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## Professor's wish on a Starr comes true

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Public Information

He wished upon a "Starr" and it was "granted." Now Bob Muksian, coordinator of the applied actuarial mathematics program, is working to make his dream come true.

Muksian's "wish" was a proposal for a \$325,000 grant from the C. V. Starr Foundation so he could fully establish the actuarial program at Bryant. Starr granted approximately half of his wish in the spring of 1985 on a "challenge" basis, which meant that Bryant had to raise matching funds. That challenge has been met, with more than \$174,000 in cash, pledges, and in-kind gifts received from alumni, friends, corporations, foundations, and professional societies.

What are his plans for the money?

First, he will open and operate a research center in a space provided and maintained by the College. It will contain its own library, computer workstations, clerical support, and office space for a part-time director.

Second, he will set up a research assistantship program for actuarial students. In the first year, students will help to plan and organize the center. In the second and following years, students will gain experience by assisting faculty with their research. Assistantships will be supported by income earned on part of the grant money.

Third, there is money for visiting lecturers and travel for faculty and students to professional meetings.

The actuarial program started in 1982, very slowly. The first class contained four students. Now there are 41 students in the major, and it is growing quickly.



Bob Muksian

The success of the program is due primarily to its size. It allows individual attention to all students, which is one of the deciding factors in passing one or two American Society of Actuaries examinations before graduation.

Muksian hopes to "cap out" the major at 30 students per class. He anticipates the demand for the program to remain high because of laws concerning pension plans. Every defined benefit plan must be certified to the IRS by an actuary.

Students graduating from the program can seek careers in accounting, banking, finance and, of course, insurance. Starting salaries are very competitive and can increase from \$1,500 to \$2,000 for each exam passed before graduation.

Muksian is using an informal approach to getting students hired before graduation by placing them in summer programs. These programs are similar to internships, and are with major insurance corporations like John Hancock, Travelers and State Mutual. The advantage of this approach is that it allows companies to get an advance look at potential permanent employees. So far, every summer-program student has been hired permanently by their summer employer.

## Crowd expected for tax symposium

Hundreds of practitioners, perhaps the largest number ever, are expected to attend Bryant's annual Income Tax Symposium this month.

To be held on Saturday, December 13, the symposium is titled "Tax Reform: Current and Future Implications of the Tax Reform Act of 1986." It runs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., beginning in Janikies Auditorium.

The symposium is sponsored by the Center for Management Development and five Rhode Island associations: CPAs; National Association of

## Festival of Lights Monday

One of Bryant's favorite events, the annual Festival of Lights, is next Monday, beginning at 9 p.m.

The nondenominational holiday service always draws hundreds of students, faculty, and staff to the Rotunda. It is being planned by the Student Alumni Association.

As in years past, the light from hundreds of candles will illuminate the Rotunda. And President O'Hara again will close the ceremony by lighting the College Christmas tree.





## President's report on Trustees meeting

Bryant's Board of Trustees welcomed new members, reviewed a variety of reports, and approved the Bryant Fund goal for 1986-87 at its September 25 meeting. Trustees meet quarterly.

New Board members are George E. Bello '58, executive vice-president and controller for Reliance Group Holdings, Inc., of New York; Lillian M. Katz '85H, president of Lillian Vernon Corporation, of New York; Monica H. Laurans, of Providence; Morton Smith, president of Morton Smith, Inc., of Providence, and John S. Renza Jr. '70, president of Renza & Co. CPA's, Inc., of Cranston. Renza has returned to the Board after serving previously as an alumni representative.

Among the reports reviewed were a preliminary one on CPA examination results for Bryant graduates; the 1985-86 strategic planning report, "The Quality Difference;" an opening report on Dormitory 15, and progress reports on the Bryant Center and renovation of the Koffler Center for academic computing.

A \$1.5 million goal has been set for the Bryant Fund, which set a giving record last year at \$1.15 million.

Also approved were awards of tenure for Chantee Lewis, professor of finance, and John Hannon, director of the library, and the College's financial statements for the fiscal year ending last July 31. Copies of the audited reports are available in the library.

The Trustees' honorary degree committee is reviewing nominations for Commencement awards. All College constituencies have been invited to submit nominations.

Richard Alberg, interim vice-president for academic affairs, reported on progress with the AACSB accreditation process, begun last April. An update will be given at the Board's next meeting on December 18.

## Symposium

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Accountants, state chapter; bar association; public accountants, and American Society of Women Accountants, state chapter.

Symposium sessions will deal with year-end strategies for individuals, real estate transactions, personal financial and tax planning, employee benefits and deferred compensation, corporate and shareholder tax planning, buying or selling a business, choice of entity, and operating issues. Some of the leading authorities in the state will lead the sessions.

Participants also will hear a luncheon address by Gary Sasse, executive director of the Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council, on the implications of tax reform on the state.

Cost of the symposium is \$85. If there is room (registrations were heavy in mid-November), you can register at the door. Call The CENTER at ext. 6200 for more information or to register.

## AIPCS opens College chapter

Bryant is now affiliated with the Providence chapter of the American Production & Inventory Control Society (APICS).

The student chapter was launched at an inauguration dinner and ceremony in mid-November. The ceremony, coordinated by management instructor Wayne Lima, the group's adviser, was attended by Region I and Providence chapter officers, faculty, and 40 student members. Ken Willette, deputy director of the state Department of Economic Development, spoke about job opportunities in Rhode Island.

The society strives to foster and maintain high standards of ethics, education, and attainment in production and inventory control, said Lima. The Providence chapter, in its 28th year, has more than 600 members from various industries. The organization provides educational and job opportunities for students, including internships, seminars, networking, and award programs. Membership is open to all students.

Affiliation with APICS also is noteworthy, Lima added, because Bryant is only the second college to have a student chapter.

## AIDS task force forms

A Task Force on AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) has been established at Bryant, it was announced in mid-November by Les LaFond, vice-president for student affairs.

Comprised of representatives from the student affairs division and the student body, faculty, and administration, it is being set up as a working group to respond to AIDS-related concerns. The task force will work within the guidelines incorporated by Bryant to deal with AIDS concerns.

The guidelines are modeled after those established by the American College Health Association in 1985 to encourage "thoughtful, appropriate, and effective response" to the expanding problem of AIDS on college campuses. A key element of those guidelines is close cooperation among various units of the College to guarantee a comprehensive and consistent response, LaFond said.

Members of the AIDS task force are Ed Golden, dean of student life, chair; Bernie Blumenthal, director of residence life; John Boccuzzi, Student Senate representative; Betty Cotter, health educator; Tim Grant, representing ARA Food Service; Jan Lewis, director of human resources; Sara Vasile, a resident assistant; Jeff Wright, of the faculty, and Bill Rupp, director of public information.

LaFond is asking all of you to support the task force and acquaint yourself with the dimensions of the problem. Cotter has information on AIDS you can use. Call her at ext. 6304.



## Fall Phonothons reach another milestone

For 17 nights over five weeks this fall, the lights in Room 386 A&B of the Unistrukture burned brightly and late. When they finally were turned out after the last Fall Phonothon, the 335 volunteers who made the thousands of telephone calls had reached another milestone in giving.

More than \$168,000 was pledged to Bryant by alumni and parents, said Tony Piotti, director of annual giving. That is a new record, breaking last fall's total of approximately \$149,500 by 12.5 percent.

What is even more significant about this Phonothon, said Piotti, is that callers were not contacting donors who had contributed \$500 or more the previous year. So, in large part, the gains were realized from persons who were non-donors in 1985.

Piotti said the volunteers also came up with 22 percent more pledges than last year, or about 800 more contributions. Overall, he added, volunteers contributed more than 1,000 hours of effort to raise money for Bryant.

Worthy of specific mention, said Piotti, are Jim O'Neill, Eleanor Read '52, and Madge Stetson '73, who were co-chairs for faculty and staff; Richard



*Fall Phonothon co-chairs for faculty and staff: Madge Stetson, Jim O'Neill, and Eleanor Read.*

Carriere '82, Bill DiBiasio '79MBA, and Jim McHugh '68, who were alumni co-chairs; and seniors Mike Ahn, Ruth Alberg, Lisa Erickson, and Jill Napolitano, who were student co-chairs.

Other faculty and staff volunteers were Bill Baker, Virginia Bowry, Judy Clare '66, John Currier '78, Teresa Daigle, Mary Dupre, Joel Guildford, Caroleen Jones '84, Irene Lanowy, Pete Peterman '79, Dottie Scott, Steve Winsor, and Gloria Yahn.

## Let's party!

The annual Bryant Holiday Party is Saturday, December 20. But reservations must be made by December 11 if you want to party. Guest tickets will not be sold at the door. They're \$10 each.

Beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Rotunda, you can enjoy the sounds of Hazel Lavender at the piano and a fountain of "bubbly." The champagne reception will whet your appetite for fare fit for a king in Salmanson Dining Hall at 7:30 p.m. The menu includes cream of broccoli soup, spinach salad, steamship round, filet of sole stuffed with crabmeat, Au Gratin potatoes, rice pilaf, glazed carrots, green beans almondine, assorted finger pastries, and a beverage.

Bring your dancing shoes and move to the music of "Horizon" from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. If you begin to feel hunger pangs as the night winds down, help yourself to sandwiches and coffee at 11:30 p.m.

## Classified

For sale, **1980 Ford Mustang**, AC, auto, new tires & brakes, rear window defroster, \$1,800. Call 766-2759.

## Thanks

Jack Currier, public safety department, and his wife, Edith, an ARA retiree, thank the Bryant community for kindnesses extended after the death of his father.

## By the way . . .

*by Gloria Yahn  
Assistant Editor*

- Witnessing the wedding of Ralph Adler, former publications director, and Daniela Dube, at the Inn at Longshore in Westport, Connecticut, early last month was a distinct pleasure. I would like to tell all of you who knew him that he is in very good hands with his new bride. They have settled in New Hampshire.

- Marcia Akerholm, admissions officer, rubbed elbows with some world-class runners last month at Bryant. A recreational runner, Marcia didn't think about coming in first or last. It was something she wanted to do simply for herself. According to Marcia, "To have crossed the same finish line with world-class runners was truly a personal triumph!" I think Bryant is pretty lucky to have a "touch of class" on staff. Nice going, Marcia!

- Joan Marsella, social science department, has achieved the status of grandmother. Her daughter, Janet Wildman, a pediatrician in Chicago, adopted baby Julia, born November 12. Congratulations Joan, Janet, and Julia from the entire Bryant family.

- As a Special Olympics supporter, I would like to encourage students to participate. Twenty-six chairpeople are needed for the games in May. Pick up your application at the Student Senate office or the library. And by the way . . . thanks!

# QUICKLY

... The Office of Student Activities and Bryant Center is the new name of the former Office of Student Activities and Services. **Laurie Nash** is the director; **Liz Covino** is the assistant director for student activities; **Chuck Merrhew** is the assistant director for Bryant Center...

... **Judy Litoff**, associate professor of history, was the keynote speaker at a symposium recognizing Nurse-Midwifery Week in Providence in early November. She spoke on "Midwifery: An Enduring Tradition"...

... **Homer Shirley**, director of corporate gifts, has been named to the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce Ambassador's Club, a group that undertakes various projects on behalf of the Chamber...

... **George de Tarnowsky**, dean of the graduate school, and **Madge Stetson**, academic counselor, attended two MBA forums in Boston in early November. The forums are college fairs for prospective grad students...

... **Ron Deluga**, assistant professor of management/psychology, led a training seminar for ERA Placement in Pawtucket in mid-November. It dealt with "Human Resource Management and Organizational Effectiveness"...

... **Wayne Lima**, management instructor, is replacing Madge Stetson as academic counselor in the graduate school. She retires in January...

... **Roger Francoeur**, an M.S.T. instructor, speaks at the National Tax Institute of the National Association of Public Accountants being held today and Tuesday in Las Vegas and December 10-11 in Atlantic City. He will discuss how tax reform affects corporate liquidation...

... **Eugene Amello**, associate professor of legal studies, was interviewed by the Providence *Journal-Bulletin* for a story on the tax consequences of a will...

... *The Journal of Professional Services Marketing*, summer, 1987 issue, will publish a paper by **Frank Bingham**, assistant professor of marketing. It is titled "Financial Aid as a Tool in the Institutional Marketing Effort"...



# CALENDAR

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

**Conducting Effective Training**

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

**Team Building**

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

**How to Handle Stress**

Workshop  
Instructional Development Center  
Room 276  
3:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

**Planning & Designing Training Programs**

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

**Senior Class Christmas Party**

The Viking (in Newport)  
6:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

**Eucharist**

CMD Conference Room 4  
Noon & 9 p.m.

**Protestant Services**

MRC Conference Room 1  
Noon

**SPB Movie**

"It's a Wonderful Life"  
Auditorium  
7 & 9:15 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

**Festival of Lights**

Rotunda  
9 p.m.

**Finance and Accounting for the Non-Financial Manager**

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

**Council of Administrators**

MRC Dining Room  
10 a.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

**Stress Management**

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

**Getting More from the Performance Appraisal**

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

**Income Tax Symposium**

The CENTER  
8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

**Eucharist**

CMD Conference Room 4  
Noon & 9 p.m.

**Protestant Services**

MRC Conference Room 1  
Noon

## SPORTS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

**Women's Basketball**

Southern Connecticut  
5:30 p.m.

**Men's Basketball**

Southern Connecticut  
7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

**Women's Basketball**

Keene  
7 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

**Women's Basketball**

Roger Williams  
5:30 p.m.

**Men's Basketball**

Roger Williams  
7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

**Men's Basketball**

St. Joseph's  
7:30 p.m.

## Fall season one for record books

by John Gillooly

*Sports Information Director*

The 1986 fall sports season was one for the record book.

It started in mid-October when Diane Tedford and John Wilbur made Bryant the first Northeast-8 Conference member to have both a male and female cross-country champion.

Tedford's NE-8 crown was the fourth individual title in four straight meets, and she made it five a week later at the Connecticut College Invitational. But the highlight of the season for the junior from Dalton, Mass. came on November 8 when she placed third in the NCAA Division II eastern regional championships in Philadelphia. The third-place finish earned her a berth in the NCAA championships on November 22 in Riverside, Calif.

Wilbur also earned a berth in the national championships, at least for awhile. To say the least, he took a rather unconventional route, which eventually led nowhere.

Wilbur crossed the finish line first in the men's championships at Philadelphia after he took the lead a mile from the finish when 59 runners in front of him made a wrong turn on the course.

Protests by coaches of runners who turned the wrong way ultimately led the NCAA to void the race, however, which left Wilbur and two other runners who came in right behind him out of the Riverside meet. Bryant appealed the decision on Wilbur's behalf, but to no avail. The NCAA then arbitrarily chose the individual runners and teams to represent the East at the national meet.

In other sports, the men's soccer team became the most successful in Bryant history as coach Lou Verocchi's booters finished the season 11-7. The 11 victories surpassed the previous record for wins in a season, set by the 1974 team that won 10 games.

The record-setting 11th victory was a 2-0 triumph over Stonehill in the semifinal round of the Northeast-8 tournament. The victory gave the Indians their second straight berth in the conference title game, which they dropped 2-1 to St. Anselm.

Junior goaltender Bob Bevan also put his name in the record book as he set a college record for most shutouts with six in the 16 games he played.

The women's tennis team fell one victory short of tying the record for most wins by a women's net squad as it finished the season 9-1. But several members of coach Peter Glanz's team earned a spot in the sports archives by winning championships in several tournaments.

The top prize winner was Joy Procaccino, who became Bryant's first New England Division II champion when she won the Division A singles title.

Earlier in the season, Procaccino and Debbie Kahn had combined for the Division A doubles championship in the Rhode Island collegiate tournament.

Two other players, Katie Porter and Kim Bickell, won both Northeast-8 Conference singles and doubles titles. Porter won the No. 3 singles crown and Bicknell captured the No. 5 singles title. The duo then combined for the No. 2 doubles crown.

The men's golf team added another chapter to its illustrious history as coach Archie Boulet's linksmen finished second in the New England tournament and third in the ECAC championships. The Indians were the top Division II team in both tournaments, making them a leading contender for the New England berth in the national NCAA tournament this spring.