Bryant repeats as ‘best buy’ among ‘B schools’

Bryant has been recognized nationally again as the “best buy” among all business-specialty colleges in the country.

The annual U.S. News & World Report guide, “America’s Best Colleges,” has ranked the College for the second straight year as the nation’s “best buy” in its category. The category includes 25 other business-specialty colleges.

To rate the “best buy” ranking, Bryant first had to be recognized by U.S. News as the best value of the top three business-specialty colleges overall. (It also achieved that ranking for the second straight year.) Bryant’s cost relative to the other ranked colleges thus earned it the top spot.

The “best colleges” issue is the magazine’s most widely read issue each year. The separate 200-page guide, which went on sale on newsstands September 30, will remain there until June.

Criteria used by U.S. News to rank colleges includes: academic reputation, selectivity of the student body, the degree to which a college financially supports its faculty, a college’s overall financial support for educational and general expenses divided by FTE enrollment, and the level of student satisfaction as measured by a college’s ability to graduate students it admits as freshmen.

The U.S. News recognition was the second such ranking given to Bryant in September. “The 1991 Guide to 101 of the Best Values in America’s Colleges and Universities” lists Bryant. It was released early in the month by the Center for Studies in College Enrollment and Tuition Issues, which publishes the College and University Admissions Quarterly newsletter.

Theatrical troupe thruts award at College

President Trueheart accepts the Cumberland Company’s “Champion’s Sword” from last year’s recipient, Robert Billington, president, Blackstone Valley Tourism Council. The sword is presented each year for outstanding contribution in support of regional performing arts. Also at the presentation was Joseph Meichelbeck, (l) vice president for business affairs, and Norm Beauregard, (r) director of the Cumberland Company.

A weekend for the family: Oct. 18-20

by Jonathan Larabee
Public Information Intern

Bryant’s annual Parents Weekend is upon us. Traditionally, this event provides students and their families with the opportunity to spend quality time together, to become more familiar with Bryant and its surroundings and to enjoy entertainment planned in their honor. The Student Senate has been working to make this year no exception.

Festivities begin Friday evening, October 18, with a Sports Fantasy Night featuring indoor hockey, baseball, basketball, and a nine-hole miniature golf course. Then two of Boston’s best comedy headliners, Julie Barr and Larry Sullivan, and one of the East coast’s finest a cappella groups, Where’s the Band, perform.

President Trueheart delivers his State of the College Address on Saturday morning. A Shoppers Fair and Crafts Festival runs morning and afternoon. Parents may also attend special interest sessions led by faculty and administrators in the afternoon, or a karate demonstration, two performances of “M.A.S.H.” in the auditorium by the Bryant Players, and a Mass in the Rotunda.

The official welcome by the President kicks off Saturday evening. It is followed by The Passing Zone, a juggling/acroatics act, the singing duo Eggroll, the magic and illusion of Peter Sosna, and the music of Dave Binder, one of Bryant’s favorite performers. Finally, for some late night fun, there will be hypnotism by Bruce McDonald.

Jazz and Hillel brunches on Sunday morning end Parents Weekend.
And they were off

Some walked, some ran, some just watched. But they all supported the second annual road race named for Kristen Hatch, who died after being hit while jogging by an alleged drunk driver in April 1990.

Bryant and the Smithfield Lions Club co-sponsored the event on September 29. Almost 900 walkers and runners joined as many spectators.

The day included three races: a 5K walk (3.1 mile), a one-mile fun run, and a five-mile run. The anti-drunk driving town-gown event attracted local and national competitors. Winning the race was Kieron Tumbleton, of Providence, who ran the course in 25:31.

President Trueheart presented presidential trophies to the first male and female Bryant students finishing the race. They were seniors Roger Stevens and Holly Grinnell.

The race raised approximately $22,000 for the scholarship fund named for Kristen Hatch.

Administrators air proposals for scholarship, annual award

The first Council of Administrators meeting of the 1991-92 year served to introduce several proposals, including a sponsored scholarship, an annual award citing an administrator, and a professional affiliation for administrators.

A sponsored scholarship would be supported by a fund-raising campaign on campus, said Jo-Anne Lema, Council chair. The primary fund-raising effort: a November dance at a cost of $15 per couple. Music and refreshments have already been ordered. The goal of the dance is to raise enough to award approximately $2,000.

Council board member Bill Baker explained the proposal for an annual “Administrator of the Year” award. Criteria for selection have been outlined and need to be approved. The award would be given out at the final Council meeting of the year.

As a guest speaker, Judith Brissette, vice-president for administration at Western New England College and a member of the board of the American Association of University Administrators (AAUA), provided an overview of the AAUA. She said its principal activity is an annual professional development conference.

In other business, a proposal to develop a mechanism, such as a newsletter, to better communicate Council actions and initiatives, was discussed by chair-elect Paula Iacono.

The meeting opened with remarks by Wallie Roettger, Bryant’s executive vice-president/provost. It was followed by the first Bryant After Hours in the Heritage Room.

The next meeting of the Council is November 13.

Up with Dress Down Day

The results of last summer’s “Dress Down Day” program at Bryant are in. And the program has been termed a resounding success.

The program, which allowed employees to “dress down” each Friday with a $2 donation to different charitable and community service organizations, raised $1,370. It was coordinated by the College’s Secretarial/Clerical Council.

The charties and dollar amounts raised:
- American Cancer Society, $192;
- Summertime Fund, $140;
- Advent House Shelter for the Homeless, $158;
- Cerebral Palsy of Rhode Island, $165;
- Rhode Island Special Olympics, $168;
- Multiple Sclerosis Society of Rhode Island, $179;
- Kristen Hatch Memorial Scholarship Fund, $186.

Organizations were selected from a pool of names given to the clerical council. Charities not chosen this year will be set aside for next summer’s “dress down” days.

The council also would like to acknowledge the support and help given to the program by Rob Gibson, Howard Kay, Priscilla Lundblad, and Jan Lewis.

State of College Address Oct. 16

President Trueheart presents Bryant’s annual “State of the College Address” on Wednesday, October 16. The address begins at 3:30 p.m. in Janikies Auditorium. The entire Bryant community is invited.
Campus crime prevention committee being formed by public safety

A Campus Crime Prevention Committee is being established at Bryant in response to a new law that took effect on August 1 for all colleges receiving federal financial assistance.

The "Student-Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act" is an effort to encourage colleges to inform their communities of specific crimes occurring on their campuses, said George Coronado, Bryant's public safety director. It also focuses on the community's participation in responding to campus crimes.

The traditional response to campus crime has been initiated by public safety or campus police departments, Coronado said. That strategy has changed with the recommendation that each college establish a campus-wide committee to review security policies.

The committee will be made up of members from all segments of the Bryant community, Coronado said, and it will report to the vice-president for business affairs. It will ensure that all crimes which pose a threat to the community are reported to them in a timely manner. The committee also will be charged with making sure that crime statistics are presented publicly in an accurate, clear, and easily understood manner. Crime and campus-incident statistics are already published in The Archway, and that will continue to be the policy, Coronado said.

Bryant must keep statistics based on the definition of the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) system. Reportable crimes are: murder, aggravated assault, rape, robbery, burglary, and motor vehicle theft. Colleges also must report the number of arrests for liquor law and drug abuse violations and weapons possessions.

Coronado said that colleges must publish and distribute an annual report of campus security policies and crime statistics to all current students and employees on September 1 of each year. Copies of that report will be provided to any applicant for enrollment or employment upon request.

First artists exhibit their works

Two Rhode Island artists are the first to exhibit their works at Bryant. Displayed in the office of President Trueheart, by artists Louis Emma Jr. (center) and his son, Steve Emma (right), are paintings, sculptures, and a book of poems, "Seeing From An Unprotected Perspective." A second exhibit is expected to go on display later this month.

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...Development research and records director Carol McConaghy has been elected to the board of directors of the New England Development Research Association (NEDRA) for a second two-year term. McConaghy is again chairing the membership committee and is serving on the strategic planning committee...

...Professor Judy Litoff published "Women at War with Militarism: Part One - Setting the Stage" in the spring 1991 issue of the National Women's Studies Association Journal. Also, Litoff presented a paper, "The Historian as Detective: The Case of the Missing Letters," at the 1991 Mid-America Conference on History at Southwest Missouri State University last month...

..."Balancing Career and Family" was the topic professor Elaine Notarantonio presented to a Professional Secretaries International meeting held last month...

...Professor Ron Deluga's manuscript, "Why the Aggravation? Reasons Students Become Resident Assistants, Interpersonal Stress, and Job Satisfaction," has been accepted for publication in the Journal of College Student Development...

...Professor Eugene Amelio has been named to a three-person Judicial Nomination Committee to review applications for a municipal court judge for the Warwick Municipal Court...

Professor Gregg Carter's paper, "Puerto Rican and Mexican-American Rioting in the U.S. 1964-1991," has been accepted for presentation at the Massachusetts Sociological Association fall conference at Smith College next month...

...Professor Allen Kruger's retail management class is helping WJMF promote the Parents Weekend Crafts Fair Saturday, October 19. The class will have hands on experience in retail layout, flow patterns, customer response and advertising...

...Professor Stan Koziowski addressed the Purchasing Management Association of Rhode Island last month. His topic: Better Writing: 'Some Helpful Hints'...

By the way...

by Gloria Yahn

- Congratulations to Brad Folsom of public safety and Karen Marcello. They were married recently at a ceremony in the chapel on campus. A long and happy life to both of them!

- Nancy Haverstock tells me that after four years of martial arts training she was recently awarded the rank of red belt in Karate. Her next one is the famous "Black Belt." Good luck and congratulations!

- Kudos and a personal thank you to everyone who played a role in the success of the Kristen Hatch Memorial Road Race. Your untiring efforts and cooperation were obvious to all who attended. Congratulations on a job well done!

- Congratulations to Beverly Daignault, who assumed the duties of leadperson in the housekeeping department. Her new duties have taken her out of the Unistructure and into dorms 14, 15, and 16. Lots of luck!

- Lots of luck to Fred Kenney, who will be retiring at the end of the semester. Fred has served Bryant for 21 years where he leaves an entourage of friends who will certainly miss him.

- Paulette Bokoski tells me she has seven seats left on the bus for the annual trip to Kittery, Maine. The trip is set for November 2, leaving at 7 a.m. and returning at 8 p.m. The cost is $17 per person and includes doughnuts, coffee, and a box lunch. Dinner is at Yoken's Restaurant, where individual checks will be issued. You can sign up in Support Services.

- Art Blackman not only teaches, plays racquetball and audits a class in elementary Chinese, he recently has managed to find time to donate his 40th pint of blood to the Rhode Island Blood Center. I'd say that's five fine gallons of a good Samaritan!

New Faces

Cheryl A. Comai
Director of Corporate Giving

Cheryl Comai is a co-founder and former vice-president of Accutek, Inc., of Cranston, a dental diagnostic company bought by Bausch & Lomb in 1989. As a principal in Accutek, she helped to start up, develop, and operate the firm over two years. Since the sale, Comai has been serving as a consultant to Bausch & Lomb, two other RI firms, and the RI Small Business Development Center at Bryant. She also has held corporate planning and administration posts with two other technology companies in Rhode Island, and has served as assistant director of the Robotics Research Center at the University of Rhode Island.

Comai holds an MBA from URI and a BA degree from Our Lady of the Elms College. Her community activities have included serving as a School One and YWCA director and as a member of the Technology Council of RI and Narragansett Chamber of Commerce.

As corporate giving director, Comai is responsible for building and expanding philanthropic and other relationships with the business community.

Thomas P. Howard
Professor and Chair, Accounting

Thomas Howard came to Bryant from Arizona State University-West. He has taught also at the University of Missouri-Columbia and California State University-Chico. At Missouri, he also served as assistant dean for undergraduate programs and administration in the business college, and as director of graduate studies in the school of accountancy. Howard earned two teaching awards at Missouri.

Howard also has worked for a national CPA firm, as a hospital administrator and controller, and as an insurance underwriter. Active in the major accounting associations, Howard has written extensively and has served on editorial boards and as a reviewer for a variety of accounting journals.

Howard holds a PhD and an MBA in accounting from Arizona State and a BSBA in accounting from Drake University.

Robert F. Conti
Assistant Professor, Management

Robert Conti completed a post-doctoral study on restrictive work rules and taught at the University of Cambridge before coming to Bryant. He has taught also at Allentown College of St. Francis and has been a guest lecturer at Lehigh University.

Conti spent most of his pre-academic career as the co-founder and executive vice-president of the Follett Corporation in Easton, PA, a commercial appliance manufacturer. He left Follett after 31 years in 1987 to seek an MA and then a PhD in management at Lehigh. Conti also holds an MBA from Lehigh and an MS in mechanical engineering and a BME from Cornell University. He has studied also at Ohio State University.

Susan C. Wyatt
Assistant Director, Admissions

Susan Wyatt comes to Bryant from Providence College, where she was an admissions counselor for four years. In that post, she was involved in all aspects of recruiting and evaluating prospective students.

Wyatt graduated from Providence College in 1987 with a BA in social science. She has been active in the RI and New England associations of admissions counselors.