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Alumni cite three graduates, professor on their weekend

The annual Alumni Weekend at Bryant drew approximately 500 graduates and guests back to campus on a sun-drenched weekend in early June. Activities catered particularly to alumni graduating in years ending in "7" or "2."

One of the weekend's highlights was the black-tie awards ceremony and dinner-dance, at which three alumni and professor John Jolley were honored. Jolley, who has been teaching in the social sciences department since 1966, received the Distinguished Faculty Award for 1987. Clarence Jarvis '36, president of Jarvis Knitting Company

and national campaign chair for the 1985-86 Bryant Fund, and Gregory Parkos '50, president and chief operating officer of Whittaker Corporation, received Distinguished Alumni Awards for 1987. Frank Delmonico '62, former vice-president of business affairs at Bryant, received the Nelson J. Gulski '26 Alumni Service Award.

Alumni Weekend began Friday evening with a barbecue under a tent erected near the Bryant Center. Late-evening performers were an R-rated

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Sharing some memories on a bench by the pond were these graduates on Alumni Weekend.

Bryant's 79-year-old M.B.A. student won't retire

by Gloria Yahn
Assistant Editor

Only death is going to make Ed Perry retire. That's why the 79-year-old CPA, husband, father, and grandfather still works every day and then spends his nights at Bryant studying for an M.B.A.

Perry says there is only one person who knows exactly when he is going to retire. And that is his

maker. While most people his age are rocking in their chairs, living in a retirement community, or just taking life a little easy, Perry is still going strong.

Perry did retire once—for two weeks in 1983. But he said: "Retirement is not for me. I can't sit

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Leading by example: RISBDC

The Rhode Island Small Business Development Center at Bryant hosted three events late in the spring semester that demonstrate its leadership position in the small business community.

New England SBDC Conference

This first-ever conference brought more than 90 professional staff members from the six SBDCs in New England to the Treadway Inn in Newport.

Organized by Douglas Jobling, RISBDC director, the conference was set up to allow counselors to share experiences so that each of the SBDCs could gain greater understanding of each other and, thus, expand their abilities to serve small businesses. Jobling summed it up this way:

"As the first conference of its kind, our goal was a limited one. We simply wanted to get the staff together to begin the process of dialogue... Certainly, subsequent conferences can get into much more detail about how SBDC services are provided and can develop some technical training for professional staff, but I believe that this first conference was a huge success if for no other reason than the fact that we did get all the professional staff together."

Speakers did include Johnnie Albertson, deputy associate administrator in the U.S. Small Business Administration in Washington, who is the national administrator of the SBDC program; Louis Fazzano, director of the Rhode Island Department of Economic Development, who discussed the labor shortage in New England, and Pat Norton, Sarkisian professor of business economics at Bryant, who discussed the regional economy. But the heart of the conference was the presentation of topics by SBDC professionals, Jobling said.

Among the topics discussed were client development, business planning, training programs, using college and private-sector resources, and measuring program impact.

World Trade Day

For the third consecutive year, the RISBDC hosted World Trade Day in May. It brought private and public sector experts to campus to tell 50 participants everything they ever wanted to know about exporting and trading internationally.

Held in the Bryant Center, the conference included exhibits and a variety of speakers discussing topics such as international sales, payment methods, and freight forwarding. Professor Pat Norton provided a perspective on the ability of the state's businesses to compete with foreign competition.

A special award also was presented to Lawson-Hemphill Company, of Central Falls, which manufactures quality control instruments. It was given by a U.S. Department of Commerce official for the firm's ability to export its products.

SBA "Advocates of the Year" ceremony

It was very appropriate that the RISBDC hosted this annual event this year, because the Small Business Administration's "Small Business Person of the Year" is Joseph Bruno '49, owner and chief executive officer of JIBCO Industries, of Smithfield.

The Bryant alumnus, whose company is a stone's throw from campus going north on Route 7, also is a member of the advisory council of the RISBDC. He added this award to the one he also received this year from the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce, which named him "Small Business Leader of the Year."

Seven other awards also were presented to the SBA's 1987 advocates. They included: accountant advocate, Grafton H. Willey IV, of Newport; media advocate, Paul LaBreche, publisher of the *Woonsocket Call*; minority advocate, Harold Metts, of the Providence School System; veterans advocate, Thomas Schillinger, of the state employment security department; women in business advocate, Mary Brennan, of Dynatech, Inc.; Small Business Exporter of the Year, ETCO, Inc., of Warwick, David Dunn, president; financial services advocate, Antonio Moura, of the Ocean State Business Development Authority.



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ANNIVERSARY

Update

- A new date for the annual Athletics Hall of Fame dinner has been chosen, according to sports information director John Gillooly. It will be held during the gala Alumni Weekend: 1988, which closes out the Anniversary celebration.
- The first student-sponsored "theme party" of the Anniversary will be a jazz brunch on Parents Weekend. Assistant student activities director Liz Covino is coordinating this activity.
- The Anniversary Birthday Party will be held January 14 at a joint session of the General Assembly in the State House in Providence, according to Stacey Kaplan, committee chair. It will include a cake and ceremonial signing of the original College charter.



The Alumni Weekend black-tie dinner was held in Salmanson Dining Hall.



Professor John Jolley (left) received his alumni award from professor Pat Keeley, faculty representative on the executive board, who also was recognized for his service to the alumni association.

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hypnotist and a rock band in the Bryant Center, which served as the headquarters and registration area all weekend.

Saturday activities included a breakfast, campus tours, faculty-led presentations, the Loyal Guard luncheon for the Class of 1937, a picnic lunch under the tent, a special lunch for the past presidents of the Alumni Association Executive Board, a softball game, an open house at Mowry Alumni House, a Student Alumni Association reunion, a Class of 1982 dinner, and the awards ceremony and dinner preceded by a cocktail reception hosted by President O'Hara.

Ecumenical services and a continental breakfast closed out the weekend Sunday morning.

Professor Jolley came to Bryant from the University of Nebraska, where he taught and earned an M.A. in medieval history. He also holds a B.S. in history/sociology from Mississippi State University. Recognized repeatedly by students for his teaching, Jolley is active on a variety of faculty and College committees and several state historical associations. He told the alumni that receiving the award is the highlight of his career to date.

Jarvis, who has been particularly active as a supporter and fund raiser for Bryant, chaired the campaign that set a new record for giving by topping \$1.15 million.

Parkos also has served as an alumni association board member and a Bryant Fund chair. He has been leading the Los Angeles-based corporation since 1985.

Delmonico is director of administration at Butler

Hospital in Providence. He is credited largely with planning and coordinating Bryant's move to Smithfield in 1971, after he negotiated the sale of the old East Side of Providence campus to Brown University.



Federation selects scholar for '87-88

Christine L. Nason, a senior accounting major from Danielson, Connecticut, is the latest recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship from the Faculty Federation. She receives the check here from professors Pat Keeley (left) and Joe Ilacqua, vice-president and president, respectively, of the Federation.

QUICKLY

... Professor **Frank Bingham** has been honored by the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, which sponsors an annual awards program to recognize words and deeds that support the U.S. social, political, and economic system; suggest solutions to basic problems, and strengthen an understanding of freedom. He will receive an honor certificate in the category of economic education...

... **Priscilla Angelo**, interim vice-president for institutional advancement, participated in mid-June in the Denmark Invitational Study Faculty Seminar involving Danish and American educators. She also has been inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Society, and selected as a member of her high school hall of fame in Schenectady, NY...

... **Bernie Blumenthal**, director of residence life, hosted the first resident assistants' reunion dinner in late April in the Bryant Center. Sixty-five RAs from 1980-86 attended...

... Professor **Bill Sweeney** was interviewed by WPRI-TV news when Alan Greenspan replaced **Paul Volcker '83 Hon.** as chairman of the Federal Reserve System. He compared and contrasted the two men for the 11 p.m. and noon news shows on June 2 and June 3, respectively...

... **John L. (Jack) Currier**, who retired in January as a sergeant with the public safety office, has been honored by Phi Epsilon Pi fraternity, which he served as adviser for 15 years. The fraternity has established the John L. Currier Award, to be presented annually to the most deserving Phi Ep senior...

... **Douglas Jobling**, RISBDC director, has been named chairman of the program committee of the Rhode Island chapter of the Smaller Business Association of New England (SBANE). He also serves as a director of the state chapter...

... Adjunct professor **Joanne Mongeon's** submission has been selected as the winner of Bryant's 125th Anniversary Fall Convocation essay contest on "The Purposes of Higher Education." Her winning entry will be printed in a future issue of *Bryant's Business*...

CALENDAR

MONDAY, JUNE 29

Summer Orientation Program

Session III
2-day program

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

Jostens, Inc. Yearbook Workshop

3-day workshop
The CENTER

SUNDAY, JULY 12

**Balfour Office Procedures
Conference**

4-day conference
The CENTER

THURSDAY, JULY 16

Balfour Sales Training

10-day seminar
The CENTER

TUESDAY, JULY 21

**Evening division summer
classes end**

MONDAY, JULY 27

Patriots Training Camp begins

TUESDAY, JULY 28

Digital Northeast Sales Training

3-day seminar
The CENTER

Summer hours

THE BRYANT CENTER

Monday - Thursday:
7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Friday: 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Closed Saturday and Sunday

THE SCOOP

Monday - Friday:
10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

BOOKSTORE

Monday - Thursday:
8:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**POOL, INFORMATION
(CANDY STORE)
AND GAME ROOM**

Monday - Friday:
Noon - 4 p.m.

79-year-old M.B.A. student

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and do nothing . . . When I'm dead. That's when I'll retire."

He decided then to enroll in the graduate program.

"My wife was relieved to think I wouldn't be under foot," he said of his decision.

Since enrolling in the M.B.A. program, Perry also has opened an accounting firm in Greenville. A 1929 Boston University graduate, Perry owned and ran Findings, Inc. in Keene, New Hampshire for 40 years before his brief retirement.

Married for 52 years, his wife spends many hours in the classroom with him. Not taking classes. She usually just takes a seat in the rear of class and reads a novel. Unlike his wife, Perry marches to the front row, takes a seat, and immediately begins to ask questions.

Students sharing Perry's classes don't have too much to say about Perry or to him for at least a couple of weeks. After the shock of his age and wealth of knowledge begins to wear off, fellow students settle down and begin teasing him. They playfully ask, "What's the mater with you? Don't you know enough to retire?"

"He challenges. He's hungry for knowledge. He's inquisitive. I wish all my other students were as eager," says accounting professor Mike Lynch. "I wish I had his loss of memory."

By the way . . .

by Gloria Yahn
Assistant Editor

This column is dedicated to the new moms at or associated with Bryant.

- Elaine Notarantonio, marketing department, has added a second son to her family. Evan Joseph arrived on April 16, weighing 6 lbs. 15 ozs. Married to Ralph Charello, Elaine also has another son, Derek.
- Denise Trainor, CMD, and her husband, Kevin, were blessed with their first child. Kyle Patrick made his debut on April 21, weighing 8 lbs. 7 ozs.
- Ray Fogarty, SBDC, tells me his wife, Phoebe, gave birth to Margaret Erin on April 26. Weighing in at 8 lbs. 13 ozs., Margaret will have two Ray's to contend with. Dad and Ray Jr.
- Gail Valentine, business affairs, and her husband, Bill, are the proud parents of Julie Christine. Born Saturday, June 13, Julie weighs 7 lbs. 5 ozs. The Valentine's are also the parents of a son, John.
- Frances Reinker, wife of Ed Golden, student affairs, surprised her husband with a quick delivery of their second child and daughter, Erin Elizabeth. Born unexpectedly at home on Saturday, June 13, Erin weighs 7 lbs. 15 ozs.



Edward Perry in his Greenville CPA firm.

Graduation culminates romance

by Randi Belhumeur '87

For Robert and Jo-Anne Hallberg, of Smithfield, Bryant's Graduate School Commencement on May 22 meant an end to romantic evenings of candlelight, music, champagne, and a paper in integrated management.

The husband and wife romanced and studied like this for three years. It all came to an end when they received their M.B.A. degrees in management.

Jo-Anne started the M.B.A. program first—in 1982. Robert started a semester later. They met in a classroom, and married in 1984. They kept right on working toward their M.B.A.s together, while working full time during the day. She is an economic development coordinator for the city of Woonsocket; he is in the sales department at Poly Top in Slatersville.

To keep some semblance of normalcy in their daily schedules, they took most of their classes together. But that doesn't mean they studied together all the time, or that they didn't compete with each other.

Robert liked to study in the library. Jo-Anne liked noise, and felt at home in front of the TV. And they let each other know that marriage didn't preclude competing in the classroom, even though their professors didn't mind if they worked together.

Because they did the same things, however, they empathized with each other.

"It's a tough program, and we both understood how difficult it was for one another," Jo-Anne said.

Future plans?

Robert would like to begin working toward a Ph.D. and ultimately get into college administration. Jo-Anne wants to continue working in business and finance. There is also the possibility of starting a family.