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## Freshmen breaking in new dormitory

A residence hall being described already as one of the finest on any college campus in the country is being broken in right now by 300 Bryant freshmen.

Half of the freshman complex on campus, Dormitory 15 opened on August 31 without a lot of fanfare, but to a lot of oohs and aahs. The four-story structure includes practically everything you can ask for in a residence hall, from top to bottom.

From the common lounge on the first floor to the social lounges and study halls on every floor to the rooms themselves, the building combines a lot of space with most of the amenities found in a student's home. And everything in the dormitory is built to last.

Take the furniture, for example. It's all oak, from the beds to the dressers to the tables to the chairs to the study carrels to the sofas and loveseats. According to Mike Atamian, Bryant project manager, "It's the best the money could buy."

Perhaps the most outstanding feature of the dormitory, at least one that was very obvious during a recent tour of the building, is the amount of space in the structure. There is lots of it.

Rooms vary slightly in size, but all are large. Some can actually accommodate up to three students. The lounges can easily hold most social functions. The study halls have plenty of carrels. Each bathroom has private showers, sink space for up to 12 students at a time, and plenty of electrical outlets for blow dryers and other appliances.

The building also is completely accessible to the handicapped. Indeed, up to four students with disabilities can be housed in rooms designed specifically for the handicapped.

Talking about the size of Dorm 15, Atamian said, it actually is the second largest building on campus with 66,000 square feet of space. That's a little bigger than the Bryant Center. Only the Unistructure is larger.

Although the building has been moved into, there is still a small amount of finishing work remaining, Atamian said, including the landscaping. That should take up to a month. The grounds around the building, particularly the acreage between Dorms 14 and 15, will have a park-like look, with benches, a gazebo and walkways linking the two freshman dorms. Students in both residence halls, in fact, are encouraged to use the new facility.



*Freshmen and their parents head for the new dormitory on opening day.*

## Annual convocation Thursday

Bryant officially welcomes back its students and staff at the annual Fall Convocation on Thursday. It begins at 1 p.m. in Janikies Auditorium.

The convocation will be highlighted by the honoring of Bryant's second "professor of the year" and an address by President O'Hara, with comments about his recent 10-day trip to South Africa.

A Bryant alumnus and faculty member for 40 years, Robert Birt, professor of English, will receive the award from his colleagues. It is given annually by the faculty to recognize distinguished service. Birt also holds a master's degree from the University of Rhode Island.

Dr. O'Hara returned in mid-August from a fact-finding mission to assess a scholarship program for nonwhite students at five "open" South African universities, sponsored by the New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE). (See separate story in this issue.)



### To South Africa and back: President O'Hara

Getting a college education amid apartheid.

If you're a white student in South Africa, you're among an economically elite group that comprises approximately five percent of the populace. If you're a nonwhite student, especially a black, it could be one of the toughest things you'll ever do in your life.

These are two of the facts of life in South Africa that President O'Hara came face to face with on his recent 10-day trip to that troubled but picturesque and wealthy nation. He led a delegation that visited five "open" South African universities to assess a New England Board of Higher Education-sponsored scholarship program for black students. Bryant contributes money each year to support one student in that innovative program.

Another South African fact of life is that being a college administrator there is hardly one of the easiest jobs in the world. Because they defy the government by allowing protests and black students to live on campus, they take on enormous pressures in addition to those caused by the day-to-day demands of running a university. Those pressures are caused in some cases by threats on their lives and families, and knowing their phones may be tapped.

President O'Hara will comment on these and other facts in his Fall Convocation address Thursday. As a preview, here are excerpts from interviews he did with several reporters shortly after returning to campus:

- The Afrikaner government has tolerated administrators who defy them because there seems to be so much on the government's agenda that dealing with integrated universities appears to be too much trouble.

- The administrators oppose the government because they see universities as a major catalyst for change, as a stabilizing factor during the dismantling of apartheid.

- The administrators seem to have the extraordinary ability to walk a tenuous line between integration and apartheid, which puts them on the leading edge of change in South Africa.

- Blacks have a difficult time in college because many struggle with the English language and all come from impoverished backgrounds and inferior school systems.

- It takes at least one year for a black student to adjust to an English-language college; they will come around in the second year and become passing if not outstanding students.

- Blacks are accepted into these integrated universities not on their records, which usually are poor, but on potential.

- Blacks have relatively few role models to look up to, especially in business, so few go into business; most opt for social work or other fields.

- The vice-chancellors (equivalent to college presidents) feel that economic sanctions would have a very negative impact on the country, especially the lower classes, with the potential for losing certain world markets forever.

- Black administrators and faculty members feel, however, that there appears to be no choice; they are willing to sustain the economic losses in the name of freedom.

- The Afrikaners appear capable of holding off any changes of consequence for a long time, perhaps well into the 21st century.

### President's report on Trustee meeting

*(A report from President O'Hara on the most recent meeting of the Board of Trustees usually is published as soon as possible after that meeting is held. Because of the summer break and the non-publication of Bryant's Business during that period, however, the report is being printed in this, the first fall issue.)*

At the quarterly meeting of the Bryant Board of Trustees on May 1, then chairman Karl F. Ericson '58 opened with a statement announcing that he was stepping down after four years in that post, effective July 31.

Ericson said he chose to resign as chairman at a time when Bryant embarks on a new phase in its evolution: from an East Side of Providence secretarial and middle-management school to a premier

business school comparable to the best in the country. He said also that this means there is a vital need for the College to intensify its fundraising efforts, especially in the corporate community.

Replacing Ericson as chairman is The Hon. Bruce M. Selya, U.S. District Court Judge for Rhode Island, who assumed that post on August 1. He is in his second year on the board.

Also stepping down with Ericson was Dr. William E. Trueheart, former vice-chairman of the board. He has since accepted the post as Bryant's executive vice-president. (See separate story in this issue.) Replacing Trueheart as vice-chairman is Richard T. Dale, president of Davol, Inc., of Cranston.

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## Executive V.P. named

The former vice-chairman of Bryant's Board of Trustees is filling a new executive position at the College.

Dr. William E. Trueheart assumed on September 1 the post of executive vice-president. He came to Bryant from Harvard, where he served as associate secretary to the university for three years.

Trueheart is now the senior vice-president at Bryant. He has particular responsibility for the College's internal operations.

Trueheart also has been assistant dean and director of the master in public administration program at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government. At the University of Connecticut, he held three posts: dean for undergraduate affairs and director of the academic advisory center for the college of liberal arts and sciences; assistant to the president; assistant director of admissions. Also at Connecticut, where he earned his bachelor's degree, Trueheart served for a year in the president's office as an American Council on Education Fellow.

Trueheart holds doctor of education and master of public administration degrees from Harvard. His research and consulting activities have included work for the Ford Foundation, the Lilly Endowment, the U.S. Office of Education, Daniel Yankelovich, Inc., the National Park Service, and Arthur D. Little, Inc.



William E. Trueheart

## Federation ratifies new contract

The Bryant Faculty Federation ratified a new three-year contract on August 21. The vote brought to a close negotiations that began in April.

Details of the wage agreement are not being disclosed. But the contract does run until July 31, 1989.

The former Federation contract expired on July 31. Negotiating teams for the College and the Federation met in several long sessions early in August to work out final details of the new contract.

## Students get letter on drugs

*Although the use of illegal drugs is not considered widespread at Bryant, President O'Hara went on the offensive in mid-August to make sure all students understand the College's position on drug use. He sent the following letter to their homes.*

Dear Student:

I write to you today because I must speak to an issue that can no longer go unaddressed by any responsible educator—the use of illegal drugs. While I have no reason to believe that these drugs play a significant role in the lifestyles of Bryant students, I want to make my position clear to the few who might choose to experiment with these substances.

Recent events in government and sports have brought the perils of drug abuse to our attention, but it is the message that comes from years of research that must hold our thoughts. *Drug abuse jeopardizes, in a most serious way, your personal and professional future.* You are being prepared, and prepared well, to assume major responsibility in business and industry. Graduates of the College have proven that a Bryant education provides the unlimited opportunity to attain the highest executive levels. To risk the professional promise you hold by experimenting *even once* with illegal drugs contradicts the very reason you have chosen to pursue a degree at Bryant College. You must understand that the use of illegal drugs at Bryant College will not be tolerated and shall result in the swiftest and sternest disciplinary measures. While fair hearing is always provided, should guilt be found, my office and public authorities will impose the severest of penalties. The College is dedicated to the enhancement of your life and career; to allow any deterrent to these goals would represent the worst professional negligence on our part.

I look forward to seeing you in September. The prospects for 1986-87 are bright. Our freshman class is outstanding. The Bryant Center nears completion. Our student leaders have prepared a schedule of academic and social programs that I believe will engage and challenge the entire student body. Let's make the coming year one that will, in every way, move you closer to your goals and lifelong ambitions. Let nothing interfere with your present and future success.

W. T. O'Hara  
President

# QUICKLY

... **President O'Hara** has been named to the board of directors of The New England Council, Inc., a prestigious organization of senior business executives who work to enhance the business climate and quality of life in New England...

... **Pat Norton**, Sarkisian professor of business economics, will begin soon to make a weekly appearance on WJAR-TV's "NewsWatch 10 at Sunrise" show. Each Thursday morning, he will comment on an issue affecting the state's economy...

... Bryant's Roman Catholic chaplain, the **Rev. David Norris**, had an article published in the spring edition of *The Journal of the Catholic Campus Ministry Association*. It is titled "Proclaiming the Gospel: A Tenth Anniversary Reflecting on Evangelii Nuntiandi"...

... **Bill Sweeney**, professor of economics, appeared twice in July on WPRI-TV (Channel 12) newscasts: once to comment on the expected impact of the cuts in Rhode Island bank credit card rates; once on the mid-summer economic slowdown...

... Bryant's Office of Security and Safety has been renamed the **Office of Public Safety**...

... Bryant alumni are doing a lot of puttering around today at the fourth annual golf tournament of the **Southeastern New England Alumni Chapter** (SNEAC). It's being held at Quidnesset Country Club in North Kingstown, with a 1 p.m. tee-off following a buffet lunch. Dinner follows the tourney...

... **Howard Kay** (standing, left), executive director of corporate and community affairs, observes Gov. DiPrete sign into law Rhode Island's new workplace smoking legislation. As state lung association director, Kay was a leader in the effort to pass the bill...



# CALENDAR

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

**"RESUME WRITING" workshops**  
by Career Services  
September 8 and 9, 10, 11, 15, 16  
M44  
Call ext. 6090 for times

**"Introduction to LOTUS 1-2-3"**  
Seminar  
The CENTER  
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**GLC Mini-Olympics**  
MAC  
5:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

**GLC Road Race**  
4 p.m.

**"The Dating Game"**  
Dorm 14 Lobby  
8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

**"Make Me Laugh" Comedy Night**  
Koffler Center  
9 p.m. - 1 a.m.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

**Fall Convocation**  
Janikies Auditorium  
1 p.m.

**"Managing Technical and  
Professional Employees"**  
Seminar  
The CENTER  
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

**"The Fools" Mixer**  
MAC  
9 p.m. - 1 a.m.

**"Developing Assertive  
Management Skills"**  
Seminar  
The CENTER  
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

**Eucharist**  
CMD Conf. Rm 4  
Noon & 9 p.m.

**Protestant services**  
MRC Conf. Rm. 1  
Noon

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

**"Employee Rights in the Workplace"**  
Seminar  
The CENTER  
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

**"Delegating for Results"**

Seminar  
The CENTER  
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

**"The Art of Professional Selling"**

Seminar  
The CENTER  
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

**"Romeo and Juliet"**

Bryant Performing Arts  
dessert theatre  
Janikies Auditorium  
7:30 p.m.  
\$3 students, \$4 general admission

**Whale Watch at**  
Provincetown, MA

\$20  
Leave Dorm 14 at 8:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

**Eucharist**

CMD Conf. Rm. 4  
Noon & 9 p.m.

**Protestant services**

MRC Conf. Rm. 1  
Noon

**LOOKING AHEAD**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

**Health risk assessments**

by Wellness Wagon  
Rotunda  
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

FRIDAY to SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 17 - 19

**Parents Weekend**

**SPORTS**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

**Women's soccer**

Keene State  
1 p.m.

**Men's & Women's cross-country**

Bryant Invitational  
2 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

**Women's tennis**

Assumption  
3:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

**Women's tennis**

Merrimack  
1 p.m.

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The President reported that grants have been received from AT&T and John Hancock for computer equipment in the Koffler Computer Center. Work on that building will begin immediately after the Bryant Center construction is completed in late fall. The Koffler conversion is expected to be completed by next fall.

The Board voted to allocate \$2,800 annually for three years to support a South African student in a university there. It is part of a program sponsored by the New England Board of Higher Education to provide scholarships for nonwhite students to attend integrated universities in South Africa. (See related story on South Africa in this issue.)

The academic and faculty affairs committee reported that it continues to monitor departmental reorganization. It will submit a report to the Board at the September 25 meeting.

Robert Hehre, chair of the accounting department, reported on the CPA examination results. He will continue to study the results and make an annual report to the Trustees.

The buildings and grounds committee reported that the new freshman dormitory was to be ready for a fall opening. That building opened August 31 and is now occupied by 300 freshmen.

The development committee reported that the Bryant Fund goal of \$800,000 for 1985-86 was surpassed with room to spare. As of May 1, almost \$965,000 had been raised. That figure eventually topped \$1.1 million.

The finance committee approved the 1986-87 operating budget of more than \$30 million. That is an increase of approximately \$3 million over the previous year.

Trustees reappointed for two-year terms beginning August 1 were Thomas J. Brown, Don A.

DeAngelis, Ericson, Nelson J. Gulski '26, 72 H, Philip H. Hayden '59, William H. Heisler 3rd, Leonard E. Johnson, G. Russell LeBeau '50, William P. Robinson Jr., Norman Sarkisian '53, and Everett C. Wilcox '38. Roger M. Freeman Jr. was re-elected secretary.

Among the items on the September agenda are reviews of the costs of the strategic plans and the marketing study.



***Patriots, College salute championship years***

*Clarence Jarvis '36, national chairman for the 1985-86 Bryant Fund campaign, takes a hand-off from President O'Hara at "Patriots Day" in mid-August. Jarvis received from Bryant a football autographed by the New England Patriots as a token of appreciation for chairing the most successful Fund campaign in history. He was one of more than 150 Bryant donors and friends who attended the annual event, which was held in the Rotunda. Coach Raymond Berry and several players mingled with guests. Highlight films were shown. Other door prizes were handed out. Everyone enjoyed a cocktail party and buffet dinner coordinated by the development office.*