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Bryant's health is her business

by Gloria Yahn

The days of colds, viruses, and routine sprains handled by Bryant's housemothers are long gone. The days of complex health problems handled by medical people like Donna Tawes, a family nurse practitioner, are here.

In the early days of Bryant's health services, when problems were more or less routine, nurses and a part-time doctor handled them. Students with more serious illnesses or needing lab tests were sent to a hospital.

But with sexually transmitted diseases (STD) on the rise, and the need for birth-control and other education programs, Bryant has had to expand its health services. This now includes routine testing on the premises, a free delivery prescription service, complete physical and gynecological exams, and birth control counseling. With these added services came the need for nurse practitioners, who can stand in for a doctor.

Tawes came to Bryant almost two years ago. A graduate of Northeastern University, St. Anselm's College, and The Pennsylvania State University, she is a nationally certified family nurse practitioner. Among the services she can provide are prescribing medication, performing physical exams, giving routine tests, and counseling on women's health care.

Working at Bryant—as well as teaching part time at URI and working part time for Planned Parenthood and RISD—must seem a bit tame to Tawes at times, though. Because of her Peace Corps experience.

When she was just about ready to graduate from Northeastern, Tawes decided to join the Peace Corps. Eight months later, she found herself in Liberia living with the Kpelle tribe in the small village of Bopolu.

Tawes lived in a one-room house with no indoor plumbing. Her compensation included, however, the luxury of having a banana tree outside the house, an avocado tree on the trail that led to town, and a variety of fruit trees nearby. She indulged herself frequently.

Running a health clinic there—she was considered the village "doctor"—meant encountering problems that are almost non-existent here. Parasitic diseases and tropical illnesses were rampant.



Donna Tawes (right) examining a patient in Health Services.

Shortly before she was to have left the village to return to the US, she ran into an old woman on the trail who stopped her and said just two words – "Nanne Porro"! In Kpelle, it means elder woman, woman of distinction.

"I was 22 years old then and those words and two years there changed my life," says Tawes.

She became motivated to continue to pursue a career in health care.

"We are fortunate to have someone of Donna's caliber here," says Betty Cotter, director of health services and also a family nurse practitioner. "She is one of the most experienced nurse practitioners in the state, and has the skill level of a physician. Gentle and caring, she's an asset to our program and we're lucky to have her."

Cisneros Forum Wednesday

Former San Antonio mayor Henry Cisneros speaks at Bryant on Wednesday in a renewal of the Bryant Forum lecture series.

The first Hispanic mayor of a major American city, Cisneros served three terms before stepping down last year. He will discuss "Demographics, Education, and the American Work Force in the 1990s." His address begins at 4 p.m. in Janikies Auditorium.

As mayor of San Antonio, Cisneros became the most visible Hispanic political leader in the U.S. and was dubbed a "star of tomorrow" by a major magazine survey of prominent citizens. He is credited with revitalizing the once-troubled economy of the Texas city, and is mentioned often as a likely candidate for Texas governor or U.S. senator.

Call the Office of Corporate and College Relations at ext. 6139 for tickets.



Manufacturer named 'Businessperson of Year'

The president of Mossberg Industries, Inc., of Warwick, is the Bryant Graduate School's "Businessperson of the Year" for 1990.

Douglas G. McClurg '74, '86 MBA receives the award at a dinner dance on April 14 at the Holiday Inn at the Crossings in Warwick. He has been president of Mossberg since April, 1987 after serving three years as the firm's vice president and chief financial officer, and three years as its controller.

Mossberg is a privately owned manufacturer serving the US wire industry with machinery and plastic, tin, and metal reels. It also builds a line of plastic granulating equipment marketed under the RAMCO name. Employees number approximately 150 at five locations in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, California, Indiana, and Oregon.

McClurg moved to Mossberg in 1981 from manager in the audit department of the Providence office of Arthur Young & Company. He joined Arthur Young's audit staff in 1975 after working as a company staff accountant for approximately 10 months after graduating from Bryant.



Douglas G. McClurg

A Pawtucket native, McClurg also has completed a program for management development at the Harvard Business School. He is married with two daughters.

At the dinner dance, the Graduate School also will recognize 10 professors for serving up to 20 years on its faculty, and present Delta Mu Delta awards for academic excellence to graduate students. Five-year faculty recipients are Ron DiBattista, Joseph Guiot, Jack Keigwin, Bill Waters Jr., and Hinda Pollard. Paul Plourde receives a 10-year award. Chantee Lewis receives an award for 15 years. Twenty-year recipients are Hsi Li, Fred Reinhardt, and Chet Piascik.

Celebration of cultural diversity ends this week

by Tracie Mars, intern

Celebrating black heritage and cultural diversity.

Bryant has been doing just that in February, "Black History Month." It's been a four-week celebration of learning from others and teaching others about ourselves. Lectures, movies, art exhibits, a "brown bag lunch" series, performing artists, international dinners and other programs celebrated the contributions of black and other ethnic groups that have shaped America's heritage.



Panelists (left to right) Rodney Riley, Arnold Kee, Mike Fraleigh, Mitchell Moncho and Mary Lyons discuss the movie "Do the Right Thing" as part of black history month.

The celebration concludes this week with the final "brown bag lunches" today and tomorrow in Papitto Dining Room and a movie tonight in Dorm 16. The lunch today at noon has Carol Word Trueheart discussing her "International Experience with the Peace Corps: A Personal View." Tomorrow's lunch, with professors Richard Spivack and Bill Graves, looks

at China. The 7 p.m. movie is "Communicating Across Cultures."

Highlights of the month, which opened on January 31 with an address by President Trueheart, have included performances by singer-dancer Jenifer Lewis and the Andre Ward Jazz Group; "Extravaganza Night," when students modeled traditional costumes from their countries and lip-synched, read poetry, and acted out skits; the "brown bag lunch" series; and art exhibits by the Cape Verdean/American Artists' League and the Rhode Island Black Heritage Society.



Governor inaugurates trade series

Governor DiPrete officially opens the year-long "Awareness '90s" series of trade workshops. With a grant from the Rhode Island Work Force 2000 Council and support from World Trade Center Rhode Island, each workshop is being presented by the Rhode Island Export Assistance Center.

Greek pledging takes on new look

by Darcy Case, intern

Greek pledging at Bryant has taken on a new look this semester.

Among the changes: The pledge period is five weeks long, up from two or three; there is no more public pledging; pledging can only occur four days a week plus one day of community service.

The latter may be the most significant change of all, although the most noticeable change probably is the lack of pledges being "on stage" in the Rotunda (walking or standing in place in lines).

Traditionally at Bryant, pledging ran seven days a week for two to three weeks with no requirement for community service. Bryant's mandate that each fraternity and sorority seek a national affiliation as part of an overhaul of the Greek system, however, has required the Greeks to extend their pledge periods. It also has meant "community service."

The national office of Tau Kappa Epsilon, for one, has banned TKE's traditional pledge program.

"The system has changed so it isn't as structured as it used to be," said Bruce Denneen, president of TKE at Bryant. The program is, in fact, now called New Member Initiation and consists of a three-step system.

Denneen said "the program has been restructured so the time is better spent by pledges. The main purpose is to get the pledges to know each other, to get them to work as a team."

All of Bryant's Greek organizations are adapting to the new campus policies, and others, like TKE, are already adopting a national organization's pledging process. The College has set 1992 as the date for all Greek organizations to become affiliated nationally.

"Going national is a good idea because the national organization helps the chapters plan events, get alumni support, and develop fund raising functions," said Mike Durand, Kappa Tau pledgemaster.

The organizations also are looking out for each other now because they are self-governed by the Greek Letter Council. Every fraternity and sorority is trying to adapt to the recent changes.

The Greeks have seemed to approach the community service aspect of pledging with gusto so far. It has taken pledges and active members to Providence, Cranston, Massachusetts, and other areas. Some fraternities and sororities are dedicating their efforts to one or two particular projects; others are choosing different causes weekly.

Kappa Tau, for instance, is working solely for the Leukemia Society in Cranston. Pledges are selling raffle tickets to benefit the society and working in the society's office soliciting donations to the 14th annual celebrity auction.

Alpha Phi Kappa also is working for the Leukemia Society by planning an "Aerobathon" here on campus. In addition, APK is again sponsoring its annual bowl-a-thon to benefit Muscular Dystrophy.

Beta Sigma Chi has been cleaning the Lucien P. Benoit House, a homeless shelter in Woonsocket, and working in the Because He Lives soup kitchen, also in Woonsocket.

Kappa Delta Rho's pledge class has worked in the First Baptist Church soup kitchen in Providence, and has cleaned up the area around the church and transported cases of food from a warehouse to the church.

The pledges of Phi Kappa Sigma have been cleaning, painting, and doing general maintenance at a church in Walpole, MA, and also working in a local soup kitchen.

TKE's pledging activities have included helping to clean up a state park and a local railroad track area.

Tuition Exchange scholarships awarded

Bryant's initial Tuition Exchange scholarship recipients have been selected.

Neal Baker, son of purchasing director Bill Baker; Jessica Powers, daughter of Betty Powers, assistant director of part-time studies; Sara Ramsay, daughter of professor Sam Ramsay, and Darlene Williams, daughter of professor John Williams, are the four recipients. Their two-year scholarships to attend one of the Tuition Exchange colleges will be equal to Bryant's tuition charge each year.

The four students were selected from a group of five applicants by lottery. President Trueheart did the honor.

The number of scholarships available was determined by the Tuition Exchange. As a new member, Bryant was given four two-year scholarships to get started. That number will go up or down each

year depending on the number of students attending Bryant from other Exchange members.

The scholarship recipients had to meet a set of guidelines determined by Bryant's Tuition Exchange Advisory Committee, comprised of representatives from the admissions, financial aid and bursar's offices, the faculty, the staff, and TE liaison officer Carla Gardner. Principal criteria are that an applicant has to be a dependent child of a full-time employee with at least two years of consecutive service. Recipients, of course, have to be accepted for admission to a TE-member college. Currently, TE includes 292 colleges in 44 states.

For more information or applications for next year's Tuition Exchange scholarships, contact Gardner at ext. 6013.

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...In its February 15 issue, *USA Today* published a commentary on faculty tenure by dean of the faculty **Mike Patterson**. It ran on the popular "debate" page...

...Professor **Ed Popper** also has been gaining media mentions. Both the *Wall Street Journal* and *Adweek* magazine have used comments from him in tobacco marketing and other advertising stories run over the past few weeks...

...**Mike Collins**, assistant director of the Rhode Island Export Assistance Center, has been appointed to the Aquidneck 2000 Task Force...

...An article written by **Bob Butler**, technical analyst in data processing, was published in this month's issue of *DG Review*, a magazine for Data General users. His article, "Simple Solutions - A patch for XLPT, and routines to define and implement class scheduling," appeared as a feature article...

...Professor **Gregg Carter** led seminars at two Hartford colleges earlier this month. "Doing Sociology: Introducing Chipendale and Showcase Software to Undergraduate Students" was the topic presented at Trinity and St. Joseph's Colleges. Also, a paper written by Carter, "Strength in Numbers: Quantitative Analysis in Introductory Sociology Courses," has been accepted for presentation at the 85th annual meeting of the American Sociological Association in Washington this summer...

...**John Winters**, director of counseling and student development services, addressed the Cranston Kiwanis Club on stress management late last month...

...Export Assistance Center director **Ray Fogarty** will address the Harvard Business School Association of Rhode Island meeting at Bryant. His topic: services offered and the facilities available at Bryant for competing in world markets...

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Senior townhouse complex rising

Construction of Bryant's "senior townhouses" is well underway with August 15 still the anticipated completion date.

The contractor, Turner Brothers Construction, of Easton, MA, has committed "to do whatever it takes" to complete the project on time, said Dennis Dooley, project manager. At this time, it appears that the complex will be finished and ready for occupancy by the fall semester.

Site excavation began in early December despite the record low temperatures. The pouring of the concrete for foundations was aided by the January thaw, with all walls expected to be poured by the end of February, said Dooley.

Frames for the five-building, 34-unit complex began to rise last week. As the frame of each building is completed, it will be covered with a tarpaulin and heated so the concrete floor, the "slab," can be poured.

Each unit will have a living room, kitchen, two bathrooms, and four bedrooms—one downstairs and three upstairs. Two of the bedrooms will be doubles; two will be singles. Four of the units will be built to accommodate handicapped students.

Each living room will be furnished with a couch, two chairs, a round table with six chairs, and end tables. Kitchens will have stoves, refrigerators, dishwashers and coin-operated washers and dryers.

Units will have wall-to-wall carpeting and tile in the



Backfilling a foundation for the Townhouse.

kitchen and baths. Floor space in each unit will total 1,667 square feet.

Each building will have a separate boiler room. They will be heated by gas and air conditioned, with a central control system monitoring each unit.

A parking lot with 204 spaces will be built adjacent to the complex, which will have its own driveway off of Jacobs Drive. The new driveway will mean the relocation of the public safety booth to a spot on Jacobs Drive between it and the entrance to the President's house. That relocation will occur this summer.

Paid students now dialing for dollars

Bryant is dialing for dollars these days with paid student callers.

The annual spring Phonathon is underway, and Bryant students are earning a few dollars each and honing their telemarketing skills by handling the phones for the development office.

Using paid student callers in place of volunteers began last fall, said Nancy Haverstock, director of annual giving. That initial group of approximately 20 callers has grown to 42. Each has received one night of training before going to work in Room 386 A&B.

By training student callers, Haverstock said, the

office develops a core of experienced people who can work Phonathons each year they attend Bryant if they want. It provides a solid foundation for each Phonathon, she said, and guarantees a commitment for a specific number of hours. The end result should be an increase in annual giving.

The seven-night spring Phonathon began last Wednesday and continues tonight through Wednesday and next Monday through Wednesday (March 5-7). The target this time is 10,000 alumni who have never donated to the College.

Commencement Award nominees sought

It's time to nominate seniors or December, 1989 graduates for 1990 Commencement awards.

The awards committee has set a deadline of March 14 for all nominations. A nominee's typed resume should be included with the nomination form.

Forms have been sent to all faculty members. They are also available in the Student Senate office, faculty office suites, the registrar's office, the career services office, the Office of Student Activities, and the Archway office.

A student may be nominated for more than one award. State specifically why you feel a nominee meets the criteria for selection. Include your personal reasons and refer to the experiences, background and accomplishments stated in the resume that you believe qualify the student for the award.

All information must be accurately presented. Any misrepresentation will invalidate the nomination.

Send forms to professor John Jolley in Faculty Suite B.

Nautilus fees for staff lowered

Fees charged Bryant employees for the use of the Nautilus/Fitness Center have been lowered by 50 percent per semester.

The new fees are \$50 per semester for individual employees with an additional \$25 per person for the summer. Fees charged students (\$25 per semester) and guests/walk-ins (\$3 per visit) remain the same.

Employee fees were lowered after a review by vice presidents Joe Meichelbeck and Les LaFond at the request of the Faculty Federation and Council of Administrators. The review took into account fees charged by private health and fitness facilities and those of other local colleges, they said.

Other rates: Family (spouse and children only) -\$90 per semester and \$45 for the summer; Alumni -\$50 per semester.

Registration is available Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the fitness center in the MAC. For more information, call the Nautilus center at ext. 6397.



John Larson, projects manager, working out in the Nautilus Center.

By the way...

by Gloria Yahn

- **Sandra Beaudry**, development office, has changed her residence. Here at Bryant, that is. Sandy has accepted a newly created secretarial position in The CENTER. Goodbye and good luck, Sandy. You'll be missed at this end of the Unistructure.

- **Bill Rupp**, public information office, tells me his 10-year old daughter, Lauren, has won the Young Authors Competition for fourth-graders in Coventry. Sounds to me like someone is following in Dad's footsteps. Nice work, Lauren!

- **Margie Edwards**, assistant SBDC director, tells me that the Regional Laboratory for Educational Improvement, for which she chairs the board, was the catalyst responsible for achieving a regional teaching certificate in New England and New York. The agreement means that qualified teachers in those states can teach anywhere in that region. Nice work, Margie!