Board chair to receive prestigious Brandeis Medal

The chair of Bryant’s Board of Trustees receives on November 29 one of the nation’s most prestigious awards for legal service.

Hon. Bruce M. Selya, judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, receives the Louis Dumbitz Brandeis Medal for Distinguished Legal Service. He will be honored with the award at a dinner in the Omni Biltmore in Providence.

Judge Selya will be recognized for his numerous contributions to legal education, the administration of justice, and the community. The Brandeis Medal is presented annually by Brandeis University.

According to Brandeis, the award is made to a noted jurist or lawyer “who exhibits outstanding leadership in his or her profession combined with exemplary community service. The recipient of the medal...demonstrates the professional and personal virtues exemplified by the late Justice Louis Dumbitz Brandeis, a distinguished lawyer and public servant who served on the Supreme Court for more than two decades.”

In receiving the award, Judge Selya joins a distinguished list of past recipients. Among them are U.S. Ambassadors Robert Strauss and Max Kampelman, New York Governor Mario Cuomo, Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart, U.S. Senator Jacob Javits, Watergate special prosecutor Leon Jaworski, and U.S. Attorneys General Edward Levy and Elliot Richardson.

An honors graduate of Harvard and Harvard Law School, Judge Selya was a law clerk in the U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island before entering private practice in Providence. He founded Selya and Iannuccillo in 1974 and served as senior partner of that firm until 1982, when he was nominated by President Reagan to the federal district court. He was confirmed by the Senate for four years on the trial court.

President Reagan nominated him to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit in 1986. The Senate confirmed him quickly. He sits on that tribun-

A Christmas Carol’ for Bryant

The second annual Bryant Holiday Theatre Party, co-sponsored by the Alumni Office and Performing Arts Series, will be held December 7 at 6 p.m. at Trinity Square Repertory Co. in Providence.

The performance, “A Christmas Carol,” is open to the entire Bryant community. Tickets are $14 per person, which includes a dessert and cider reception following the event.

For more information or for tickets, call the Alumni Office at ext. 6040 or Student Activities at ext. 6160.

Happy Thanksgiving!

President and Mrs. O’Hara extend to the entire Bryant community their wishes for a pleasant and happy Thanksgiving.

“As we begin the holiday season, we wish everyone in the Bryant family — joy and blessings during this special time of the year.”
125th Anniversary ends December 5

Closing ceremony follows Festival of Lights

It's almost over. But what a year it's been. Bryant's celebration of its 125th Anniversary, a fete that will be remembered for years to come by the entire College community, ends December 5, approximately 15 months after it began. The ending comes on December 5 at a closing ceremony to follow the annual Festival of Lights, which begins at 9 p.m. in the Rotunda.

The annual lighting of a tree in the Bryant Center Plaza will open the closing ceremony. The 125th anniversary flag, which was raised at the opening ceremony on September 16, 1987 and has flown throughout the celebration, will be flying from the Bell Tower. It will be illuminated by a spotlight.

As the alma mater plays, the flag will be lowered slowly and then folded for posterity by ROTC cadets. Fireworks will begin exploding immediately in the night sky; they will crest between the Koffler Center and the Unistructure.

Hot cider, cocoa, and Christmas cookies then will be served in the Bryant Center. President and Mrs. O'Hara will host the event, with Dr. O'Hara making remarks.

Rain or snow will force the cancellation of the fireworks display. But the rest of the closing ceremony will be held in the Bryant Center Commons if weather is bad.

The Festival of Lights is the 12th annual for Bryant. Always one of the college's most popular events, the holiday gathering gives the Bryant community a chance to show its spirit by setting aglow the Rotunda with light from hundreds of hand-held candles.

Students and clergy will participate in the ceremony. The President will deliver a holiday message and lead the procession of participants to the tree at the Bryant Center.

There's nothing like a strike to draw media attention

by Bill Rupp, Director
Public Information

The sight of picket signs at Bryant brought a lot of media attention to the College this month. The signs, of course, indicated the strike by the food service workers employed by ARA Campus Dining Services. ARA employees walked out after midnight on November 2, when they were unable to reach agreement on a new labor contract.

Reporters were clamoring for a story on the work stoppage even before the food service staff went on strike. A reporter for the Woonsocket Call made the initial contact: he was on campus for the vote taken by the union rejecting ARA's final contract offer on the evening of November 2.

A reporter for WLNE-TV (Channel 6) made contact next. He called me at my home just before midnight on November 2, asking for a statement about the strike, which he knew was to begin within minutes of his call.

A camera crew for Channel 6 videotaped the first pictures of the picketing food service workers sometime during the early morning hours for WLNE's morning news show. The first strike story aired at approximately 6:40 a.m.

My office phone started ringing soon after I arrived on campus at 7:30 a.m. on November 3. WNRI in Woonsocket was the first radio station to call for comments and a phone number for ARA. WPRI was the next TV station to carry a story on the picketing workers. It aired during the local news segments on the Good Morning America telecast.

Telephone calls from two wire services—Associated Press and United Press International—followed soon thereafter, as did calls from the Providence Journal-Bulletin, WJAR and WPRI TV, and several radio stations. All in all, very little work got done on November 3 that did not involve drafting statements or making comments for the news media, responding to calls on the work stoppage, or working with camera crews on campus.

I was hardly the only person besieged by telephone calls and attention from the media. ARA director Tim Grant received more than his share. Except for the picketing strikers, he probably logged more on-air TV time than anyone connected with the strike.

Media interest dropped off significantly after the first day and over the subsequent weekend, although follow-up calls kept coming in to Grant and the public information office as the strike stretched out. As in most strikes, progress of negotiations, details of the contract offers, and the day-to-day impact of the strike on campus became the principal focus of media interest after day one.

Media interest continued to ebb and flow as rumors and statements were picked up and followed up on by reporters. Television reporters, in particular, reacted immediately to any new activity or any sign of activity on the picket line, such as the appearance one evening of SEIU workers from other colleges in the state. If some item of interest has good "visuals," it usually ends up on TV as a news story.

The ARA strike had not ended as of the deadline for this issue of Bryant's Business. So I can report only what is the typical attention level of the media when strikes conclude. Let's put it this way; the crush of calls and subsequent stories usually replicates that of the beginning of a strike.
Party to thank ‘Campus Campaigners’

A great big party on December 8 will say thanks to all those Bryant employees who competed in “The Challenge of the Black and Gold” Campus Campaign this year.

Hosted by the annual giving office, the party begins at 4:30 p.m. in the North Dining Room. Hors d'oeuvres will be served. A cash bar will be set up.

The competition between the Black and Gold teams went right down to the wire, according to Nancy Haverstock, annual giving director. But the Black team, consisting of the academic and student affairs divisions, finally won out over the Gold Team, consisting of the President’s office and the business affairs and institutional advancement divisions.

Professor Pat Keeley’s Black squad participated at a 62.4 percent level and contributed $13,951 to the Bryant Fund. Rosemary D’Arcy’s Gold team participated at a 51.6 percent level and donated $12,882. Those combined figures led to a 57.1 percent participation rate and a total contribution of $26,833—a new milestone for employee giving.

The annual fall Phonathons also generated some impressive numbers, according to Ruth Alberg, assistant director of annual giving. More than 3,500 pledges totaling $139,279 were secured over the 15 nights of calling in Room 386 A&B. Almost 200 volunteers “put their mouths where the money is,” the Phonathons theme.

Alberg said that more than 4,000 alumni and parents were called, with 68 percent pledging support or unspecified gifts. More than 600 additional pledges were made this year than last, she said.

Among the volunteers were lots of students, including the Student Senate, the Scuba and Karate Clubs, the Student Alumni Association, and four Greek organizations; 14 alumni, and 33 faculty and staff members: Ginnie Bowry, staff Phonathon chair; President O’Hara; Nena Whittemore; Kathy Massone; Melissa Walker; Elaine Catlow; Mary Alice Conlon; Sandy Beaudry; Pat Doyle; Kathy Albanese; Helen Jones-Toms; Carol McConaghy; Eugene Peterman; Stacey Kaplan; Evelyn Dvorak; Avis Hallan; Eleanor Read; Claire Seneca; Homer Shirley; William Trueheart; Irene Lanowy; Barbara Lasorsa; Richard Dwyer; Hazel Lavender; Lynn Corder; Joyce O’Neill; Evelyn Deragon; Gloria Yahn; Carolyn Skeffington, and Pat Harrison.

New faces

Dr. Michael Bougon
Associate Professor, Management

Bougon has taught also at the Pennsylvania State University and the University of Illinois; he received outstanding teacher awards at both schools. He also has held management positions at Argonne National Laboratory and Saclay (France) National Laboratory, and leads multinational strategic planning seminars in the United Kingdom and Europe.

Bougon holds an M.S. from the University of Paris, and an M.A. and Ph.D. from Cornell University.

Dr. Edward T. Grasso
Associate Professor, Management

Grasso came to Bryant from the Crummer Graduate School of Business at Rollins College. He has taught also at Lehigh University and the University of Petroleum and Minerals in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

Grasso has held positions with General Electric and Ryder Truck Rental. He holds an M.B.A. from Old Dominion University and a Ph.D. from Virginia Tech, where his dissertation was honored by the Alpha Kappa Psi Foundation.

Dr. Mary L. King
Associate Professor, Management

King has taught previously at the University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College, San Francisco State University, and Simmons College. An authority on the banking industry, she is the author of “The Great American Banking Snafu.”

King also has served as the hostess of a daily TV show in Denver, as president of a Denver public relations and advertising agency, as a public information officer for the Small Business Administration, and as a marketing executive with Western Bancorp. The Fulbright Scholar holds a Ph.D. from the University of Washington and an M.B.A. from the University of Denver.

Dr. Edna M. White
Associate Professor, Management

White came to Bryant from Northeastern University. She has taught also at Texas A&M University.

White holds a degree in English literature from Stanford University and a Ph.D. in operations management from the University of Minnesota. A specialist in quality assurance, she has received awards from the American Society for Quality Control and the American Statistical Association for articles and papers she has written.
...Professor Judy Barrett Litoff presented a paper at the Duquesne History Forum in Pittsburgh in late October. Its title: "Courtship by Mail: The World War II Letters of Barbara and Charles Taylor".

...Tim Sullivan conducted a workshop at the NUCEA Region I conference in New Hampshire in mid-October. It was titled "Strategies for Developing and Nurturing External Relations." He also has been named chair of the human resource committee of the Rhode Island Technology Council.

...Bryant's committee on international scholars urges the faculty to use the directory of visiting Fulbright Scholars and lecturers when inviting guests to classes. On reserve in the library, the directory lists visiting scholars by academic field and provides other vital information.

...Professor Mike Filippelli spoke to the Smithfield High School junior class in late October. His presentation: "Careers in Accounting".

..."Business Planning" was the topic of address for Margie Edwards when she spoke to the Ocean State Executives Association in early November. She is assistant director of SBDG.

...Professor Bill Sweeney spoke to the Rhode Island chapter of CLU and OHFC in early November. His address was on economic forecasting. Sweeney also is now serving as the moderator for an East Bay cable TV program, "Bristol County News Conference," which airs on Full Channel Television, Inc.

...Professor Gaytha Langlois addressed the Friday Fellowship of the Pawtucket Congregational Church in early November. Her address: "Drinking Water for Tomorrow - Will There Be Any?"

...Personal and new tax regulations for individuals for 1988 was the topic of an address by professor Chantee Lewis last week. He spoke to the southeastern New England chapter of the Society of Plastic Engineers.

...Professor Bill Haas talked about business ethics with the Purchasing Management Association of Western New England in mid-November.
By the way...

by Gloria Yahn
Assistant Editor

• Marianna Engel, Center for Management Development, and her husband, Stuart, have added a second daughter to their family. Rebecca Michelle, born October 20, weighing 8 lbs. 13 ozs., joins sister Sarah to complete the family of four. Congratulations, Engels!

• Claire Pitts, bursar’s office, tells me her daughter, Doreen ’81, made her a grandmother. Claire’s first grandchild, Rebecca, was born October 30, weighing 6 lbs. 9 ozs. Happy babysitting, Claire!

• Karen Heroux, a junior CIS major, a College work-study student in the Office of Institutional Research and a Rhode Island resident, is a little more financially secure these days. She recently became a “quarter of a millionaire” thanks to Massachusetts Megabucks. Happy spending, Karen!

• The happy smiling face and voice of Helen Gatinella at the switchboard is a thing of the past. Helen retired last month to the dismay of all the friends she has made over the last 13 years of her career here. She will be sadly missed, to say the least. On behalf of Bryant, thanks for making Bryant a brighter place to work. The best to you, Helen!

Thanks

Doreen Rose, financial aid office, thanks all members of the Bryant community for the beautiful flowers and expressions of sympathy and support during the recent passing of her mother-in-law.

Helen Gatinella, retired switchboard operator and receptionist, extends her heartfelt thanks to all the well wishers who participated in making her retirement bittersweet. "It was a wonderful part of my life, and I hated to say goodbye. Thanks to all of you."

'Smokeout' held again here

Bryant’s health services office brought to the campus again last Thursday the “Great American Smokeout.”

An annual event of the American Cancer Society, the smokeout is designed to accent the dangers of smoking and ways to stop. On campus, the highlight was a “Smokeout Fair” in the Rotunda from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Among the features of the fair was an ecocizer, which measures the amount of carbon monoxide in a person’s lungs, and a computer program titled “Why Smoke?”, which analyzes a person’s reasons for smoking and the consequences to health if smoking is continued.

Bryant hosts
ACU-1 conference

Bryant hosted 188 delegates from 53 colleges in New England, Maritime Canada, and England at the annual Association of College Unions—International region I conference early this month. Participants exchanged ideas and concepts on programming, student unions and their services, and student government, and attended several social events.

Shown here is Rosemary D’Arcy, CMD assistant director, addressing one of the 30 educational sessions. John Falar deau, Bryant Center night manager, inspects evidence of the murder at the Saturday night dinner dance/murder mystery.

A new way to talk on campus

Bryant has a new way to talk.

It’s the IBM 9751 CBX (Computerized Branch Exchange) telephone system installed in late October. The CBX is billed as the most technologically advanced, yet easy-to-use system today, and brings to Bryant many capabilities that previously were not available. Classes were held in mid-October to teach faculty and staff how easy it should be to communicate with this new system.

The system was chosen for its single-button access, reliability, growth capacity, future enhancement, call processing and messaging, and cost-control benefits. This new state-of-the-art system also has the future capability of a PhoneMail voice-messaging system.

PhoneMail (similar to an answering machine) will answer unattended telephones and allow callers to leave confidential messages for the person they’re trying to reach. PhoneMail users will have the ability to leave messages for other PhoneMail holders, and be able to access this system any hour of any day from any telephone.

A few selected Bryant users were given “integrated/voice data terminals,” which include ROLMphones with a connection for a CRT or PC. These users are accessing data bases off campus as well as on. By switching through the CBX, these people can share ports: modems and trunk lines, and, therefore, save the college money on data-base access.

And you thought you knew how to talk!
TIAA-CREF files
South Africa resolutions

TIAA-CREF announced in late October that it has filed shareholder resolutions on South Africa for the 1989 proxy season, urging 11 portfolio companies to withdraw completely and expeditiously from that country.

Resolutions on South Africa have been filed at four companies with direct ties: Chevron, Goodyear Tire & Rubber, Kimberly-Clark, and Schering-Pough. Resolutions also have been filed with another seven corporations with indirect links to South Africa: American Express, Coca-Cola, General Electric, General Motors, Motorola, PepsiCo, and Xerox.

TIAA-CREF filed similar resolutions during the previous two proxy seasons at the annual meetings of more than 20 other corporations. It is one of the most visible institutional investors to speak out against apartheid, according to the TIAA-CREF public information office.

The nation's largest pension fund has a long history of active involvement in this issue. Back in 1977, according to the organization, it issued a statement calling for portfolio companies with subsidiary operations in South Africa to adopt the Sullivan Principles. In 1984, TIAA-CREF urged portfolio companies to refuse loans to the South African government and private business sector, deny support for the homeland concept, and refrain from expanding in that country.

TIAA-CREF trustees then voted two years ago to urge the total withdrawal of portfolio companies from South Africa as expeditiously as possible. This position now applies to both U.S. and non-U.S. corporations with direct or indirect economic links to South Africa, including licensing and franchising agreements.

(New Faces continued)

Mary B. Gill ’83
Computer programmer

Gill, now of Greenville, came to Bryant's data processing department from General Dynamics in Groton and Norwich, Connecticut. The programmer was a software engineer there.

Gill earned a marketing degree from Bryant, where she also competed on the track team. She also holds associate degrees in business administration and computer science from the Community College of Rhode Island.