movement of the 1980s" in *Peace & Change: A Journal of Peace Research*, vol. 32, no. 3, July 2007. The article is the basis of a chapter in *The Other Eighties: A Secret History of America in the Age of Reagan*, a book by Martin slated to be published in 2009 by Hill and Wang.

■ **Professor Robert Muksian's** textbook *Mathematics of Finance and Insurance* has been published with an accompanying financial mathematics software CD. Professor Muksian also recently appeared in a national teleconference presentation via Lorman Educational Services titled "Social Security: The American Worker's Greatest Investment – Is it Worth the Delay?"

■ **Professor Diya Das** won the Organizational Behavior Division's "Best International Paper" award for 2007 at the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Management held August 3-8 in Philadelphia. The paper has important practical implications for managers, as it studies the issue of outsourcing in India.

■ **Professor Richard Holtzman** presented a paper at the American Political Science Association's annual meeting held August 30-September 2 in Chicago. The paper, "George W. Bush's Compassionate Conservatism and the Ethos of the Hyper-Rhetorical Presidency," was presented as part of a panel titled "Unpacking the Toolkit of Presidential Policymaking."

■ **Professor Kathleen Simons** was elected to serve a three-year term as director of The Academy of Business Education, a multidisciplinary association dedicated to enhancing the teaching of business education and improving the learning environment.

■ Bryant hosted the 7th Annual eXtensible Business Reporting Language (XBRL) Conference on October 18-19. About 35 finance professionals and academicians, including **Bryant Professor Saeed Roohani**, took part in hands-on workshops using XBRL, a standardized language for the electronic communication of financial data.

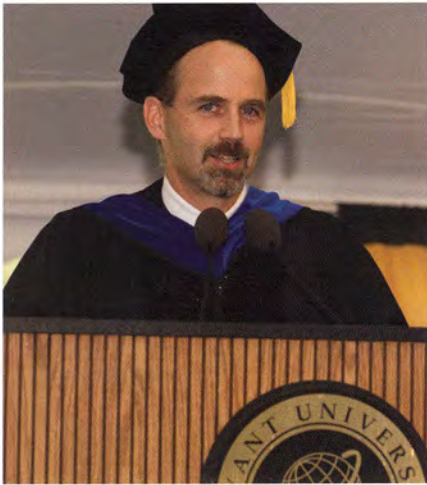
■ **Professor Kevin Pearce** published a chapter, "Family Communication in the Age of the Internet," in the book *Family Communication Theory and Research* from Pearson Publishing.

■ **Professor Wendy Samter** wrote a chapter, "Developmental Communication," that appeared in *The International Encyclopedia of Communication* from Blackwell Publishing. Professor Samter presented "Examining Teaching Effectiveness in a Non-Credit Context: Assessment of the Impact of a Mother-Daughter Retreat" with three other academicians at the Teaching Family Science Conference held in June on Prince Edward Island, Canada.

■ **Professor Stanley Baran's** book *Introduction to Mass Communication: Media Literacy and Culture* was printed in the 5th Edition by McGraw-Hill. Japanese and Polish translations of his book, *Mass Communication Theory: Foundations, Ferment, and Future* were released this summer.

■ **Kati Machtley** served on a panel for the 23rd Annual Build Boston trade show and convention "Designing a sustainable future for the building industry" held on November 15 at the Seaport World Trade Center in Boston. The panel focused on making the office environment a welcoming learning community. She was also the keynote speaker at the Sensata Technologies Conference on November 16. Her speech, "Empowering Authentic Women Leaders," was presented to the Attleboro Women's Initiative.

Convocation officially welcomes the Class of 2011



Dr. Edward T. O'Donnell

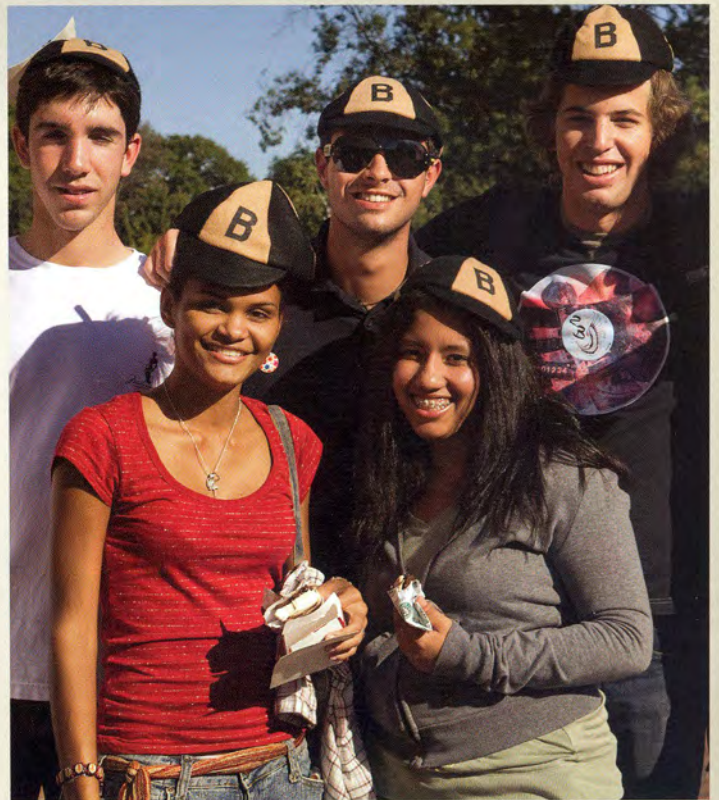
On September 5, faculty and upperclassmen led first-year students in a procession to Convocation, the ceremony that symbolizes the beginning of their college journey. Convocation speaker Dr. Edward T. O'Donnell, associate professor of American history at Holy Cross College in Worcester, Mass., offered students six tips for making the most of their college experience, based on his 20-plus years as an educator.

With newfound freedom, first-year students must find a balance between studying and having a good time, O'Donnell said. He also recommended that students enroll in classes beyond their majors, attend cultural programs, and develop a mentoring relationship with a faculty member.

O'Donnell advised students to be optimistic and follow their hearts. "Every person who has changed the world for the better has been motivated by an essential optimism that tells them not only that things should be better, but it is possible to make them better."

ABOUT THE CLASS OF 2011

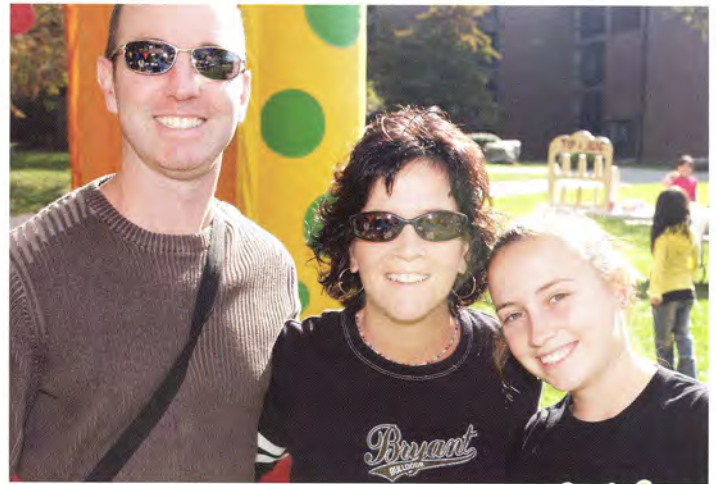
Total Students	857
Resident Students	835
Men	57%
Women	43%
International Students	5%
Students of color	10%
Average SAT score	1150
Average GPA	3.42



Students from the Class of 2011 show off the beanies they received at Convocation as a welcome gift from the Alumni Association and the Student Alumni Association.

Parents & Family Weekend

Randi Morin '11 (far right), member of Bryant's Velocity Dance Team, enjoyed time spent at the Latino Heritage Month Carnival with stepfather Jim McAllister and mother Gayle McAllister during Parents & Family Weekend October 12-14. In addition to the carnival, the weekend featured the production "Doctor Death" by the Bryant Players, a magic show, a game show, the 14th Annual Duck Race, musical entertainment, and more.



Teeing off for students

The Fourth Annual President's Cup Golf Tournament took place in June at the historic Newport Country Club. One hundred and twenty-four golfers participated in the tournament, while Bryant staff and friends volunteered their time to help make the event a success. The event raised more than \$72,000 for the President's Scholarship Fund through sponsorships, foursome fees, contests, a raffle, and the silent and live auctions. Prior to the auctions, cochairs Stuart Brenner '64 (left) and Tom Celona '69 (right) presented President Machtley with a check from the proceeds of the tournament.

Honored to be in NYC

Twenty-two members of Bryant's Honors Program spent October 4-6 in New York City as part of a unique learning opportunity. Students interacted with corporate executives, networked with Bryant University alumni, and attended cultural events. Honors Program Coordinator and Computer Information Systems Professor Kenneth Sousa said, "Our students were professional, courteous, and represented Bryant well. I am extremely proud of them." The trip was sponsored by the Bryant University Honors Program with a generous donation from Jeff Casey '83, executive vice president of sales at Summit Technical Services. Alumnus Tom Hewitt '68 arranged for the students to receive discounted rates at one of his hotels.



■ Professor **Michael Roberto** was quoted in a June 25 *Wall Street Journal* article titled "What Factory Managers Can Teach Hospital Wards."

■ NPR's "All Things Considered" on June 29 featured an interview with Bryant men's lacrosse coach **Mike Pressler**, who discussed his new book, *It's Not About the Truth: The Untold Story of the Duke Lacrosse Rape Case and the Lives It Shattered*. Pressler's book was also reviewed favorably in *USA Today*, *The Washington Post*, *Baltimore Sun*, and on WBUR's "On Point" show.

■ The **Chafee Center's International Trade Data Network** was cited in a story in the July edition of *Positioning Magazine*, a Thai publication.

■ "The Injustices of Using an Average," an opinion piece by **Professor Robert Muksian**, ran in the July 6 *Providence Journal*.

■ The *Chicago Tribune's* "Parent to Parent" column on July 15 titled "Helping College-Bound on Right Course" featured an interview with **Laurie Hazard**, director of the Academic Center for Excellence. The column also appeared in the *Ventura Star* and the *Modesto Bee*, both California newspapers.

■ The July 13 *Providence Journal* published a story about **Bryant's new green technology data center** headlined "Bryant Conserves Energy with Green Data Center." It was distributed through the Associated Press wire service and appeared in a number of other newspapers and on technical news web sites. A similar story about Bryant's data center appeared in the July 11 *Providence Business News*.

■ **Bryant's on-air studio camp** for high-school students was the subject of a feature story in the July 15 *Providence Journal* titled "Call It Career Camp for

the Video Production Industry." The article was distributed through the Associated Press wire service and appeared in several other newspapers.

■ Incoming Bryant freshman **Hallie Thomas** of Monroe, Conn., was the lead author of "Seeking the Source of Harry Potter's Deathly Headaches," a research paper published in the June edition of *Headache: The Journal of Head and Face Pain*. A feature article about Thomas and the study, published in the July 16 *Hartford Courant*, was reprinted in newspapers and web sites around the world.

■ **Professor Richard Holtzman** commented on Senator Jack Reed in an Associated Press article headlined "Reed at Center Stage as Iraq Debate Nears Showdown." The article appeared in several publications, including the July 17 *Boston Globe*.

■ The July 22 edition of "At the Colleges" in *The Providence Journal* mentioned that Bryant senior **Ryan Daley** of Hudson, Mass., would be among the student reporters covering the proceedings of the United Nations' Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organization annual conference this past September.

■ **Professor Peter Nigro** was profiled in a *BusinessWeek* online article in August 2007. He was named a favorite professor based on a survey of Bryant business undergraduates. He joins faculty from schools such as the University of Michigan, Ohio State, University of Arizona, Louisiana State University, and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute that have been featured in the ongoing series.

■ A story on Bryant's Executive Development Center (EDC) appeared in the education section of *The Providence Journal* on August 7. **Annette Cerilli**, director of the EDC, was quoted.

■ Professors **Janet Morahan-Martin** and **Phyllis Schumacher's** report "How Gender Influences Uses of Health Information from the Internet" was widely cited by the following media: WebMD, *The Washington Post*, Fox News, and Reuters wire service.

■ **The Amica Center for Career Education** at Bryant was named one of the top 10 university career and job placement services in the country, according to the 2008 edition of *The Princeton Review's* annual "Best 366 Colleges" that was released on August 21.

■ **Richard Siedzik**, director of computer and telecommunications services, was quoted in a story in *University Business* titled "Going VoIP" in September 2007.

■ The inauguration of the **Confucius Institute at Bryant University** was mentioned in an article about table tennis player Zhuang Zedong, who launched what came to be known as "Ping Pong diplomacy." The story appeared in the September 15 issue of *The Providence Journal*.

■ **President Ronald K. Machtley** and **Professor Hong Yang**, director of the U.S.-China Institute and the Confucius Institute, collaborated on an opinion piece that appeared in the September 25 issue of *The Providence Journal*. The editorial outlined how educational and cultural collaborations such as The Confucius Institute can build bridges of understanding between the U.S. and China.

■ Bryant's **Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE)** association was mentioned in an October 1 article in the *Providence Business News* about several local organizations working together with the R.I. Training School to rebuild local diners.

■ **Kati Machtley** was featured in the *Providence Business News* on October 8 as one of the area's most influential and interesting businesswomen.

Campus Campaign kicks off with donations going directly to scholarships

On October 2, Bryant kicked off the 2008 Campus Campaign, a component of the Annual Fund. The Campus Campaign provides scholarships to deserving Bryant students. Several students who benefited from the generosity of Bryant faculty and staff spoke to the crowd.

One of this year's scholarship recipients, Erin Reilly '10, of Newington, Conn., a finance concentrator and Dean's List member said, "It means so much to me to be able to receive an excellent education at my first choice university without having to worry about being able to afford the cost."

Reilly is a member of Students in Free Enterprise, Big Sisters, Bryant Helps, and the Finance Association.

This year's Campaign goal is \$70,000 with a participation rate of 50 percent.

Last year, Bryant faculty and staff contributed more than \$63,000, which helped fund scholarships for three other recipients beside Reilly: Renee Gadsden '08 (Fitchburg, Mass.), Gessi Giarratana '10 (Madison, Conn.), and Samarth Patel '08 (Westborough, Mass.).

President Ronald K. Machtley said that each donation made by a member of the Bryant community provides valuable resources that help students on a daily basis. "This is one of the most worthwhile contributions you can make because you can see the difference."

Faculty and staff still interested in donating can contact Susan Detri-Souve at Ext. 6173.



President Ronald K. Machtley with three of this year's scholarship recipients – Gessi Giarratana '10 of Madison, Conn.; Erin Reilly '10 of Newington, Conn.; and Renee Gadsden '08 of Fitchburg, Mass.

A fitting tribute to the Fishers

Generations of Bryant students have greatly benefited from the generosity of alumni and friends of the University. At Homecoming & Reunion, Michael and Karen Fisher were recognized for their philanthropy at the dedication of the Mike '67 and Karen Fisher Lobby in the Elizabeth and Malcolm Chace Athletic and Wellness Center. Fisher is a member of the board of trustees and is a former managing director of Barclays Global Investors.



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NEW FACULTY 2007/2



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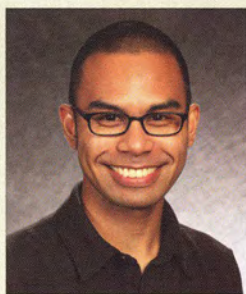
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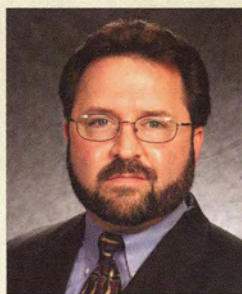
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HOMECOMING & REUNION



(Top, Left) Senior Chris Wohlheter (Newark, Ohio), #13, returns a punt in Bryant's 22-19 win over Pace University at Homecoming.

(Bottom, Left) Bryant cheerleaders "flip" for the football team.

(Above, Top to Bottom) Sherwin and Mildred (Sadlon) Haskell, both members of the Class of 1937, traveled from their home in Hilton Head, South Carolina, to enjoy Homecoming and Reunion.

The Bryant softball team warmed up for the annual alumni softball game with a group dance.



(Below, Top to Bottom) Tailgaters (left to right) Somalisa Ker '08, of Cranston, R.I.; Angela Floro '08, of Stoughton, Mass.; Mallory Harvey '08, of Weymouth, Mass.; Zack Herman '08, of New Cumberland, Penn.; Lori McBride '08 of Cutchogue, N.Y.; and Meaghan Toomey '08, of North Easton, Mass.

And they're off! Participants in the 7th Annual Shawn M. Nassaney '98 Cross Country Race/Walk dash across the field. This year's first place winners were Bryant alumni Eric Narcisi '01 and Paula Klepadlo '03.

The Office of Alumni Relations helps groups coordinate smaller tailgating reunions at Homecoming & Reunion. Different class years, fraternities and sororities, and other campus organizations (like GLBT – Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender pictured here) gathered in Bryant's parking lot before the game.



(Above, Top to Bottom) It's good luck to touch the Bulldog's right paw before a game!

Jonathan Richards '08 (Dracut, Mass.), left, and Geoff Jarok '00 try to make the catch in the annual Student/Alumni Ultimate Frisbee game. It was a close battle, and the alumni won by two points in the end.

Robin Marek appointed executive director of development



Robin Marek has joined the Division of University Advancement as executive director of development. She will lead Bryant University's philanthropic efforts in support of academic quality, student life and scholarship programs, and educating our students for global leadership.

Marek has more than 17 years of development and fundraising experience. She most recently worked at Kent Hospital – first as the director of development and then as the executive director of the Kent Hospital Foundation. At Kent, Marek helped the hospital increase its level of contributions from \$260,000 to \$2.3 million annually during her 10-year tenure. She also spent seven years at Brown University – the last three as the assistant director of special gifts.

According to James Damron, vice president for university advancement, "Robin is an experienced, proven, and mature leader. In appointing her to lead our development team, I am confident that our philanthropic support will grow significantly in the years just ahead to help fuel Bryant's ambitious agenda for taking the University to the next level."

Marek is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and earned her Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) designation in 1998. She is a member of several local professional organizations and is on the board of the Planned Giving Council of Rhode Island. She serves as advisor to the Juanita Sanchez Community Fund of the Rhode Island Foundation.

"Bryant's sense of momentum and success is palpable, making it a great place to work," Marek said. "I look forward to collaborating with the members of the Bryant community in building the University's philanthropic resources."

PEOPLE

New Faces

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Women's soccer kicks it in Italy

While the majority of Bryant's fall teams reported to campus in mid August to begin preparing for the upcoming season, the women's soccer team kicked off their annual preseason practice across the Atlantic. Head coach Chris Flint and the Bulldogs spent 10 days traveling throughout Italy, training with and competing against several club teams while visiting some of the world's finest cities.

The trip allowed the team to focus on preparing for the upcoming season. Rigorous training and practices mixed in with "friendly" matches with several Italian

club teams gave Coach Flint a chance to assess his team's ability and how they matched up against teams never played before.

In Venice, Milan, and Florence, the traveling party of coaches, student-athletes, parents, and trainers explored several galleries and shopping gallerias, and the Leaning Tower of Pisa. They also experienced authentic Italian cuisine at local restaurants.

Giving the team a chance to bond as a group away from home seems to have worked well for them—as this story goes to print, the Bulldogs are undefeated in the Northeast-10 Conference.

Bryant goes Division I!

Bryant University announced on October 18 that it has received and accepted an invitation to join the Northeast Conference (NEC), an 11-member Division I conference that sponsors championships in 21 sports for men and women.

"The movement to Division I athletic competition is consistent with our strategic plan to continually enhance Bryant University's reputation," said Bryant University President Ronald K. Machtley.

Bryant, which will become the fourth Division I institution in Rhode Island, joining Brown University, Providence College, and the University of Rhode Island, will gain full Division I membership status effective September 2012. Bryant is expected to begin playing a Division I schedule in 2008-09.

"Membership in the prestigious Northeast Conference will raise our academic and athletic profiles, providing our student-athletes the opportunity to compete at the highest level," added Director of Athletics Bill Smith.

The announcement was made by Northeast Conference Commissioner Brenda Weare following a vote from the NEC Council of Presidents.

"Bryant is an outstanding university that has demonstrated excellence both academically and competitively," said Weare. "They are an excellent fit for the NEC, and we look forward to them joining us in the fall of 2012."

"I think this is great for the Northeast Conference," said Vice Admiral Paul Gaffney, President of Monmouth University and Chair of the NEC Membership Committee. "We were extremely impressed with the commitment of their President, trustees, and athletic department staff."

President's Cultural Series featuring Christina Day Martinson

Award-winning Baroque violinist Christina Day Martinson launched the 2007-08 President's Cultural Series at Bryant on Thursday, October 11. She presented a selection of chamber music accompanied by a harpsichord. Martinson is a member of three-time Grammy nominee Boston Baroque—the first permanent Baroque orchestra established in North America—and has a tenured position with the Handel and Haydn Society.



Baroque violinist Christina Day Martinson performed in Janikies Theatre on October 11 as part of the President's Cultural Series.

Bryant hosts 12th annual Public Safety Academy

Each year, recently hired public safety officers from colleges and universities around Rhode Island undergo an intensive two-week training course conducted by the Bryant University-based Rhode Island Public Safety Academy. Since its inception in 1995, the program has graduated 337

officers, 46 of whom have represented Bryant. This year's Bryant Department of Public Safety graduates are Officers Elizabeth Almond, Anthony Authier, and Joseph Teixeira.

Bryant is a fitting home for the Academy as it is consistently ranked one of the safest campuses in the nation.



Anthony Authier, Director of Public Safety George Coronado, Elizabeth Almond, and Joseph Teixeira



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| November 20, 2007 | Thanksgiving Recess |
| November 30, 2007 | Chafee Center:
Business in China
7:30 a.m. – 3 p.m., Bello Center |
| December 5, 2007 | Graduate School
Information Session
5:30 – 7 p.m., MRC 4
Festival of Lights
7 p.m., Rotunda |
| December 11, 2007 | Day Classes End |
| December 12, 2007 | Reading Day |
| December 15, 2007 | Employee Holiday Party
6 p.m., R.I. Convention
Center Ballroom |