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Commencements '92: trustees to join in the pomp, circumstance

Many trustees will join the rest of the Bryant community in celebrating the undergraduate and Graduate School Commencements this Friday and Saturday (May 15-16).

Under its revised schedule, the board now meets on Thursday and Friday before Commencement weekend each year. It gives the trustees, many of whom travel long distances to campus, an opportunity to combine business with Commencement pleasure. Among the activities: a baccalaureate service Friday at 6 p.m. in the Rotunda, and a reception and dinner for honorary degree recipients Friday evening. See the separate stories on each ceremony.

Degrees to go to 1,009 at undergraduate

Commencement

Bryant's 129th undergraduate Commencement day debuts with the annual breakfast for faculty and staff to meet the honorary degree recipients. Breakfast runs from 8 to 8:45 a.m. in Papiitto Dining Room. It is followed at 9:20 a.m. by the faculty, staff and seniors gathering for the procession to the track.

The long procession, led by a senior class flag-bearer and a band, steps off at 9:30 a.m. from the Bryant Center Plaza. As it stretches out, the 1,009-student procession eventually will wind its way

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Commencement speakers and honorary doctorate recipients Robert Mosbacher (l), Georgette Mosbacher, and Beverly Dolan.



Also receiving honorary doctorates at Commencement will be Henry Louis Gates Jr. (l), Cornelius Tierney '58 (c), and Clarence Jarvis '36.

Judge stepping aside as board chair; L.A. alumnus, executive elected to take over

Federal Judge Bruce M. Selya, of Providence, is stepping aside as chair of Bryant's Board of Trustees after six years. Replacing him on August 1 is Gregory T. Parkos '50, 88H, of Los Angeles, who stepped down early this year as president of Whittaker Corporation, a NYSE company with worldwide interests.

Selya, a Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 1st Circuit, retires as chair, but he has agreed to continue as an honorary trustee. Parkos, a trustee since 1988, still serves as director of Whittaker and several other public and private companies across the country.

Praising Selya's leadership, President

Trueheart said: "His brilliant leadership and sage guidance were instrumental in propelling Bryant to the level of distinction it now enjoys in the academic community. He has been an advisor, a mentor, and a friend to me and to this College. I am very pleased that he has agreed to continue his involvement with Bryant as an honorary trustee."

Trueheart said he is equally pleased with Parkos' appointment: "I'm delighted to have an alumnus of Greg's stature heading the board of trustees. He is a gifted, energetic leader and a dedicated, steadfast supporter of the College. He

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GOOD YEARS
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Incoming trustee chair Greg Parkos (l) and outgoing chair Bruce Selya.

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also has a firm commitment to and solid understanding of Bryant's history and mission."

Selya likened his experience as board chair to "tooling down the highway at 120 miles an hour in a car with the top down. We proceeded very fast down a long road with darn-few rough spots. I was a pretty lucky guy to have been at the wheel."

Selya, a trustee since 1984, added that "I have gotten far more out of it than I will ever be able to repay. I was on the cutting edge of a college really going places."

Among the achievements Selya said he is particularly proud of "was in helping to recruit to the board trustees who have changed the character of the board. In diversity, gender, background, the board is second to none in the country. It is well-equipped to face the issues Bryant will face in the '90s."

Selya said also that he has been "fortunate enough to preside over a time when Bryant, which was a regional institution, became a national and an international institution." Bryant also completed a transition, he said, that saw its student body go from primarily commuter to primarily residential in composition, which makes the college "a general model of progress and achievement."

In looking back, Selya said that there have been many memorable moments, but two really stand out.

"The first is standing at the podium during Commencement, especially the first one, and seeing the faces of students and their families and friends," he said. "The outpouring of excitement

they showed told me that this is what higher education is all about."

The second, Selya said, was opening the *America's Best Colleges* issue of *U.S. News & World Report* two years ago, "and realizing that we had succeeded in getting the word out about the college as a 'best buy' and as one of the best colleges in the country."

About his successor, Selya says: "Greg Parkos epitomizes Bryant College at its best. He is a distinguished alumnus who will head the board at a time when alumni have proven to be the backbone of the college..."

"He is also a businessman of enormous accomplishment. He is bright, energetic, and a leader in the business community. The fact that he is willing to make a commitment to Bryant despite living 3,000 miles away shows that Bryant is a national school. He will come on like gangbusters."

Parkos was equally complimentary of his predecessor.

"Judge Selya will leave some big shoes to fill," said Parkos. "He has been a truly excellent chair who was able to provide a high degree of involvement by the board in establishing the philosophy and mission of Bryant College. It is his hallmark."

Parkos also agreed with Selya that his election shows the extent of Bryant's growth. "Everyone will see what is already a well-established fact -- Bryant College is a national and, indeed, an international institution with no geographic limitations to its influence or population."

Parkos lives in Los Angeles, but he is no stranger to Rhode Island. A Newport native, he continues to have numerous business interests in the state. His wife,

Carol Word named international consultant

Judge Bruce M. Selya, chair of Bryant's Board of Trustees, announced that Carol A. Word has been retained by the board as a consultant on international affairs. This appointment is part of the College's ongoing effort to develop and implement a program designed to increase international awareness of Bryant, with a view toward identifying and recruiting graduate and undergraduate students from around the world.

Judge Selya explained, by the way of background, that in 1991 the board created a Committee on International Opportunities, comprising four trustees of the College, to formulate a strategy for making the College more visible abroad. The committee (to which Ms. Word will report) requested and received, in February, authorization from the full board to engage a consultant.

The consultant will serve as Bryant's ambassador to schools and agencies in foreign countries. Specifically, the consultant will confer abroad with school headmasters, university rectors, counselors, embassy educational

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Joan McDonough Parkos, is from Barrington, and Parkos began his business career here after earning his MBA at Boston University and serving six years in the U.S. Foreign Service.

Parkos was president and CEO of CPL Corporation, of Providence, when the company merged with Whittaker in 1979. Before joining CPL in 1973, Parkos was president and CEO of American Chemical Works Company, Providence, for five years, and from 1957 to 1968, he was a vice-president with the H.F. Livermore and Rosbro Plastics corporations.

Parkos served as Whittaker's president and has been a director since 1984. Honored with a Distinguished Alumni Award, Parkos has chaired the annual giving campaign and served on the alumni association executive board.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Judge Selya is being feted by Bryant for his years of service on Thursday (May 14) evening. He will be honored at a "recognition dinner" at the Hope Club in Providence.

Gambling task force report shared with campus

Findings and recommendations of Bryant's gambling task force have been shared with the College community over the past two weeks in a series of question-and-answer sessions designed to shed additional light on the problem of illegal gambling on campus.

President Trueheart joined the task force chair and president-emeritus, William O'Hara, in separate face-to-face meetings with students, administrators, faculty, and staff. The report will be shared next with trustees when the board meets on campus this week. Actions to be taken, the president said, will be announced after the trustees meet.

As a preface to his presentation, O'Hara said there has been "very little discussion" of gambling as a problem here or at other colleges, despite its prevalence. In essence, the task force learned, he said, quoting from the *New York Times*, that youth gambling is a "new frontier of problematic behavior."

Focusing on Bryant, O'Hara said the task force found the following:

- 50 percent of Bryant's male students have gambled at one time or another;
- peer pressure to gamble is high;
- "winning" a bet seems more important than monetary gain;
- allegations of gambling and extortion were made months before the state police broke open the case, but most were unsubstantiated with few students willing to step forward;
- rules and regulations prohibiting athletes from gambling were not thoroughly explained, and there is no concrete program to deal with this;
- the men's basketball coach was lied to by players;

Class of '92 leaving trail behind

Bryant soon will be going down a new trail.

The Class of 1992 is leaving behind as its gift a "fitness trail" to be constructed near the track. The one-mile walking/jogging trail will be lined with 10 exercise stations. It will incorporate a combination of endurance and muscle-strengthening exercises.

- parental response to the alleged gambling on the basketball team was almost non-existent;
- gambling had an adverse impact on the team's performance;
- College sanctions are not taken seriously by students;
- there has been a lack of moral and ethical responsibility by students, especially students who bet in other's names;
- there has been an underlying assumption that gambling is tolerated on campus.

The task force has made more than 20 recommendations, O'Hara said. Among them:

- toughen the sanctions against gambling, publicize them widely, and make people aware of disciplinary actions taken in this area;
- review all College intervention programs;
- examine the disciplinary process;
- improve communication between offices dealing with the same or similar issues so actions can be better coordinated;
- provide additional training and investigatory powers for public safety;
- review all athletics department programs and develop a strategic plan for athletics and a model code for athletes;
- create an institute to study gambling among youth;
- create an independent "ombudsperson" position to receive gambling information;
- enhance programs that serve to develop social responsibility and ethics.

The class is trying to raise \$4,800 towards the cost of the trail, according to Deena Panariello, class gift chair. A kick-off party in February got the campaign off to a quick start with approximately \$4,300 in pledges.

The fitness trail is expected to be constructed and open by the beginning of next year.

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...Professor **Subhashish Samaddar** and **Wallie Roettger**, executive vice-president/provost, participated in the Northeast Decision Sciences Institute's annual meeting. Samaddar presented his paper, "A Monolithic Approach for Production Scheduling in a Job Shop." Roettger served as a panelist in a session on incorporating quality improvement into a business school environment...

..."Students at Work: The Socialization of Interns to Business," a paper by professor **Hinda Pollard**, was presented at and is being published in the proceedings of the 1992 International Academy of Business Disciplines...

...**Barbara Gregory**, assistant career services director, addressed the National Association of Women in Construction. Her topic: "Resume Writing." Also, Gregory spoke to accounting students at Mount St. Charles Academy on preparing resumes and interviewing skills...

...Professor **Mike Lynch** has been appointed to the Kent County YMCA's executive board. He will serve as secretary...

...Public information director **Bill Rupp** addressed students as part of professor **Mary Jane Pelkey's** annual lecture series for public relations and communications classes. His topic: "A Day in the Life of a PR Professional"...

...CMD director **Rosemary D'Arcy** served as a panelist at the New England regional conference of Financial Women International. The conference theme: "Empowered Work Force: Myth or Reality"...

...**Timothy Sullivan**, executive and continuing education dean, served as a panelist for Leadership Rhode Island's annual day of education on campus. The panel looked at "Education - A Continuing Process"...

...Human resources director **Jan Lewis** chaired an Americans with Disabilities Act workshop for practitioners earlier this month...

..."Maximum Likelihood Estimates for Interval-Censored Data Using a Weibull-based Accelerated Failure Time Model," a paper by professor **Patricia Odell**, has been accepted for publication in *Biometrics*...

...Counseling director **Bill Phillips** has been selected to serve on the policy-making advisory board of the Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gambling...

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counselors, embassy educational attaches, and education ministry officials to promote Bryant's academic programs; will meet with faculty and students of foreign universities to acquaint them with Bryant's BS, BA, and MBA programs and to explore collaborative teaching/research opportunities; will work to increase faculty exchange opportunities and assist in promoting Bryant's international service programs (such as the Export Assistance Center and the World Trade Center); and will rally foreign alumni/ae in order to encourage their active participation in accomplishing Bryant's international objectives. The consultant will report directly to the board, through the committee.

In announcing her engagement, Judge Selya stated:

"The Committee believes that it has identified the ideal candidate for this position. Ms. Word's record of accomplishment, her exemplary services as a senior official of the World Bank and the Peace Corps, the unparalleled respect in which she is held within the Bryant community (she is married to President Trueheart), and her knowledge of international affairs, ably equip her to meet the enormous challenge that this assignment presents. We consider ourselves fortunate that she has agreed to join us in this vital effort."

Ms. Word has broad experience in international affairs and has lived and traveled abroad extensively. Her experience includes eight years of service with the Peace Corps, beginning with service as a Peace Corps volunteer in Tanzania. After holding several administrative positions in the agency's Washington headquarters, she was appointed Peace Corps country director in Thailand.

Ms. Word's career also includes eight years of service at the World Bank in Washington, DC. Her responsibilities included managing a range of human resources issues for the East Asia and Pacific region.

In addition to a bachelor's degree from Dunbarton College of Holy Cross and a master's degree in education from George Washington University, Ms. Word has an MPA with a concentration in international development from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

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across the footbridge, through the Archway, past the Unistructure, Gymnasium, MAC and tennis courts to the track. Students will be joined enroute by faculty, staff, trustees, and the platform party. Awaiting the procession will be thousands of family members and friends of the seniors.

Rain or shine, Commencement will be held at the track beginning at 10 a.m. with the national anthem and an invocation. Only if the weather is life-threatening will the graduate exercise be moved inside to the gymnasium.

The Hon. Bruce Selya, Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit and chair of Bryant's board, convenes the ceremony for the last time. He is retiring from the board effective July 31. (See separate story on Judge Selya.)

Greetings from the federal, state, and Smithfield governments, respectively, will come from RI Congressman John Reed, Governor and Trustee Bruce Sundlun '80H, and William Hawkins Jr., town council president.

President Trueheart will bestow five honorary degrees and recognize a sixth recipient who receives his doctorate at the Graduate School Commencement. Receiving honorary doctorates are President Bush's re-election campaign chair, Robert A. Mosbacher; cosmetics entrepreneur Georgette P. Mosbacher; Harvard University African-American studies professor Henry Louis Gates Jr.; Ernst & Young partner Cornelius E. Tierney '58, and Pawtucket business executive Clarence J. Jarvis '36. Beverly F. Dolan, stepping down as chair, CEO and president of Textron, Inc., will be recognized for receiving his doctorate Friday.

The Commencement address follows the granting of honorary degrees. Delivering the address will be Robert and Georgette Mosbacher, the second couple to team up for the speech in three years. Introducing them will be RI Congressman Ronald Machtley.

Commencement and Student Senate awards go to their recipients after the address. It is followed by the student charge, to be given by Stephen Hutnak, and the presentation of the senior class gift--a fitness trail. Singing of the alma mater follows.

After the president confers degrees, seniors will receive diploma cases by

major and be introduced by professors in their respective departments.

Catherine Parente '78, alumni association president, will read the alumni charge.

After Judge Selya adjourns Commencement, the platform party and faculty will lead a recessional from the track. Separate receptions in the Rotunda, the Koffler Center Plaza, and the Bryant Center Plaza await the new alumni.

Grad School celebrates 10th Commencement in '92

Bryant's Graduate School celebrates the 10th anniversary of its Commencement as a separate ceremony this year. It begins at 4 p.m. Friday in the gymnasium.

President Trueheart presides over the ceremony, which culminates years of juggling class work with family commitments and on-the-job obligations for many of the 187 MBA and MST students. They will begin processing with faculty, staff, and trustees at 3:50 p.m.

Commencement opens with the national anthem and an invocation. It will be convened by Charles A. Collis '83H, vice-chair of the board.

President Trueheart will grant an honorary doctorate to one of Rhode Island's leading citizens and corporate executives, Beverly F. Dolan, who is stepping down as the chair, CEO and president of Textron, Inc. Dolan also will deliver the Commencement address.

Wallie Roettger, Bryant's executive vice-president/provost, will present the MBA and MST candidates for their degrees. The Graduate School director and associate dean, Janet Daniels, will introduce the candidates. Alumni association president Catherine Parente '78 will recite the alumni charge.

New alumni will recess to join their families and friends at a reception outside the gymnasium after the ceremony.

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