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Spirits bright at Festival of Lights

The blaze of light from hundreds of candles illuminated Bryant's Rotunda last Monday evening for the annual Festival of Lights.

Always one of the most popular campus events, the Festival brightened spirits and made the dome overhead sparkle. Hundreds of candles carried by students, staff, and guests reflected the solemn but festive mood of the ecumenical service.

Clergy representing the Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish denominations on campus spoke. President O'Hara delivered a holiday message, and led the candlelighting and tree-lighting portions of the ceremony. The 12-foot spruce tree lit outside the Rotunda has been replanted near the Unistructure and will be the official Festival tree

Holiday greetings

President and Mrs. O'Hara wish the Bryant community a joyous holiday season and extend their thanks to all for the many greetings received by them.

in the future.

Bryant's new Community Chorus provided music for the service. It debuted by singing a variety of holiday favorites before and during the ceremony.

Posters shaped like huge stockings decorated the Rotunda; each carried a holiday greeting from the student organization creating it. Refreshments were served in Koffler Center after the ceremony.

It's party time!

It's Christmas party time at Bryant!

The annual event is on Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Rotunda. Celebrate the holidays with your colleagues. The menu is tough to avoid: steamship round, shrimp cocktail, stuffed mushrooms, deviled eggs, chicken wings, meatballs, cheese and crackers, rolls and breads, finger pastries. Wash it all down with champagne punch, red and white wine, beer, eggnog, coffee, and tea.

Report from London

Randi Rocco is a junior business communications major currently finishing up a semester of study at Richmond College in London. Printed here is an edited story she wrote for the public information office.

By Randi Rocco

It is hard to conceive that there are so many different languages around the world. It is obvious that cultural differences accompany the language differences.

As an American student living and studying in another country, I am experiencing the variations between different cultures. At Richmond College, also known as the American International College in London, the key words are "American" and "international." Students at Richmond come from all over the world. Some are here for one year; others will receive a degree from Richmond.

Similar to the American structure, classes at Richmond are set up in periods and/or lectures. A class period is more than just a lecture, however, it is learning about people and their countries. It is an education unto itself, marked by cultural differences inside as well as outside the classroom. For example, some students don't remain silent during a lecture. I have found this to be annoying.

While the classroom structure here is similar, the living atmosphere at the college is different. Richmond has two campuses, one in Richmond and one in Kensington. I live in Kensington, which is about 15 minutes from central London and the well-known Picadilly Circus. The dormitory is in a quaint neighborhood, surrounded by flats, a laundrette, and lots of pubs. Some students are housed in hotels in South Kensington, where there are few neighbors to disturb! I live in a building with a library, classrooms, cafeteria, and my dormitory; it is very convenient. The neighborhood is quite enjoyable on a Sunday afternoon because of its tranquility and the beauty of Hyde Park, where it is wonderful to be able to escape from the hustle and bustle of the city.

It is as difficult to say "all English people are friendly" as it is to say "all Americans are friendly." I shall avoid stereotyping them by saying that the English are very congenial. The environment seems to be very neutral. This is more evident when I move farther out of the city, deeper into the countryside. The people are down-to-earth. It was hard to pack my bags and leave the home I knew for 20 years. But because I came to an English-speaking country, the change was not as difficult, although the airport was like a Monty Python movie!

Another problem I encountered was crossing the street; they drive on the opposite side of the road, remember! I also no longer calculate what I am spending in American dollars. I spend the

pounds I need to.

Because England is my home for a few months, I no longer feel like a tourist. The initial excitement has worn off. Now I feel at home; that is a good as well as a sad feeling. I belong to a neighborhood, frequent a local patisserie, go to the local chemist (drugstore), and frequent the Gloucester Arms (local pub). Drinking beer (ale or lager) is a social pastime in England, yet it is not abused. Drinking, whether it be warm beer or high tea, is part of their culture. The pubs close at exactly 11 p.m., but the "party animals" can easily find a discoteque in Picadilly Circus or Leicester Square.

You must not mistake an English pub for an American bar; they are totally different. The typical English pub is rather warm and cozy, and a great place to chat with people of "all ages." The pub is a meeting place for college students, husbands and wives, even the whole family.

The "pub scene" is only a small part of life for a Briton. As in America, sports are very important. The most popular sport is rugby, but the English also enjoy soccer, football, and tennis. It is funny to hear an Englishman ask, "Does a man have to run around those white bases to get a point? What is the World Series?"

Sunday is a day of relaxation. A pub lunch of roast beef and yorkshire pudding is followed by a quiet afternoon in front of the "telly."

It appears that there is something for everyone in London, a wonderful city with lots to do. All you need is an "A to Z" or an "ABC." Both are better known as "London streetfinders." It took me about six weeks to discover that I needed an "A to Z." It came to me one night at 10 p.m. when I got lost in a not-so-nice section of London. In a short time, I was standing in line to spend four pounds (\$6) for a streetfinder. So if you have an "A to Z," venturing through the streets of London can be great fun. Climbing to the top of St. Paul's Cathedral, strolling Covent Garden, exploring the British Museum, walking along the Thames... the list is endless.

As I said, you can easily escape the city by strolling through Hyde Park or Kensington Gardens. Hyde Park has massive trees, thick foliage, all of the beauty of this land. There is a lake in the center of the park, The Serpentine, where you can rent paddle boats and canoes.

It is also possible to spend a peaceful afternoon at the theater. There are quite a few matinees to choose from. At the cinema, you can choose between seats for two or three pounds, smoking or nonsmoking. The cinemas are absolutely beautiful!

In a variety of ways, I have discovered London to be very similar to New York City. Both are cultural cities, both are financial cities, and both are busy cities. I feel, however, much safer in

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'We must complement classroom': Golden

Bryant's new dean of students is committed to the philosophy that it is as important to educate students outside of the classroom as inside it. And the approach he advocates using is one that integrates the various elements of student affairs.

Ed Golden, who came to Bryant in September from the University of Virginia to assume the new post, described his philosophy at the Council of Administrators meeting on December 5. He was the guest speaker.

Golden's philosophy actually is a combination of two differing philosophies, he said. One involves "student development"; the other is "risk management and prevention."

Regarding the former, Golden said, all student affairs activities should complement and enhance classroom experiences. Take residence life, the dean said, "It should be more than a housing office." It must take actions that can lead students into living situations that offset the negative aspects of separation from home. The townhouse living arrangement at Bryant, for example, he said, can be used to teach self-accountability and other independent living responsibilities.

Regarding the latter element of his philosophy, Golden said succinctly, "I feel it is more beneficial to deal with certain activities before court rather than in court."

Golden also took a few minutes to provide an overview of his responsibilities. At Bryant, the two

largest components of his position are residence life and student activities. On a lesser scale, he deals with health services, health education, and student discipline. And although the security office is not one of his responsibilities, he said he works closely with it.

Before Golden's presentation, Jan Lewis, director of human resources and chair of the council, reviewed several issues that will go before the vice-presidents on Tuesday. One is the proposal for administrative training; the other is a child-care report she has compiled. She said she would report responses on both issues to the Council at its February 26 meeting.

Lewis said also that she is holding a performance appraisal review session for new administrators on Friday at 9 a.m. in the Faculty Suite D conference room. Performance is appraised at Bryant every January.

Skyline continues to change



Bryant's skyline changes almost daily as construction on the Bryant Center (top) and new dormitory continues. Work on the Bryant Center is slightly behind schedule, with laying of decking and pouring of concrete floors occupying the attention of workers lately. Work on the dormitory also is a little behind schedule, but it shouldn't delay the opening next fall. Walls and floors of the dormitory have been rising at the same time. The Bryant Center also is scheduled to open next fall.

Bryant granted \$100,000

Bryant has received a \$100,000 grant from the Champlin Foundations, of Providence, to purchase a mobile microcomputer laboratory.

The laboratory will be part of a new Computer Applications Learning Center to be established at Bryant. The mobile lab is expected to be used principally to provide Rhode Island businesses with training and consulting services at a location of their choice.

Included in the mobile lab will be 25 portable microcomputers, printers, monitors, and related hardware and software. A van will transport the equipment.

The computer learning center also will include a stationary microcomputer laboratory. It will bring together in one location the facilities, equipment, and administrative support required to provide comprehensive services to the business community, including assessment of their needs.

Programs for the mobile lab are expected to be developed primarily by the Center for Management Development and the Small Business Development Center, Bryant's principal consultants to business. The CENTER and SBDC both must limit enrollments to their current microcomputer programs and services because the demand exceeds the supply of available facilities.

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... **Praja Trivedi**, assistant professor of economics, presented a paper and led a discussion at a United Nations-sponsored seminar in Bangkok in early December. The seminar reviewed the role of the public sector in the mobilization of domestic financial resources for social and economic development in developing countries. His paper examined surplus generation by public enterprises for national economic development. Trivedi also had another paper published in the August issue of *Economic and Political Weekly*. It is titled "Evaluating the Evaluators: Performance of Bureau of Public Enterprises"...

... Eight faculty members from the finance/economics department played a major role in the Northeast Business and Economics Association Conference in Baltimore in early November.

Fred Clark and **Hsi Li** presented a paper titled "The Capital Adequacy of Savings Banks in Rhode Island." **Pat Norton** chaired a session on financial institutions and presented a paper titled "Regional Exports and American Economic Renewal in the 1970s." **Richard Spivack** chaired a session on "High Tech: Issues and Models," at which **Joe Ilacqua** and **Hsi Li** presented a paper titled "Economic Planning and the Growth of the High Technology Industry." **Sam Mirmirani** presented a paper titled "The Impact of Certificate of Need and Section 1122 of the Social Security Act on Investment Hospital Industry-Long Run Approach." **Chantee Lewis** served on the program committee for the conference...

... **Terry Johnson**, professor of finance, presented a paper in November at the Southern Risk and Insurance Association conference in Orlando. It is titled "Survey of Risk Adjustment Techniques Used by Major U.S. Companies"...

... **Hsi Li**, professor of finance, will present a paper in January at the Western Risk and Insurance Association conference in Las Vegas. Titled "Deposit Insurance and Risk Management," the paper is co-authored by Terry Johnson...

... **Bill Baker**, director of purchasing, has been elected secretary/treasurer of the Rhode Island Telecommunications Association, and has been reappointed treasurer of the National Association of Educational Buyers-New England Group...

CALENDAR

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

**Conducting the Performance
Appraisal**

Seminar
The CENTER
9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

Semester ends

Christmas Party

Faculty/staff
Rotunda
4 - 7 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

Grade reports due

by 10 a.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Offices closed

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

New Years Day

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

**Dormitories open
for intersession**

Report from London

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London. The London Underground System is efficient, safe, and very clean.

Another difference is the number of skyscrapers in London—very few. And most buildings are very old. The few modern buildings in the city seem to be "little fish in a big pond."

Being the only American in a company of Britons can be a novelty and very enjoyable. I am forced to interact, ask questions, and even learn new things about my own country. I feel that through this form of direct communication, I am becoming more cultural.

Once, I was quite embarrassed about my knowledge of American history. If I were to confront an English person by saying, "In what year did Henry VIII come to the throne, and who were his six wives?" I am quite sure I would have an instant response, and it would most likely be correct. As you can guess, the English are tremendously knowledgeable in the history of their country, as well as the history of Europe and the United States. I found this experience to be inspiring.

When I begin to take for granted the security of my dormitory and even my neighborhood here, I push myself to venture out into the country or some other part of the world. This begins a whole new and refreshing learning process. Ireland, Scotland and Wales, for instance, are all different countries with their own set of beliefs, customs and values. Take Ireland, for example. Observing and admiring the magnificent countryside, the Irish sea, goats and sheep covering the front lawn of a small farmhouse, and the quaint churches enhanced these feelings. People gather in the local pub on a Saturday night, and watch television together while playing a friendly game of darts. Everyone knows everyone.

Unfortunately, my journey to Ireland was not as pleasant as the stay. Arriving at the train station late, my four friends and I were forced to sit on the floor next to a toilet with five Irishmen who were, to say the least, enjoying their company over an ample share of ale. Our five-hour ride could not have come to an end soon enough! This "lovely" train ride was followed by a five-hour ferry trip across the sea to Dunberry. Some highly intoxicated people were doing the Irish jig until 6 a.m. I do not think I am fully recovered.

I have learned that, for me, it is better to spend the extra money to fly, rather than take the train-boat, what many believe to be the only way to travel in Europe. By the time I arrive at my destination, I need a wheelchair! An airplane is so convenient and inexpensive to fly from London. After spending 40 pounds to travel to Paris by train-boat (eight hours), I learned that I could have spent 74 pounds to fly and arrived in just one hour.

After arriving in Paris with a friend, we hopped on the metro (subway), closed our eyes, pointed our fingers at the map, and said "O.K., let's get off... here!" Incidentally, the metro is absolutely beautiful; the chrome on the train sparkles!

We arrived in Paris at 11:30 p.m., two women on Boulevard Saint Michel, with no idea of where to go first, and a definite language barrier. We had to find a hotel at midnight in Paris without speaking French. We did it, though, especially after meeting an American couple who suggested that we sleep in a train station. At the 12th hotel we tried at 1 a.m., a very nice French woman decided to accommodate us. We dropped our bags and ventured out to the nearest cafe at 2 a.m. (The cafes do not close until 6 a.m.) Sipping on wine and eating French bread until 3 a.m., we observed a painter with a beret, trying to sell his painting. It was so Parisian!

I learned more in two days there than I ever could in a week of lectures. I had visited Paris previously, in 1983, and the French seemed very unfriendly. I could not understand why; now I do. You must try to speak their language. Believe it or not, they will warm up!

Another country I have visited is Italy, where I spent a week with my mother and sister. Again, it was an "education." We arrived in Rome on a Saturday afternoon. Overcome by hunger at 4 p.m., we went out for a bite to eat. Unfortunately, we discovered that the restaurants close at 3:30 p.m. and do not reopen until 7:30 p.m. I realized the differences in their lifestyles, eating habits, and customs when we could not find an open restaurant. Almost everything closes down in the afternoon, when Italians take their naps or enjoy a hearty lunch of pasta, wine, and bread, their main meal of the day.

Another observation I made was that Italian women do not walk on the streets unescorted. If not with a man, they walk arm-in-arm with girlfriends, mothers, or sisters. So we began to do the same.

The most amazing part of the Italian excursion was the flight out of Leonardo da Vinci Airport, which has gained a lot of publicity over the last few months. Because we did not check in an hour before our flight, we were "bumped off," despite me bearing a British Airways ticket valid only for that flight. I was directed to the British Airways manager on the second floor. After walking halfway up the stairs, I was stopped by two uniformed men with machine guns. They asked for my passport. Staring at the machine guns, I said: "Am I going the right way for British Airways?" They examined my passport and summoned for me to go up the stairs. As I was walking away, I realized that there really is a lot of tension in this world and I was a part of it. I was never so happy to return to my temporary home.

More and more, England seems to be my home. But my stay here will soon come to an end. It will all be a memory. Perhaps my fondest remembrance of London will be that I came to England a single girl, and I am going home an engaged woman. No, I did not fall in love with an English man. My boyfriend from Providence flew to London and asked me to marry him at 11:30 p.m. in Parliament Square, one of the most romantic spots in London.