Dormitory 16 opens to rave reviews

The curtain has gone up on another Bryant dormitory, complete with a new health-services center. And the initial reviews appear to make it a smash hit.

Dormitory 16 opened officially for fall-semester occupancy at a ribbon-cutting ceremony presided over by the Hon. Bruce M. Selya, chair of the Board of Trustees, on August 30. The dorm was occupied first on September 3, when it opened to 284 additional resident students. They now boost the resident population to more than three of every four Day School students.

Student Senate president Harry Franks cut the black and gold ribbon opening the dormitory. President Trueheart, Vice President for Student Affairs Les LaFond, and resident assistant Kathryn Jiranek made remarks.

Built on a sloping 1.75-acre site, Dormitory 16 conforms in style and look to Bryant’s other buildings. The boomerang-shaped residence hall contains 71,000 square feet in four-story and three-story wings joined by a central four-story section. Its various levels contour to the existing landscape. The bold brick exterior wraps around load-bearing block with flexicore decks.

Bryant’s second largest building, the dorm provides suite-style living to students. The furnished suites are made up of four bedrooms of two students each sharing a bath and living area. Baths contain two of everything (sinks, showers, etc.). Four suites can accommodate disabled students. There is a central lounge at the third-floor main entrance. Oak furnishings fill the suites and lounge. Each wing is connected by corridors at every level.

The new health-services center, just off the main entrance, doubles the size of its predecessor. The facility includes four examination rooms, waiting and check-in rooms, a health-education room, storage space, and offices.

Contractor for the $9.2 million project was Dimeo Construction Company. The Providence Partnership was the architect. Representatives from those firms joined project manager John Larson and other Bryant officials at the grand opening, which included tours of the building and refreshments in the lounge.

Minority access to education: talk Sept. 21

A woman who has been a leader in attracting more minority students to higher education speaks at Bryant on September 21.

Dr. Sara E. Melendez, former director of the minority initiative for the American Council on Education (ACE), will discuss creating diversity in higher education at 4 p.m. in the Papitto Dining Room. She has been vice-provost and executive assistant to the president at the University of Bridgeport since January.

With ACE, Melendez was associate director of the office of minority concerns for more than four years. It was during her last year with ACE that she directed the minority initiative. For five years, she compiled and published ACE’s “Annual Status Report on Minorities in Higher Education.”

Melendez began her career as a bilingual teacher in New York City, teaching at the under-graduate and graduate levels. She has done work in teacher education, equity and access, affirmative action, and professional development. Before joining ACE, she was an assistant professor of education and director of a program to train teachers for bilingual education, English as a second language, and teaching reading in two languages. She has published widely on diversifying education, developing minority leaders, and bilingual education.

A former president of the National Association for Bilingual Education, she has been active in a variety of professional organizations, including the National Puerto Rican Forum and the Wellesley College Center for Research on Women. Melendez holds an English degree from Brooklyn College and an Ed.D. from Harvard.

A reception follows her presentation.
BRYANT’S BUSINESS

President’s report on Board of Trustees meeting

At the most recent quarterly meeting of Bryant’s Board of Trustees in May, the following business was handled:

President Emeritus O’Hara, before giving his final report as President, noted that professor Roger Anderson has been named a Fulbright Scholar to study in Turkey next year. (See separate story in this issue). He is the second Fulbright award recipient in 1989. Priscilla Angelo, special assistant to the president, has received a grant to study in Japan.

In his report, O’Hara then reviewed developments in higher education over the past decade and discussed Bryant’s progress and prospects for continued growth. Although the next decade poses significant challenges, Bryant is well-positioned to move forward under the leadership of President Trueheart, O’Hara said.

The honorary degree committee announced that honorary doctorates were to be awarded at Commencement 1989 to Victor K. Kiam, J. Terrence Murray, Anne Mollegen-Smith, C. William Carey, and Douglas S. Krup ‘69.

The academic and faculty affairs committee reported that it had been introduced to five new faculty members in an informal meeting. Topics discussed included creative approaches to teaching across interdisciplinary lines. After the report, the Board voted to name professor Frank Ferguson, who has retired after 30 years at Bryant, professor emeritus.

The College has received a $25,000 challenge grant from the Alden Trust, the development committee reported. Each dollar from the Trust for every two dollars raised by Bryant will be earmarked for minority scholarships.

After the finance committee gave its report, the Board voted to approve the proposed budget for the 1990 fiscal year.

Re-elected as Board officers for 1989-90 were the Hon. Bruce M. Selya, chair; Jonathan K. Farnum, vice-chair; and Monica H. Laurans, secretary. Treasurer is Joseph Meichelbeck, Bryant’s vice president for business affairs, who was elected to that post at the meeting.

Trustees reappointed for three-year terms were Charles Carey, Lillian Katz’85H, Laurans, John Renza Jr., ‘70, and Morton Smith. Karl F. Erickson ‘58, former chairman of the Board, was voted an honorary trustee.

Resigning from the Board, effective July 31, was George Bello ‘58. His resignation was accepted with regret.

Retiring from the Board at the May meeting were Hugh Dunlap ‘55 and Barbara Leonard. Chairman Selya thanked them for their many years of service and presented each with a Bryant chair.

The next meeting of the Board is September 28.

Leadership Forum IV debuts with Vance Packard

Leadership Forum Series IV debuts at Bryant September 26 with one of America’s most renowned authors and social critics. It continues October 12 and November 13 with two leading magazine editors.

Vance Packard, the author of 10 books, will open the series by talking about his most recent one, “The Ultra Rich: How Much Is Too Much?” His address begins at 7 p.m. in the Papitto Dining Room.

Anne Mollegen-Smith ‘89H, editor-in-chief of McCall’s magazine, follows Packard to Bryant in October. The editor of Business Week magazine, William Wolman, closes out the fall semester series in November. Each speaker also will meet with students in the late afternoon before dining on campus.

Packard, 75, is best known, perhaps, for his books “The Hidden Persuaders,” “The Status Seekers,” “The Waste Makers,” “Nation of Strangers,” and “Our Endangered Children.” His books have been translated into 15 languages, and demonstrate a lifelong commitment to social commentary.

Packard also has written for a Who’s Who of newspapers and magazines, and has lectured on reporting and writing at a host of colleges. A graduate of The Pennsylvania State University, he holds an M.A. in journalism from Columbia University.

Vance Packard, leadership forum’s opening speaker

All Leadership forums are free and open to the public as presentations of the Learning for Leadership Program at Bryant. Coordinator is professor Ron Deluga.

Vehicle registration scheduled

Today, Thursday, Friday and every day next week have been set aside by Bryant’s public safety office for ID and annual vehicle registrations at a special station in Room 386 A&B.

The station will be run from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Remember to bring along your state vehicle registration. If you have last year’s decal, the grace period on expiration is until September 30, according to Chief Wheeler.
Nation's chief accountant Convocation speaker Wednesday

America’s chief "Congressional watchdog" helps Bryant celebrate the start of another academic year Wednesday by speaking at the annual fall Convocation in the Gymnasium at 11 a.m.

Charles A. Bowsher ’84H, comptroller general of the U.S. and head of the General Accounting Office, will give a keynote address on the U.S. deficit crisis. He began his 15-year term as the nation’s chief accountant and one of the most influential people in Washington in October, 1981.

The Convocation also will include the faculty's annual recognition of a colleague. Economics professor Joe Iiacqua will be honored this year with the Distinguished Faculty Award.

The annual ceremony will include music by Ocean State Brass; an invocation by Bryant’s new Protestant chaplain, the Rev. Gail Helgeson; opening remarks by President Trueheart, who will preside; greetings from the Trustees by Charles B. Healy and the Student Senate by president Harry Franks; the presentation of Iiacqua by professor Leo Mahoney, president of the Faculty Federation; the presentation of Bowsher by professor Robert Hehir, Convocation committee chair; and closing remarks by Jim Robinson, vice president of academic affairs.

Bowsher was appointed GAO director by former President Reagan, who described it as one of the most important appointments he would ever make as President. The GAO is an independent, non-partisan agency in the legislative branch of government with a mandate to assist Congress by examining and reporting on essentially all activities of the federal government. In essence, Congress rarely moves on a major project or endeavor without consulting Bowsher and the GAO, which also acts as a fiscal watchdog looking for trouble spots.

Before moving to the GAO, Bowsher was a partner with Arthur Andersen and associated with that accounting firm for over 25 years. He did serve previously in the government for four years in that timespan as assistant secretary of the Navy for financial management. Active on numerous other advisory boards, Bowsher is a graduate of the University of Illinois and the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business, where he earned an M.B.A.

Professor Iiacqua has been teaching at Bryant since 1968. He came to Bryant from Providence College, where he taught for four years after earning an M.A. from Clark University in 1964. His A.B. is from Stonehill College.

Iiacqua is the former president of the Faculty Federation, a post he held for eight years. He has served also on numerous College committees and has been involved with a variety of state and local organizations. He lives in Providence.

Faculty and administrators will assemble and robe in the MAC at 10:45 a.m. They will process into the Gym with the platform party and guests. So that students and faculty can attend the Convocation, 11 and 12 o’clock classes are cancelled.

Crime prevention comes to campus

Ginnie Bowry, of the public safety office, accepts a certificate from Mary Parello, executive director of the Governor’s Justice Commission, at the State House last month. The award was presented to Bryant’s Campus Crime Watch Committee with “grateful appreciation for outstanding service in the area of neighborhood crime prevention.”
Public information director Bill Rupp is chairing the advisory board for a Rhode Island publication debuting in November: Ocean State College News. Being published by Thompson Associates Publishing, Inc., of Providence, the monthly is being billed as “The Voice of the Academic Community”...

Human resources director Jan Lewis is serving as ombudsman for employees who have concerns about smoking in the workplace. Contact her at ext. 6010...

Support Services is the new name for Central Services/Central Stores...

Development researcher Carol McConaghy has been elected to a two-year term on the board of directors of the New England Development Research Association...

A new executive board for the Council of Administrators has taken office. The board: Judy Clare, chair; Richard Dwyer, chair-elect; Betty Powers, Bob Sloss, Paulette Bokuski, Paula Inonco, divisional representatives, and Paula Bannister, ex-officio...

Professor Wossen Kassaye presented a paper at the sixth Pan-Pacific Conference on Business, Economic and Technical Exchange in Sydney, Australia in June. Its title: “Effect of Counter Trade on Trade Imbalance: The Case of the U.S. and Its Far East Trading Partners.” Kassaye also will have his paper, “Effects of Changes in Micro and Macro Environmental Factors on Supply of Hospital Services,” published in the fall-winter issue of the Journal of Hospital Marketing...

Financial aid associate director Doreen Rose has been elected secretary of the Rhode Island Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators. She also is serving a second one-year term on the loan advisory board of TERI, The Education Resources Institute, a national educational loan corporation in Boston...
By the way...

by Gloria Yahn

* Welcome back! The results of the Bryant’s Business survey taken over the summer months tell me that more than 80 percent of the readers of this column are positive about its content. I will continue, therefore, to keep the Bryant community informed of personal tidbits about you and your colleagues. To keep information as up-to-date as possible, however, I can use your help. I am looking for at least two correspondents from each division to keep their ears and eyes open for interesting, positive pieces of information on their co-workers or their families. If you think you have a "nose for news," call me at ext. 6242.

* Joe Guay, academic computing, and his wife, Shella, of CMD, have become parents for the first time to a daughter. Chelsea Dora, born July 28, weighed in at 7 lbs. 8 ozs. Proud papa says mother and daughter are doing fine. Bryant’s best, Guays!

* Chuck Merrihew, Bryant Center operations, and his wife, Stephany, are also playing mommy and daddy to a daughter. Born during one of Chuck’s slowest times of the year—summer orientation. Jennifer arrived on the scene weighing 6 lbs. 7 ozs. Great timing, Chuck! All kidding aside, congratulations to the three of you.

* Homer Shirley, development office, tells me his wife, Beth Kershaw, a mezzo-soprano, is performing in a benefit recital for the Narragansett Bay chapter of the American Red Cross and The Festival Ballet of Rhode Island on Sunday. For further information contact Homer at ext. 6254.

* Denise Joyce, public information office, sang and danced her way around Rhode Island and nearby Massachusetts over the summer. Denise appeared in a British comedy at the Marriott Hotel in Providence and White’s Restaurant in Westport, where she also performed in a cabaret review.

* Tim Sullivan, CMD, and Linda Durant changed their status on July 1 from single to married (to each other). Congratulations!

* Ruth Quinn, development office, is now in charge of raising a son in addition to raising funds for the College. Ruth and her husband, Michael, are the new parents of Daniel Patrick, born September 1 in the wee hours of the morning, weighing 7 lbs. 3 ozs. Happy days (and nights) Ruth, Michael and Daniel! And congratulations Grandpa Alberg!

President Emeritus O’Hara accepts $100,000 gift from Stanley (l) and Scott Menard ’73.

$100,000 gift caps best fund drive ever

One of the largest gifts Bryant ever has received pushed the annual giving campaign to a new record-high total of more than $1.2 million for fiscal year 1989, which ended July 31.

The gift of more than $100,000 came from Stanley Menard and Scott Menard ’73, of Menard Enterprises. The father and son team made the gift to support small business development, entrepreneurship, and the establishment of a family business project. They presented the check to President Emeritus O’Hara on July 31, his last day as president.

“We want to help other entrepreneurs achieve the same goals we have,” said Stanley, who has seen a single automobile service outlet in Woonsocket turn into one of the state’s leading chain of automotive dealers and numerous other business enterprises.

“Our company’s growth is something we would like to see other business owners emulate,” added Stanley. “We feel that Bryant is the best choice for making this happen. The Rhode Island Small Business Development Center at Bryant already operates a variety of outstanding programs for small business men and women. We hope this gift will allow the SBDC and other new college initiatives to do a whole lot more.”

“This gift is indicative of the value that my father, a self-educated man, places on formal higher education,” said Scott. “He has always stressed the importance of education to his family.

“Also, you can’t overlook my father’s philosophy, passed on to his family,” added Scott. “that there is a moral obligation of business to give something back to the community.”

“There is no doubt that a gift of this size will go a long way in providing significant support for new and existing small business programs,” said O’Hara in accepting the gift. “Scott and Stanley Menard have been friends and supporters of Bryant for a long time. It is a tremendous parting gift as I step down.”

The final total for the 1989 Bryant Fund is $1,201,024, or almost 15 percent more than the previous highest total.
Management professor named Fulbright scholar

Turkey calls for management professor Roger Anderson, who has been named a Fulbright Scholar for 1990. Anderson will lecture and do research in Turkey from February 1 to August 1 at Dokuz Eylul University in Izmir, his host institution. He will lecture principally, he said, but also collaborate on research with Turkish colleagues on the “transfer of technology and management techniques from developed to developing countries.”

Fulbright scholar
Roger Anderson

Anderson chose Turkey because of a longstanding personal interest in the country, but also because it is gearing up industrially for full membership in the European Economic Community. It is an associate member now. “Turkey is a crossroads of East and West culture,” Anderson said. “The country is Islamic, but oriented toward Europe. It is said that if you fly into Turkey from the east, you are leaving Asia. If you fly into the country from the west, you are arriving in Asia.”

Among the joint ventures Turkey has undertaken are production facilities for automobiles and televisions, the professor said.

Anderson holds a Ph.D. from the University of Oregon, an M.B.A. from the University of Wyoming, and a B.A. from Augustana College. He has taught also at Montana State University, the University of Virginia, and Eastern Montana College.

Thanks

From David Norris: “My heartfelt thanks for the many good wishes and expressions of appreciation as I prepared to depart Bryant. My special gratitude to Les LaFond and my colleagues in student affairs for their warm wishes. Once again, the kindness and goodness of the Bryant community has been evident to me. You will always have a special place in my thoughts and prayers.”

Note: Anyone wishing to keep in touch with Norris can reach him at St. Paul’s Newman Center, 1572 E. Barstow Ave., Fresno, CA 93710.

Terry Moreau, bursar's office, and Kathy Souza, Bryant Center information desk, thank the entire Bryant community for their thoughts, prayers and spiritual gifts on the death of Terry’s sister and Kathy’s mother.