Once again, BDIC has seen a lot of changes with the start of the fall semester. Nico Spinelli, a long-time veteran of BDIC, who, as you know, was a faculty supervisor in the area of Natural Health and Computer Science retired from BDIC and returned to work in the Computer Science department full-time. We all miss Nico and his computer expertise, and we are very grateful to him for his many years of service to the students of BDIC.

Partly to replace Nico and also to accommodate the large increase in the BDIC population, we have hired two new faculty supervisors this fall: Paula Stamps, from the department of Community Health, and Nikki Stoia, from Music. Paula has sponsored many of our students in the holistic health and other health-related fields. Nikki, in addition to teaching in the Music department, has been a faculty advisor at Pre-Major Advising Services and an assistant dean at the Arts and Sciences Advising Center for several years.

In an attempt to improve the BDIC Junior Year Writing Program, we have hired an additional writing instructor, Mya Poe, who is a doctoral student in the English program and has extensive experience both in professional editing and teaching in the English Writing Program at Umass. Mya has already made some positive changes in the structure of the Senior Research paper class,

Dean’s List
Spring 1999

Congratulations to all of our students on the Dean’s List!

Sarah Ahearn
Elizabeth Ajalat
Danielle Astrella
Melanie Beherrell
Amy Bidne
Aaron Brandes
Amanda Brunell
Charlotte Capogna
Julie Chelman
Andrew Cole
Timothy Dalton
Tamara Davidson
Shauna Dillard
Laura Donahue
Nicola Du Plessis
Danielle Ducharme
Ariele Ebacher
Anna Feder
Paul Fattaruso II
Nathan Flint
Weston Fonger
Candice Foster
Amber French
Sarah Fulham
Violet Gaynor
Danielle Girard
Rachel Gluckstern
Mari Guarino
Steven Harris
Adam Helfet Hilliker
Daniel Hildreth
Matthew Hirshberg
River Holmes
Michael Jellison
Benjamin Joplin
Daniel Kapner
Jennifer Kurtz
Ariel LaReau
Julia Laricheva
Corinne Levine
Cecilia Lim
Peter Linnard
Joshua Lizotte
Matthew Lucas
James Marchetti
John MarcinievichLeah
McKeand
Chia-te Pan
Andrew Pasquale
Alexander Phillips
Omri Porath
Lauren Radovich
Michelle Roberts
James Royland
Elyssa Schram
Beth Schulz
Benedict Schuman
Shripal Shah
Kirin Shamberg
Daniel Sigel
Pamela Smith
Julie Stanitis
Avi Stein
Brook Stevens
Robert Theroux
Jason Tocci
Laura Toth
Elizabeth Tringali
Sara Varvaro
Damon Waitkus
Rebecca Wallgren
William Young
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which you’ve probably already noticed if you’re in the class this semester. She has broken the class down into clusters according to areas of interest, which meet regularly throughout the semester, allowing the students an opportunity to share their projects with each other. Sometime in the spring you will all be invited to come to a Senior Research Paper open house at which students in the class will show off their projects.

In addition to the other new personnel, BDIC has several new peer advisors this fall. We actually had to increase our number of peer advisors from five to eight to accommodate BDIC’s booming population! You can find out more about them in the peer advisor section of the newsletter.

Have you taken a look at the BDIC web site lately? We would welcome any feedback you might have about it since it is under construction.

Enjoy your fall semester!

Special Reminders

If you are enrolled in the Senior Research Paper class this semester, BDIC 496Y, you must submit your final paper no later than May 19 (last day of final exams). Students who do not complete their work by this date will be given incompletes and may miss the May graduation deadline if they are seniors.

If you are a senior graduating in May, 2000, the BDIC office must have your senior summary and abstract as well as any other outstanding paperwork by May 19.

Please make sure the Registrar has your accurate address and phone number so that you will receive important mailings from BDIC and other offices on campus. You can use the WISE system to doublecheck your personal information.

BDIC Peer Advisors, Fall 1999

Anna Feder advises students interested in Film/Film Studies, Communication, Art, Comparative Literature, Education, Music and Theater. She has been a peer advisor since the spring of 1999. Anna discovered BDIC in the spring of her freshman year when she first became interested in Film Studies. She is currently working on her honors senior project making a film she wrote in her freshman year.

Michael Kubo specializes in the areas of Architecture, Art, Urban Planning, Landscape Architecture, Mathematics, and Environmental Science. Michael became a BDIC major after deciding to study architecture. He has completed a summer architecture program at Harvard as well as pursuing his studies in Israel and Los Angeles. Although Umass offers a BFA in Design, which is focused primarily on interior design, Michael wanted a stronger focus in
BDIC Peer Advisors, Fall 1999 (continued)

architecture that would incorporate his interest in architectural history and theory. Through BDIC, Michael has been able to combine design studios at Umass with art and architectural history courses at Smith and Amherst, as well as independent study. He is currently applying to graduate architecture schools and is writing an honors thesis on the relationship between architecture and forms of social organization.

**Brian Moses** advises students in the following areas: Art, Management, Law, Business, Japanese, Theater, Film, English, Invention, and Animation. He is a senior at Umass and his motivation to choose BDIC derived from the fact that he’s been to two prior universities where no interdisciplinary curriculums existed. Sensing potential, he transferred to Umass and has since been successful in creating his concentration, “Dimensional Invention.” By incorporating concepts form within the disciplines of art, law, psychology, engineering, writing and business, he hopes to better formulate and pursue original ideas for himself as well as for existing innovative mediums.

**Liza Nicoll** advises students in the areas of Health, Chemistry, Nursing, and Biology. Liza’s BDIC concentration focuses on Health, Science, Culture, and Medicine. Her ultimate goal is to apply her education and skills to the up and coming field of alternative medicine. She is pursuing a second degree in Biology.

**Jim Royland** specializes in Spanish, Latin American Studies, Political Science/International Relations, and Area Studies. He has been a BDIC peer advisor since spring, 1999. He is pursuing a B.A. in Spanish in addition to his BDIC concentration which is entitled “Diplomacy and Latin America.” He is also working towards the completion of both a Latin American Studies and an International Studies certificate. While serving in the U.S. Army, Jim was stationed for three years in Panama. Mostly due to work, he has been afforded the opportunity to travel throughout Central and South America. Upon graduation, Jim hopes to attend graduate school and subsequently obtain employment as a Foreign Service Officer at the Department of State.

**Matt Soroka** is in his first semester as a BDIC peer advisor. He advises students interested in Sports Management, Exercise Science, Nutrition, and Management. Matt’s concentration is in Fitness and Sports Marketing, and he will be graduating in May, 2000. In addition to his duties at the BDIC office, he is a Resident Assistant and a member of the Crew team.

**Laura Toth** advises in the areas of Health, Psychology, Environmental Science, and Eating Disorders/Nutrition. Her own BDIC major focuses on Naturopathic Medicine. She plans to attend naturopathic medical school after graduation and either become part of a private medical practice or teach at the college level.

**Elizabeth Tringali** is an advisor in the areas of Nutrition, Sports Management, Exercise Science, Management, and Health Promotion. She is an RA and a member of the Crew team. She is looking forward to a career as a marketing consultant for fitness corporations. During spring semester, 2000, she will be interning in a position which is in her precise field of study. She will be graduating in May, 2000.
Thanks to the generous gifts of our alumni, BDIC has set up a scholarship and research fund for qualified students. If you wish to apply, please stop by the BDIC office to pick up an application. Deadlines for applications are May 15 (for Summer and Fall study/projects) and October 15 (for Spring projects).

News From BDIC 396P – The Proposal Class

Another BDIC proposal class is underway this fall with the largest enrollment ever. Students are working on a variety of proposals for fascinating concentrations in areas such as Information Systems Management; Socio Contemporary Literature; Women, Health, and the Environment; Entomology; Sport Law; and Medieval Linguistics.
**Spring, 2000 Pre-Registration**

Spring 2000 telephone pre-registration extends between November 10 and 23. All BDIC students must pick up a RAC code by meeting with Linda Roney in order to pre-register. Students planning to graduate in February or May, 2000 and anyone who has been notified of a credit hold need to make a personal appointment with Linda. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the BDIC office door at 608 Goodell, or if it is more convenient, you can call 545-2504 and ask to be added to the appointment list.

For those students graduating after May, 2000, there will be pre-registration advising sessions on Monday, 11/8 and Tuesday, 11/9 at 4 p.m. in 608 Goodell. It will be possible to pick up your RAC at that time. If you wish to have an individual advising appointment, you are encouraged to schedule one as well.

No RACs will be given out over the phone. The reason we have them is to ensure you the benefit of proper advising help.

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**Pizza Groups Series**

Interested in getting together for an evening of pizza and sharing of ideas with BDIC students in your area of interest? Have you created a film or art work you would like to show? Would you be interested in doing a reading of your poetry? If so, let Linda Roney know, and she will organize an event for you and others who share your interests.

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**Late Adds & Withdrawals**

Withdrawal period is over as of Monday, October 25. If you need to add or drop a class, please arrange to see Linda Roney in the BDIC office. All late add and drop requests must now be appealed through the deans at Pre-major Advising Services in 615 Goodell.

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**BDIC IS ONLINE**

Have you been to BDIC’s new and improved web site yet? It can be accessed at the following URL:

http://www.umass.edu/bdic

General program information can be found here and students can access and download most BDIC forms and handouts. Please be aware that this site is in the process of being updated by BDIC student Allan Hatta.
Congratulations to Our May and September 1999 Graduates, the last BDIC students to graduate before the new millennium!

May Graduates:

Jill F. Abrams  
*Hospitality Marketing with Recreation and Leisure Management*

Cheryl S. Alper  
*Public Relations with Judaic Studies*

Seth C. Ayott  
*Film/Acting*

Matthew R. Baldwin  
*Student Oriented Business*

Rupal S. Bhinda  
*Graphic Design, Advertising, Communication, and Psychology*

Andrea L. Burdulis  
*The Science of Healing and the Mind/Body Connection*

Ross C. Burns  
*Psychological Aspects of Education and Coaching*

Charlotte Capogna  
*Therapeutic Counseling and Activism Towards Social Improvement*

Megan Cap-Renzi  
*Writing About American Society*

Tara J. Chauvin  
*Fitness and Wellness Management*

Tamara Davidson  
*Education as a Social Problem*

Jodie Deignan  
*Pre-Music Therapy*

Erika Ewald

Dance Movement Therapy  
Paul Fattaruso  
*Creative Writing*

Sarah Flynn  
*Media Education/Educational Technology*

Julie Fontaine  
*Motivating Writers*

Candice Foster  
*Exercise Science/Health and Wellness*

Amber French  
*Linguistics and Classical Languages*

Steven Gold  
*Social Justice*

Elizabeth Gourlis  
*Medical Anthropology with Sociology Perspective*

Steven J. Harris  
*Language, Culture and Journalism*

Adam Helfet Hilliker  
*Graphic Design*

Daniel W. Hildreth  
*Music and Film*

Thomas Holden  
*Political Philosophy*

River Holmes  
*Comparative Religion*

Christine A. Keaney  
*Community Development and Urban Studies*

Joyce A. Kelly
BDIC Graduation List, continued

*Fitness and Health Management*

Sarah M. Kleinman  
*Family Studies*

Tezlyn Y. Kraft  
*Creative Writing in Advertising, Promotion and Advertising*

Kathryn L. Lass  
*Fashion Advertising*

Cecelia C. Lim  
*Printmaking and Creative Writing*

Joshua M. Lizotte  
*African-American Sacred Musicology*

Sarah N. Matthews  
*Society’s Effect on Child Development*

Eric Martellini  
*The Human Being in Fitness and Sports*

Eileen M. Mauro  
*Community Health*

Kelly Maxfield  
*Photojournalism and Design*

Dawn M. McDaniel  
*Advertising and Photography*

Timothy D. McKeon  
*Creative Writing*

Jessica Z. Meyer  
*Health Sciences/Art*

Rin Moeun  
*Health Education*

Chia-te Pan  
*Management Information Systems*

Alexander W. Phillips  
*Creative Writing*

Omri Porath  
*Urban Planning*

Skye Reed  
*Cultural, Social and Spiritual Diversity through Education Specializing in Native America Studies*

Kristin A. Richard  
*Marketing and Planning for Special Events*

Michelle L. Roberts  
*Therapeutic Movement for Children*

Christine Robidoux  
*Costume Design and History*

Sarah Sawyers  
*Community Health Education*

Elyssa A. Schram  
*Costume Design, Fashion History and Textiles*

Beth A. Schulz  
*Cross Cultural Religions and Philosophy*

Shripal Shah  
*Multimedia Productions*

Kirin Shamberg  
*Public Relations and Business Writing*

Michael W. Smith  
*Psychological and Multicultural Perspectives on Education*

Rebecca Sozanski  
*Urban Studies*

Julie A. Stanitis  
*Holistic Health in Medical Care*

Nicolas Steglich  
*Computer Graphic Design and Animation*

Avi J. Stein  
*Psychosocial Medicine and Public Health Care*

Melissa A. Stupak  
*Environmental Policy and Management*
BDIC Graduation List, continued

Christopher Tedesco  
Scientific Internet Technology

Jennifer Tessler  
Holistic Health: Our Co-existence with the Body, Mind and Spirit

Robert A. Theroux  
Exercise Physiology and Health Management

Aileen Tracey  
Animal Science Management

Steven A. Trachtenbroit  
Arts and Music Administration

Maria J. Vozella  
Holistic Health

Rebecca E. Wallgren  
Scientific Approach to Holistic Medicine

Sarah A. Walsh  
Public Health Administration

Deirdrey Williams  
Advertising Communications

Jessica D. Yoakum  
Latin American and Latino Studies

September Graduates:

Matyas Benda  
International Business and Trade

Amy Bidne  
Creative Writing in Social Context

Andrea L. Burdulis  
The Healing Sciences and the Mind/Body Connection

Kathleen Cammarata  
Women in Film and Theater

Brian W. Conz

Carmina Fernandes  
Fashion Design and Marketing

Tanya Hannon  
Education for Special Populations

Erin Kelly  
Health Care Policy and Administration

Ariel LaReau  
Representation of Culture Through Film and Literature

Stacy Levine  
Consumerism in the Apparel Industry

Nancy S. Lin  
International Marketing

Christian Loiodice  
Pre-Christian Religious Thought

Joshua Sanofsky  
The Effects of Myth and Folklore on Science Fiction and Fantasy

Jessamyn J. Smith  
Comparative Religion and Holocaust Studies

Allana Todman  
Journalism/Creative Communications

Kara E. Willett  
Relocating Self in Nature and Culture

Jan Yang  
Multimedia Applications