Despite enrollment dip, president upbeat about state of College

President Trueheart remains "quite confident" and "quite optimistic" about Bryant's future, despite a dip in full-time enrollment that projects into an estimated million-dollar budget shortfall this year.

The picture is not bright, but "it is not gloomy" either, said the president in the annual State of the College Address on October 11.

"We are not at a threatening crossroads," he said. "We are on a course we have plotted, and we're right on course."

Bryant's course does not include lowering the College's academic standards simply to enroll more students, he emphasized.

"We've stayed with quality," the president said, in lieu of adding lower-quality undergraduates as many other colleges facing the same national decline in students have done.

The result of this trustee-endorsed course, he said, is that Bryant now faces some "important challenges."

Increases in part-time and graduate enrollments cannot make up for this budget shortfall, he said. So this "means belt-tightening" so the budget can be balanced by year's end, he said, while "working hard to balance the resources we have with the commitments made by the College."

"It will be tough navigating," the president said, "but I believe we'll emerge stronger than ever."

Because it is bearing fruit, the president said, the College also must continue to follow its strategic plan, "with some adjustments." A key to this navigation, he said, "is more efficiency and more productivity...while securing additional funds through fund-raising."

"We can't continue to depend on tuition to prosper," the president stressed, saying that the College must longer have the time to instruct their children on proper dining protocol. So an etiquette dinner is one attempt to ready students for job interviews that include formal luncheons.

French onion soup was our first course, and many of us--need I say me, too--had trouble conquering the unmanageable food.

"The large pieces of onion and croutons made it impossible to eat the soup with any tact," said Eric Braciska. "I can't disagree. But there is a better way," said Doody, who shared a pun to remember on proper soup etiquette:

"As little ships go out to sea, I push my spoon away from me."

It worked. By spooning the soup away from me rather than toward me, I didn't spill nearly as much.

Throughout the main course, Doody also shared a host of other dining tips. Among them:

Proper dining etiquette can launch a career

by Glen Davis
Public Information Intern

More people lose a potential job over dinner than during the formal interview. That's what Dr. Agnes Doody, professor of speech communications at the University of Rhode Island, said at a 90-minute dinner and seminar on dining etiquette in early October. I was one of the 50 Bryant seniors who attended the fried chicken dinner in Papitto Dining Room. The result: I found out a few tips and things "not to do" if you want to impress a potential employer at an interview over lunch or dinner.

Why training in dining etiquette? "Changing lifestyles have resulted in the lack of formal dining skills among many young people today," said Judy Clare, who arranged and coordinated the dinner as Bryant's assistant director of career services.

Part of the problem, Clare said, is that many of today's working parents no
Bryant now truly nationally ranked

National recognition keeps coming to Bryant. First, Barron’s cited the College as one of America’s 300 “best buys” in higher education. Then the U.S. News & World Report special report on “America’s Best Colleges” named Bryant the second-ranked undergraduate business school among the 24 colleges included in this category. Now the U.S. News book on “America’s Best Colleges” ranked Bryant as the “best buy” among all the business schools.

Colleges included in the study were ranked according to a system that combined statistical data with the results of an exclusive U.S. News survey of academic reputations. More than 60 percent of 4,131 college presidents, deans, and admissions directors completed the survey questionnaire sent to them. The best buy calculation by U.S. News was based on lowest current tuition among the top-ranked colleges in the magazine’s exclusive rankings.

Statistics measured the selectivity of the student body; the degree to which a college financially supports a high-quality, full-time faculty; a college’s overall financial resources, and the level of student satisfaction as measured by a college’s ability to graduate the students it admits as freshmen.

A business specialty school is one that awards more than half its bachelor’s degrees in business.

College receives second health award

Bryant has received, for the second consecutive year, a Worksite Health Award from the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce.

The award was given for encouraging employees to participate in a variety of health programs. Bryant received recognition for its dedication to promoting and sponsoring programs such as the Great American Smokeout, AIDS Awareness Day, the Health Fair, and Alcohol Awareness Week.

Accepting the award for Bryant was Betty Cotter, director of health services, at a breakfast at the Pawtucket Country Club in mid-September. The ceremony gave public recognition to a variety of employees in the Blackstone Valley who are promoting healthy lifestyles for their employees.

WELFARE

The Wellness Clinic, the first phase of Bryant’s Good Health Benefit program, gets underway next week.

A packet containing a health-inventory questionnaire and an appointment card scheduling your one- or two-minute screening and your personal consultation have arrived in the mail. (Faculty members have not been scheduled, and should call Carla Gardner at ext. 6013 for an appointment.) Call her also if you need to reschedule your appointment.

Fill out your answer card and bring it with you to the screening. Results of the screening, which includes blood pressure and cholesterol testing, and your “wellness appraisal” will be discussed at your consultation. Information gathered from the Wellness Clinic also will determine the health needs and interests of Bryant employees.

The library study room on the main floor is the site of all screenings and consultations. The clinic will run from October 29 to November 9.

Campus update

As of mid-October, more than 43 percent of Bryant’s employees had pledged more than $29,000 to the 1990 Campus Campaign for the Bryant Fund.

Employee participation is the emphasis of the annual campaign again this year, not the size of each gift. And the initial results indicate that employees are responding to the appeal.

It is the percent of participation that is important in in-house fund raising, said Nancy Haverstock, annual giving director. Large companies and other donors look at internal rates of giving as an important factor when deciding on grant proposals from organizations such as Bryant.

Contributions can be made to the development office through a direct gift, or through payroll deduction. You should have received the proper forms and envelopes to return your contribution. Everyone is encouraged to make a pledge, no matter what the size.

Trick bikers entertain Bryant families

Freestyle bike riders soaring domeward in the Rotunda were among the numerous entertainment choices at the annual “Weekend in New England” for Bryant parents and families on October 12-14. As usual, hundreds of students and their families blanketed the campus during the Student Senate-sponsored weekend.
Will ecology, development clash?

Will future economic development clash with ecological concerns?
That is the question to be addressed on Thursday by S. Bruce Smart Jr.,
senior counselor to the World Resources Institute, at the first Bryant Forum
for 1990-91. The address, titled “Ecology and Economic Development:
Accommodation or Collision?,” begins at 4 p.m. in Janikies Auditorium.
Smart is a former undersecretary of commerce for international trade and
former chairman and CEO of The Continental Group. He moved to the
World Resources Institute in 1989, where he is analyzing and formulating policies
related to global environmental problems, with particular emphasis on the
interrelationship of industry, government,

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and the environmental community.
Smart is a director of Chevron
Corporation and Exxel, Inc., and a
member of The Business Council, The
Conference Board, the Council on
Foreign Relations, and the International
Environmental Technology Transfer
Advisory Board of the federal
Environmental Protection Agency. He
was a member of President Bush’s
campaign staff, and is a former governor
and vice-chairman of The Nature
Conservancy. A Harvard graduate,
Smith also holds a master’s in civil
engineering from MIT.
For ticket information, call the Office
of Corporate and College Relations at
ext. 6139.

...Career services assistant director Judy
Clare presented a workshop at the annual
conference of the Eastern College Personnel
Organization last month. Her topic: “Small
Business—Where the Jobs are for Graduating
Seniors”...

...Professor Subhashish Samadder is the co-
author of an article, “A Scheduling Model for
Multirobot Assembly Cells,” that has been
accepted for publication in the International
His co-authors are professors from Kent State
University...

...Professor Peter Mini has been appointed
area coordinator by the Atlantic Economic
Association. He is responsible for refereeing
papers in the area of history of economic
thought and methodology...

...Professor Hindu Pollard moderated a
workshop on innovations in grievance
mediation at the fifth annual Rhode Island
Conference on Labor Management Relations
earlier this month...

...Athletics director Leon Drury has been
dominated to the New England NCAA Regional
Basketball Selection Committee. Also, Drury
has been elected to serve for the fourth year
on the Eastern College Basketball
Association’s executive committee...

...Professor Judy McDonnell presented a
paper at the International Housing Research
Conference in Paris last summer. Its title:
“Local State Agencies: The Case of the US
Local Housing Authority”...

...Professor Judy Litoff and her publishing
colleague at the University of Maine, David
Smith, made a presentation at the Providence
Public Library on their recently published book
Miss You: The World War II Letters of Barbara
Woodall Taylor and Charles E. Taylor. They
also discussed their project, “The World War II
Letters of American Women,” at the North
Kingstown Free Library...

...RISDSC state director Douglas Jobling
has been named vice president of the Warwick
Small Business Incubator Corporation. Also,
Jobling addressed the Woonsocket Rotary
Club and the Rhode Island Credit Union on the
SBDC; moderated a panel on worker’s
compensation at the fifth annual Rhode Island
conference on labor-management relations,
and presented “Utilizing Burrillville’s
Resources for Economic Development” on
behalf of the Northwest Villages
Conservancy...
By the way...

by Gloria Yahn

- Jane Fahlquist, of the library, sends her heartfelt thanks to all her friends for their kind thoughts and expressions of love. Jane has been out on medical leave since May. On behalf of all your friends, Jane, I wish you well and look forward to seeing you back in the library where you belong.

- Professor Ron Deluga wants you to pass along this message: Students interested in earning academic credit while studying in Switzerland and Europe for several weeks should see Ron in Faculty Suite F as soon as possible. He plans to again return to Europe in January for his annual independent study-abroad trip.

- Judy McDonnell, of the social science department, thanks the Bryant community for the thoughtful expressions of sympathy after the death of her mother.

- Congratulations to the Rhode Island Export Assistance Center staff. They have received an award for innovative and creative continuing education programming from the National University Continuing Education Association Region I.

- Professor Art Blackman’s son, Leo, a New York architect, won first-place honors in a design competition to improve pedestrian access between two key sections of lower Manhattan. His entry was one of more than 450 submitted.

- For your information. The latest issue of Visiting Fulbright Scholars and Occasional Lecturers is now in the library.

- Sisters of Alpha Phi sorority raised hundreds of dollars for the American Heart Association by jumping rope for 24-straight hours this month. Five sisters jumped each hour in what was called a "Jump for Heart" jump-a-thon.

New Faces

Kumar Chitippeddi
Associate Professor, Management

Kumar Chitippeddi came to Bryant from the University of Dayton. He holds a PhD from The Pennsylvania State University, an MBA from Oklahoma State University, and a bachelor of commerce degree from the University of Bombay, India. Chitippeddi has taught at Penn State and was a research assistant in Penn State’s office of planning and analysis.

Arthur C. Gudikunst
Visiting Associate Professor, Finance

Arthur Gudikunst is the former CEO of Monarch Capital Corp. He also has held senior positions with several other financial services and insurance companies, and is a former finance chair and professor at Babson College. Gudikunst has taught at Western Kentucky University and has been an engineer with NASA. He holds a PhD in finance and an MS in management from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a BS in aerospace engineering from Virginia Tech.

John J. Connors
Associate Professor, Taxation Director, Tax Institute

John Connors came to Bryant from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, where he was an award-winning teacher.

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- Never place the knife back on the table after it is used for the first time;
- Start with the outside utensils when eating;
- Always pass the salt and pepper together;
- Never pick up a dropped utensil;
- Use spoons or forks sat above the dinner plate for dessert.

Interviewers take notice of dining behavior. Doody stressed, since potential employees could one day be representing that company. Uneasy behavior, for example, she said, such as not knowing what to order, can make an interviewee seem indecisive.

After eating the chicken dinner, which was ordered specifically because it is more difficult to handle, most seniors I chatted with said they now have a new awareness of the do's and don'ts of business dining.

"After trying not to eat my fried chicken with my fingers," said Sarah Hibbard, "I realized I should never order a meal that could prove difficult to eat."

I second that emotion.

We paid $14 for the meal and, despite a few dining embarrassments, most of us believe that we got our money's worth. The dinner and seminar went over so well, in fact, that it is being repeated.

"The overall result of the dinner," said Eric Braciska, "is that..I now realize eating is more of a job than a pleasure on an interview."

Absolutely.

Now, does anyone know of a dry cleaner who specializes in getting soup stains out of ties?