Fall Convocation
Wednesday morning; Harvard assessment professor speaks

Bryant College celebrates the start of another academic year on Wednesday with the annual Fall Convocation. The formal academic affair begins at 11 a.m. in the Gymnasium, with classes at 11 a.m. and noon cancelled.

Joining the Bryant community to fete the new year will be Dr. Richard J. Light, professor of education at Harvard University and the director of the Harvard Assessment Seminars. He will give a keynote address on educational assessment and some of the Harvard project's findings on how its undergraduates learn best and get the most out of the "college experience."

The Convocation also will include the faculty's annual recognition of a colleague. Recently retired accounting professor Henry L. Foley '53 will be honored this year with the Distinguished Faculty Award.

Light, who also will lead two afternoon sessions with faculty, has brought together teams of researchers from Harvard's 20 colleges and universities. For four years, the consortium has been assessing how Harvard can be more effective in teaching and advising students.

Light has spent more than 25 years teaching statistics and program evaluation with an education focus. His work emphasizes how to collect and analyze information to improve program management.

A Harvard professor since 1975, Light holds a PhD in statistics from Harvard and a BS from the University of Pennsylvania. He has co-authored two books: "Summing Up," which describes techniques for summarizing information from disparate research studies, and "By Design," which presents modern methods for assessing the effectiveness of educational initiatives.

Light also teaches in the Kennedy School's Executive Program for Senior Managers in State and Local Government. Outside of Harvard, Light has served as president of the American Evaluation Association, has chaired the Panel on Programs for Youth for the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, and serves on the national advisory board for the program evaluation division of the US General Accounting Office.

Light's sessions with the faculty are titled "Improving Student Performance" and "Findings on Student Writing." They begin at 2 and 3 p.m., respectively, in the MRC Lecture Hall.

Foley taught at Bryant for 38 years. He also served on a variety of College committees and was a coordinator of the finance program.

Foley studied also at Boston College and was active in the Eastern Finance Association.

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.

Ocean State Brass will provide music for the Convocation. President Trueheart will preside. Trustee Charles Collis '83H and Student Senate president James Bergeron will bring greetings from the Board and Senate. Faculty Federation president Leo Mahoney will present Foley with his award.
Second Hatch road race nears

In less than three weeks, more than 1,000 walkers and runners are expected to descend on the Bryant campus to compete in the second annual Kristen Hatch Memorial Road Race.

The race, scheduled for Sunday, September 29, is run by the Smithfield Lions Club in cooperation with Bryant to promote alcohol awareness. It is named for the Bryant student who while running in the spring of 1990 was struck and killed by a driver charged with drunk driving. Race proceeds ($20,000 was raised last year) go to the Kristen Hatch Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The Hatch race--actually three races--begins at 9:30 a.m. with a five-kilometer walk. Following it at 10:30 a.m. is a one-mile "fun run." A TAC-certified and New England Athletics Congress-sanctioned five-mile road race begins at 11 a.m.

Les Pawson, 87, a three-time Boston Marathon winner, is this year's honorary chair. Among the runners already registered to compete is John Treacy, silver medalist in the 1984 Olympics marathon and a former world cross-country champion.

The races are open to anyone who can at least walk, and there is still plenty of time to enter. Entry fees are: between Sept. 1-28, $5--one-mile fun run, $9--five-K walk, $10--five-mile race; on race day (up to 30 minutes before events), $6--one-mile fun run, $10--five-K walk, $12--five-mile race. Fees are waived for entrants raising $50 or more in paid pledges.

For more information or applications, contact or stop by the Office of Public Information (ext. 6121). The office is located just off the Rotunda on the first floor of the Unistructure.

Keeley, Arruda top teachers

English professor Pat Keeley and accounting professor Lucia Arruda were Bryant's outstanding teachers last academic year. Keeley, who has been teaching at Bryant for 24 years, is recognized as one of the College's most flamboyant professors. Theatrics and humor punctuate his lectures. He also puts his teaching style to good use as Bryant's unofficial master of ceremonies.

Out of the classroom, Keeley has served on numerous College committees and spoken at countless functions and events on and off campus. He was the first recipient of the alumni association's Distinguished Teaching Award in 1983.

Keeley has studied in the doctoral program at the University of Rhode Island and holds an MA in English from Providence College and a BS in English from Bridgewater State College. His community service has included the United Way and the state Democratic party.

Arruda, a CPA, has held two one-year appointments in the accounting department while working toward an MS in Bryant's taxation program. She holds an MS in accounting and a BS in textiles and related arts from the University of Rhode Island.

Arruda has worked also as a senior accountant and a staff accountant for Casten & Company, of Middletown, RI, and as a staff accountant for Arthur Young & Co. of Providence. She has taught also at URI, where as a graduate student in 1986 she was named student of the year by Beta Gamma Sigma accounting society. Arruda is a member of the RI Society and American Institute of CPAs.

Campus Campaign around corner

This year's Bryant Fund Campaign begins next Monday (September 16) and runs through November 8. The goal: 100 percent employee participation.

"Join the Bryant Team" is the theme. The plan is to involve more Bryant employees through team competition, with prizes going to the teams with the highest participation rates.

"It is our hope that this new plan will increase participation and dollars, while generating excitement and cooperation among all areas of the college," said annual giving assistant director Maureen Sullivan.

"Be on the lookout for a flyer describing the campaign," she added. Rosemary D'Arcy and Pat Keeley once again have agreed to serve as co-chairs. A Victory Party already is scheduled (November 14), with prizes to be given out then. So mark your calendar.

Last year's campaign raised $34,216 with 69 percent participation.

Armenian collection established

Kachadoor Kazarian '53 (foreground) has presented to Bryant a collection of books and materials on Armenian culture, history, genocide, and art. Valued at $2,500, the books were accepted by library director Jack Hannon. The collection is on display in the library.
Marty Andrews and Bettie Weber at Bryant's Help Desk for computer emergencies.

Call 5555 for Help Desk

Calls for help at Bryant College go to 5555. That's the number for "computer help," not an emergency. Specifically, it's the extension for the new Help Desk being operated by the information technology (IT) department.

The Help Desk was inaugurated on July 1 and has responded to more than 200 requests so far. It provides telephone help and routing of all trouble calls to improve service to faculty and staff who use computers at Bryant.

When you call ext. 5555, the person on duty will try first to resolve your problem over the telephone. If that is not possible, your call will be referred to an IT staff member with the expertise to solve your problem. A goal of the Help Desk is to respond within two hours.

Located on the main floor of Koffler Technology Center, the Help Desk also is open for walk-in service. In many cases, according to the IT department, it is easier to walk in if you have a problem with software and use the equipment at the Help Desk.

Help Desk hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All IT staff members will serve on the desk. You can also call 5555 with suggestions to improve service.

Memorial service Thursday

A memorial service will be held Thursday evening for Michael T. Cain, the Bryant College student who died August 6 in a fall from the Cliff Walk in Newport. The service begins at 7 p.m. in the Rotunda.

Cain, 21, of Barrington, would have been a senior this year. An honor student who was a prestigious Harry S. Truman Scholar, Cain also was very active in the campus radio station, wrote and served as an editor for The Archway student newspaper, and competed on the debate team for the annual Oxford Union competition. He planned to attend law school and seek a career in public service.

Cain apparently slipped on mud on the famous seaside walkway and fell 70 feet down a cliff. He was walking with several friends from New Jersey who were visiting him.

Cain was born in Cincinnati and moved to Rhode Island seven years ago. He graduated from Barrington High School in 1988. Surviving him are his parents and three brothers. Cain was buried in East Providence on August 9.

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...Professor Patricia Odell co-authored an article that has been published in The New England Journal of Medicine. The topic: "Variability of Body Weight and Health Outcomes in the Framingham Population"...

...Student employment director David Brooks met with members of Congress and officials in the education department in Washington to discuss amendments to the College Work Study Program...

...Judy Farrell, health services, has been certified by the Rhode Island Department of Health as an HIV/AIDS counselor in Rhode Island...

...Career services assistant director Judy Clare addressed the Eastern College Personnel Organization's annual spring conference at Mt. Holyoke College. Her topic: "The Stresses and Challenges Facing the Class of 1991!"...

...Athletics director Leon Drury has been elected to the executive committee of the New England College Athletic Conference (NECAC)...

...The 1991 Veterans of Foreign Wars Employment Award was presented to physical plant director Brian Britton at the 72nd state convention in Providence...

...Special presidential assistant Priscilla Angelo has been named to the 1991 class of the Chamber of Commerce's Business Volunteers for the Arts program...

...Graduate School professor Justin Holden has been named secretary of the Rhode Island Bar Association...

...Professor Burton Fischman was the featured speaker at the annual Deloitte & Touche alumni training and development program at Bentley College. His topic: "Making Effective Presentations." Also, Fischman was the featured speaker at the Rhode Island School of Design Commencement ceremony for the continuing education division. His talk: "The Challenge of Continuing Professional Education After Graduation"...

...Bryant's campus crime-watch committee, "Students for a Safer Campus," feted three of its graduating "crime-busters" at a dinner last May. Receiving "outstanding service awards" were Leslie Catugno '91, Deirdre Curtin '91, and Joanne Giovanelli '91. Committee advisor is public safety assistant Ginnie Bowry...
By the way...

by Gloria Yahn

- Ralph Pace, public safety office, thanks everyone who supported his efforts over the months he served as acting director. He has resumed his position of sergeant and supervisor of the day shift.

- A warm welcome to George Coronado, who joined us over the summer as the new "chief" of public safety.

- Marilyn Fair, student activities office, says thanks to the Bryant community for the kind expressions of sympathy after the death of her father, John Campbell.

- The Rev. Gail Helgesen, Protestant chaplain, reminds everyone that the Volunteer Fair will be held tomorrow in the Rotunda from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- Congratulations to Mary Burke, who has been promoted to the position of head women's basketball coach. Mary previously served as assistant director of intramurals and volleyball coach.

- Best wishes to Tom McGill, who has accepted the position of assistant librarian. Tom, former media assistant in the audio visual department, replaces Pat Kelly, who retired recently.

- Elaine St. Laurent has returned following a four-month sabbatical to complete her MED program. She can be reached at ext. 6116 in Faculty Suite D. Elaine is on a transitional assignment as special assistant to Executive Vice President/Provost Walle Roettger. Welcome back and good luck!

New Faces

Maureen Mezei
Assistant Director, RISBDC

Maureen Mezei came to Bryant from the Technology Council of Rhode Island, where she served as executive director. She also has served as executive director of the Japan-American Society & Black Ships Festival of RI and the Alaska World Affairs Council.

Trained and certified as a cytologist, Mezei has worked at hospitals in Alaska and South Africa. Her degree in medical laboratory technology-cytology is from Cape College in South Africa. She also has studied at the University of Alaska-Anchorchorage.

Christine M.B. Smith
Assistant Director, Institute for Family Enterprise

Christine Smith came to Bryant from the RI Department of Economic Development, where she served as the international trade director. She also has served as a Washington representative and a legislative/administrative assistant for Pacific Resources, Inc.

Smith holds a BS in foreign services from the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service.

Jeanette Harrington
Receptionist, Registrar's Office

Jeanette Harrington came to Bryant from Cherry Webb & Touraine, where she served in sales. She has been an office manager and secretary to the president for two Massachusetts companies. Harrington attended Chamberlaymente Junior College.

Joan Palmer
Secretary, President's Office

Before coming to Bryant, Joan Palmer was a group secretary/supervisor for eight years at Creamer Dickson Basford, a public relations firm in Providence. She also has worked as a personnel clerk at Davol, Inc., of Cranston, and as a clerk typist for the City of Jacksonville, FL. Palmer graduated from the Providence school system.

To the New Faces in this issue who are not quite so new faces because of the summer hiatus of Bryant's Business, the editors apologize for the delay in introducing you. But we still want the Bryant community to be able to put the right faces with the right names.

Trustee's firm aids war families

A matching-gift program operated by a company owned by a Bryant alumnus and trustee has contributed tens of thousands of dollars to a relief fund for families of Gulf War troops.

Krupp Companies, a Boston real estate and financial services firm owned by Douglas S. Krupp '69, '89H and his brother, George, has matched every dollar that its employees, investors and brokers have donated to the United Service Organizations (USO). The matched contributions total $38,000, the trustee said.

The matching-gift program has been run in cooperation with the Boston Jaycees and USO New England. Money donated has gone to the regional Operation Family Relief Fund. It has been assisting families suffering significant losses in income due to the activation of a family member for the Gulf War.