1990: A bittersweet year

It was the end of an old decade. Or the beginning of a new one—depending on your point of view. It was a happy time, and a sad time. There were proud moments, and tense moments. Let's take a look at 1990 at Bryant.

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Lions support scholarship

The Smithfield Lions Club presented Bryant with a check for $20,000 raised at the first Kristen Hatch Memorial Road Race. The check topped to more than $35,000 the amount of money in the scholarship established in memory of Hatch, who was killed while jogging by an alleged drunk driver. Shown above with President Trueheart are (l-r) David and Joan Hatch and Lions Club members Angelo Santielli, Joseph Sweet and Brian Farley.

Well Fare

The results of Bryant’s Good Health Benefit “Wellness Clinic” are in. And employees’ major health risks appear to be sedentary lifestyle (lack of exercise), moderate to high cholesterol, obesity, and high stress.

So Blue Cross-Blue Shield of RI has designed a program to reduce these risks. It begins today at noon with two programs (see schedule). All employees are encouraged to participate regardless of health insurance coverage, with the human resources office saying that “flexible schedules for program time is encouraged.”

GHB program schedule

Jan. 22 - March 26
“Smoke Free”
Bryant Center Room 1
12 p.m. & 1 p.m. Tuesdays
(10-week program designed to help employees stop smoking)

Jan. 22 - March 26
“Weigh to Go”
Arts Dining Room (Fishbowl)
12 p.m. & 1 p.m. Tuesdays
(10-week program to help employees lose weight and change eating habits)

March 13
“Stress”
MRC Lecture Hall
12 p.m. & 1 p.m. (One-hour workshop with brown-bag lunch)

March 27 - May 15
“Steppin’ Out”
Bryant Center Room 1
12 p.m. & 1 p.m. Wednesdays
(3-week walking competition to promote exercise and team effort)

April 17
“Stress”
MRC Lecture Hall
12 p.m. & 1 p.m.
(Second stress workshop)

July
“Back Care”
Exercise Room
(Programs for four groups held during the work day)

September
“Self Improvement”
Arts Dining Room (Fishbowl)
12 p.m. & 1 p.m.
(Health stop focusing on self-help with topics: first aid, self-care choices, nutrition, stress)

NOTE: Employees may sign up for any program at the first meeting.

TEP scholarship deadline nears

The deadline for Bryant employees to apply for fall, 1991 scholarships under the Tuition Exchange Program (TEP) is fast approaching.

February 1 is the last day to submit an application to TEP coordinator Carla Gardner in the human resources office. Three scholarships are available for the fall, with three other students presently enrolled in TEP. The scholarships are equal to Bryant’s tuition each year.

See Gardner also for the TEP guidelines and and list of colleges currently accepting students. The latter includes approximately 300 schools in all 50 states.

In brief, all full-time employees who have been working at Bryant for two years without a break are eligible to apply for the two-year scholarships for a dependent child. Recipients, of course, must be accepted for admission to a TEP-member college.

If necessary, Gardner says, a lottery will be held to select recipients. Call Gardner at ext. 6013 with any other questions.

NEASC continues

Bryant’s accreditation

Bryant College has been continued in accreditation by the New England Association of Schools & Colleges (NEASC).

Citing in particular Bryant’s strategic planning effort, NEASC said the College has “successfully advanced the achievement of its mission.” The continued accreditation was recommended by an evaluation team of NEASC’s Commission on Institutions of Higher Education.

In recommending the continued accreditation, the commission also specifically cited Bryant for its human resources, saying:

- Bryant’s “faculty provide quality instruction” and are “dedicated to their students and scholarship”;
- Bryant’s “trustees are knowledgeable about and interested in the growth and development of the institution”;
- The College’s “capable administration direct Bryant with competence and care.”

NEASC provides a comprehensive evaluation at least once every 10 years.
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Commencement '90 was highlighted by a husband-and-wife speaking team: former US ambassador to China Winston Lord and best-selling author Bette Bao Lord. The Lords also received honorary degrees along with M. J. Monteiro '50, executive vice-president for international operations for 3M Corporation; William T. O'Hara, Bryant president-emeritus, and Robert H. I. Goodrich, one of Rhode Island's best-known business leaders and humanitarians. Also, at the Graduate School ceremony, Olton R. Wharton Jr., TIAA-CREF chairman and CEO, and Stanley Menard, a longtime Northern Rhode Island business leader and Bryant supporter, received honorary degrees. Wharton spoke.

The Bryant Forum lecture series brought two more prominent speakers to campus: Henry Cisneros, one of America's leading Hispanic politicians as former San Antonio mayor, and S. Bruce Smart, a senior counselor at the prestigious World Resources Institute in Washington.

A former US vice-president and Democratic presidential candidate also spoke and received an honorary degree on campus. Walter Mondale was the keynote speaker at the sixth annual and largest-ever World Trade Day.

Cultural offerings expanded on campus when Bryant became the home of the Cumberland Company, Rhode Island's largest nonprofit theater.

Bryce celebrated its 15th anniversary of "students working for students."

A private proposal for a federal detention center to be built adjacent to the campus sent shudders of apprehension through the College and the Bryant neighborhood. A firestorm of community opposition soon developed as Bryant joined its neighbors in opposing the site for the facility.

Bryant increased its share of national recognition. Specifically, the College was cited by a new Barron's guidebook as one of 300 "best buys" in college education. And the annual US News & World Report special report on "America's Best Colleges" ranked Bryant as the number two undergraduate business specialty school in the country.

A US News sister publication looking at "America's Best Colleges" ranked Bryant as the "best buy" among all the specialty business schools.

Three facilities were dedicated in 1990: the Townhouse Village complex housing an additional 204 students; The Jarvis Fitness Center in the MAC; and the Class of 1989's gift to Bryant—a bronze sculpture created by professor William Haas.

Professor William Haas also was a center of attention at the annual fall Convocation, titled a "Celebration of Faculty." As keynote speaker, Haas spoke on the need to prepare students for leadership in the entire business of the world, not just commerce.

In a partnership with CCRI, the RISBDC at Bryant opened a new subcenter at the community college's South Providence campus to serve the minority business community.

One of the stops for the international study group taken to Europe each year by professor Ron Deluga was the crumbling Berlin Wall.

Project Venture, an early-intervention program for minority junior high school students with college potential, was launched.

An Enrollment Management Task Force was formed and its recommendations for maintaining enrollment proposed to the College community.

Death claimed several Bryant community members, one tragically. They were professor Frank Gathof; academic advisor George Tarapata; honorary trustee and alumnus George Kelley; professor and alumnus Edward "Ted" McLaughlin, and Kristan Hatch, a junior who was struck by an alleged drunk driver while jogging near campus.

There was a silver lining in the dark cloud of Kristen Hatch's death. Memorial road races organized by the Smithfield Lions Club attracted almost 700 people and raised more than $20,000 for the scholarship fund established in her name. It also strengthened Bryant's "town-grown" relationship with Smithfield.
By the way
by Gloria Yahn

- Louise Ethier, development office, at home recuperating from surgery, sends her heartfelt gratitude to the Bryant community. "The support I have received has been humbling for me. Thanks again and again!"

- John Falardeau, Bryant Center operations, thanks everyone for their cards, calls, and caring during his stay in the hospital and at home. He is recuperating from open-heart surgery and hopes to see everyone next month.

- Miriam Perry, president’s office, tells me her 21-year-old brother, Joe-I, is stationed in Saudi Arabia. Everyone is encouraged to write. The address: PFC Josue M. Rivera, Jr., 0349-76-0631, Operation: Desert Shield, B Comp, 1/187 Inf., 3rd BDE, 101st Airborne Div. (AASLT), APO, NY 09309.

- Ray Fogarty, Export Assistance Center, deserves some kudos. He has received the Legislative Action Award from the Rhode Island Council of Community Mental Health Centers for his efforts in championing this worthy cause. Congratulations, Ray!

- Speaking of competitions, Donna Klepadio, Institutional research, tells me her 10-year-old daughter, Paula, skied in the national cross-country Junior Olympics and placed 18th in the country. Way to go!

- The family of Bill Dean, SBDC, and his son-in-law, Edward Maroney, thank everyone for their kindness, consideration, prayers, and thoughtfulness after the death of Bill’s daughter, Nancy Dean Maroney. She will be remembered in a memorial Mass at noon on February 3 in the Bryant Center.

- Nancy Haverstock, annual giving office, also sends her thanks to everyone from Bryant for their kind expressions of sympathy after the death of her brother, Jim.

New Faces

Jerome A. Montvilo
Assistant Professor, Science

Jerry Montvilo has been teaching part-time at Bryant for several years. He has taught also at Rhode Island and Salve Regina Colleges. Montvilo holds PhD and MS degrees in biology from Fordham University and a BS in biology from St. Francis College.

Patricia M. Odell
Assistant Professor, Mathematics

Patricia Odell came to Bryant from Framingham State College. She has taught also at St. Bonaventure University and Emmanuel College and in high school, and has been a high school guidance director. Odell holds a PhD in mathematics from Boston University, an MA in math from Catholic University, and a BA in math from Emmanuel College. She has studied also at Assumption College and Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

Walter J. Reedy
Associate Professor, History

Walter Reedy came to Bryant from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. Reedy has taught also at North Dakota State University, where he was an outstanding teacher award nominee, the University of California-Santa Barbara, and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He holds a PhD in history from California-Santa Barbara and MA and BA degrees in history from Wisconsin-Milwaukee.