Gambling task force undertaking mission in earnest

The Bryant task force investigating Rhode Island State Police allegations of illegal sports betting on campus is well into the second week of its probe, and its members are undertaking their mission in earnest.

“We have an exceptionally talented and devoted group of people who are working diligently on this issue,” said William O’Hara ’90H, president-emeritus and chair of the task force. “I am confident the task force will meet its mandate to deliver a comprehensive and meaningful report to President Trueheart, and on time.”

The report on the scope of gambling on campus is due back to President Trueheart in a month (April 15). A summary of its findings will be made public, the president said.

The task force has been asked to focus on the issue of illegal gambling on campus in general and, in particular, within the athletics program. But it also is assessing the current systems and programs for identifying gambling problems and addressing them, and it will form recommendations for institutional policies and measures that might be needed to expand educational programs and revise student-conduct codes.

In announcing the task force’s creation, Trueheart stressed that “it is not a disciplinary process nor will it in any way interfere with ongoing police investigations.” He emphasized that the panel’s underlying concern is the welfare of the students and support systems for those individuals who have a problem and wish to receive help.

Illegal gambling is a societal problem, both Trueheart and O’Hara said. They stressed that Bryant is hardly immune from having students with gambling problems.

The task force is seeking information from students, faculty, parents, the entire Bryant community, O’Hara said. To help gather information, Bryant has set up a toll-free telephone hotline (800-232-3077) and has installed a drop box at the library circulation desk. The hotline is staffed from 3-7 p.m. Monday-Thursday. Information will be handled on a confidential basis.

In addition to O’Hara, task force members include professors William Haas ’86H and Kristin Kennedy, Pawtucket Red Sox owner Ben Mondor ’91H, attorney Bernard Jackvony ’67, and trustee-emeritus and retired Spaulding Company president Walter Tillinghast ’53, ’88H.

While the task force is conducting its probe, F. J. Talley, dean of students, is conducting a separate and distinct “disciplinary investigation.” His investigation, Talley said, will determine “if any students have broken campus or NCAA policies” and “if charges need to be lodged on behalf of the College.”

If charges are filed, Talley said, hearings will be held by the College Disciplinary Committee. Those hearings will be chaired by Bob Sloss, director of residence life.

African-American scholar charms campus

Harvard University professor Henry Louis Gates Jr., recognized as the most notable scholar of African-American studies in America, spoke at Bryant in late February as part of Black History Month. Title of his address was “Remembering James Baldwin.” His appearance drew several hundred to the auditorium. Also, following his address, Gates was honored at a dinner held at the RI School of Design museum in Providence. President and Mrs. Trueheart hosted the event.
Research seminar series resumes

Bryant's "Research Seminar Series" resumes tomorrow, St. Patrick's Day, with a presentation by accounting professors Judy Harris and Saeed Roohani. They will speak in Room 2B of the Bryant Center.

The series will continue each Tuesday at 12:15 p.m. (or 3:15 p.m. every fourth Tuesday) through April 28. Refreshments and snacks will be served, or you may bring a bag lunch.

Watch your mailbox each week for a memo describing the weekly session. Upcoming programs include CIS professor John Swearingen at the March 24 session (12:15 p.m.) and management professor Ron Deluga at the March 31 session (3:15 p.m.).

 Administrators offering two scholarships

For the first time, Bryant's Council of Administrators will award two $500 scholarships to students next year. Applicants must be entering sophomores, juniors, or seniors who have demonstrated leadership in the Bryant community, have financial need, and who have a grade point average of 2.8 or higher.

Application forms are available at the Information Desk through March 31. Forms must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation. Return the forms to Melissa Walker in the alumni office.

Winners will be presented at a Council of Administrators meeting in April.

Law firm scholarship recipient named

Kathleen Marshall (c), a senior accounting major, is this year's recipient of the Piccerelli, Gilstein, and Company scholarship. Shown with her (l-r) are attorneys Patricia Thompson, John Mathias, and Richard Sullivan, and Wallie Roettger, executive vice-presidentprovost.

Well Fare

Three more programs have been scheduled this spring as part of Bryant's Good Health Benefit series.

"What every woman should know about menopause" is the topic of an April 9 program that is the third in a four-part program addressing diseases in the '90s.

"Stand up for your back" is the topic of an April 29 program that runs at four separate times. You will learn how to look for potential hazards in your home and environment, how to lift and carry properly, and how to strengthen your back through exercise.

The final program is May 7, the last of the four-part program on diseases in the '90s. It will look at the challenges you or a family member with cancer will face.

'Holiday Inn pool cover' eventually capped Rotunda

Shown here is the Unistructure's delivery and service entrance as it looked while under construction over 20 years ago. Notice the "dome-less" Rotunda, which eventually was capped by the "Holiday Inn swimming pool cover," as the architectural design team referred to it. The area, with its slopes for seating, also was envisioned at one time as the site of Commencements, which would overlook the valley and reservoir below the campus.
Execls to provide ‘real world’ insights

Bryant's second annual "visiting executives program" next week will look at what it takes to make it in the "real worlds" of business, government, and the professions.

Students will hear first-hand on March 25-26 from five top executives who will share their knowledge and experiences. Executives in this year's program, known now as the Marjorie Burgoyne French Memorial Visiting Executives Program, are:
- Douglas S. Krupp '69, '69H, co-chairman of the board, The Krupp Companies, and a Bryant trustee;
- David Patterson, chief operating officer, PW Group;
- Matthew M. Bristow, vice-president, productivity, The Stanley Works;
- Mary Brennan Lukens, deputy director, business development, U.S. Small Business Administration;
- Robert McCabe, president, Narragansett Electric Company.

The program ends Thursday evening when President and Mrs. Trueheart host a reception honoring the executives. The program is supported by management professor Jack Keigwin and The F. H. French Company Inc., which he heads.

Mother, daughter team up as classmates

A mother and daughter from New Hampshire team up one night each week to trek to Bryant together to learn more about their careers. Margaret Donovan (l) and her daughter, Virginia, are enrolled in the purchasing and materials management certificate program offered by the Center for Management Development. Margaret, of Milford, NH, is a purchasing manager for IBIS Technology in Danvers, MA. Virginia, of Amherst, NH, is a purchasing agent and product engineer at Alan Dick & Co. in Wilton, NH.

Study world through exchange

Interested in seeing Germany, Russia, Chile, Hong Kong, or Poland?

These are several of the places you can visit as part of the 1992-93 International Faculty Development Seminar series of the Council on International Educational Exchange. The council offers opportunities to faculty members to travel in the U.S. and overseas to collect information on political, social, and academic developments in rapidly changing regions of the world.

The upcoming schedule:
- June, 1992: Germany; Russia; Vietnam.
- Nov., 1992: Chile; Hong Kong; Northern Ireland; Poland.

For more information, see the international affairs office.

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...Professor Judy Litoff addressed the Greenwich Bay Women's Club last month. Topic of her talk: women during World War II, and her first book on war letters, "Since You Went Away"..

...Professor Hinda Pollard, internships assistant Tammy Leso, and career services assistant director Barbara Gregory are serving on the logistics committee for the 1992 conference of the National Society for Internships and Experiential Education. Gregory also is chairing that committee.

...Professors Dave Louton, Arthur Gudikunst, and Betty Yobacco will represent Bryant at this year's Eastern Finance Association Conference in Tampa in April. Louton will present a paper, "Dividends and Investment: Further Empirical Evidence." Yobacco will present a paper, "The Value Line and Price-Earnings Multiple Anomalies: A Comparison." Gudikunst will discuss a paper presented in a session on capital structure and bankruptcy...

"Why Study Computers?" was the topic professor Wally Wood discussed with eighth graders at Riverside Junior High School last month...

...Associate alumni director Melissa Walker served as an exhibitor consultant chair at this year's conference of the New England and eastern Canada provinces region of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) last month...

...Professor Bill Sweeney addressed the prospects for national and Rhode Island economic recovery in 1992-93 at a January meeting of the Providence Rotary Club...

...Professor Chantelle Lewis again has addressed postal workers at two separate sessions. His topics: "Financial Planning" and "How to Survive in 1992 Economics"...

... A paper by professors Frank Bingham and Charlie Quigley, "Assessing the Feasibility of Risk Contracted HMOs for the Elderly: Applying the Marketing Concept," has been accepted for publication in the fall, 1993 issue of Health Marketing Quarterly. Also, a paper they wrote with professor Elaine Notarantonio will be presented at and published in the proceedings of the Academy of Marketing Science conference this spring. Its title: "An Exploratory Investigation of Odd and Even Pricing"...
By the way...

by Gloria Yahn

Wendy Slader has moved! Formerly a data-entry clerk in the Office of Institutional Research, Wendy now resides in the Office of the Executive Vice President as a secretary, joining Pauline Denault. Congratulations to Wendy!

Congratulations to Suzanne, daughter of Jeannine Wilson of the publications office, on her being named to the 1992 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Suzanne is a management major and a member of the class of 1993 at Bryant.

A thanks from the Office of Student Activities and the Performing Arts Committee to the Bryant community for their participation in the Hearts in Bloom program. The American Heart Association received donations from bouquets purchased.

Elaine St. Laurent tells me her daughter, Susan '89, will marry Michael Sturchanski on June 6. This is the third wedding Elaine has planned in the last 16 months. Her son, Daniel, married in February last year and her daughter, Michelle, in October. Best of luck to all of them!

As of March 6, Barney Archambault became a free man--free to seize opportunities only retirement allows. Many people gathered at a retirement reception held earlier this month. On behalf of everyone at Bryant, a fond and warm farewell. Happy days, Barney!

Don't forget! All nominations for Commencement Awards must be returned to professor John Jolley, chair of the Commencement Awards Committee, by Wednesday (March 18).

New Faces

Dennis M. Bline
Associate Professor, Accounting

Beverly Johnson
Program Secretary, RISBDC

Robin L. Levesque
Information Analyst

Dennis Bline came to Bryant in January from the University of Texas at San Antonio. He has taught also at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.

Bline has published frequently, been active in several accounting and management associations, has served as a CPA review instructor at Texas-San Antonio, and has been an academic journal reviewer for three publications. He holds PhD and MBA degrees in accounting from Arkansas-Fayetteville and a BSBA in accounting from Indiana University Southeast.

Beverly Johnson worked as a clerk in the Providence office of the federal Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) before coming to Bryant. She has worked also in a variety of clerical/secretarial positions for Rhode Island and Ohio corporations.

A Providence native, Johnson has studied at the former RI Junior College and the Sawyer School of Business, and has taken courses offered by the Micro Learning Center in Cranston and the Cranston Public Schools.

Robin Levesque came to Bryant's data processing department from Dynamics Research Corporation in Middletown, where she was a data base administrator. She has worked also as a management analyst for McLaughlin Research Corporation in Middletown.

Levesque holds a BA in political science from Southeastern Massachusetts University, where she was an honor student.

Safety award presented

An award for outstanding achievement in accident control has been presented to Bryant by the Hartford Group. It includes recognition for safety and property protection. Presenting the award to Susan Colantonio (c), assistant to the controller, and John Rattigan (l), fire and safety coordinator, was Bryant's insurance broker, Robert Hagan (r) of Keough Kirby Associates.