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Bankers, insurance executive named Trustees

Two prominent Rhode Island bankers and an insurance company executive have been named to Bryant's Board of Trustees.

Herbert L. Miller, president and chief executive officer of Eastland Savings Bank, Charles B. Healy, president and CEO of Bank of New England-Old Colony, N.A., and Patricia L. Sawyer, a vice-president with Equitable Life Assurance Society of the U.S., are the newest Trustees. Miller and Sawyer have already assumed their posts; Healy begins his term October 1.

Miller has been president and CEO of Eastland Bank since 1981, after serving as president and chief operating officer since 1977. He was elected to the bank's board of trustees that same year. Miller also has been a senior vice-president, vice-president and secretary, and treasurer for Eastland, known as Woonsocket Savings and Trust and Woonsocket Institution for Savings until 1985.

Miller came to Eastland from the Morris County Savings Bank in New Jersey, where he began his banking career in 1951 and held three posts until 1969, when he moved to Rhode Island. Active in a variety of civic and professional associations, he is a director of Blackstone Valley Electric, a trustee of Fogarty Memorial Hospital, corporator of Woonsocket Hospital, president of the Woonsocket Chamber of Commerce, and a director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Miller graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Healy was named president and CEO of Bank

of New England-Old Colony in 1986. Previously, he was president and CEO of Bank of New England-Bristol County, N.A. for five years, and a vice-president with Bank of New England, N.A. in Boston for 16 years.

Active in the community, Healy is a trustee of the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce, the Providence Public Library, and Charlton Health System, Inc. and Charlton Memorial Hospital in Fall River, and a director of Joseph P. Kennedy Memorial Hospital for Children in Brighton. He lectures at Northeastern University and is a faculty member at Massachusetts Bay Community College. The former Air Force fighter pilot holds an economics degree from The Citadel.

Before moving to Equitable, Sawyer was a management consultant for five years with Booz, Allen & Hamilton, Inc., of New York. She also has served as a consultant for Bain & Company of Boston; as a market analyst for Bolt, Beranek & Newman, Inc., of Cambridge; as a technical monitor, assistant project director, and mathematician for NASA's Langley Research Center; as a programmer/analyst for LTV Aerospace, and as a cost analyst for Tenneco, Newport News Shipbuilding.

Sawyer, a Virginia native, holds degrees from the University of Virginia, George Washington University, and the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration. She is a certified glider pilot.

It's autograph time at Bryant

It's autograph-seeking time at Bryant once again.

The New England Patriots summer training camp gets into full swing today, and with the camp come the requests for autographs. Rookies and free agents are in the spotlight first; they report for action today. Veterans report Friday.

Set-up crews have been preparing the camp for the last 10 days. The Patriots have taken over several residence halls, a host of classrooms turned into offices and film rooms, the gymnasium and MAC, Salmanson Dining Hall, and several athletics fields.

Practices are held daily from 9 to 11 a.m. and 3 to 5 p.m. All are open to the public—to watch and collect autographs from the stars.



Patriots coach Ray Berry signs one of many autographs given at Bryant this time of year.



Citizens Bank challenge, gift benefit Koffler Center

A Citizens Bank matching challenge proposal for the Koffler Technology Center has been successfully met by bank employees with ties to Bryant, it has been announced by Caroleen Jones, annual giving officer.

Bank employees who are alumni, who are current students at Bryant, or who are parents of Bryant students have pledged almost \$12,000 over the next three years. Citizens Charitable Foundation will match these pledges up to a total of \$10,000—the goal of the challenge campaign.

In addition, the bank has committed \$22,000 as a direct gift to the College for the technology center. This brings the total amount raised by the Citizens campaign for Koffler to approximately \$44,000.

The campaign and grant were officially announced at an April reception at Citizens Bank hosted by George Graboys, president. With President O'Hara, who is a Citizens director, he introduced George Oliveira '77, an assistant vice-president who chaired the bank campaign.

"The qualitative leadership and commitment of Mr. Oliveira were critical to the execution and success of this campaign," Jones said.

It is these types of partnerships, she added, that bode well for Bryant in the future.

"The successful challenge campaign... has provided a precedent and an example that other Bryant partnerships will follow," Jones said. "It is hoped that this will be the first of many."

New faces

Dr. James W. Robinson **Vice-President for Academic Affairs**

The former dean of the college of business at Montana State University assumed the position on July 1. Robinson replaces Richard Alberg, dean of academic administration and registrar, who served as interim vice-president during the search.

Robinson also has served as dean of the business colleges at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania.

The Wilmington, Delaware native also was a professor of management at the Montana and Arkansas colleges and a professor of industrial and labor relations at Shippensburg and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He has taught also at the University of Akron, the University of South Carolina, and the University of Missouri-Columbia.

An authority on industrial and labor relations, Robinson has an extensive academic and professional background in this field. He has served on a variety of arbitration panels across the country, and is a member of four national associations of arbitration and dispute resolution.

Robinson has written seven books and monographs and more than 30 articles, reviews and book chapters. He has been active in a variety of civic and professional associations wherever he has lived.

Robinson holds an A.B. in industrial management from The Johns Hopkins University and a Ph.D. in economics from Duke University. He has relocated his family to Lincoln.



Dr. James Robinson



Melissa Walker

Melissa A. Walker **Assistant Director of Alumni Relations**

The former director of alumni relations at Maryville College in Tennessee assumed the position June 29. She replaces Mary Dupre, who resigned to pursue a career in retailing.

The Maryville native also earned a B.A. degree from Maryville in 1985, and worked also at Maryville as interim director of community services, office manager for communications and community services, and a staff assistant in the development office as a student.

An honor student at Maryville, she was the recipient of several scholarships and recognized by a variety of honorary organizations, including Who's Who Among American College and University Students and Outstanding Young Women of America.

The winning essay contest entry

A submission by adjunct professor Joanne Mongeon has been selected as the winner of Bryant's 125th Anniversary Fall Convocation essay contest.

Mongeon has received an honorarium of \$200 for her effort, which will be printed in a publication commemorating the anniversary. Her essay, titled "Domesticating Rebels: The Purposes of Higher Non-Education or The Purposes of Higher Education," is reprinted here.

Anthony de Mello, in *The Song of the Bird*, tells the story of a difficult student. According to the story, the student thought differently and acted differently from others. She questioned everything and dressed for failure, rather than success. The question, says de Mello, is whether she was a rebel, prophet, psychopath or heroine.

"We didn't care," says the writer. We socialized her, taught her to be sensitive to public opinion, made her conform. Now she had adjusted and had become manageable and docile. But, concludes de Mello, "a society that domesticates its rebels has gained its peace. But it has lost its future."

And so, perhaps we need to challenge higher education. Otherwise, we may create a generation of young people like Willy Loman's son Biff: people who, at their parents' bidding, aim to "be well-liked," not well-educated. In *Death of a Salesman*, Biff steals a pen from a gentleman's office, and Arthur Miller asks the audience to question what kind of education effects such a dearth of conscience.

"But," one might object, "must education form individual and corporate conscience?"

Perhaps. Father Theodore Hesburgh, retiring president of Notre Dame, suggests that education must liberate a person to think, clearly and logically, and to make decisions and discriminate between values. He suggests further that education should "confer a sense of peace, confidence and assurance on the person thus educated and liberate him or her from the adriftness that characterizes so many in an age of anomie."

More, though, if higher education moves with the age, it must facilitate change, create a climate of dignity, and empower connections and interdependence. Russell Schweickart, the Apollo IX astronaut, seeing the earth from space, says:

You look down there, and you can't imagine how many borders and boundaries you cross, again and again and again, and you don't even see them. There you are—hundreds of people killing each other over some imaginary line that you're not even aware of, that you can't see. From where you see it, the thing is a whole, and it's so beautiful. You wish you could take one person in each hand and say, 'Look at it from this perspective. What's important?'

You realize that on that small spot, that little

blue and white thing, is everything that means everything to you. All of history and music and poetry and art and birth and love; tears, joy, games. All of it on that little spot out there that you can cover with your thumb.

Schweickart sees the planet as one, and invites us to join hands and invite learners: "Look at it from this perspective. What's important?" If we can transcend the game-playing of society, and build on what is best in human nature, we can afford to trust. We can, as the Carnegie Council on Policy Studies in Higher Education asks, expand the international dimension of higher education.

On a practical level, we can work with industry and government to achieve a wider awareness of other cultures. We can create systems of interdependence among colleges and universities, and overcome competition with cooperation. We can create a consortium of higher education, so that a student at Brown University can study computers at Bryant, and Bryant students can learn Japanese at Brown.

We have encouraged computer-based writing, and writing-across-the-curriculum. But as thousands die from AIDS, and we recover from Iranian arms deals, and scandals surrounding TV evangelists and a presidential candidate, we might initiate ethics-based writing, and ethics-across-the-curriculum. We need to ask the hard questions about economics based only on need, and war for profit. We need to question the narcissism of our culture, and the goals that drive us.

People may not like us. But people might once more begin to respect higher education if we appeal once more to all that is highest in human nature. As we recognize our unity with the women of Argentina whose loved ones disappeared, and Apartheid-resisters of South Africa, we might finally rise, like the phoenix, from a time of hope to a time of fulfillment.

Sharon Parks, a developmental psychologist at Harvard, suggested recently that if we encourage the adult learner to dream and create, we allow and enable creativity, transformation, and transcendence. And ultimately, if we in higher education see ourselves as prophets, we pass on a vision which emerges as most practical because it nurtures survival in the global village.

A tale of the Holocaust tells the story of the rabbi and his student who, to survive, had to jump over a ditch in which lay hundreds of dead bodies.

"I can't," said the student.

"You must," said the rabbi.

When they had both reached the other side of the ditch alive, the student asked the rabbi, "How did you manage to jump the ditch?"

"I thought of the Law, and held onto the thought of my ancestors," responded the rabbi. "How did you get across the ditch?"

"I held onto your coattails," smiled the student.

In an age of death and uncertainty and concern about nuclear holocaust, higher education must hold onto tradition, and provide a coattail. Then our students can become jumpers of ditches.

QUICKLY

... **President O'Hara** moderated the seminar, "International Business and International Law: Trends in Integration," at the 10th biennial conference of the University of Copenhagen's International Study Program in early June. It was held at the Bymose Hegn Conference Center in Helsinki, Denmark...

... Trustee **Jonathan Farnum** has resigned his Rhode Island Senate seat to accept a 14-year term on the state's quasi-judicial Board of Elections. The Coventry Republican assumes the post after his District 21 seat is filled by a special election...

... Part-time professor **Margaret Farrell**, who teaches taxation law, has been named by Gov. DiPrete to the Rhode Island Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education. She is an attorney with Hinckley, Allen, Tobin & Silverstein of Providence...

... The staffs of the offices of **public information** and **publications/advertising** have taken up a new residence: the former bookstore area, with a second entrance across from the development office...

... **David Brooks** also is changing the place where he hangs his hat. The former alumni relations director moves to the career services office as assistant director of financial aid/student employment, a new position...

... Serving as department chairs for the next two academic years are the following professors: **Wallace Wood**, computer information systems; **Fred Clark**, finance/economics; **Hinda Pollard**, management; **Jim Ingraham**, social science, and **Bob Mukslan**, mathematics/science...

... They join **Mary Lyons** and **Bob Hehre**, who continue appointments as chairs in the English and accounting departments, respectively, and **Charles Quigley**, who has agreed to serve as marketing department chair for the 1987-88 year...

... The following professors will serve as coordinators next year: **Leo Mahoney**, finance; **Richard Wentzel**, institutional management; **Art Boulet**, science; **Herb McLaughlin**, legal studies; **Earl Briden**, business communications, and **Bill Haas**, humanities.

CALENDAR

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

Patriots' Day

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

V-J Day
Offices closed

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Dorms Open
Freshmen and transfers

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Dorms open
Continuing students

Labor Day
Offices closed

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Classes begin

Summer hours

THE BRYANT CENTER

Monday - Thursday:
7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Friday: 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Closed Saturday and Sunday

THE SCOOP

Monday - Friday:
10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

BOOKSTORE

Monday - Thursday:
8:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

POOL, INFORMATION (CANDY STORE) AND GAME ROOM

Monday - Friday:
Noon - 4 p.m.

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ANNIVERSARY

Update

- *USA Today* Editor John Quinn has accepted an invitation to be the principal speaker at the Fall Convocation on September 16, according to committee chair Joan Marsella. It begins at 11 a.m. in the gymnasium for the entire Bryant community and invited guests.
- The eighth annual Walter V. Clarke Memorial Lecture, co-sponsored by Walter V. Clarke Associates, Inc., of Providence, is November 5. The speaker is Dr. Robert Perloff, professor of business and psychology at the University of Pittsburgh and president of the American Psychological Association. Also, former U.S. Senator Samuel Hayakawa will receive a special award and offer comments.
- The performing arts committee is purchasing a block of tickets for resale on campus for a December performance of Trinity Repertory Company's "Christmas Carol." Purchase of a ticket includes a lobby party before the show. Committee chairs are Laurie Nash and Chuck Merrihew.
- A variety of Anniversary commemorative items has been selected for distribution during the year. They include top-grain leather bookmarks, pocket appointment calendars, specially designed posters, and montage prints.

Thanks

Gail Valentine and her husband, Bill, thank the Bryant community for the cards and best wishes on the birth of their second child.



William P. Robinson Jr.

The flag at Bryant flew at halfmast in early July after William P. Robinson Jr., a Trustee who served as chairman of the Board from 1975 to 1982, died at his home in East Providence on June 30. He was 74.

Robinson served as a Trustee since 1963. He was respected and admired by everyone who knew him. After serving Bryant for almost a quarter of a century, he will definitely be missed.

Robinson's death also was widely noted by the news media because he was Rhode Island's commissioner of education from 1963 to 1970 and acknowledged as the "dean of education law" in the state. He was, in fact, still working as the agency's principal hearing officer for a variety of disputes and impasses the day before his death even though he retired officially in 1982.

A Providence native, Robinson graduated from Classical High School and Providence College, and earned a master's degree at the former Rhode Island College of Education. He taught for five years before joining the education department in 1948 as supervisor of teacher education and certification. He later served as assistant and deputy commissioner before claiming the top spot in 1963. He retired as an associate commissioner with the Board of Regents, a creation of the reorganized education department in 1970.

Active in the community, Robinson also was a trustee of Anne Ide Fuller Library and St. Martha's Church in East Providence, and a director of the Rhode Island Employees Retirement System, the Rhode Island Higher Education Assistance Authority, and the Rhode Island Student Loan Authority. He held honorary degrees from four colleges.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy, five sons, a daughter, a brother and 14 grandchildren. Robinson was buried in St. Francis Cemetery, Pawtucket.

Need help?

Do you need professional help with personal problems or stress? Bryant's Employee Assistance Program, offered by The Providence Center for Counseling & Psychiatric Services, is only a phone call away. For an assessment, in strict confidence, call The Providence Center at 274-2500.