

## AROUND THE CORNER

February is National Black History Month. See BHM events listed below.

**Feb. 16:** BHM movie: "America's Dream"  
7:30 p.m. - MRC Lecture Hall

**Feb. 17:** Presidents' Day

**Feb. 18:** BHM: What's On Everyone's Mind  
Speakers Series Presents: "How to Love a Black Man"  
7:30 p.m. - Papitto  
Co-sponsored by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority

**Feb. 19:** 2nd Annual Pie Auction  
To benefit the David Denault Fund  
11 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Rotunda

**Feb. 22:** BHM: Extravaganza Night  
7:30 p.m. - Janikies  
Admission: \$3 at door

**Feb. 23:** BHM film: "Get on the Bus"  
6:30 p.m. (\$1); 9:15 (\$1.50)  
Janikies  
Co-sponsored by Student Programming Board

**Feb. 27:** BHM: Black History Jeopardy  
7:30 p.m. - Papitto

**Feb. 28:** Black History Month Closing Ceremonies  
1:45 p.m. - Rotunda

**Mar. 17-21:** Spring Break - No classes

**Mar. 17:** St. Patrick's Day

**Mar. 21:** The Women's Summit: "Women and the Work Place in the Next Millennium"  
Time and Location TBA

**Mar. 23:** Palm Sunday

**Mar. 28:** Good Friday

**Mar. 30:** Easter Sunday

# BRYANT'S BUSINESS

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## First Night '97 Rings in New Bryant Year

by Timothy P. Lloyd, assistant director of student activities



Seniors (l-r) Tom Gardner, Marcie Smith, Cheryl Goydon, Heather Andrews, Susan Allaire, and Christina Ferrari bring in the new year Bryant style.

As students drove onto campus January 19, they were greeted in high style at the Entry Control Station. Four Bryant men in black tuxedos welcomed everyone back for the spring semester. The well-dressed students also handed out invitations to a surprise gala celebration later that evening that would include dancing and a champagne garden in the Rotunda, and fireworks at midnight.

"First Night '97 was a 'first' on campus," says Deb Pasquarella, director of student activities. "But judging by the turnout, it was a hit – more than 600 students came to celebrate the start of a new year and a new semester."

The party began at 10 p.m., and students were amazed at the sight that greeted them as they entered the Rotunda. Thousands of white lights and yards of silver paper had transformed their everyday meeting place into a shimmering ballroom. Two 9- by 12-foot screens played dance music videos, and the sound of music bounced off the walls and ceiling. Fog and a light show added to the ambience on the dance floor.

Party hats and horns were distributed to the crowd shortly before midnight. A disk jockey began the official countdown, and at the stroke of midnight confetti cannons exploded from the second level, showering students and guests with confetti and streamers. This was quickly followed by a fireworks display outside the Unistructure, which could also be seen and heard through the glass dome. Dancing, giveaways, and other activities continued until 2 a.m.

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Professor Hsiang-ling Han presented "A Bilateral China-US Cooperative Threat Reduction Model Enhancing Mutual Economic Growth" at the 5th World Peace Science Congress, Tinbergen Institute, Amsterdam, last June, and at an MIT Department of Political Science seminar in April. She also presented "Defense Conversion for European Employment and Growth" at the 1996 NATO Economic Colloquium, which was held in Brussels.

Professor Fawzia Ahmad recently presented her paper, "Les dichotomies culturelles: les espaces ontologiques dans les écrits de Mouloud Feraoun et de Salman Rushdie," at the CIEF (conseil international d'études francophones) conference held in Toulouse, France.

Bill Baker, director of purchasing, has been awarded his Lifetime Certified Purchasing Manager (C.P.M.) designation by the National Association of Purchasing Management. To receive C.P.M. status, he passed the four modules of the C.P.M. examination, recertified as a C.P.M. twice during his career, and served in the purchasing/materials management field for more than 15 years.

Professor Neal Hannon recently conducted two all-day Internet seminars titled "Internet Essentials For Financial Professionals" in White Plains, New York, and Saddlebrook, New Jersey. The Bryant College home page, which Neal helped develop, was a featured part of both seminars.

Shelly Masson, area director, office of residence life, served as conference chair for the NASPA (National Association of Student Personnel and Administrators) Region I Conference, which was held recently in Springfield, Mass. Also at the conference, Scott Rattigan, a Bryant senior and resident assistant, was presented with NASPA's "Catch a Rising Star" award, given annually to a promising young professional in the field of student affairs. Scott is the son of John Rattigan of public safety.

Professor Nanci Weinberger presented "Speculating About Infant Stimulus Retreats" at the annual New England Mini-Conference on Infant Studies, which was held at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in January.

## First Night '97 (continued from previous page)



(L-r) Steve Lazarus, Brian McCarthy, Jeff Hill, and Rob Graham welcome students back to campus.

"It was great to see so many students with so much spirit and enthusiasm in one place on campus," says Bryan Magnus '97. "I hope this becomes an annual event."

Student Activities coordinated the event and received support from throughout the Bryant Community. "This celebration would not have been possible without the help of many departments, student groups, and volunteers," says Deb, "and we would like to thank everyone who contributed in some way. Special thanks go

out to students Jeff Hill '98, Steve Lazarus '99, Brian McCarthy '00, Rob Graham '99, Meagan Mirkovich '99, Melissa Frank '99, Jason Novack '98, Melissa Hlentaz '99, and Anna Tavakalova '98 for their help in making our party such a success."

## Bryant Gets \$2 Million Grant

Bryant is poised to receive a \$2 million federal grant. It will be used to develop and maintain a computerized database of information on defense technologies that can be shared with private industries nationwide.

The Center for International Business and Economic Development (CIBED) will be the lead participant in developing the pilot program. They will be assisted by the University of New Hampshire's Whittemore School of Business.

Bryant was selected based, in part, on the success of the Rhode Island Export Assistance Center's International Trade Data Network (ITDN), which is considered the top international trade information resource available to businesses in the United States today.

"This grant will allow Bryant College to serve small and medium size businesses in new ways," says Jim Segovis, director of CIBED. "It will help them access critical new technologies to make them more competitive with potential new products and enhanced production systems. Also, our new partnership with the University of New Hampshire opens new opportunities to share and work together to improve the New England economy."

Senator John H. Chafee was a driving force behind the grant. In the last Congressional session, he introduced and won passage of an amendment that required the Department of Defense to utilize the resources of Small Business Development Centers such as Bryant's. Senator Chafee was informed last month by the Department of Defense that Bryant has been selected as the lead participant in the project.

The program will implement the successful CIBED model of integrating Bryant staff, faculty, students, consultants, and the business community. This is Bryant's second defense conversion grant. A \$2 million grant the College received in 1992 was used to launch CIBED.

# Employees Earn Time Off

The 71 clerical, secretarial, public safety, and service employees listed below have earned extra time off for taking three or less sick days in 1996. Congratulations and continued good health in the coming year!

Roger Acosta	Richard Coutu	Linda Lachance	Harinder Rai
Kathleen Albanese	Beverly Daignault	James Lachapelle	Thomas Rayko
Helen Ammerman	Judith Dawson	Lorraine Lallier	Louis Reo
Frank Arena	Pauline Denault	Donna Lamirande	Frank Riccardi
Linda Asselin	Robert Deshaies	Raoul Laferriere	Darlene Rivard
Marcia Beaulieu	Paula Doyle	John Lariviere	Lois Schillinger
Irene Bedard	Robert Edwards	Sheila Leonard	Carla Scott
Lorraine Benoit	Frederick Falcone	Aurelie Maciejewski	Dorothy Scott
Lucie Bottella	Albert Forget, Jr.	Sharon Mariani	Marilyn Serapiglia
Raymond Camara	Barry Frechette	Naurene McDermott	Nancy Servoss
Sheryl Canis	Denise Gormley	Richard Morello	Bruce Shepherd
Robert Carlson	Jeanette Harrington	Derek Munsch	Debra Skillin
Maurice Carriere	Raymond Hebert	Vivian Pacquin	Joseph Theroux
Elaine Catlow	Bob Improta	Roland Parenteau	Gail Valentine
Terrie Celentano	Marilyn Isherwood	Gilbert Peterson	Victor Vargas
Felix Corpuz	Robert Jacobs	George Pina	Bettie Weber
Claire Corrado	Robert Jencks	Claire Pitts	Frank Widor
Lorraine Cournoyer	Donna Klepadlo	Bruce Plante	

## A Super Super Bowl Party

"Patriots Pride" was evident at Bryant on January 24 when students, faculty, and staff came together for a giant noontime Super Bowl party.

The Rotunda was decorated with Pats banners, posters, and dozens of red, white, and blue balloons. Campus disc jockey Peter Nikolakopoulos '97 played some great music, while the Bryant Bulldog dazzled the crowd with his (or her?) dance moves. Guests munched on pizza, subs, and popcorn, played Sega football, or took the "Football Challenge."

President Machtley, looking very Patriot-ic in a team jersey, welcomed everyone to the party, and Kevin Hearn, area director of residence life, did a great job as master of ceremonies. Prizes were awarded to the best-dressed Patriot fans. Chowdah-Hed Shirley Plante won the top prize of a Patriots AFC sweatshirt. Carol Platt, Bettie Weber, and Linda LaChance each received a tee-shirt or a hat.

Local television station WPRI TV-12 arrived on campus to film the event. The timing couldn't have been better – pep squad leaders Sandy Sylvia, Jean Dominici, and Linda LaChance were leading the crowd in a number of spirited cheers.

The Patriots may not have won the Super Bowl that weekend, but the excitement felt on campus will long be remembered. There's always next year, but first we have summer to look forward to – when the Patriots return to the best training facilities in New England.



It takes a lot of confidence to wear a foam hat to work. Shirley Plante (center) shows how it's done and takes first prize as the best-dressed Pats fan. Cheering her on are Carol Platt (l) and Sandy Sylvia.

## QUICKLY . . .

Professor Harsh Luthar's article, "Chivalry and Paternalism v. Nurture and Maternalism: Are Female Managers Partial to Female Grievants? The Missing Link in the Grievance Resolution Literature," has been published in the *Journal of Individual Employment Rights*.

Earlier this month, Professor Paulo de Medeiros lectured at the University of Utrecht (Netherlands) on "The Portrait in a Mirror: Ramalho Ortigao, Holland, and the Question of the Nation" and at the Institute of Romance Studies in London on "Portuguese Women Diarists." In December, he gave a lecture titled, "O Anjo do Futuro" at the University of Porto in Portugal.

Leadership Rhode Island has announced that Judy Clare, director of career services, is among 52 participants selected to join its 1997 class. The program strives to improve the quality of life in Rhode Island by developing well-informed and dedicated leaders who take an active role in their communities.

Professors Saeed Roohani and Steve Sutton's paper, "An Object-Oriented Approach to the Design of Real-Time Accounting Information Systems," has been accepted for publication in *Accounting Forum* (1997). "A User's Approach to Constructing the Business Reporting Model: An Internet-Based Research Case," was presented at the mid-year conference of the Auditing Section of the American Accounting Association last month.

## BY THE WAY . . .

Bryant employees gave \$8,268 to soup kitchens, women's shelters, food banks, and other worthy causes in 1996. A total of \$53,015 has been donated to charitable organizations since the program began in 1991.

Betty Cotter of health services would like to express her sincere appreciation for the kind expressions of sympathy that she received following the death of her father-in-law.

## NEW FACES



**Theresa Garlacy**  
*Head Women's Volleyball Coach/Fitness Center Director*

A two-year assistant at Bryant, Theresa took over as interim head volleyball coach in August and led Bryant to an 18-13 mark and the NORTHEAST-10 Tournament semi-finals this season. Previously, she was head volleyball coach at North Smithfield High School. She holds a B.S. from Providence College and an M.A. from Rhode Island College. She is a 1984 graduate of Smithfield High School, where she lettered in field hockey, basketball and softball.



**Nancy Keilly**  
*Assistant Director of Financial Aid*

Nancy comes to Bryant from Newbury College, where she served as financial aid counselor and most recently as associate director of financial aid. Prior to that, she was a marketing coordinator for National Insurance Concepts in Dedham. She holds a B.S. from Bentley College.



**Joseph P. Pratt**  
*Assistant Director of Corporate, Foundation, and Government Relations*

Joe joins Bryant from Union Wadding Company in Pawtucket, where he served as sales representative, industrial division. Prior to that, he held a number of positions with the United Way of Southeastern New England, and was most recently vice president of donor services. He holds a B.S. from Providence College.

## Why Black History Month?



Black History Month celebrates 71 years of existence this year. How did this celebration begin, and why February? Jann-Douglass Bell, director of multicultural student services, explains that in 1926, scholar and lecturer Carter G. Woodson decided that the nation needed to salute the achievements and positive effects that blacks had made in America. "Black History Month began as a one-week celebration held during the second week of February," says Jann. "That week was chosen because it marked the birthdays of two great men connected with the black movement – Abraham Lincoln, who was credited with the freeing of the slaves, and Frederick Douglass, the great orator and abolitionist."

A variety of events reflecting this year's theme, "Diversity for All," are being offered throughout the month by members of the Multicultural Student Union (see posters on campus). Opening ceremonies were held on January 31 in the Rotunda. MSU President Harold Peacock '98 offered opening remarks that had been prepared by Jann-Douglass Bell. The poetry of Maya Angelou was read by Meg Springer, assistant director of multicultural student services, and Nigel Fubara '98. Alycia Silva '99 reviewed the month's events, and F.J. Talley, vice president for student affairs and dean of students, offered closing remarks.

MSU members pictured at the opening ceremonies are (front row, l-r) Cynthia Rodriguez '99; Chevonne Collins '00; Sharonna Moorner '99; and Alycia Silva '98; and (second row, l-r) Harold Peacock '98; Eric Gough '97; Hughan Bolton '98; and Nigel Fubara '98.

## The Two-Minute Drill

*by John White*

The Athletic Department invites everyone in the Bryant Community to Senior Day on Saturday, February 22, as the basketball teams take on Assumption College in the regular-season finale. This is a terrific opportunity to watch some great basketball and thank our student-athletes who have toiled for four years in the classroom and on the field or court.

All senior student-athletes will be honored. The women's basketball seniors will be introduced before their game at 1:30 p.m.; remaining female athletes will be introduced at halftime. The same format will follow for the men's game, which tips off at about 3:30 p.m.

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There is still time to get your Bulldog Sports Card stamped for chance to win a new car. On Saturday, February 13, three lucky winners of the Bulldog Sports Card drawing will shoot for a new car courtesy of Bristol County Dodge. The shots will take place during halftime of the women's (1:30 p.m.) and men's (3:30 p.m.) games with AIC, and after the men's game. If all three contestants make the shot, they each get a new car!

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The NORTHEAST-10 Tournament begins February 24. Watch for more information.