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**81st COMMENCEMENT
FRIDAY MORNING,
AUGUST 4, 10 A. M.**

**in
THE RHODE ISLAND
SCHOOL OF DESIGN
AUDITORIUM**

The Eighty-first Commencement of Bryant College will be held Friday morning, August the fourth, in the pretty, air-cooled Auditorium of the Rhode Island School of Design.

The Exercises will begin promptly at 9.30 o'clock with the Academic Procession.

The Speaker of the Day will be
**THE HONORABLE
ALBEN W. BARKLEY**

United States Senator from Kentucky and Majority Leader of the United States Senate.

The Chairman will be
**THE HONORABLE
THEODORE FRANCIS GREEN**
United States Senator from Rhode Island

The Invocation and the Benediction will be given by

**THE REVEREND
FR. DANIEL M. GALLIHER, O.P.**
Director of Admissions, Providence College

"YOUR SERVICE TO MANKIND" is the title of the Address to Graduates to be given by

PRESIDENT JACOBS

DR. JAMES F. ROCKETT
Director of Education for the State of Rhode Island

will present the Professional Teaching Certificates to the graduates of the Commercial Teacher-Training Course. Senior Commencement Speakers are

MARY T. G. WONG

whose subject will be

**"THE INSIGNIFICANT
INDIVIDUAL"**

and

VIRGINIA MARIE CRAWFORD

whose subject will be

"AS YOU ARE"

EVEN BEFORE GRADUATION

The demand for Bryant College Secretaries and Accountants continues unabated. For many, many months now the Placement Bureau has been unable to meet all the demands of employers. Only an occasional alumnus or alumna would report back to the Bureau asking for help in securing a position. "Why is it that I can't get a Bryant secretary?" one businessman asked the Bureau several months ago. "I get applications from a lot of other girls, but I want a Bryant girl." "Because," we told him, truthfully, "Bryant graduates are in such demand that the supply is soon exhausted, and a businessman who once gets a Bryant-trained girl is wise enough to keep her."

Already fifty-four percent of the seniors to be graduated on August 4 are placed in interesting positions of excellent salaries and definite promise of advancement. These are definite placements, with the seniors so placed going to work immediately after Commencement. In addition there are about eighteen others for whom positions are being negotiated. Then there are about twenty-five who have notified the Placement Bureau they do not want placement until September, a date too far in advance to make it advisable to negotiate for positions at this time.

Almost the entire class of seniors probably would have been placed before Commencement except for the reluctance of some of the graduates to work immediately after Commencement; also for the fact that many of the employers who have been calling the Bureau for a Secretary or Accountant have wanted one immediately and did not want to wait until August 4 when the seniors would be available.

Two members of the class have ap-

plied for entrance into the Service of our country.

About six members of the class plan to return to Bryant next year, having changed their original course of Executive Secretarial to the Commercial Teacher-Training program, the one-year Secretarial Program to the Executive Secretarial course, or otherwise changing to extend their study at Bryant.

A number of girls from Northern New York have received offers from the General Electric Company, but negotiations have not yet been completed.

Several girls are planning to work as Secretaries to their own fathers and about twenty-five members of the class are planning vacations during August and do not want to even consider offers until September.

82nd YEAR BEGINS SEPTEMBER 11

Enrollment Heavy

Enrollments for next September are unusually heavy and it looks like a back to normalcy condition. Not only is the enrollment noticeably big, but registrations are coming from many distant points, as they always did in pre-war days—from West Virginia, an unusually large number from New York state, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine—and of course the usual large number of students from all over Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island.

Visitors to Bryant College recently have included a number of Personnel Managers from big firms in Massachusetts and Connecticut who interviewed seniors about vacancies on the staffs of these companies.

From The President's Desk:

Seniors of Bryant College!

You have reached one of the most significant milestones of your life—your graduation from College.

It is an event which will have for you mingled emotions of satisfaction in work well done, regret that your happy daily meetings with classmates and instructors are over, and of apprehension about what the future holds for you.

Until now you have had the support of parents, guardians and instructors.

Now, for the first time, you will stand alone. You go out into a world in which your only props will be education for the work you aim to do, and the character you have built.

If you have builded well, these props will not fail you. If you have not made these props as strong as you might have, it is not too late. Education has no limits—character has no boundaries. It is a fact that a Bryant degree or diploma is a warranty of efficiency and your possession of one is the strongest recommendation you could have.

But having reached one goal, set another one for yourselves at this Commencement of a new life. Look honestly into your own qualifications for success—and in this earnest snicketaking "to thine own-self be true." Look squarely and honestly at the strength of the props with which you expect to be supported in your new life. If you truly want them to be stronger, cultivate with renewed effort the truth, honesty, modesty, humility and other traits which make character. Continue to grow in knowledge of your chosen profession. Keep up with the new ideas of bi—men in your line, read and study the new developments in your work. Know more every year, every week, that you live.

Graduation is a Commencement—not an end—of education. Your College has given you all that it has to offer from its eighty-one years of ex-

perience in education for business. In some cases, "given" is hardly the word. Forceful feeding might be more nearly correct.

What you do with the sound foundation we have guided you in building, rests with you.

Success and happiness in fullest measure I wish for every one of you, wherever you go, whatever you do. If into each life some rain must fall, may that rain be gentle and productive, making brighter the sunshine that follows. If days of discouragement come, I urge you to regard them as days to test and strengthen your props. You are the captain of your soul. How you hold to the course is what will tell the story. Plough ahead as a steamer does, in rough weather or smooth, in rain or shine. To carry your cargo and make your port is the point.

Now, at the Commencement of your new life, set your compass true to the port you want to reach, with honesty and efficiency of work, and integrity of character as the hands of the compass.

It will make me very happy and proud to confer upon you on August 4 the degrees and diplomas you have earned, your charter for the voyage upon which you are about to embark into a new world. It will make me happy to hear from time to time of your triumphal entry into the ports of business and to remember that your College taught you to steer straight and well. It will make me happy to have you keep a nostalgic memory for your Alma Mater and come sailing back whenever you can, for a renewal of old friendships with your instructors and the College administrators and for help or counsel when we can give it.

Class of 1944—Hail and Farewell!

HARRY LOEB JACOBS,
President

Romance is not an uncommon thing at Bryant College. Cupid has driven his darts into the hearts of many Bryant lads and lassies in years past, but probably never before have so many Bryant Co-Eds worn engagement rings as this year. One of several marks the war has made.

Another young woman from Iceland and two young men from our Northern neighbor will be among the Bryant students next September.

Aileen Goodloff, B.A., '44 (February) has a brilliant young sister, Gloria, who will enter Bryant in September. Following in sister's footsteps, Gloria, too, won a Bryant scholarship.

Bill Keplesky, B.A., '45, is completely recovered from the accident he had several weeks ago. All that remains of the injury he suffered to his leg is some very fancy needlework the doctor did upon him.

CLASS DAY

Next to the Senior Prom, Class Day is the most enjoyable of all the Commencement activities.

Class Day is a happy, carefree day, the last time you will be together with your classmates and teachers in the intimacy of the College where you have shared so many gay and serious experiences. Examinations are over, you haven't a care in the world. Tomorrow, Commencement, you will assume the dignity and solemnity of a new responsibility as business men and women. TODAY is YOUR day, the CLASS day of the Class of 1944. So it is that Class Day speeches are always in lighter vein, with now and then a sly bit of lampooning for classmates and teachers, and a bit of reminiscing about happenings during your College days.

So comes again

CLASS DAY

**THURSDAY MORNING,
AUGUST 3, at 9:30 A. M.
IN BRYANT AUDITORIUM**

The Procession will start PROMPTLY at 9:30 from South Hall, proceeding across the front Campus through "The Gate", to the Auditorium.

The Guest Speaker will be

MR. GEORGE H. BALDWIN

Assistant Director of Education for the State of Rhode Island

Mr. Baldwin is a brilliant speaker, with a keen sense of humor and a delightful philosophy.

PRESIDENT JACOBS

will make one of his last talks to the seniors of 1944 and welcome parents and friends.

The Invocation and the Benediction will be given by

**THE REVEREND
CHARLES V. RODRIGUES**

The Senior Speakers will be
BARBARA MARY MacKENZIE,
whose address is entitled: "It's Really Nothing."
and

ELIZABETH L. BURNHAM,
whose subject will be: "Reserved For Memories."

The Chairman of the Program will be

JOHN J. TRENCH

Music by the Bryant College
Orchestra

COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION

Every Senior Should Read This Carefully

Commencement Exercises will be held Friday morning, August the fourth in the Rhode Island School of Design Auditorium.

All candidates for degrees or diplomas are required to attend the Commencement Exercises unless excused by the President of the College.

The Exercises will begin promptly at 9:30 o'clock.

Graduates will assemble for final instructions at 9 o'clock.

All degree students will wear black caps and gowns. All non-degree students will wear gray caps and gowns. If you have not been measured for your cap and gown by the Waldorf Clothing Company, 212 Union Street, please send AT ONCE your measurements on the cards given you by the above-named firm.

All young women will wear white collars to complete their gowns. White dresses are preferred under gowns.

All young men will wear white collars and dark shoes.

The tassel of your cap should be at the RIGHT. This is important. Tassel at the right until you have received your degree; after the presentation to you of your degree, tassel at left.

Seniors who already have a college degree may wear black cap and gown, and their possession of a degree entitles them to wear the tassel of their cap at the left.

Do NOT tilt your Cap too rakishly. The style of the Academic cap is itself somewhat tilted. Further tilting makes the wearer appear very undignified.

To insure getting the number of Commencement tickets and invitations you desire for your family and friends, please act immediately.

Cards for the Reserved Section are limited to the members of your immediate family. Eight engraved invitations may be had by each graduate.

To avoid disappointment, fill out the card that has been given to you, specifying the number of invitations you wish, and return it immediately to the Receptionist, if you have not already done so.

Arriving at the Auditorium, put on your cap and gown and take your place in line. Lines are arranged in

SOUND TRAINING vs. A SMATTERING

Every secretarial student in Bryant knows that *thorough* training—the kind that will qualify her to compete for the best positions not merely now, but in the postwar period when positions may not be so plentiful as they are now—cannot be secured in a short crowded course of a few months, at least, according to *Bryant* College standards. Such short courses of a few months will give a *mere smattering*. It may get you a job now, when certain branches of the government and a few war industries are so badly in need of help that they are not now too particular about the applicant's qualifications; but the majority of employers—those offering the *permanent, preferred* positions—are more exacting than that. They want to know the applicant's shorthand and typing speed, accuracy, English, spelling, penmanship, mathematical ability, skill in operating all the different kinds of office machines, speed and accuracy in Filing, and countless other things Bryant students are taught, and taught thoroughly. A year is the shortest possible time in which all this can be acquired. We strongly advocate the longer course. IT IS A FACT that the girl who has had two years of training has far more secretarial qualifications to sell to prospective employers than the girl who has had but one year. To satisfactorily do this work in a year it means work, and plenty of it. The misguided student who tries to get it in a mere three or four months can never hope to meet the competition of normal times.

Every effort has been made to get Bryant College to install one of these

the order of the listing on the program.

At the given signal, the Marshals will conduct the lines to their seats. All students will remain standing until the Chief Marshal gives the signal to be seated.

Stand at signal from the Chief Marshal while Prayer is being given; then wait for the signal before sitting down.

Stand at signal when the time comes for the awarding of Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates.

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short three or four months courses, but we have steadfastly refused. We will not lower the Bryant standard. We will not offer a course which has not definite lasting value for the graduate. We know that the call for girls with this short amount of training will not last. And we know that we could not, in honesty, stand back of girls with such little training when we are called upon to tell their qualifications to employers who are offering the preferred, permanent positions.

THE LEDGER FOR 1944

The Ledger for 1944 came out last week, and a pretty nifty job it is, too.

Here's one Year Book that won't be relegated to the back of the bookcase or up in Aunt Sarah's room. It is brimful of interesting and clever features that entitle it to a place on the most important and conspicuous table in the living room.

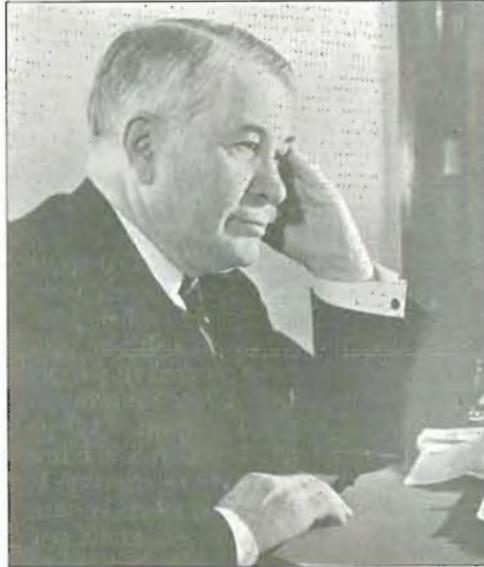
Hats off to Editors Emilia Bucolo, C.T.T., and Elizabeth Burnham, B.A.

Dantina Quartaroli's clever satire on Dante's Inferno, and Avis Blackway's beautiful Ode, "War Graduates", deserve special orchids, as does the excellent art work of Charlotte Goldman and Angela Carpacci.

Eila Ladenpera will be inducted into the WAVES in September. Evelyn Heinrich will join the SPARS after her 20th birthday—August 3rd.

Sigma Iota Chi has elected Luella Gavitt, C.T.T., '45, as Worthy Matron, replacing Cathy Halligan, C.T.T., '44. Other recently elected officers replacing the current slate are: Helen Flynn, C.T.T., '46, Worthy Protectress; Pauline Fournier, Ex. Sec., '45, Worthy Scribe; Elizabeth Evans, C.T.T., Worthy Keeper of the Keys; Bernardine McCrudden, C.T.T., '46, Parchment Editor; Catherine Mazzarelli, C.T.T., '46, Worthy Director; and Marion Pothier, C.T.T., '46, Worthy Guard.

Commencement and Class Day Speaker



SENATOR ALBEN W. BARKLEY

Majority Leader of the United States Senate, who will give the Address To Graduates.

MARY WONG
Business Administration

VIRGINIA CRAWFORD
Secretarial

EDITH BURNHAM
Business Administration

BARBARA MACKENZIE
Executive Secretarial

THE SENIOR PROM

The annual Senior Prom of the class of 1944 will be held Friday evening, August 4, in the Ballroom of the Providence Biltmore Hotel. This is the last of the Commencement gaieties and the climax of your College days. To every senior it is THE event of the season and even with so many of the men of the class gone to war, the Class of 1944 will carry on as gallantly at this affair as it has in many ways since war came to us. The men of the class who are still with us will probably register a new high in popularity with the girls seeking bids for the Prom, and the girls of 1944 are topnotch go-getters when it comes to getting men to fill in as escorts while their real "boy friends" are away.

The Prom is strictly formal (either tuxedo or Summer Formal)

Tickets for each graduate and a guest, and a ticket for a guest couple, are now ready and may be secured at Reception Office. Graduates will be expected to register the names of their guests at the Reception Office. All cards will be checked at the door, so it will be necessary to have the name of your guest when securing your ticket. Any graduate who wishes still more tickets may secure them, if available, at \$2 per couple.

Ed Drew's orchestra will play for the dancing.

Graduates are asked to present themselves and their guests to President and Mrs. Jacobs, the members of the Faculty and Administrative Officers, who will be in the receiving line from 9 to 9:30 p. m.

This is the Committee which will see that everybody has a good time and that this is one of the most enjoyable Proms in many years:

Norman Bonn, Chairman	
Janet Newell	Jeanne Ciprano
Cathy Halligan	Evelyn Gunn
Ellen Finney	Joe Brown
Mary Walsh	Scott Schaller
Evelyn Madonna	Carl Petronio
Elaine Male	

COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION

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DO NOT FORGET to change the tassel of your cap to the **LEFT** side, **AS SOON AS YOU HAVE RECEIVED YOUR DEGREE OR DIPLOMA.**

Members of the graduating class who are not present at the Commencement Exercises and whose degrees or diplomas are sent by mail will be required to pay a fee of one dollar to cover the cost of clerical service, mailing and registering.

Graduates are requested not to permit flowers to be sent to them.

Save this page for information. Re-read it! Remember it!

HONORARY DEGREES

It is the custom of Bryant College to present at Commencement each year Honorary Degrees to distinguished men and women whose achievements and contributions to the nation's welfare have been outstanding. The list of men and women so honored in the past years includes many of the really great of our land. Three brilliant additions will be made this year at the 81st Commencement.

To Miss Anna I. Griffith, Administrator of Child Welfare for Rhode Island, will be given the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humanities. Miss Griffith's untiring efforts as a settlement worker among the Kentucky mountaineers, and among the underprivileged children of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, have made her one of the most admired and respected women of the country.

The degree of Master of Science in Business Administration will be given to the Honorable Alben W. Barkley, United States Senator from Kentucky and Majority Leader of the United States Senate; and to Miss Ruth M. Leach, Vice President of International Business Machines Corporation, whose remarkable success has been an inspiration to business women all over America.