NYNEX Center Open for Business

By Don DeMaio

“Leaving already?”

I heard a voice as I was walking down the steps of the new NYNEX-Bryant College Telecommunications Center on its opening day. If I seemed surprised it was because there was no one else in the room or on the staircase with me. Then I saw it: a computer screen with the face of a woman who was sitting in an office in New Hampshire. Oh, and she was laughing.

Such is the technical wizardry behind the new NYNEX Center. Using video conferencing, a person sitting at his or her computer can communicate both verbally and visually with another person in the next room or halfway around the world — using PCs and a phone line. In this case, the computer in the hall was communicating with someone at a NYNEX office in another state.

The new Center, located on Koffler’s third floor, becomes the College’s sixth such facility and adds to Bryant’s distinction as Rhode Island’s largest resource for business. Here, the state’s small business owners can get free consulting on how to use the latest telecommunications equipment to develop their businesses.

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Angelou Dazzles Crowd

Nationally renowned author Maya Angelou performed before a sell-out crowd on campus in March. Angelou sang, read from her works of poetry, and shared personal experiences that changed her life profoundly.

She urged Bryant students to go to the library, read, and memorize three or four poems. “There’s a world of difference between being educated and being trained,” she said. “The most noble cause in the world is the liberation of the mind and spirit — beginning with our own.”

Sponsored by the Office of College Relations, Angelou’s appearance was one of several Women’s History Month events held on campus.
QUICKLY...

Steve Sutton, KPMG Peat Marwick
Distinguished Visiting Professor of Accounting,
served as co-chair for the third annual
Accounting Information Systems Research
Symposium held in Phoenix in February. It was
co-sponsored by the Information Systems’ sec-
tion of the American Accounting Association.
Steve is founding co-chair of the symposium.

Professor Stan Kozikowski’s essay, “Frost’s
After Apple Picking and God’s Judgment” has
been accepted for publication in The Robert
Frost Review.

Professor Timothy Brown was awarded a
Distinguished Professor Fellowship for the
International Intermodal Expo.

Professor Joe Urgo has been invited to join the
faculty at the Seventh Annual International
Willa Cather Seminar in Winchester, Virginia,
in June of 1997.

Melissa Walker of the development office has
completed her Ph.D. in American and women's
history at Clark University in Worcester. Her
dissertation, “All We Knew Was to Farm”: Gender, Class, Race, and Change Among East
Tennessee Farm Women, 1920-1941” examined the experiences of farm women in her
home state during the Great Depression.
Melissa has accepted a position as assistant
professor of history at Converse College in
Spartanburg, South Carolina, beginning in
September. She will continue working in the
development office until July.

Professor Nanci Weinberger has had a paper
accepted for publication in the Early Childhood
Education Journal. Its title is “Day care room
transitions for toddlers: Recommendations for
a supportive physical environment.”

Professor Pedro Beade presented a paper, “The
Arts & Crafts Architecture of Rhode Island,” at
the annual meeting of the American Culture
Association in Las Vegas, Nevada, on March 26.

May Breakfast

Bryant’s 29th annual May Breakfast will be held May 3 from 7 to 8:30 a.m. in South
Dining Room. This year’s theme is “All American.”

The menu will include Spiced Cranberry Iced Tea; Star Spangled French Toast with
Blueberries, Strawberries, Confectionary Sugar, and Maple Syrup; Old Fashioned
Ham & Eggs; Apple Pie Muffins; Cranberry Muffins; Steak & Egg Skillet; 4th of July
Baked Beans; Fresh Fruit Basket; and assorted beverages.

Door prizes will be awarded and a grand prize will be given to the person wearing the
most patriotic attire.

Committee members are Vicky Atkins and Guion Melo, president’s office; Paula
Doyle, bursar’s office; and Carol Platt, development office.

Tickets are $4.75 and can be purchased in support services, all faculty suites, and
the development office. Guests are welcome.

NYNEX Center Open... (continued from first page)

There were lots of smiles at the NYNEX-Bryant College Telecommunications Center opening. On hand
were (l-r) Jim Segovis, director of CIBED; Doug Jobling, director of the SBDC; President-designate Ron
Machtley; President Dolph Norton; Carol Grant, vice president, NYNEX; James Malachowski, chairman
of the Public Utilities Commission of Rhode Island; and Pam Drainville, associate director of NYNEX.

The opening ceremonies went off smoothly, despite a strong March wind that blew
through the tent outside Koffler and chilled the crowd. Interim President Dolph
Norton welcomed the 100 people attending and introduced Bryant’s President-designate Ron Machtley, who acknowledged the potential of modern telecommunications.

NYNEX Vice President Carol Grant, perhaps the state’s top female executive, talked
about her company’s interest in Bryant College and its commitment to Rhode Island.

The last person to speak was Marcel Valois, director of the state’s Economic
Development Corp., who represented Gov. Lincoln Almond.

Jim Segovis, director of CIBED (Center for International Business and Economic
Development), hosted the ceremonies. Jim was a driving force behind the new Center
and one of the first people to tour it.

Now, with the ribbon-cutting over, it’s time for the Center’s director, Chris Langton,
and his student staff to begin counseling businesses in the state.
GETTING TO KNOW -- THE HODGSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

by Nicki Toler

Last year there were 250,000 recorded visits to the Edith Hodgson Memorial Library. For good reason. The Hodgson Library is considered one of the region’s most comprehensive business collections. But it is more than that. It is the place where members of the Bryant community gather to make all kinds of discoveries -- whether they are interested in learning more about economic forecasting or weather forecasting, world trade or world literature.

One of the first faces you see when you visit the library is Circulation Coordinator Pat Simman, who recently celebrated her 20th anniversary in the library. Pat says one reason this library is such a popular place is the atmosphere created by the staff. “People here are approachable,” she says. “This is a very user-friendly library. Students really use it and seem to feel comfortable asking anything.”

Making people feel as though they can ask any kind of question is part of the job of any library staff, says Pat. “We are here to help people. This is really public service work,” she says. “Today we do what we have always done, only now with the technology we have we can do it better, faster, and more accurately.”

The Hodgson Memorial Library is an impressive blend of print and electronic resources, and new features are being added all the time. The library contains more than 126,000 items in book, microfilm, microfiche, audio, video, and CD-ROM formats. There are more than 5,000 volumes of bound periodicals in the fields of business and investment, and more than 1,300 journals.

“Everyone who works here must be technologically sophisticated and open to change,” says Mary Moroney, library director. She notes that the library now has its own web page and this spring is preparing for a major computer upgrade to integrate its two separate systems into one more user-friendly system. This upgrade in a significant undertaking for the library staff, and should be complete in the fall.

Among the library’s popular electronic resources is the LEXIS/NEXIS service, an on-line database of databases, providing access to more than 150 data libraries. The DIALOG information retrieval system offers yet another 400 databases. And ProQuest indexes more than 3,000 periodicals and provides full-text images for more than 1,000.

Mary says that the BRIDGE Information Systems’ Selective Ticker Service, which provides market data and investment analysis, is currently their most sophisticated system. “It’s very ‘Wall Street’ -- a direct line to the stock market,” says Mary. “It’s the same system the Fidelity managers use -- our students will be ready to use it when they go to work there.” She adds that their most recent acquisition was a gift from CIBED: an International Trade Data Network (ITDN) stand-alone work station.

Mary is quick to point out that resources alone do not a library make. It is the dedication of the 17 full- and part-time staff members -- from reference to instructional media to technical services -- and the more than 10,000 student hours that makes the library what it is. “We all wear many hats,” she says. “And we couldn’t exist without the help of the students. But the reference people are the experts. They determine what we need.”

Connie Cameron is one of four reference librarians and another longtime library veteran. “Print and electronic resources work together,” she says. “Sometimes we can go to one book and find exactly what we are looking for immediately. Or we can use BRIDGE and that will give us just what we need. The two dovetail nicely and complement each other.”

Now part-time, Connie began the bibliographic instruction program almost 20 years ago. Today it is available to students at all levels and is a regular part of the successful Avenues to Success program. She says that teaching is an important part of what reference librarians do -- that and helping students learn to ask the right questions.

According to Mary, library staff are learning right along with students. “We are always discovering something new. Every day we say to each other ‘I didn’t know that.’ Sometimes it can be mind-boggling, but it keeps you on your toes.

“The most important thing is knowing where to look,” she continues. “And if we don’t have what a patron is looking for, we always want them to go away with a referral. There is no reason for anyone to go away empty handed.”
Memorial Service Held for Penny Stone

A memorial service was held April 1 for Penny Stone, a freshman finance major who died from an apparent allergic reaction to food.

The music of Eric Clapton, Lynyrd Skynyrd, and Guns 'N Roses played as Janikies Auditorium filled for the 4 p.m. service. Father Douglas Spina conducted the Catholic service, and Reverend Philip Devens and Rabbi Lawrence Silverman offered prayers.

The service was planned by the offices of residence life, student activities, and many of Penny's friends. Reflections were shared by her roommate, Kate Colosimo, and friends from the organizations to which Penny belonged. Their words all shared a common theme -- Penny was a special friend, a giver, a doer.

Student Senate President Joe Finocchiaro '96 presented a plaque to Penny's mother, Joan, that named Penny Honorary Student Senator of the Year.

Penny's godfather, Dennis Gamache, spoke eloquently about his niece and her giving spirit. He pointed out that even in death, she still gave -- her organs, including her heart and eyes, had already given new life to their recipients.

A mural was presented to Penny's family after the service. That mural contained heartfelt messages from many Bryant students.

Special Olympics to be Held May 4 on Campus

The Special Olympics tradition continues on Saturday, May 4, when Bryant hosts the 16th annual Northern Rhode Island Special Olympics. The theme for this year's event is "Go for the Gold."

Opening ceremonies begin at 8:45 a.m. at the track, where approximately 700 athletes, aided by 500 student volunteers, will compete in events such as the wheelchair slalom, the softball throw, and the standing and running long jump.

Demonstrations will be given by Bryant teams and organizations including the dance team, the Karate Club, basketball and soccer teams, and cheerleaders. The Bryant Bulldog will be prowling around Olympic Town, where guests can try laser karaoke, make ice cream sundaes, finger paint, color, decorate t-shirts, or experience what it's like to sit in a police car or fire engine.

For the second year in a row, John Mazza '96, is serving as games director. Gregory Potamis '96 and Olga Perez-Bonnelly '99 are assistant directors.

In case of rain, the event will be held Sunday, May 5.

By The Way...

Tom Magill, of the library, and his wife, Kathleen, recently became first-time grandparents. Their son, Bill, and his wife, Colleen, are the proud parents of Kendall Grace, who arrived February 23 and weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz. Congratulations to the family!

Ed Richard, of physical plant, was inducted into the Cumberland-Lincoln Boys & Girls Club Hall of Fame at a recognition dinner in March. Ed has served the club for 14 years as baseball coach, vice president, and president. Currently he is vice president of the club's alumni association. Congratulations Ed!

Nancy Servoss of career services thanks the Bryant Community for the kind expressions of sympathy following the death of her father, Henry O'Neill, of North Providence. "The cards, flowers, and phone calls were very much appreciated," she says. "Everyone at Bryant has been wonderful."

Bettie Weber of information technology and her husband, Ken, proudly announce the engagement of their son, Scott, to Jennifer Leonard. The couple will marry in May of 1997.

Now Playing... On NPR

Bryant College is now a sponsor of the Morning Edition program of National Public Radio. The initiative began on April 1 and includes two sponsorship announcements a week for 13 weeks. They will play throughout the Eastern time zone.

This is part of the growing effort to build the college's image among business leaders. Corporate recruiting, internship, alumni relations, development, corporate outreach, and undergraduate and graduate programs can all benefit.
Service Awards Reception

A total of 90 Bryant employees will be honored at the 31st annual Service Awards reception on May 8. Refreshments will be offered at 3:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room; awards will follow in the Papito Dining Room at 4 p.m. Refreshments will also be served after the awards presentation.

Congratulations to the following retirees and employees who will be honored this year:

**Retirees**
- Richard Alberg
- William Durvin
- William Haas
- Norman Gagnon
- George LaRose
- Chantee Lewis
- Celia Podmaska
- Maurice Primeau
- Fred Reinhardt
- Harry Robinson

**25-Year Award**
- Robert Aust
- Karen Calkins
- Vera Froelich
- Avis Hallam
- Leo Mahoney
- Robert Mukshan
- James O'Neill
- Phyllis Schumacher
- Gail Valentine

**15-Year Award**
- Joyce O'Neill
- Robert Reall
- Alexander Saccoccio
- Patricia Sinnman
- Frank Widor

**10-Year Award**
- Marcel Beaulieu
- Virginia Bowry
- Raymond Brunelle
- Felix Corpuz
- Elizabeth Cotter
- Michael Curran
- George Farrar
- Robert Farrar
- Michael Fraleigh
- Barry Frechette
- Mary Grondines
- Raymond Hebert
- Paula Hogan
- George LaRose
- Robert Lussier
- Gretchchen
- McLaughlin
- Michael Patterson
- Clive Randle
- Roland Richard
- Martin Rosenzweig
- Lois Schilling
- Marilyn Serapiglia
- Bruce Shepherd
- Richard St. Onge
- William Trueheart

**5-Year Award**
- Roger Acosta
- Laurie Bates
- Eileen Chekal
- Robert Conti
- Carol Coronado
- George Coronado
- Susan Goodwin
- Khamfeua Haleudeth
- Jeanette Harrington
- Judith Harris
- Darryl Hopper
- Harry Keigwin
- David Ketcham
- John Lariviere
- David Louton
- Paulo Medeiros
- Maureen Mezei
- Thomas Powell
- John Quinn
- Saeed Roohani
- Joseph Shaanan
- Jonathan Sjogren
- Elizabeth Yobaccio

Three Receive Herstory Awards

Three members of the Bryant Community were chosen to be the first recipients of the newly-created Herstory Awards at Bryant College. They are Judy Barrett Litoff, professor of history; Joanna Powers ’96, president of the Alliance for Women’s Awareness (AWA); and Robert Sloss, interim dean of students.

Award winners and nominees were honored at the “Sister Song ’96” dinner theater that was held in the Rotunda March 23.

The Herstory Awards were presented as part of Women’s History Month activities, an annual, national event that celebrates the contributions of women to the global community.

Bryant sought nominations of women and men on campus who have worked to create a more equitable and just environment for women on and off campus.

METPAY Coming Soon!

Bryant College will soon offer its employees a unique voluntary benefit. The METPAY program of auto, home and other property and casualty insurance will be available beginning May 1, 1996.

METPAY offers employees quality insurance and other advantages as, including special group rates, hassle-free payment options, and personalized service. Employees will soon have the opportunity to compare the benefits of the METPAY program with their current insurance programs.

Watch for more details on this new benefit.
NEW FACES

RICHARD A. BOTELHO
Systems Analyst

Rick comes to Bryant from Northeastern Data Resources, where he held in-house and field service technician positions. Prior to that, he was owner and operator of Micro-Serv, a computer service center, and also taught basic and digital electronics at a vocational school. Rick graduated from the Control Data Institute in Cambridge and the Allied Technical Institute in Rhode Island. He currently attends Roger Williams University and is enrolled in the Novell 4.1 certification program.

CATHY BONUS LALLI
Assistant Director, Non-Traditional Admissions

Cathy most recently was self-employed as an organizational consultant to the federal government. She also held the position of campus coordinator at Community College of Rhode Island, Newport Hospital Satellite. Prior to that, she was program coordinator for the Department of the Navy, Subase, in Groton, Connecticut. Cathy holds an M.A. from Boston University and a B.A. from Chaminade University of Honolulu.

ON THE MOVE

Congratulations to the following individuals on their recent promotions:

Marty Andrews: Senior Analyst
Donna Belden: Programmer Analyst
Lorraine Cournoyer: Office Manager/Trade Assistant, Export Assistance Center (EAC)
Francine Fink: Director of the Center for Management Development (CMD)
Bob Wilks: Senior Analyst

Reserved Seating for Commencement

Bryant employees who have a daughter or son graduating this year are eligible to receive two reserved seat tickets to Commencement exercises. Any employee presenting a diploma case to his or her child can also request reserved seating.

Contact Mary Alice Conlon in the development office at Ext. 6274 for information or to request tickets.

Watch for complete Commencement information in the next issue of Bryant’s Business.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

The schedule below is for home games only. For information about away games, contact the athletic department at 232-6070.

Monday, April 15
3 p.m. - Men’s Tennis v. Stonehill

Tuesday, April 23
3 p.m. - Baseball v. Bentley
3:30 p.m. - Softball v. Bentley

Thursday, April 18
3:30 p.m. - Baseball v. Suffolk

Wednesday, April 24
3 p.m. - Men’s Tennis v. RIC

Saturday, April 20
12 p.m. - Baseball v. Assumption
12 p.m. - Softball v. Assumption
10 a.m. - Men’s/Women’s Track

Tri-States

Tuesday, April 30
3 p.m. - Baseball v. Stonehill

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