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Books to look at 'ordinary people' during WWII

Bryant, Maine historians ready to launch commemorative series

Bryant professor Judy Barrett Litoff and University of Maine professor David C. Smith are collaborating on a series of books based on thousands of war letters and other correspondence. The first book will be published this fall, the 50th anniversary of the beginning of World War II. A summary of their work written by them is reprinted here.

by Judy Barrett Litoff & David C. Smith

In the autumn of 1989, people throughout the world will mark the 50th anniversary of the beginning of World War II. For the next half dozen years, the great events of that war—Dunkirk, the Battle of Britain, Pearl Harbor, the invasion of North Africa, D-Day, Stalingrad, and the slogging march north in the Pacific—will be remembered. As these great events are commemorated, however, the enormous impact which they had on the lives of "ordinary" people will also be major topics of concern.

Inevitably, long-forgotten diaries, letters, and memorabilia of that era will come to light, and the events will be relived. Two historians, Judy Barrett Litoff of Bryant College, Smithfield, RI and David C. Smith of the University of Maine, Orono, ME, have already begun the task of uncovering the meaning of the war for "ordinary" people. Their first book on World War II, "Miss You: The World War II Letters of Barbara Wooddall Taylor and Charles E. Taylor," jointly authored with the letter writers, is due to appear in September, 1989 from the University of Georgia Press. This book, based on a very large and unique collection of personal correspondence, tells the story of the Taylors and their wartime world. The Taylors courted by mail, experienced a war marriage, had a child, traveled about the country while he was under military training, and were separated for 18 months while he fought with the infantry in Europe. After Charles left for combat, Barbara, and their baby daughter, eventually reunited in November, 1945. Drawing on material found in the popular press and government publications, the story of the Taylors is extended to represent the millions of other couples who lived similar lives.

Smith and Litoff's work on "Miss You" has led them to begin a related and much larger project. Barbara Taylor's letters were such a powerful element in "Miss You" that the two scholars are now undertaking a systematic effort to recover letters written by other women during the World War II period. They have already accumulated 30,000 letters from all 50 states and Canada.

The age of the letter writers ranges from six-year-old daughters and sisters to 95-year-old great-grandmothers. They have collected letters written by sweethearts, wives, and former teachers, as well as mothers, aunts, sisters, grandmothers, and female friends. The collection includes a good sampling of letters written by women who served in the military, the Red Cross, and as nurses in Japanese internment camps. Many of the letter writers worked in defense factories or volunteered for war work.

Historian Judy Barrett Litoff



The letters provide information about what it was like to conduct a "courtship by mail," the activities of war brides, and the difficulties of raising young children alone. They tell of the remarkable "camaraderie" of the war brides, "that great unorganized club" as they were called by one wartime observer.

Litoff and Smith have discovered newsletters written by church, school, and community groups. They have located letters written to POWs and to Army chaplains requesting information about loved ones missing-in-action; poignant "good bye" letters; original poems and art work; memorial letters; and, of course, beautiful love letters.

The two researchers expect to produce a series of volumes based on this extensive collection of letters. One volume will consist of sample letters which will illustrate the joys and sorrows, frustrations and fears, hopes and dreams of wartime women. A second will be an analytical volume which speaks to the immediate and long-range impact of the war on women. Another volume will focus on a column, "Dear Boys," which appeared in a weekly Mississippi newspaper. A third historian, Martha Swain of Texas Woman's University,

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Reminder on smoking policy

All Bryant employees, students and visitors are reminded that they are expected to abide by the mandates of Bryant's smoking policy. It was adopted in October, 1986 to comply with the Rhode Island law on smoking in the work place and the College's intent to provide a healthy, comfortable and productive working and living environment for everyone. Reprinted here is the part of the policy designating smoking and/or nonsmoking areas.

SMOKING-PROHIBITED AREAS

- **Any area** in which a fire or safety hazard exists.
- **Common Areas**, including elevators, stairwells, waiting areas, and restrooms.
- **Shared Work Areas.**
- **Classrooms, Conference Rooms, Laboratories, and Auditorium.** (A short smoking break may be provided during meetings lasting longer than one hour, if requested by smokers.)
- **Athletic Complex** - exception, see: Hallways
- **Food Preparation Areas.**
- **Commercial Enterprises.** Bank, Candy Store, Hair Salon, Post Office, Bookstore, Etc.
- **Dormitory, Social and Study Lounges.** For exceptions, see below.

DESIGNATED SMOKING AND/OR NONSMOKING AREAS

- **Dining Rooms and Nondormitory Lounges:** At least three-quarters of the seating area will be set aside for nonsmokers. Any area where smoking is permitted will be a single area on the periphery of the nonsmokers' area. Where space is limited, dividers will be erected.
- **Library:** A designated enclosed-smoking area has been assigned within the Library.
- **Bryant Center:** Smoking prohibited except in designated areas. Smoking is permitted in the 2nd floor Main Lounge in designated areas, and the 1st Cafe Area in designated areas.
- **Salmanson Dining Hall:** The designated smoking area will be to the left upon descending the stairs, under the low ceiling area.
- **Student Dormitories:** Dorms 14 and 15 main floor Social Lounge smoking areas to be designated.

NO RESTRICTIONS

- **Hallways and the Rotunda:** Initially, there will be no restriction. However, this policy will be reevaluated in the future.
- Exception: When the Rotunda is used as a dining area the three-quarters seating for non-smoking will apply.**

OTHER

- **Private Offices:** May be designated "smoking permitted" or "no smoking" by the occupant. However, the occupant should refrain from smoking in his or her office when a nonsmoking employee or visitor is present. He or she should also show a sensitivity to the needs of non-smokers.

Smile! You might be on Bryant's camera

by Gloria Yahn

Lights! Camera! Action! You are now in pictures.

A dozen surveillance cameras are up and running at Bryant. Ten monitors have been installed. An emergency telephone is operational. And 7,000 additional watts of lighting have been added to light up the parking lot. It's all for the sake of our security and peace of mind.

With this new equipment, said Richard Wheeler, public safety director, the public safety office has added another dimension to its job of insuring security on campus. The surveillance cameras are strategically placed at entrances to the Unistructure, the Bryant Center, and the Koffler Technology Center as well as the parking circle entrance, the parking lots, and the public safety office. They're linked to 10 monitors in the office, which are watched 24 hours a day. These watchful "eyes" scan the campus continuously. With them, Wheeler expects a "considerable decrease in crimes against persons and property."

Each camera is housed in a globe-like shell that heats and cools them, which prevents the lenses from fogging. The shells also protect the equipment from direct sunlight and inclement weather. The cameras can rotate 360 degrees and have a zoom capability that can read a license plate from 100 yards or record the face of a would-be perpetrator.

The emergency telephone is attached to a pole in the parking lot adjacent to the playing fields. A blue light at the top identifies it. By simply pushing one button, you will instantly appear on a monitor in the public safety office and be able to orally communicate with the officer on duty.

Volunteers raise spring \$\$\$\$

Some 200 students, staff, alumni, faculty and friends called non-donors and lapsed donors for the Bryant Fund Spring Phonathons in February, and received pledges in excess of \$14,000.

Nancy Haverstock, annual giving director, said "I'm really impressed with non-donor and lapsed donor responses to our phone calls. Overall more than 19 percent responded with a pledge. I also give well-deserved credit to the Phonathon volunteer callers."

Staff participating in the eight spring phonathons included President O'Hara, Ginnie Bowry, Jeannine Wilson, Joyce O'Neill, Louise Ethier and Gloria Yahn.



New security cameras putting everyone in pictures

According to Dennis Dooley, "the entire project of the installation of the cameras and the two newly erected 40-foot poles have added 7,000 watts of lighting, which needed an additional 3,000 feet of conduit."

Effective today, overnight parking will be allowed only in the parking lot adjacent to the playing fields. Overnight parking is considered to be between midnight and 6 a.m. A yellow warning tag will be issued for the first violation.

"After that," Wheeler said, "violators will be fined and towed."

The Chief is hoping not to have to tow anyone.

"I have always found the people here at Bryant more than cooperative and I'm looking for that same cooperation with this new change in the parking situation," he said.

So walk or drive with a smile now. You might be on Bryant's camera.

Before joining CPL in 1973, Parkos was president and CEO of American Chemical Works Company, Providence, for five years. From 1957 to 1968, he was a vice president with H.F. Livermore Corporation and Rosbro Plastics Corporation. Parkos also served as assistant to the vice president of Bryant for a year after serving for three years as a foreign service staff officer with the U.S. Department of State in Europe.

In addition to his Bryant degrees, Parkos holds an M.B.A. from Boston University and has studied at Harvard and Northeastern. An active alumnus, Parkos has chaired the annual giving campaign and served on the alumni association executive board. He has been honored also with a Distinguished Alumni Award.



New Trustees Gregory T. Parkos '50, '88 Hon. (left) and Dennis G. Little

Dennis Little, of Barrington, has been Textron's executive vice president and CFO since February, 1985, when Avco Corporation, for which he filled the same posts and was a director, became a wholly-owned subsidiary of Textron. Before joining Avco in 1982 as CFO, Little was senior vice president, CFO, and a director of GK Technologies.

Little joined GK Technologies as treasurer in 1967, was named vice president in 1969, and assumed his last position there in 1978. Before moving to GK Technologies, Little was assistant to the financial vice president of J.P. Stevens & Company, Inc. in New York City for six years.

A Cambridge native, Little holds M.B.A. and A.B. degrees from Harvard. He is a director of Russell Reynolds Associates, Inc., the Pine Street Fund, Inc., and RIHT Financial Corporation, and a board member of The New England Council.

Chief execs named Trustees

Top executives with two leading corporations, one a distinguished alumnus, have been named to Bryant's Board of Trustees.

Gregory T. Parkos '50, '88 Hon., president, chief operating officer, and a director of Whittaker Corporation, and Dennis G. Little, executive vice president and chief financial officer of Textron, Inc., assumed their posts at the Board's quarterly meeting in February. They will serve three-year terms.

Parkos, of Los Angeles, has been president of Whittaker since 1985, after serving four years as executive vice president and COO. He was elected to the board of directors in 1984. Parkos served previously as a vice president and executive in charge of the company's chemical group. The Newport native joined Whittaker in 1979 as executive in charge of chemical specialties operations when CPL Corporation, of Providence, merged with Whittaker. He was president and CEO of CPL at the time.

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Denton, TX, will join Smith and Litoff in this endeavor.

Litoff and Smith have also created a multi-media slide/tape show entitled "'Will He Get My Letter?' Popular Portrayals of Mail and Morale During World War II." This show has been presented a number of times in the United States and will be featured at the biennial meeting of the history honor society, Phi Alpha Theta, in December, 1989.

QUICKLY

...Sarkisian professor **Pat Norton** spoke at a WJAR-sponsored seminar in Providence in early March titled "A Market in Transition." His address, "The Gentrification of Rhode Island," looked at how changes occurring in the state will affect the future marketplace...

...Professor **Elaine Notarantonio** has successfully defended her dissertation for a Ph.D. in marketing from the University of Rhode Island. Its title: "Relationship Between Communication Style Variables and Sales Effectiveness"...

...Bryant's Protestant chaplain, the Rev. **Coryl Lassen-Willems**, attended in February the much-publicized consecration of Barbara Harris as the first female Bishop in the Episcopal Church. The three-hour long service in Hynes Auditorium in Boston included Communion for 8,000 people...

...Deadline to order the **1989 Ledger** is Saturday. Cost of the yearbook is \$20. Send your order form to Box 8 with a department account number or personal check...

...Bryant's alumni network received attention in a story in the February issue of *Currents*, the magazine of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). The story quoted alumni directors, including **Paula Iacono**, telling how they share career network responsibilities with the career office...

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By the way . . .

- Christine Raether, financial aid, and her husband, Clark Schoettle, became the proud parents of Anna Ingersoll Schoettle on February 4. Weighing 7 lbs. 6 ozs., Anna joins sister Catharine to keep mom and dad very busy. Congratulations to all!
- Mirenda Hearn, development office, is the new face occupying the chair of Sandra Beaudry. Mirenda is filling in for the next several weeks while Sandra is on medical leave recuperating from surgery. Let me, on behalf of the Bryant community, wish you a warm welcome, Mirenda!
- If you are interested in learning more on the topic of sexual harassment, you are invited tomorrow to Room 270 at 3:30 p.m. to listen to professor Frank Bingham discuss "Sexual Harassment on the Campus: An Overview of Educational and Legal Implications." It's sure to be interesting!

Presidential candidates visiting campus

A small number of candidates to replace President O'Hara have been invited to visit the campus this month, according to Trustee Vice Chair Jonathan K. Farnum, who is chairing the President Search Committee.

Faculty, students, and staff will have an opportunity to meet with each candidate either through their representative organizations or individually at an afternoon reception, Farnum said in a letter to the Bryant community announcing the visits. Copies of each candidate's resume will be available in the reserve section of the library and each faculty suite.

Farnum also invited those who interview the candidates to complete evaluation forms and send them to the search committee for review. Evaluation forms will be available at each interview site and in the faculty suites.

"Please make every effort to participate in this very important step in the search for the next President of Bryant College," Farnum said in the letter.

Socialized health care series topic

Socialized health care is the topic of Wednesday's third segment of a five-part luncheon speakers series titled "Looking into the 1990s: Rhode Island and the International Scene."

Colin MacGillvray, executive vice president of Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Rhode Island, is the speaker. Being held at the Turk's Head Club in downtown Providence, the series is running once a month through May. Sponsor is the Bryant Graduate School Alumni Steering Committee.

Three granted minority student scholarships

Three Bryant students have been awarded prestigious minority student scholarships for 1989.

Career Expo Scholarship Awards have gone to senior Jose Gonzalez, of New London, CT; junior Nhuquynh "Queenie" Thuy Phan, of Central Falls, and junior Lenore "Lenny" C. Uddyback, of Deptford, NJ. Gonzalez is a repeat recipient, having been awarded a scholarship last year also. Scholarships are awarded to students at New England colleges based on their "academic achievement and commitment to affecting positive change for people of color."

Career Expo scholarships are awarded annually by the Career Expo Planning Committee, Inc. (CEPC), a 17-year-old nonprofit organization that provides professional employment opportunities through an annual three-day career exposition and financial assistance to college students of color. Funds for the scholarships are donated by a variety of corporations solicited by CEPC volunteers.

Roberta Hysell, Bryant's director of minority and international student services, has been a longtime CEPC member. At the mid-February scholarship ceremony, she was awarded a certificate "In recognition of your undying commitment to our goal of creating professional career opportunities for people of color."

Gonzalez, a business communications major, plans to go on to law school. Phan, an accounting



Scholars Lenny Uddyback, Jose Gonzalez, and Queenie Phan

major who came to the U.S. from Vietnam when she was 14, plans to become a CPA. Uddyback, also a business communications major, plans to work toward an MBA degree and then pursue a career in sales or public relations.

Twenty-four CEPC scholarships were awarded this year, with only Harvard (8) having more recipients than Bryant. Bowdoin had two recipients, with Boston University, Clark, Emerson, Gordon, MIT, Northeastern, Smith, Tufts, the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, and the University of Rhode Island having one recipient each.

Real estate agents retrain here

More than 300 real estate agents enrolled in February in the first of a new series of evening recertification courses offered by the Center for Management Development.

One of only four places in the state approved by the real estate commission for the continuing education courses, The CENTER drew on the knowledge of professor Chantee Lewis to make the courses a reality.

"He researched and monitored the legislation and passage of a recent Rhode Island law that requires brokers and agents to take 12 hours of continuing education every two years, and developed the original proposals for the programs," said Alice Roher, marketing director for The CENTER.

Lewis also taught along with Carolyn Hall, a lawyer and broker with Bellevue Realty in Newport.

Real estate courses included law of contracts, financing and closing statement of trust account; law of agency; legal description and zoning; taxes and real estate; wetlands and coastal real estate, and elements of appraising, construction and design. They will be repeated again at least one more time this year, depending on demand, with plans to develop additional topics for future courses.

The real estate courses "are an excellent example of how the Center for Management Development responds to the educational needs of the local business community," Roher said.



Ambassador addresses African seminar

His excellency, Dr. Kekoura Camara, ambassador to the U.S. from the Republic of Guinea, headed the list of African representatives speaking at an Export Assistance Center-sponsored seminar on doing business in Africa in late February. He is shown here at the mid-day luncheon with Bryant French instructor Els Miller (to his right), who served as his interpreter, and Ray Fogarty (seated), director of the Export Center.