There was "good news" in RI in 1991: Bryant's year revisited

by Gloria Yahn

At times in Rhode Island last year, it seemed that "good news" just didn't happen in the Ocean State. Bryant did not escape unscathed, but the College had far more positive and upbeat news to share than bad. Follow me through a revisit of 1991:

* The year-long 20th anniversary celebration of Bryant's move to Smithfield in 1971 was launched.

* As part of the anniversary celebration, a time capsule containing mementos from Bryant and the Town of Smithfield was buried on campus for 50 years. T-shirts, photos of student organizations, a Bryant history book, an alumni directory, and a Town Council proclamation were included. President Trueheart, alumni and students and alumni corporate leaders participated to give students a chance to take a look at what it's like at the top of the corporate ladder.

* The Bryant Forum lecture series brought to campus Dr. Alvin Poussaint, the Harvard Medical School psychiatrist who also is script consultant to "The Cosby Show" and "A Different World."

* "Dress Down Days" were instituted last summer as a way to raise money for charitable and community service organizations. They will continue this year.

* Bryant again was named the "Best Buy" among business specialty schools by a special report of U.S. News and World Report magazine.

* An Institute for Family Enterprise, headed by president emeritus William O'Hara, was launched to help family-owned firms in southern New England face problems and challenges in running their businesses. Institute programs include workshops and one-on-one counseling.

* A grant from adjunct professor and executive Jack Kellogg and his wife, Beverly, launched a "visiting executives program" on campus in March. Six local

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* The Export Assistance Center and the RI Department of Economic Development formed a partnership that unifies international trade services in the state and expands resources available to businesses looking to export their goods and services. An initial step in that process was a visit by DED director Joseph Paolino to campus to see the EAC database for generating trade leads.

* Golf coach and professor Archie Boulet was named RI Coach of the Year by the state's sports writers association.

* The Persian Gulf conflict took several family members of Bryant employees and one employee to war. Fortunately, there were no Bryant casualties and all returned home safely.

* At the end of the Gulf War, Bryant announced its Yellow Ribbon Scholarships Program. It is now enabling five undergraduate and three graduate students who served in the war to attend the College tuition-free.

* Efforts to save energy and protect the environment continued at Bryant. Among the efforts: the installation of energy-efficient overhead lighting and "passive infrared light switches," which turn office lights on and off through heat rays from the body.

* White House Office of Management and Budget director Richard Darman visited the campus as the Commencement '91 speaker. He also received an honorary doctorate.

* Bryant and CCRI approved an articulation agreement that allows community college students in general study or the liberal arts to transfer to Bryant as juniors. Signing the agreement was President Trueheart and CCRI President Edward Liston.

* Bryant did suffer two deaths last year. Senior Michael Cain, a Truman Scholar, accidentally fell to his death from the Cliff Walk in Newport. Shirly Morrison, a faculty suite coordinator with more than 13 years of service to Bryant, died from a heart attack.

TEP application deadline nears

The deadline for applying for Bryant's Tuition Exchange Program (TEP) scholarships for next fall is less than two weeks away: February 1.

All dependent children of full-time employees who have worked at Bryant for two years without a service break are eligible to apply. Approximately 300 colleges across the US offer the tuition exchange as consortium members.

Three children of Bryant employees currently attend TEP institutions, and three children from other TEP-member colleges attend Bryant. The number of scholarships available for this fall will depend on Bryant's "balance" of debits and credits.

Contact Carla Gardner, TEP liaison officer, in the human resources office (ext. 6013) for full details.

Well Fare

Bryant's Good Health Benefit program continues with a spring aerobics program each Tuesday and Thursday beginning January 28.

For the beginner, the eight-week program is low-impact aerobics with easy-to-learn movements set to music. Sessions begin at noon and 1 p.m. and run for 40 minutes in the women's exercise room in the Gym. There is a $5 registration fee.

Other upcoming spring activities: a walking program; a program that teaches you to examine your home and work environments for hazards; how to lift and carry objects carefully, including a series of back-strengthening exercises, and a program that looks at diseases in the '90s.

Open to all employees, the GHB program encourages all supervisors to allow flexibility in scheduling so employees can attend.
Faculty authors sign books

Signing their latest books last semester in the bookstore were professors Judy Litoff and Joe Urgo. Litoff signed "Dear Boys: World War II Letters from a Woman Back Home" and "Since You Went Away: World War II Letters from American Women on the Home Front." Urgo autographed "Novel Frames: Literature as Guide to Race, Sex, and History in American Culture." Glancing at their works is professor Glen Camp.

Tax symposium draws hundreds

Bryant’s 24th annual Income Tax Symposium for practitioners again drew hundreds of accountants and tax attorneys to campus in mid-December. Sponsored by the Center for Management Development, the day-long symposium included 12 sessions focusing on the latest information about taxes and complex tax issues.

Session leaders were tax experts from Rhode Island’s major accounting and legal firms, the IRS, the state’s taxation division, and Bryant’s MST program faculty. Attendees also heard a guest speaker, Terrill A. Hyde, tax legislative counsel for the US Treasury Department.

ARA makes Bryant Fund $10,000 richer

ARA Dining Services, for the ninth consecutive year, has presented a $10,000 check to the College for the Bryant Fund. Presenting the check to President Trueheart was Ed Gutauskas, ARA district manager (c), and William Petti (l), director of dining services at Bryant.

...President Trueheart joined more than 150 college presidents in Florida in early January at the annual Presidents Institute of the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC). The institute, titled "Financial Vision and Leadership," offered a series of seminars and workshops on issues such as fund raising, budgeting, and endowment management...

...Professor Gregg Carter is coordinating a teaching workshop for the 1992 annual meeting of the American Sociological Association in Pittsburgh. The title: "New Software for the Classroom"

..."What is Right with Rhode Island Real Estate" was the topic of an address adjunct professor Jack Kelgwin made to the Builders and Owners Management Association in Providence. Also, as past recipient of the Entrepreneur of the Year award, Kelgwin was recognized for unique and outstanding business ventures and inducted into The Entrepreneur’s Club...

...Health services staff members Judy Farrell and Teresa Daigle have passed the American Nurses’ Association national certification examination for college nurses...

...A paper by professor Jack Rubens has been accepted for publication in The Journal of Business Finance and Accounting. Its title: "An Analysis of the Risk Management Techniques Employed within the Credit Union Industry"...

...Professor Eugene Amello discussed tax and legal aspects of estate planning at a meeting of the Construction Financial Management Association...

...Professor Burt Fischman has been named in the 1992 edition of Who’s Who in the East...

...Foundation relations director Evelyn Dvorak conducted a workshop at the annual conference of the RI chapter of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives. Her topic: "Successful Proposal Writing"...

...Chaplain Doug Spina and professor Stan Kozikowski spoke at a recent meeting of the RI Tax Officials Association. Spina’s topic: "Ethics and Government." Kozikowski’s: "Better Writing: Some Helpful Hints"...

...A commentary by professor Debbie Easterling, based on an excise tax study she completed with Sarkisian professor Pat Norton, was published in the Providence Journal and Evening Bulletin in December...
By the way...

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- Welcome to 1992! On behalf of the Office of Public Information, I want to wish everyone a new year filled with personal and professional success, health, and happiness.

- Carol McConaghy of development has become the fiancée of David Thorp. Officially engaged on Thanksgiving, they are planning a December 27 wedding. Congratulations!

- Frank Pavao of admissions thanks everyone for their gifts of kindness and prayers after the death of his father.

- A fond farewell to Donna Cuddy and Donna Marie Kohler in the admissions office. Donna now is playing full-time mom after the birth of her daughter, Meghan. Donna Marie has moved to Houston with her husband, who recently accepted a new position. Good luck to them!

- Pauline Denault says thanks for the many cards, gifts, and visits she received during the past four months while she was on medical leave. It's nice to see her back!

- Once upon a time there were two professors, Larry and Dana Lowe. They wanted to give a Christmas gift—the day off—to someone in public safety. It didn’t matter to whom. It mattered a lot to the recipient, Tom Mettford, who expected to work again on Christmas day. The Lowes volunteered to share an 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. shift in the Entry-Control Station. After the appropriate training, they did. They made it possible for Tom to spend Christmas “for the first time in five years with my wife, Tracey, who is expecting our first child in June.” Now that’s what I call holiday spirit.

New Faces

Harold A. Records
Assistant Professor, CIS

Harold Records has been a visiting lecturer at Bryant and is the former owner and CEO of a consulting and software development firm in Wickford. He has taught also at Cornell University.

Before moving into the classroom, Records worked as director of hotel services for Sturdy Memorial Hospital in Attleboro, MA, and as a troubleshooter for ARA Food Services in Philadelphia. He holds a PhD and a BS from Cornell and an MBA from the University of Rhode Island.

Paulo Medeiros
Assistant Professor, English

Paulo Medeiros taught at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst before coming to Bryant. He is fluent in four languages and reads well in four other languages.

Medeiros holds PhD and MA degrees in comparative literature from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst MA and BA degrees in English from the University of Massachusetts at Boston. He has studied also at the Herzog August Bibliothek and the Albert-Ludwigs Universität Freiburg in Germany, Southeastern Massachusetts University, and the Universidade Classica de Lisboa in Portugal. Medeiros is active in a variety of literature and language associations.

Judith Harris
Assistant Professor, Accounting

Judith Harris also is a certified management accountant. Before moving to Bryant, she taught at Suffolk University, Florida International University, the University of Lowell, Worcester State College, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and Newton Junior College.

Harris has worked also as a management consultant and a systems analyst, has served as a reviewer and editor of various accounting textbooks, and has been active in the major accounting associations. She holds a DBA and an MBA in accounting from Boston University and a BBA in accounting from the University of Wisconsin.

Saeed Roohani
Assistant Professor, Accounting

Saeed Roohani taught at Mississippi State University before moving to Bryant. He has taught also at Jackson State University, and has worked as a staff auditor for Peat Marwick in Iran, as a database manager for a state agency in Louisiana, and as a computer consultant and local area network manager.

Roohani holds a DBA in accounting from Mississippi State, an MA in accounting from Louisiana State University, an MBA from Sul Ross State University, and a BA in accounting from the Institute of Advanced Accounting in Iran. He is active in several accounting and computing associations.