

Fall 1988

volume 11, no. 3, Fall 1988

Bryant University

Follow this and additional works at: https://digitalcommons.bryant.edu/bryant_review

Recommended Citation

Bryant University, "volume 11, no. 3, Fall 1988" (1988). *Bryant Review (1978-1997)*. Paper 40.
https://digitalcommons.bryant.edu/bryant_review/40

This Newsletter is brought to you for free and open access by the Douglas and Judith Krupp Library Special Collections at DigitalCommons@Bryant University. It has been accepted for inclusion in Bryant Review (1978-1997) by an authorized administrator of DigitalCommons@Bryant University. For more information, please contact dcommons@bryant.edu.

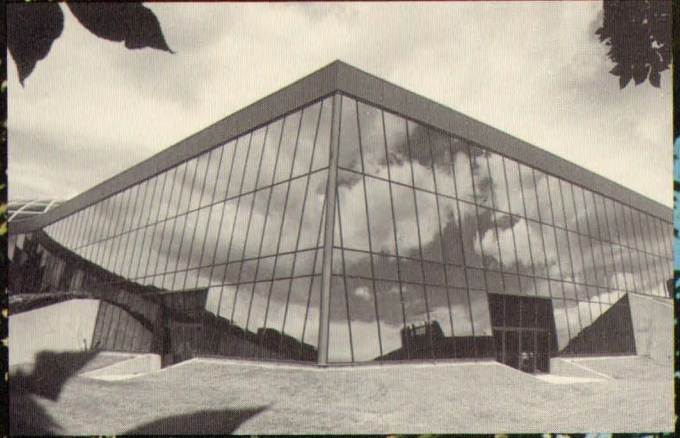
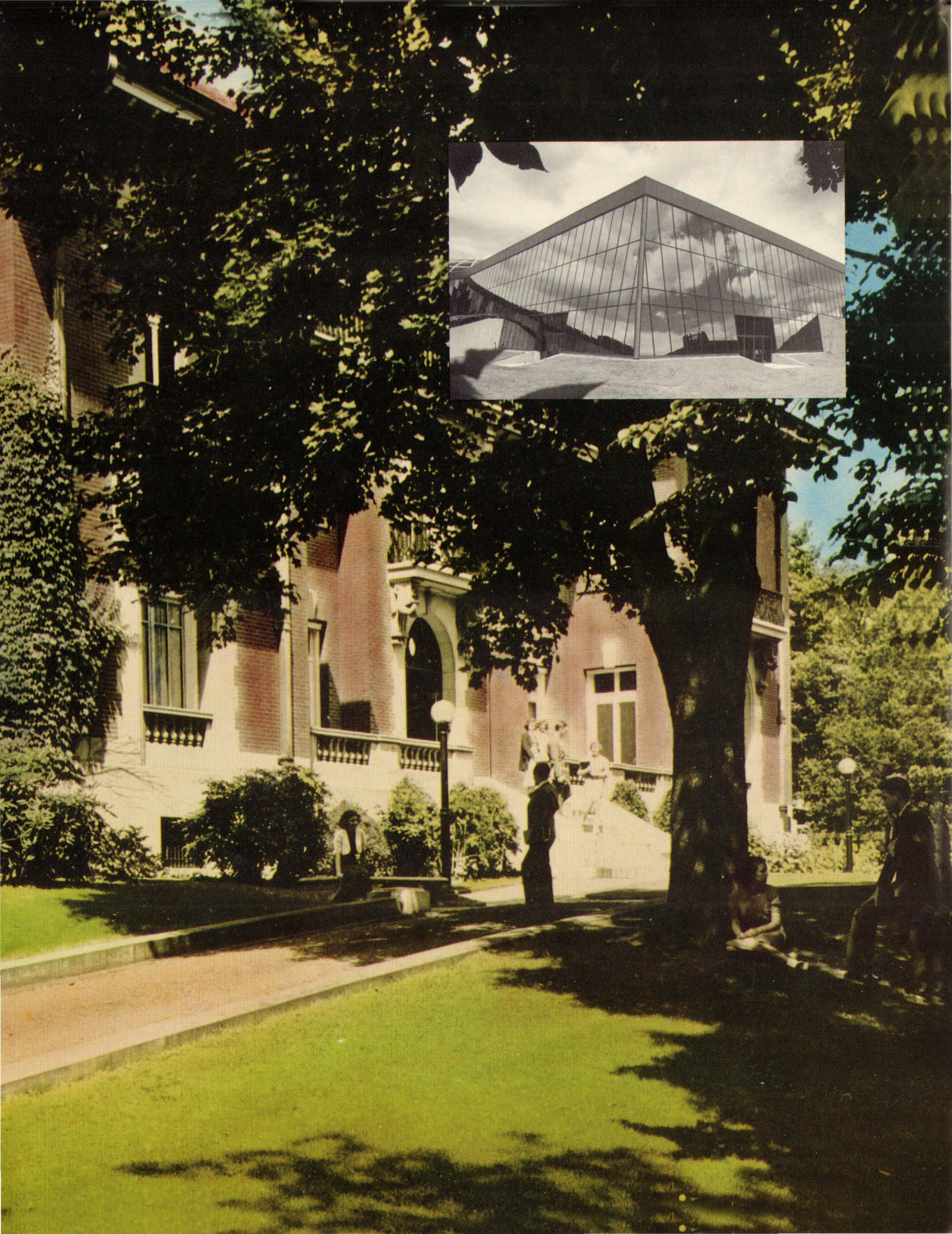
BRYANT REVIEW

Fall, 1988

Volume 11, Number 3



125th Anniversary Commemorative issue



Guest Editors

Peter Mandel
Melissa Walker

Assistant Editor

Jeannine B. Wilson

Art/production

Pamela Jones '88
Elizabeth O'Neil

Photography Research

Carol Hagglund
Patrick Keeley

Officers of the College

William T. O'Hara,
president of the college

William E. Trueheart,
executive vice president

James W. Robinson,
vice president for academic affairs

David Simpson,
interim vice president for business affairs

Nena Thames Whittemore,
*vice president
for institutional advancement*

Leslie L. LaFond,
vice president for student affairs

BRYANT REVIEW (USPS 462-970)
(ISSN 0892-0214) is published four times
a year in Spring, Summer, Fall, and
Winter for the Bryant College commu-
nity. Publication offices are located in the
Publications and Advertising Office,
Bryant College, 450 Douglas Pike,
Smithfield, Rhode Island, 02917-1284.
Second class postage is paid at
Providence, Rhode Island. Postmaster:
Send address changes to *Bryant Review*,
Box 2, Bryant College, 450 Douglas Pike,
Smithfield, Rhode Island 02917-1284.

4 *Academics: The business of Bryant*

7 *Student Life: The social context*

10 *Athletics: Perspectives on sports*

12 *Celebrations: Traditions and special
events*

14 *Campus: From city to country*

17 *Trustees: Defining the institutional
mission*

DEPARTMENTS

20 *Class Notes*

Front cover photos: The stone archway on the East Side campus in the early forties and (inset) the wrought iron archway brought to the new campus from its original location in the doorway of South Hall.

Inside cover photos: South Hall, the main administration and classroom building on the Hope Street campus, and (inset) a view of the Unistructure on the Smithfield campus.

Back cover photos: Commencement exercises on the East Side campus in 1951 and (inset) this year's 125th commencement on the Smithfield campus.

Academics: The business of Bryant

Nelson Gulski '26, '72H

Editors' Note

In this commemorative issue of the *Bryant Review*, we have tried to capture some of the facts and some of the flavor of Bryant's first 125 years.

The facts are marshaled in a chronology of the events that have marked Bryant's development over the past century and a quarter. Recollections and impressions from members of the college community, past and present, provide that distinctive Bryant flavor.

We hope you enjoy reading this special issue as much as we enjoyed putting it together.

A Bryant Chronology 1863 – 1988

1863

Bryant, Stratton and Mason College was founded as part of a nationwide chain of 44 Bryant and Stratton National Business Colleges. Ezra W. Mason, a local accountant who managed the school, was part-owner of the venture. The Providence school held classes in a succession of downtown buildings.

1864

The cost for the full program at the Bryant and Stratton Colleges was \$50, plus books. Students progressed at their own pace, but most completed the course in 10 to 14 weeks. The curriculum included the science of accounts, bookkeeping, business law, commercial arithmetic, practical penmanship and business correspondence.

1865

The Civil War ended. As soldiers returned from battle to seek educational and career opportunities, Bryant and Stratton National Business Colleges geared their curriculum to attract these veterans as students. The faculty at the Providence school had grown from six to twelve.

Let me take you down some of the highways and byways our college has traveled during the last 125 years.

It could have been 1890, 1910, or even 1918, when the name Bryant and Stratton meant an opportunity to prepare yourself for a career in the world of business.

The literature said that for a modest sum, payable in installments, you could study bookkeeping, typing, or secretarial work: "Classes start every Monday" . . . "Progress at your own pace" . . . "Dedicated teachers guarantee quality instruction" . . . "Job placement guaranteed." These were the phrases that brought many a young business-minded man or woman to our alma mater. The quality of instruction was attested to by testimonials from successful graduates and satisfied employers.



In the 1920s, classrooms were set up as mock businesses so students could learn through practice as well as through their attendance at lectures.

Only real old-timers will recall that after mastering some of the basic concepts of bookkeeping, arithmetic, spelling, etc., students were assigned to the Office Practice Department where "wholesale," "retail," and "commission" houses carried on their trading activities. These firms, together with a "transportation company" and a "bank," allowed students to get the feel of actual business.

The core program was called the "Science of Accounts," but the literature of accounting was rather limited during Bryant's early years. By the end of World

War I, Bryant and Stratton had acquired the right to use the Pace and Pace accounting course. The curriculum was designed to be presented over two long years. Judged by today's standards, it was mighty slim. Bryant supplemented it with some limited studies in English, economics, and banking.

While this program was being developed, Bryant obtained from the Rhode Island legislature the right to grant degrees. No other proprietary school offering a two-year program had degree-granting powers at that time. The school's advertising boldly stated, "A college degree in accounting in two years." It was a business and educational coup that made the school unique.

The success of the two-year accounting

program led to the opening of degree programs in secretarial science and business teacher education. Between 1935 and 1945, the course offerings were expanded to include marketing, salesmanship, psychology, the mathematics of finance, money and banking, investments, income taxes, and more. A student could now major in accounting, marketing, management, teacher education, or secretarial science.

Attendance was taken in each class and absences were noted on the student record. For a period of time, male seniors

Harry L. Jacobs, Bryant's owner, sold his shares to a newly-formed corporation, Bryant College of Business Administration, a nonprofit organization governed by a board of trustees. Over a number of years, the new corporation used operating revenues to pay Jacobs for the assets transferred in the sale.

When Harry L. Jacobs died and his son E. Gardner Jacobs '69H took over the reins, the younger Jacobs perceived a problem. Although now a nonprofit institution, the college lacked recognition in the academic community.

Our programs had been improving. Our graduates were well qualified in the accounting, management, teacher education, and secretarial fields and were well received in the business world. However, we were still a two-year school with emphasis on the practical, and our graduates were having great difficulty being accepted to graduate schools. The answer was clear—broaden the curriculum to include a greater number of liberal arts courses and seek accreditation from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.



Casual dress is the norm in today's light, airy classrooms.

New faculty members were hired, new facilities purchased, and academic programs revised. The time span to complete the curriculum was changed from two years to four standard academic years. After instituting many changes, a lengthy self-study was prepared and Bryant applied to the New England Association of Schools and Colleges for accreditation.

Unfortunately, the NEASC denied accreditation at first and recommended that Bryant try again in three years. It was a bitter pill, but perhaps justified since we had graduated only one class under the

new curriculum. After three more years operating under the revised program of study and making further adjustments, we applied again and the college became accredited in 1964.

Accreditation had meant many changes, had cost a great deal of money and the loss of our theme—"A college degree in two years." But from an educational viewpoint, our graduates were more broadly prepared for life and enjoyed acceptance in the academic world. It was another milestone.

Just as significant for the college was the move to a sprawling, suburban campus in Smithfield. When classes started on the new campus in the fall of 1971, what had been only a dream became a reality.

As my mind runs over the many years covered in these paragraphs, I derive a certain amount of satisfaction from the part my colleagues and I played in helping many young people from modest homes acquire an excellent business education. Just the other day, I ran into an old alum, Carlton Burnham '40, and his words, which follow, make it all worthwhile:

"Do you know, Dean, that my father went to Bryant. I graduated in 1940, my son finished in 1979, and my grandson is now a student at Bryant. We are a four-generation Bryant family. It's a great feeling—and a great school."

Dr. Nelson J. Gulski '26, '72H, honorary chairman of the 125th anniversary committee, was a member of the faculty at Bryant for 46 years. He also served as dean, acting president, and trustee. He is a life member of the Alumni Executive Board.

in their final semester were greeted with the notice, "Your ticket of admission to this class is a collar, tie, and jacket." We felt that this requirement prepared our students to be comfortable on the job, not only academically, but personally and sartorially!

In late 1941, the world exploded and the United States was drawn into World War II. Young men went off to defend their country. The student body dwindled and the faculty was drastically reduced, but the school survived.

When the war ended in 1945, large numbers of veterans came home eager to obtain an education in as short a time as possible. Bryant had the answer: "A college degree in two years."

Soon the college's enrollment was twice what it had been during the war years, and double sessions were inaugurated. Many ambitious, able young men who came to Hope Street with the help of the G.I. Bill became Bryant alumni and took their places in the business world in a manner that reflected credit on their alma mater.

Much did change during the Hope Street years, but in 1949 we were still a profit-making enterprise. We taught business administration, and we practiced it. With competitive tuition fees, we paid our expenses and set aside enough to acquire another classroom building, another dorm, or a dining room.

At the same time, we were able to save enough cash to complete the transaction that was to change the school to a nonprofit entity. This was not done without some costs. We all worked hard and long, but we must have been happy because many faculty and staff members piled up records for long-term service.

During these years we were paying real estate and income taxes just the same as every other business. Our fellow colleges were operating as nonprofit institutions free of these burdens. Why be unique when it was costing so much?

Joan Marsella

1867

In Providence, Ezra Mason sold his college to William W. Warner and John J. Ladd, who changed the school's name to Warner's Bryant and Stratton and then to Warner's Polytechnic Business College. Ladd soon left the partnership and Warner broadened the curriculum to include philosophy, history, languages, mechanical drawing, and art.

Warner's College relocated to the new Hoppin Homestead Building on Westminster Street, which offered modern facilities. The school boasted 300 students. Tuition was \$10 per month.

1878

Theodore Stowell bought the college from Warner and once again used the name Bryant and Stratton. The curriculum emphasized business education and new technologies such as the typewriter were incorporated.

1902

Bryant and Stratton's enrollment remained stable at 308; the graduating class numbered 126.

1916

Harry Loeb Jacobs, head of the Rhode Island Commercial School, purchased the successful Bryant and Stratton from Theodore Stowell. Jacobs merged his two schools under the name Bryant and Stratton Rhode Island Commercial School. The new institution was located in the Butler Exchange Building.

1918

The end of World War I brought record enrollment: Bryant and Stratton enrolled 1,965 students for the 1918-1919 academic year.

1920

Bryant and Stratton Rhode Island Commercial College granted its first degrees. As empowered by the Rhode Island General Assembly in 1916, the school began granting the degrees of bachelor of commercial science and bachelor of arts.

On the Providence campus, my office in old South Hall was a third floor closet I shared with the mops, pails, and pigeons, but I was supremely happy there! That dear old building with its vaulted ceilings, hidden rooms, and creaky wooden staircase had an enveloping mystique that bonded the faculty like the players in a conspiratorial melodrama.

At first, the news of the proposed move to Smithfield was unwelcome, for the suburban location seemed too remote, too distant from the academic community of Providence, and, to put it bluntly, too far from any action. Class day exercises in 1970, held under a huge striped tent stretched over the pastures, provided our introduction to the Smithfield campus. The ceremony was interrupted several times by cows poking their noses under the tent, and their doleful moaning seemed to express our doubts about the wisdom of this move.

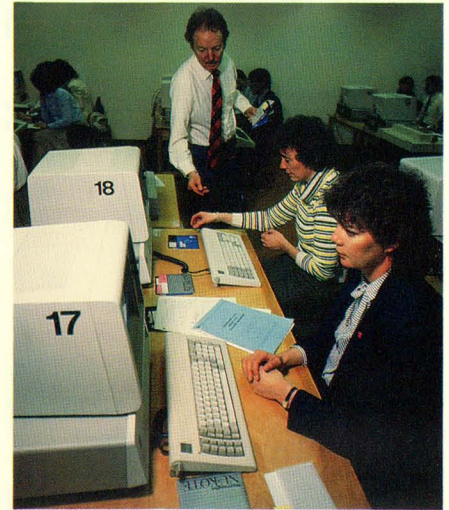
But, after what seemed to be an interminably long construction phase, the Unistructure was declared habitable, and the great migration from Providence began. In that fall of 1971, every day brought new delights as yet another wing was completed or a shipment of furniture arrived. We all felt like new homeowners. It was wonderful!



A blackboard was the most used teaching aid in this circa 1940 business administration class.

A few problems arose, but these were less structural than procedural. The assigning of office space was a contentious point, with some squatters moving in on prime space, never to be budged again.

But soon we had our act together sufficiently to begin inviting the community in for conferences. In the early seventies, the hottest social issue was women's rights, and Bryant College spearheaded the drive to attract women into business management by holding our first campus conference. On October 13, 1972, I chaired the initial Symposium for the Advancement of Women in Business.



To be prepared for today's business world, students must be computer literate.

Our guests were high school guidance counselors and women in business, all of whom were dazzled by the beauty of the campus and the upbeat spirit of the college. One important fact I learned from that conference is that those who attend may forget the content of the lectures, but they will always remember the hospitality extended to them. From that event to the present, Bryant has earned a reputation for style and cordiality, a distinction that must never be sacrificed to the budgetary pinch.

Following the success of that first symposium, I was awarded a federal grant to conduct a noncredit course in business management for underemployed working women. We enrolled 30 candidates who had not attended college before; some had never been on a college campus, but they were superb. The course was so successful that we were asked to run it again the next year, and eventually our modest undertaking served as the pilot for the sophisticated management development program that was to follow.

As the climate of the country shifted to conservatism in the eighties, members of the social science department planned programs to explain "Reaganomics" to the college community. A series of forums with state and local officials was scheduled, and about this time I began to notice a trend in the responses we received from those invited to speak. It seemed that prominent people were delighted to be invited to the campus and willingly rearranged their appointments to accommodate us.

A recent event under my direction which afforded me huge satisfaction was the 125th anniversary convocation last September. On that day the sun shone upon us, the brass band roused our emotions, the address by USA TODAY Editor John C. Quinn '87H inspired us, and the community turned out to rejoice and celebrate. One student confided to me after the ceremony that he felt "like he was walking on sunshine." I was deeply moved by his casual comment and resolved that we should try to recapture that spirit each September for many years to come.

Joan Marsella, professor of social sciences, was a member of the faculty from 1967 – 1988. Her special field of interest and research is the role of women in world cultures. Through her efforts, Bryant received two Title I grants to fund programs aimed at the advancement of women.

Student Life: The social context

Paula Iacono '69

When I attended Bryant's East Side campus in the late sixties, most of the undergraduate women were enrolled in secretarial science or teacher education programs. We were fortunate to have inspiring teachers such as Louise Halstead Cronk '71H, co-author of the Bryant Handbook for Secretaries still widely used in business today, and Joan Marsella, professor of social sciences and an innovative instructor.

Our limited social scene was confined to fraternity and sorority activities, as well as crashing Brown's tailgate parties. More than half of the student body belonged to a Greek organization compared to about 10 percent today. Beauty pageants were very popular and a competitive activity among the Greeks; there was fierce rivalry to see which Greek house could garner the most trophies. The sororities had their Mr. Bryant contest as well.

Athletics were also very important, particularly basketball and baseball. Wally Camper would report scores and attendance during his economics classes to generate support and interest among students. Wally also happened to be the baseball coach.

The dormitories in Providence were remodeled older homes and very cozy. There were usually two students to a room, with six to a bath on a floor. We also had a visitors' "parlor" and a live-in housemother, who served as a combination grandmother, nurse and, to some, warden. We had a 10 p.m. curfew during the week, complete with a demerit system for late arrivals. More than ten demerits required a visit to the dean of women for disciplinary action. A visit with Philomena Castronuovo was certainly not something we aspired to.

But life at Bryant, as at other colleges, was a challenge in those days. The turbulent sixties witnessed the student body

involved in sit-ins protesting our nation's involvement in Viet Nam and demonstrations on local television. It was a heady time for most of us, and a great learning experience both in and out of the classroom.



In the sixties, beauty pageants sponsored by various fraternities sparked fierce rivalries.

Following graduation I became involved with the alumni association, serving on the Alumni Executive Board. The alumni office was not a very well-staffed segment of the administration; our alumni director was the staff. His file system was his memory, and what he did write down was toted around in a shoebox in the trunk of his car.

Our alumni office and its programs have come a long way since we moved to Smithfield. I am proud to say that our first alumni dinner dance on the new campus has grown into a wonderful Alumni Reunion Weekend celebrated the second week of June every year.

Paula Iacono '69 is director of alumni relations. She served Bryant alumni in a volunteer capacity for many years as a member of the Executive Board and as reunion chairperson in 1972 and 1987.

Mike Hammer '77

1925

Bryant and Stratton purchased and enlarged the Gardner Building at 40 Fountain Street to serve as its new headquarters. Tuition on the new campus was \$315 for students who were degree candidates.

1927

With Rhode Island College of Education (now Rhode Island College), Bryant and Stratton participated in a cooperative program to train teachers of commercial subjects.

1929

Following the stock market crash, the Depression brought a decline in enrollment at Bryant and Stratton as well as at other colleges throughout the nation. The number of Bryant and Stratton graduates fell from 240 in 1929 to 171 in 1930. By the mid-1930s, however, the size of the graduating classes had rebounded to reach 250 or more.

1935

Harry Loeb Jacobs purchased the former Hope Hospital on Providence's East Side for the College's new home. Remodeled and enlarged to accommodate the growing institution, the structure was known as South Hall. Upon moving to the East Side, the college took the name Bryant College of Business Administration.

1937

Bryant assumed sole sponsorship of its teacher education program and began awarding the degree of bachelor of secretarial science in commercial education.

1938

The first issue of the *Bryant Alumni Bulletin* was published.

1939

The first *Ledger* yearbook was published by the senior class and had as its theme, "Life at Bryant."

Today, Bryant is on the cutting edge of what education is all about. When I was Student Senate president during the stormy days of 1975 and 1976, I don't think we could have predicted a brighter future for Bryant.

When we proposed incorporating BRYCOL as a student-operated corporation in 1975, we never imagined that it would last. We never thought about what would happen in six, seven or eight years. As members of the Student Senate, we could only do so much because of college liability. So we decided to start our own business.

The 1975-76 school year was a very political one on campus. We were involved in a student boycott, and BRYCOL suffered some adversity at first because it was viewed as political. But it was never meant to be political the way the Student Senate was. We really were just trying to "capitalize" our business, pay our bills and deal with employee problems.

There were some natural obstacles because the average term of each student director was only two or three years, and the president usually served about one year. But we worked about 80 hours a week, and it gave us an opportunity to grow up in a business way.

I developed most of my leadership skills not in the classroom, but in BRYCOL. I didn't realize how much I was learning then because I was having such a good time. I'm still the unofficial person to call when a crisis hits at BRYCOL. That usually happens a couple of times a year, and I enjoy it.

I have very pleasant memories of my years at Bryant. It's a very small community and that made it especially enjoyable. Every fall when the first cool day hits, I feel like getting on Route 95 and heading north to Bryant.



The Bryant Center is a favorite hangout for today's students.

In reality, BRYCOL was an extension of the classroom. It was truly an education for business leadership. We had food service students doing the food service, accounting majors doing the accounting, and marketing people doing the marketing. We were learning how to operate a business, and it was an extremely entrepreneurial venture.

Michael P. Hammer '77 is president of Hammer Associates, an advertising agency in Hartsdale, NY.

Michelle Duprey '89

Life outside the classroom is one of the more exciting aspects of Bryant College—second only to classes and homework! Bryant has set itself apart from other colleges with its own traditions, activities, and special events.

Of the many traditions that developed during the college's first 125 years, perhaps the most notable is the Archway. This link to the old campus in Providence still stands outside the Unistructure where it was placed after a group of students removed it from its original location on the East Side. Legend has it that anyone who walks through the Archway before graduation is doomed and will not graduate. To this day, students struggle through snowbanks and mud, not daring to tempt the fates.

Another fun tradition is being thrown into the pond on your birthday, no matter what time of year it is. Some students have even been known to break the ice just to make a friend's birthday complete.

The Festival of Lights during the holiday season, Spring Weekend, UnHome-coming, Greek Week, Parents' Weekend, and Special Olympics are all highlights of the student activities calendar. These are more than entertaining events that give us something to do during study breaks. They play a vital role in educating us outside the classroom. They bring students together in a way that the classroom cannot, and form an important part of the Bryant culture that we will remember long after our student days are over.

Michelle Duprey '89 is a junior economics major at Bryant. She is a member of the student senate, a Bryant Ambassador and a freshman orientation leader.



The Archway has been the voice of Bryant students since 1946.



Spring Weekend is one of the highlights of the student activities calendar.

Athletics: Perspectives on sports

Wally Camper

1939

The first Greek Letter Dance was held at the Rhode Island Country Club in Barrington. Music was provided by Les Brown and his "Blue Devils Swing Band."

1942

America's entry into World War II spurred the development of special programs designed to meet the country's needs during wartime.

1945

The end of World War II ushered in a period of increased enrollments and expansion, as the college devised programs to attract veterans eligible to study under the GI Bill.

1946

The Archway, the student newspaper, began publication.

1949

The Rhode Island General Assembly passed legislation incorporating Bryant as a nonprofit institution governed by a board of trustees.

1950

Bryant held its first Business Management Institute, a daylong program to assist small industrial and retail businesses in solving management problems.

1951

Bryant's varsity track team participated in the Penn Relays.

1953

Oveta Culp Hobby, Secretary of the US Department of Health, Education and Welfare, delivered the college's commencement address.

1955

The college's new library opened in the renovated Benevolent Street Fire Station.

1956

Construction of Jacobs Hall was begun to provide classroom space and a new student cafeteria.

1960

On behalf of Bryant, the Board of Trustees purchased the physical plant from Harry Loeb Jacobs.

The letter I received from President O'Hara in December of 1986 notifying me that I was one of the ten original inductees into the newly created Bryant College Athletic Hall of Fame came as a very pleasant surprise. In the ensuing weeks, it also caused me to think about the early period of my coaching career here even more intensely than I had throughout the years.

In 1960, when I was asked to assume coaching duties, I worked with a Bryant basketball team that had only one or two returning veterans and that, in its previous season, had gone 2-19. But with the support of the Greek Letter Council and

came very clear to me that we were in for a difficult time.

My protests were overlooked and, worse, I was hit with a technical. Finally, in desperation, I decided to sit in the middle of the floor and let them play around me, which they would not do, of course. The officials decided that since I would not move, they would have the police carry me into the stands. My efforts to coach from there were frowned upon; and with about three minutes remaining in the game, the officials declared the game a forfeit and awarded Babson a 2-1 win.

The Babson situation was a piece of cake



The 1913 Bryant and Stratton baseball team posed for this photo in the Providence studios of Bert Horton.

Bob Hathaway, then director of student activities, I was able to attract a number of players from the intramural league and provide them with scholarship money to compensate them for the many hours spent in practice and travel.

All the groundwork paid off, and we got along nicely as a unit. The season's record, as I recall, was 8 wins and 17 losses, but many of the losses were on the road and under some very bizarre conditions.

There was the forfeit loss to Babson in Wellesley when the Babson coach switched officials at halftime. Several calls by the "new" official began to change the momentum of the game and proved very discouraging to the players. It quickly be-

came very clear to me that we were in for a difficult time.

compared to the events a few weeks later at Durfee Tech in Fall River. After trying to prevent two men from dragging one of my freshmen players out of the gym, I was arrested and placed in a cell at the Fall River police station. Thanks to Dan O'Connell '63, who lived in Fall River, I was released about midnight on \$500 bail. The incident appeared the next morning on the front page of the Providence Journal and later was followed up by a story written by John Hanlon. I do not recommend this approach as a means of getting publicity for your athletic program!

While the season had its low points, it was great to see the growing support among the students for what we were

trying to accomplish. That first season set the wheels in motion for the hiring of Earl Shannon, who went on to coach at Providence College and the University of Rhode Island, and Tom Duffy who became the most successful coach, record-wise, in Bryant history.

Basketball season was followed quickly by baseball and again Bryant was pretty much of an orphan. We had virtually no athletic facilities on the East Side campus. We were forced to play our "home" basketball games at Hope High School or the Gym-Cafetorium at Bryant. The baseball team was relegated to the Pawtucket YMCA field, Brown University, or for the most part to our "home" field located down by the railroad tracks beside Engineers Field.

From 1960 to 1968, the varsity baseball team played everyone from the Quonset Naval Air Station to NAIA champions, the University of New Haven. We beat the Brown freshman team and got murdered by Nichols College.

One of the things I should point out is that I will always consider the period between 1960 and 1968 as the greatest period in my professional life. The young men and women with whom I had the opportunity to work were among the finest I have ever known. The 1963 year-book dedication meant a great deal to me because it seemed to say, "Thanks for your efforts on our behalf. We approve!"

There can be little doubt that the performance and persistence of the early athletes played an important role in moving Bryant toward the outstanding facilities, conditions and staff that are part of the existing college athletic picture.

Bryant is a business school that values athletics and the joy of competition. We understand and respect the lessons learned in the process, whether in the intramural program or in a varsity sport.

Professor of Management Wallace Camper has been a member of the Bryant faculty since 1960. A former baseball and basketball coach at Bryant, he was director of intramural sports for many years.

John Gillooly

The modern Bryant athletic program has its roots in the late 1960s when Tom Folliard became the college's first full-time athletic director. A former outstanding athlete at Providence College, Folliard had been assistant basketball coach under Tom Duffy.

Duffy coached the Bryant basketball team during its glory years from 1964 to 1968. He put the Bryant hoopsters in the spotlight by actively recruiting such star players as Tom Smile whose record as all-time best Bryant basketball scorer still stands. For the first time during these years, Bryant basketball started to achieve recognition beyond the student body.



Men's soccer is a popular sport at Bryant.

When Folliard became the full-time athletic director in 1968, he began to expand the sports program. He brought in varsity soccer, and during the next three to five years tried to upgrade the level of competition in all sports. Under his guidance the college became a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Before moving to Smithfield in 1971, Bryant had virtually no on-campus athletic facilities. When we moved to the new campus, we had a showplace athletic facility, and this opened up whole new areas for us. The prestige of Bryant athletics kept increasing and eventually we were playing the Assumptions and the Springfields. We were up against schools

that have had strong athletic programs for 20 or 30 years.

As the teams started getting bigger, we began qualifying for championship tournaments. Starting in the mid-seventies, we had All-Americans in men's soccer, basketball and golf. Bryant's golf team is nationally known. Archie Boulet, who came to Bryant in 1961 as a faculty member, is the only coach in the 25-year history of Bryant's varsity golf program. During that time, he has become one of the most successful and respected collegiate golf coaches in the nation. For all but one of the past 16 years, either an individual member or the entire Bryant team has

qualified for the NCAA Division II national tournament.

Probably the most famous Bryant golfer is Jim Hallett '83. Not only was he All-American for his four years here, in 1982 he became the first New England golfer in 25 years to reach the semi-finals in the United States Amateur Tournament. He got plenty of television exposure, and this really helped our reputation.

Since the 1950s, Bryant women have been very active in intramural sports. In 1972, the women's varsity program was started in response to a nationwide trend.

Holly Norton was the first full-time women's athletic coordinator, and she did everything. She coached tennis, volleyball, softball and basketball. After she left in 1977, Lorraine Hudak became the women's athletic coordinator.

As the women's programs kept growing, they also became more competitive. In the last few years, individual women athletes have achieved national recognition. In 1984, Sue Crisafi '85 became the first Bryant woman basketball player to score 1000 points over her career. She was also the first Bryant woman to be named to athletic All-American honors. Two years later, Karyn Marshall '85 was named to the United States Basketball Coaches Association Division II All-American Women's Basketball Team. And in 1986, Diane Tedford '86 was an All-American cross country runner.



Although Bryant women had been very active in intramural sports since the 1950s, the women's varsity program did not begin until 1972.

In the early days of women's sports here, it was common for an athlete to play two or three sports. Now that almost never happens. Because the programs and schedules have been expanded, we need athletes who specialize in a particular sport.

Over the years, the college's reputation has expanded athletically as well as academically. When Tom Folliard took over as athletic director in 1968, we had about 40 or 50 varsity athletes. Now we have almost 400. In those early days, students came primarily from the Rhode Island area. Today we have athletes on our roster from more than 20 states.

John Gillooly, sports information director, has been reporting on the Bryant athletic scene since 1969.

CENTENNIAL Gertrude Meth Hochberg

As Bryant prepared to celebrate its centennial year in 1963, President Kennedy announced the results of a study he had commissioned on the status of women in America. It occurred to me that Bryant's interest in women's professional lives had been a continuous theme throughout the college's history, and that our one hundredth anniversary should focus on this important issue.

In 1863, the year the college was founded, an advertisement appeared in the Providence Gazette announcing that Bryant and Stratton urged businessmen to "see that their daughters received a business education so that their inheritance might be saved from the blandishments of that dark, handsome stranger."

To convince our male administration 100 years later that a symposium on women was a good idea, I argued that there were seven male students to every female on the Bryant campus, and that the college needed to do something spectacular to attract the attention of young women.

Meeting facilities on the Hope Street campus were limited, but I decided we could present a women's symposium by inviting the area's 400 most influential women. With the help of Margaret Ackroyd, then chief of the Division of Women and Children, Rhode Island Department of Labor, and a member of President Kennedy's commission, we drew up an invitation list of distinguished Washington female leaders. We asked Esther Peterson, United States assistant secretary of labor and co-chair of the commission, to preside at the symposium.

The topic was drawn from the commission's report. The daylong discussion centered on the role of women in politics, education, religion, and medicine. It also looked into women's civil rights, job opportunities, and salaries. In addition, the participants pondered such questions as, "How can a woman maintain her traditional role of mother and house manager and yet actively participate as a business executive?"

(continued on page 16)

1960

Gardner Hall, a new men's dormitory, was dedicated.

1961

Harry Jacobs became president emeritus. His son, E. Gardner Jacobs '21, '23 MBA, '69H, assumed the college presidency, after serving 30 years as vice president.

Liberal arts courses were added to the curriculum and faculty committees were established to share in the governance of the college. A four-year college calendar was adopted.

1963

Bryant celebrated its centennial. Festivities included a symposium on "The Status of Women in America," featuring nationally recognized lecturers.

1964

The New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools granted Bryant College accreditation.

1965

The college's varsity basketball team won the Naismith Conference Championship.

1966

Tuition at Bryant was \$1,100 per year. Bryant hired its first full-time financial aid director.

1967

Earl Tupper, president of Tupperware Corporation, donated his 220-acre estate in Smithfield, RI to Bryant College. The college began formulating plans to construct a new campus and relocate to Smithfield.

Bryant joined the National Collegiate Athletic Association in recognition of a renewed emphasis on athletics during the 1960s.

The Faculty Federation was formed and became the first faculty union at a four-year college in the US to achieve collective bargaining.

1969

The Graduate School was founded, offering courses leading to a master of business administration degree.

Celebrations: Traditions and special events

COMMENCEMENT

Richard Alberg

Prior to the move to Smithfield in 1971, Bryant College commencement exercises were held at a variety of indoor, off-campus sites in Providence: The Albee Theatre, the Veterans' Auditorium, and Meehan Auditorium on the campus of Brown University.

The sprawling green lawns of the Smithfield campus are especially well suited to colorful graduation ceremonies and since 1972, Bryant's commencement exercises have been held on-campus and out-of-doors, with the exception of the "gymnasium" years of 1979, 1982 and 1985.

The commencement exercises of our 125th anniversary year came close to maintaining the three year cycle of inclement weather, but fortunately the forecast and the skies brightened at 7:15 a.m., and we proceeded to a grand and glorious milestone celebration to the accompaniment of bagpipes.



The class photo was a commencement tradition throughout much of Bryant's history. This one was taken in 1951.

More than 1,200 graduate and undergraduate degrees were awarded by Bryant College this year. Honorary degrees were conferred on seven distinguished business, educational and government leaders. Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board and one of the honorary degree recipients, was the featured speaker at the undergraduate commencement on May 21. He told graduates that the two major trends that would influence their business careers were the internationalization of the American economy and the

(continued on page 16)

REUNION

Kay (Barker) Kingsbury '51

My husband, Chuck '56, and I are both Bryant graduates and we've been coming to reunions for years. Our son just graduated from Bryant this year, so we've been even more involved with the college in recent years.

At first we used to come just for the Saturday night dinner dance, but lately we've been staying overnight. It's such a beautiful campus, we really enjoy it.

Not only is reunion a refreshing weekend away, it's a great time to make new friends. We always meet different people we didn't even know when we were students here, and we look forward to seeing them the next year.



Bryant College alumni packed the Biltmore for this 1948 reunion.

The entertainment at this year's reunion weekend was especially wonderful. The Dizzy Gillespie concert was very good and the cartoonist at lunch on Saturday really got people together.

We didn't have a group to come to reunion with this year, but we came anyway because we knew we wanted to be part of it. And we had a great time.

Kay (Barker) Kingsbury '51 is a secretary with the Norton Company in Worcester, MA.

REUNION

Jeff Ferrante '81

I attended my first on-campus reunion in 1986. It was my five-year reunion, and I had just moved back from Florida where I had lived since graduation.

I had arranged to get together with some of my former roommates, and we acted as if we had never left campus. We had a great time.

This year was a little more mellow. My wife and I had a very nice, relaxing weekend. The entertainment was terrific, and the fireworks were really outstanding.

I'm planning to come back again, and am really looking forward to my tenth reunion.



A spectacular fireworks display highlighted this year's reunion weekend.

Jeffrey Ferrante '81 is a financial consultant with Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner and Smith in Burlington, MA.

Campus: From city to country

Nelson Gulski '26, '72H

1969

Architect Robert Hillier was hired to design the new campus and to supervise construction.

Bryant sold its East Side campus to Brown University for \$5 million.

Gardner Jacobs '21, '23 MBA, '69H became chancellor, relinquishing the presidency to devote his full attention to fund raising. Schuyler Hoslett was named president.

1970

Groundbreaking ceremonies marked the beginning of construction for the new campus.

Dean Nelson Gulski '26, '72H assumed the post of acting president after illness forced the resignation of President Hoslett. Later in the year, Harry Evarts was named president.

1971

Bryant occupied its new campus in Smithfield with classes beginning September 20, 1971.

1973

The Center for Management Development, a pioneer in the field of executive education, was established and offered eight programs to 157 participants.

1974

Bryant's varsity basketball team won the Naismith Conference Championship again.

1975

BRYCOL, a nonprofit student organization, began operating small campus shops which served student needs.

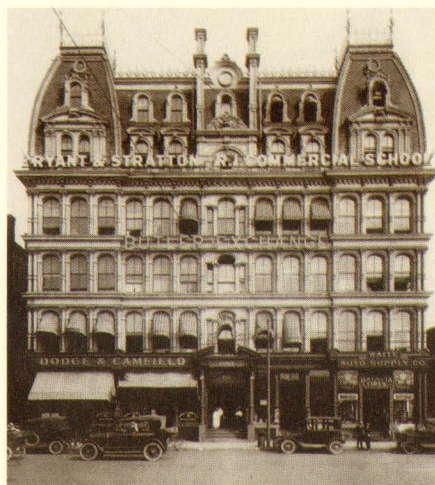
Bryant's varsity hockey team won the ECAC Division III championship.

Harry Evarts resigned and Nelson Gulski '26, '72H was again called to serve as acting president.

1976

William T. O'Hara, a lawyer and president of Mount Saint Mary College in New York, was named president of Bryant and initiated an intensive long-range planning process.

I took my first step toward becoming a Bryant and Stratton alum in the fall of 1924. Thirty of us—twenty-nine men and one woman—made up the accounting class. The school was then located on the fifth and sixth floors of the Butler Exchange Building, site of the present First National Bank. Our instructors were Jerry Barber, Jimmy Lane, and Henry Lee—names that will ring bells in the minds of old-timers.



Bryant and Stratton was located in the Butler Exchange Building from 1916 until 1925.

We did not stay in the Butler Exchange Building very long. In the spring of 1925, the school moved to 40 Fountain Street. This was a more modern building, and we occupied the sixth, seventh and eighth floors.

In 1935, after 10 years at the Fountain Street location, the school moved again and this time changed its name as well. The school's new home was the site of the defunct Hope Hospital in the "high class" residential district of Hope Street. We had an entire building to ourselves and a few yards of grass referred to as "the campus." Public transportation was limited and not convenient, but soon most students were arriving in their own cars and parking then became a problem.

Our name, Bryant and Stratton, once thought to be an asset, was now looked upon as a liability because it bespoke a commercial school with clerical programs. We wanted it to be known as a school of business administration. So with the new location came a new name—Bryant College of Business Administration.

The early years on Hope Street were a time of growth. The student population increased and the school acquired more classroom space, dormitories, a library, and recreation facilities.

In the late 1960s, the college was finding it increasingly difficult to expand its facilities on the East Side of Providence and was looking for a site on which to develop a new campus. President Gardner Jacobs '21, '23 MBA, '69H in one of his frequent meetings with prominent community leaders, had encountered Earl Tupper, founder of the famous Tupperware Company and owner of a 220-acre estate in Smithfield.

Contemplating a change in his lifestyle, Tupper had put the property up for sale. Discussion regarding the possible purchase of the property by Bryant gave Tupper an opportunity to learn of the college's mission. He was so impressed by what he heard that he decided to give the estate to Bryant.

The search for a new campus site was ended and the Tupper Campus of Bryant College was born.

J. Robert Hillier

The construction of the new campus at Smithfield was a most remarkable event for its time and a most remarkable event in the history of Bryant College. The East Side campus had been sold to Brown University and had to be vacated within two and a half years. The pressure of this time constraint became a very real design factor in the creation of the new campus.

Additionally, it was decided early in the process that a single large building with a flexible internal layout would be a good solution for the dynamic future that Bryant anticipated. It would also be more cost effective than constructing several independent buildings for different departments and functions.

The student as an individual and the positive effects of interaction between individuals in an academic setting were carefully considered in the design of the campus. The Unistructure exposes the individual to different groups and activities through the design of a variety of spaces for different functions.

The hub of the campus and the place of maximum student interaction is the Koffler Rotunda. It is, in essence, the heart of the college. Besides being exciting and economical, the Unistructure represented an "armature" on which future wings could be added in several different directions.

The Unistructure was located at the highest point on the site to take advantage of the tremendous views to the south. The siting of the dormitories was determined by an existing grove of trees which helped to maintain a residential scale more suitable for that type of building.

The dorms themselves offered suite or apartment living and provided students with individually controlled heating systems and private bathrooms. Since its development on the Bryant campus, this type of living has become the standard on many campuses in the Northeast.

The construction of a new campus from scratch is the dream of every young architect. For me, the Bryant campus in Smithfield was a dream come true and a highlight of my professional career, but it was not done alone.

There were three other "young musketeers" who were vital to the creation of the campus. Most important was Frank Delmonico, vice president for business affairs, who, then only in his mid-thirties, dealt with the complex financial issues surrounding the campus and its construction.

Joe Hagan, vice president for public affairs and just 32 years old, was responsible for obtaining funding from the various government agencies. Joe had worked as a congressional aide and knew his way around the avenues and corridors of Washington.

Tom Manion '75H was vice president for academic affairs and helped sort out the educational needs.

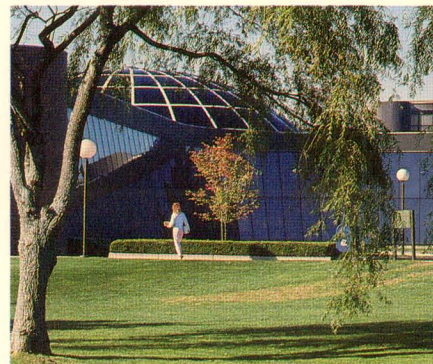


Architect Robert Hillier shows a model of his innovative design for the Unistructure to Nelson Gulski and a student, John Horton, in this late 1960s photo.

So, you had four men, all in their early thirties, building a campus. But they could not have done it without the help of great mentors such as Dean Nelson Gulski '26, '72H, who served as the acting president during the construction period, and Gardner Jacobs '69H, who represented the second generation of that family to lead the school. Finally, there was Dean Lionel Mercier '71H, who served as the liaison with much of the college community and provided input and guidance throughout the entire design process.

About a year into the construction, it became quite clear that the project was falling behind schedule. At that time, the fourth mentor arrived on the scene. Luigi (Al) Libutti '72H was all of five feet, two inches tall, but he had a bullhorn of a

voice and a vocabulary of four letter words that would embarrass the saltiest of sailors. A smart workaholic and a tremendous leader, not only did he move the project back on schedule, but he was able to get it done with style.



The Unistructure continues to dominate the contemporary Bryant campus.

The new campus represented a tremendous risk for an institution that was well established, but through the vision of Jacobs, Gulski, and Delmonico and with the support of the Board of Trustees, the college was able to move into a new period of growth and development.

To this day, the Smithfield campus remains the most exciting and important project that this now not-so-young architect has accomplished, and I am forever in Bryant's debt for giving me the opportunity.



The Bryant Center, the newest building on campus, is the center of activities and services for students, faculty, staff, alumni and parents.

J. Robert Hillier, FAIA, chairman of The Hillier Group, was the architect for Bryant's Smithfield campus.



1978

The Bryant basketball team was selected for the NCAA Division II Basketball Tournament.

Bryant's graduate school introduced the degree of master of science in taxation.

1979

The Annual Fund raised \$188,000 from 3300 donors, winning the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education - U.S. Steel Award for alumni support.

1981

The Multipurpose Activities Center, or MAC, was completed, providing a large multi-sports arena.

Bryant decided to phase out its department of secretarial studies in response to the changing aspirations of its students.

1982

The RI Small Business Development Center was founded at Bryant under a federal program to assist small businesses by offering consultation and training services. Bryant became the first private college in the nation to establish an SBDC.

1983

President O'Hara and the Board of Trustees created the Strategic Planning Committee to study and make recommendations concerning Bryant's future.

1984

Catalyst for Quality, the first report of the Strategic Planning Committee, was published, affirming educational excellence as Bryant's primary goal. The report placed particular emphasis on excellence in teaching, stressed such special student opportunities as a senior challenge, and recommended the construction of additional dormitories and a student center.

(continued from page 12)

Throughout the centennial year, famous people came to the campus to speak. G. Mennen Williams, assistant secretary of state and former Michigan governor, delivered an address on "The Problems of New Nations in Africa," and the French consul general in Boston, M. Jean Savelli, spoke on "France and the Common Market." These events were tangible evidence of the Bryant community's interest in international business and the global economy.

The Rhode Island legislature commended Bryant on its 100 years of growth. There was a centennial flag-raising ceremony in front of Memorial Hall on the Hope Street campus, and a centennial ball at the beautiful new ballroom at the Grist Mill in East Providence.

However, the Bryant College hundredth anniversary will largely be remembered for its trail-blazing efforts in upgrading the status of women in America. Some say the Bryant symposium was the first such gathering of influential women since the Seneca Falls, New York, meeting in 1848. There are many women in our state today who believe that the women's revolution in Rhode Island started on the Bryant College campus.

Gertrude Meth Hochberg, retired vice president for public affairs, became Bryant's first public relations director in 1949. She was the first woman inducted into the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame.

(continued from page 13)

shift in this country from physical or material products to intellectual or conceptual products.

It was possibly the most gala commencement at Bryant in many years, replete with pre- and post-commencement receptions and capped by a brilliant fireworks display that lit up the sky on Friday evening. It was a commencement we won't soon forget.

Dean of Academic Administration and registrar Richard F. Alberg has been a member of the Bryant community since 1957. He has been chairman of the commencement committee for the past eight years.

Show Your Spirit!

In celebration of its year-long 125th Anniversary celebration, Bryant College proudly offers a variety of commemorative items for alumni and friends:

- Cotton polo shirts with embroidered anniversary insignia, white or navy with gold, \$23. Specify medium or large.
- Brass and leather coaster/paperweights, \$10.50.
- Gold plated Archway suncatchers, \$4.50.
- Highlighter pen, \$.80.
- Engraved matte black pens, \$9.

Order from:
Alumni Relations Office,
Bryant College
450 Douglas Pike,
Smithfield, RI 02917-1284.

Name _____

Class year _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

____check or money order payable to
Bryant College

____VISA ____ Mastercard

Acct. # _____

Exp. Date _____

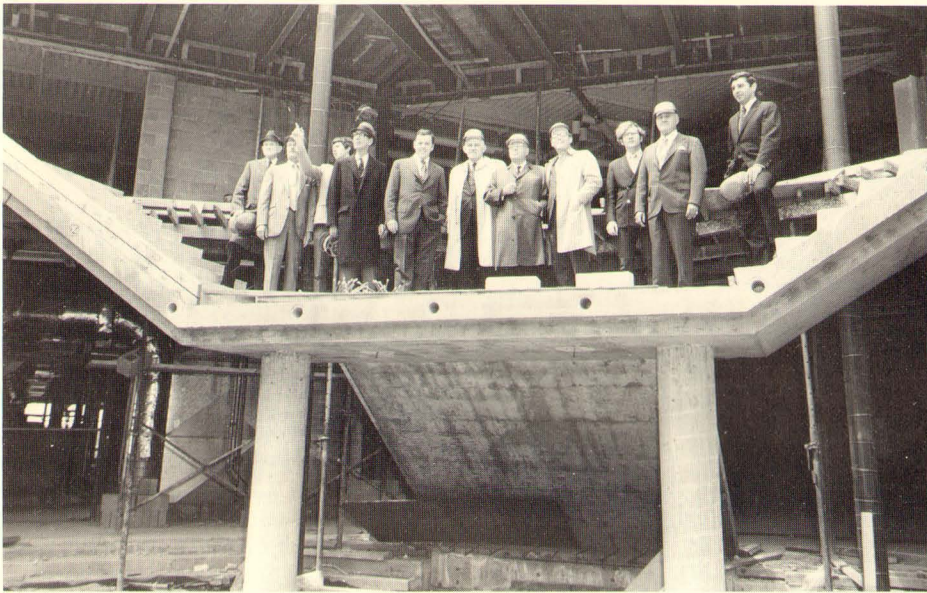
Signature required for credit card purchases.

Trustees: *Defining the institutional mission*

by Jeannine Wilson

The type of governing board that would become the standard in American colleges was established in 1701 when Yale University's charter made the ten organizing clergymen the corporation. Henceforth, American colleges and universities would largely follow the Yale precedent.

The founders of a nonprofit educational institution generally comprised its first governing board, whether it was called a board of overseers, regents or trustees. This governing board would then be self-perpetuating, appointing new members to fill openings as they arose.



At their April 22, 1971 meeting, the members of the Board of Trustees toured the Smithfield campus construction site with architect Robert Hillier.

Although the function of college trustees has evolved over the years, their basic responsibilities remain unchanged. By charter, they are the legal owners and the final authority for the institutions whose assets and operations they hold in trust. Trustees must satisfy not only themselves but others that the institution is heading in the right direction and is well managed. They are responsible for appointing the president, supporting his or her initiatives and assessing presidential performance; they are required to approve long range plans and institutional programs; they

must safeguard the financial stability of the institution and raise funds for its continued growth; perhaps most importantly, it is their duty to clarify and protect the mission of the college.

The experience of the Bryant College Board of Trustees is somewhat unusual because Bryant was a proprietary school before it became nonprofit in 1949. Unlike most American colleges and universities, the original board, as incorporators, did not establish the mission of the institution. It had already been set by the demands of the marketplace, and the president was the former owner of the school. The board was, in effect, grafted on after the college had been in operation for many years.

"It took a few years for the board to develop its own posture," remarks former trustee William P. Haas '66H, who is now a member of the faculty.

Gertrude M. Hochberg, retired vice president for public affairs, notes that, "In the early years, trustees were chosen as friends of the president or administration. They were in the family, so to speak."

Former trustee, professor, dean and acting president Nelson Gulski '26, '72H agrees that most of the early trustees were "handpicked insiders." This was a natural outgrowth of a for-profit operation, according to Gulski.

At its inception, the Board of Trustees had 11 members. President Harry L. Jacobs told board members what he planned to do, and they generally went along with it. When E. Gardner Jacobs succeeded his father as president, he began to take time to explain his plans and earn the board's approval before carrying out an action. After the younger Jacobs stepped down in 1969, the trustees began to take an even more active role in the affairs of the college.

1984

Trustee Norman Sarkisian '53, '88H endowed Bryant's first academic chair, the Sarkisian Chair of Business Economics. R.D. (Pat) Norton was appointed the first chairholder.

1985

Designs for Quality was published as a continuation of the Strategic Planning Committee's process. Among the proposals were funds to transport freshmen to cultural events off-campus and to bring distinguished business leaders to campus for forums and seminars.

Bryant's Center for Management Development became one of the five largest such centers in New England.

1986

The Quality Difference, next in the series of reports from the Strategic Planning Committee, included among its recommendations a reaffirmation of the college's internship program with the creation of BRYCEP, the Bryant College Career Experience Program.

The Bryant Center was dedicated as a complete student union facility.

A former Bryant trustee, William E. Trueheart, was appointed executive vice president.

1987

Strategies for Academic Quality was submitted by the Strategic Planning Committee.

The Koffler Technology Center was rededicated as the college's new computer center.

1988

Bryant College celebrated its 125th anniversary with a number of commemorative events including the publication of the first official history of the college, *Bryant College, the First 125 Years*.

Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve, spoke at commencement.

In 1967, during an attempt by the faculty to unionize, the board authorized the president to hold elections by secret ballot to ascertain the wishes of the faculty on this issue. As a result, Bryant became the first four-year college to have a faculty union with collective bargaining status.

According to Haas, the major event that crystallized the role of the trustees was the move to the Smithfield campus.

"When the school was in the heart of the city, it was defined by physical con-

During the seventies, the board members selected two new presidents and an acting president and guided the college through difficult years. This was a period of student unrest across the country. Board members attended protest meetings at Bryant, and although they did not accede to student demands for representation on the board, they did recognize the need for a student union and announced plans to build one. Following this controversial period, there was no question that the board emerged as a more potent force at the college with enhanced decision



The 1987-88 Board of Trustees was composed of business, civic and professional leaders who took an active role in defining the mission of the institution.

straints," says Haas. Bryant made a "quantum leap" when it moved to Smithfield. "The college had a chance to carve out a new image and a new sense of destiny." Haas comments, "Certainly it was a trustee policy issue to decide what kind of campus it was going to be and what kind of institution it was going to be."

The trustees were very involved in the decision to move to Smithfield, as well as in the selection of an architect and the design of the new campus. They agreed to the issuance of bonds to finance the construction and approved all drawings and materials presented by the architects.

making power.

Over the years, the board has been expanded to allow for broader participation. The charter now calls for 36 members to provide for a greater range of age and expertise. During the last decade, new trustee committees have also been organized with additional student, faculty and alumni representation to facilitate communication between the board and the college community. The result of these changes has been a better informed and more efficient board.

Former trustee Karl F. Ericson '58, a

partner with Peat, Marwick, Main and Company, who joined the board in 1980 and served as chairman from 1983 to 1986, believes that it is important to have a constant influx of new ideas.

“One of the responsibilities of the board is to constantly rejuvenate itself, to bring in new, responsible people, so that the board can benefit from their enthusiasm. One of the first things I pushed through when I came on as chairman was an automatic restriction to two three-year terms,” Ericson says. As a result, Ericson along with many other longtime board members, ended his tenure on July 31 of this year.

Ericson believes that the board serves a policy setting function, “helping the college look into the future.” Bryant trustees have fulfilled that responsibility, according to Ericson.

“In 1983-84, the board really started to insist on some meaningful strategic planning,” Ericson says. “It might have happened without the trustees, but I think the trustees put a lot of emphasis on it. When you look at the board in 1980 and today, you will find the current body more dynamic, more responsive to the needs of all constituencies.”

Through the years, the trustees have made significant contributions to the development of the college, according to Ericson.

“Since the beginning of the board, Bryant has evolved from a commuter school to a residential institution. The board has had a lot of insight. It has been amenable to expansion and to taking on debt to finance new construction. The board has also been very supportive of administration, faculty and staff.”

Ericson is not sure that trustees have demonstrated sufficient leadership in fund raising initiatives, and other trustees also share this opinion. A number of board members have assisted in college development efforts, however.

Gulski chaired the college’s annual fund campaign in 1978, assisted by trustees Ericson, Walter Tillinghast ’53, ’88H and Jack Renza ’70, ’79 MBA. They succeeded in raising \$156,000, exceeding the goal that had been set.

Some trustees have made very significant financial contributions to the college. Trustee Norman Sarkisian ’53, ’88H endowed the first academic chair at the college, the Sarkisian Chair of Business Economics.

Other trustees have been generous donors as well. On the East Side campus, a new classroom, Kilcup Hall, was endowed with a bequest from board member Ernest Kilcup. On the Smithfield campus, the Koffler Center was the result of a gift from trustee Sol Koffler ’70H, and the Salmanson Dining Hall in the Unistructure was donated by former board member Leonard I. Salmanson ’72H.

By and large, the major responsibility of trustees is to judiciously guide the institution. Trustees can enlarge the scope of the college, as well as enhance its reputation,



The Honorable Bruce M. Selya, Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, is the current chairman of the Board of Trustees.

notes Hochberg. Because Bryant is a business school, she feels it is important to have business people on the board.

“They can help us implement new business ideas and let us know what’s needed in the world of business, so we don’t become too insular,” Hochberg says. “New ideas come from out there, not from within.”

Haas believes that the role of trustees “starts with the protection of the mission of the institution. They must see to it that the institution achieves the goal it started out to achieve. Bryant trustees have certainly done this.

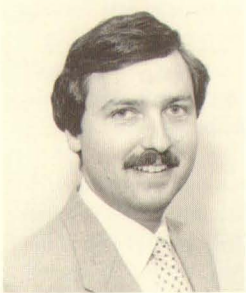
“The institution has continued to prosper,” Haas says, “and has avoided two very dangerous mistakes: excessive diversification and stagnation. To be able to move and not lose your focus is a very difficult thing to do. It takes a good board and good support of the president.”

Current board chairman, the Honorable Bruce M. Selya, a judge with the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, agrees that the role of trustees is to provide stewardship for the president and vision for the future.

“I think Bryant trustees have filled that role admirably,” Judge Selya says. “One of the least known treasures of the college is the dedication and devotion of its trustees, as well as the caliber of the men and women who serve on the board. I think Bryant is very fortunate.

“I cannot set foot on campus, look at any building or facility, see any activity without thinking of the trustee or group of trustees who made it happen or made it happen sooner or better,” Judge Selya adds. “In the enrichment of student life, the enhancement of faculty and facilities, in every aspect of the college, the trustees have been involved up and down the line.”

Class Notes



Alan Wardyga '77, '84 MBA, a member of the Alumni Executive Board, accepted the position of president of the alumni association beginning June 13. Alan is a vice president at Eastland Bank in Woonsocket.

1933

Santino Vasques, James Pennell, George McCabe and Frank Holtham and their wives gathered at the Providence Marriott on June 6 for a mini-reunion. After lunch they toured the Smithfield campus.

1949

Peter G. Leasca has been promoted to industrial vice president at Shearson American Express.

1950

John F. McShane has been promoted to senior vice president of marketing at Royal Electric.

1951

A Gilbert Helgerson, Jr. has been appointed executive professional representative at Merck Sharp & Dohme.

1954

Francis A. Pettengill has been promoted to director of credit management and sales services at the Titleist Division of the Acushnet Company.

1955

Thomas Westbrook was recently given the coveted Paul Harris Award by the East Providence Rotary Club. Mr. Westbrook is president of the Hartford Clamp Company.

1962

H. Stephen Harvey was promoted to senior vice president-finance at Sikorsky Aircraft.

1963

Thomas A. Taylor has been elected senior vice president at Amica Mutual Insurance Company.

1964

Joseph A. Finelli has been appointed assistant vice president-engineering/administration at Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island.

1965

Wayne B. Huck has been appointed vice president of taxes at BR Intec Corp., Willimantic, CT.

1966

Dennis J. Bishop has been promoted to vice president, US manufacturing at Stanley-Bostitch, Inc.

1967

Lawrence F. Dunn, Jr. has started his own real estate, consulting, and development company entitled Meridian Resources.

Michael Poissant was elected to the board of directors of the Jewelers Board of Trade, Providence.

1968

William H. Doherty has been promoted to president and chief operating officer at American Institute of Management.

1969

Virginia Browning has been promoted to senior staff auditor of Citizens Bank.

Aniela Pawlus has been appointed associate broker with William Raveis Real Estate. In addition, she has been appointed by the Greater Hartford Association of Realtors to serve on the Professional Standards of Governmental Policy Legislative Committee.

John Skorupski has been promoted to vice president of finance and administration at Systems Engineering & Manufacturing Corp.

1970

James P. Cahill has been promoted to post-master of Burrillville's Mapleville setion.

Edward J. McGuire has been appointed vice president, sales and marketing - national sales manager for Scarborough & Co. of Chicago.

1971

John Marshall, Jr. has been appointed project manager by The Parkman Companies, a real estate development firm in Taunton.

New Campus Visitation Policy

Alumni are an important part of the Bryant family and they are welcome on campus throughout the year. However, the college has recently found it necessary to take some precautions to protect the health and safety of its students, and we ask alumni to comply with these new policies.

After dark, all visitors, including alumni and their guests, are stopped at the gate. Alumni who are coming on campus to use the library or the athletic facilities should present their identification cards to be admitted to these facilities. Those attending evening meetings will be directed to the correct location.

When visiting a student after hours, alumni are asked to give the student's name to the officer at the gate, who will call the student to let him or her know a guest has arrived.

This spring the college tried a new approach to improve Spring Weekend for current Bryant students. In order to limit the Spring Weekend crowds to a size that is manageable for the Bryant staff, entrance to campus was limited to invited guests of current students. The purpose of this decision was to make Spring Weekend an enjoyable and safe occasion for students, not to exclude Bryant alumni or guests.

This year's Spring Weekend was the safest ever at Bryant. As a result, the policy will be retained for next year and may be extended to other special student weekends that have, in the past, proven to draw large, unmanageable crowds. It may be wise to contact the Alumni Office before driving a great distance to the campus on a weekend.

We sincerely want to make alumni welcome on the Bryant College campus, and any questions about this new policy should be directed to Melissa Walker, associate director of alumni relations, at 401 232-6040.

1972

Dennis G. Finlay has been appointed Smithfield's tax collector-treasurer.

John S. Ribezzo has been appointed a certified management accountant.

Richard F. Wontka has been promoted to senior vice president of human resources for Stanley-Bostitch Inc.

1973

Joseph A. Miller has been promoted to vice president - division manager at Commonwealth Mortgage Company.

1974

Randy Anagnostis has begun his own management and marketing consultant firm, Anagnostis Associates, in Durham, CT.

Steve Sidoruk was promoted to captain of the Cheshire, CT, Police Department. He is also an administrative aide to the chief of police and commander of the administrative division.

Richard S. Winslow has been promoted to vice president of the Peterson Winslow Insurance Agencies, Inc.

John J. Sullivan has recently joined Ames Department Stores, Inc. of Rocky Hill, CT, as vice president/financial controller.

1975

James W. Drost has been named vice president and auditor of First Federal Savings & Loan Association.

Gregory C. Evans was named associate director of the office of public liaison within the White House Executive Office of the President last December.

Capt. George H. Huley has been decorated with the army achievement medal at Fort Sill, OK.

1976

Roger Begin is running for lieutenant governor of Rhode Island.

John A. Kozar was appointed to the new position of director of corporate taxes at GTECH Corporation.

Kevin Heyde has been appointed corporate director of taxes for Burndy Corporation.

1977

Paul L. Berard was promoted to vice president/glazing with National Glass Service Inc. He also holds a seat on the company's board of directors.

David J. Clark was appointed account executive by Starkweather & Shepley, Inc., of Providence.

1978

Joseph J. Pietropaolo was promoted to director of finance and assistant treasurer with GTECH Corporation.

John E. Poisson was appointed distribution superintendent of Eastern Edison's Fall River division.

Christine N. Tague MBA '87 was appointed the city finance director of Pawtucket, RI.

Joseph V. Zarrella was presented the key to the City of Cranston for the invention of a water alert system for hot water heaters.

1979

Karen R. Crabtree was promoted to senior budget-financial analyst at Women & Infants' Hospital in Providence.

Joseph R. Fournier has been named assistant treasurer in the finance division at Attleboro Pawtucket Savings Bank.

1980

Richard Digennaro has become a shareholder and officer of Kaplan, Moran & Associates, Ltd.

Captain W. Oakland has been named outstanding contract officer of the year for the Tactical Air Command of the U.S. Air Force. He is stationed at Mountain Home Air Force Base, ID.

G. David Parent has been appointed agency supervisor at Harbour Point Financial Group, Providence.

James G. Russell was appointed manager of the public accounting firm of Filomeno & Company, West Hartford & Avon.



After a search among both national candidates and Bryant alumni, Paula Iacono '69 was selected to be the new director of alumni relations. After serving on the Alumni Executive Board for six years as reunion chair in 1972 and 1987, and as interim alumni director 1987-88, Paula comes to Bryant as a proven, highly skilled leader.

1982

Kenneth Annarummo has been promoted to assistant vice president at Attleboro Pawtucket Savings Bank.

Frank J. Rocco, Jr. was promoted to data processing project manager at Connecticut Data Systems, Inc.

1983

Keith Graveline MBA '86 was promoted to branch manager with Metropolitan Life.

Richard B. Smith has been named a manager in the personnel department of Fleet National Bank.

Sanford C. Trado has just completed requirements to become a CPA.

John B. Valletta, Jr. has been named vice president of the loan department of Rhode Island Hospital Trust National Bank.

1984

Eugene G. Brom graduated from Northwestern University Law School in May. He will practice with Seyfarth, Shaw, Fairweather & Geraldson in Chicago.

Edward Bumiller has become a certified management accountant. He has successfully completed the exam and satisfied the required two years of management accounting experience.

Susan (Hearey) Carvalho has been appointed communications director for the United Way of Greater Fall River, MA.

Marc R. Glaude was named associate broker for Realty World.

Donald Lee White was named vice president of LaFramboise Water Services, Inc.

1985

Brian Azar has been promoted to branch officer at Eastland Bank.

Lizette (Duguay) Clem was promoted to operations officer at Rhode Island Hospital Trust National Bank.

Leigh Herdecker was promoted to financial analyst with Providence Gas Company.

Steve Solomon has been named director of sales for The Pointe in Orleans, MA.

Susan A. Vernon has been appointed assistant controller of Manufacturing Jewelers & Silversmiths of America Inc., Providence.

1986

Dennis Bonvoulair and **Jennifer Stachel** are engaged to be married in 1988. They are both living in Rhode Island.

George M. Cariofiles has joined the accounting staff at O'Conner & Drew.

Paula Giorgio was appointed staff accountant with DiSanto, Bertoline & Company, P.C. of Glastonbury, CT.

William F. Kirby was promoted to manager of Eastland Bank's Diamond Hill branch in Cumberland.

Virginia L. Martin was promoted to assistant vice president responsible for benefits administration at Fleet National Bank.

Brian J. Williams was designated naval aviator and was presented the "Wings of Gold".

George McKinnon was appointed director of sales development at Roger Williams Foods, Cumberland, RI.

1987

Laurie Sullivan was awarded the Nicholas Piccione Silver Medal.

Karen Sacco was awarded the Nicholas Piccione Gold Medal and the Peat, Marwick Main Award for the highest combined score on both the May and November '87 CPA exams.

William Wilbur has been named audit officer at Attleboro Pawtucket Savings Bank.

Graduate School

Deborah Pannullo '87 has been promoted to director of quality assurance at Stanley-Bostitch Inc.

In Memoriam

John H. Moran, '21	March, 1988
Elizabeth (Ross) Synan, '31	March, 1988
Walter Bainton, '32	May, 1988
Anthony Sarazen, '33	March, 1988
Francis X. Fay, '34	February, 1988
J. Leo Maguire, '35	April, 1988
Jeanette T. Older, '35	February, 1988
Jean C. O'Connor, '43	April 1988
Sara Freidman, '46	April 1, 1988
L. Daniel Landry, '49	February, 1988
Michael Sokolowski, '49	April, 1988
James L. Baron, '55	February, 1988
James D. Baker, '62	March 15, 1988
Charles A. Staton, '70	May, 1988
Eugene W. Lallier, '73	
W. Russell Boss, '75 (honorary doctorate)	April, 1988

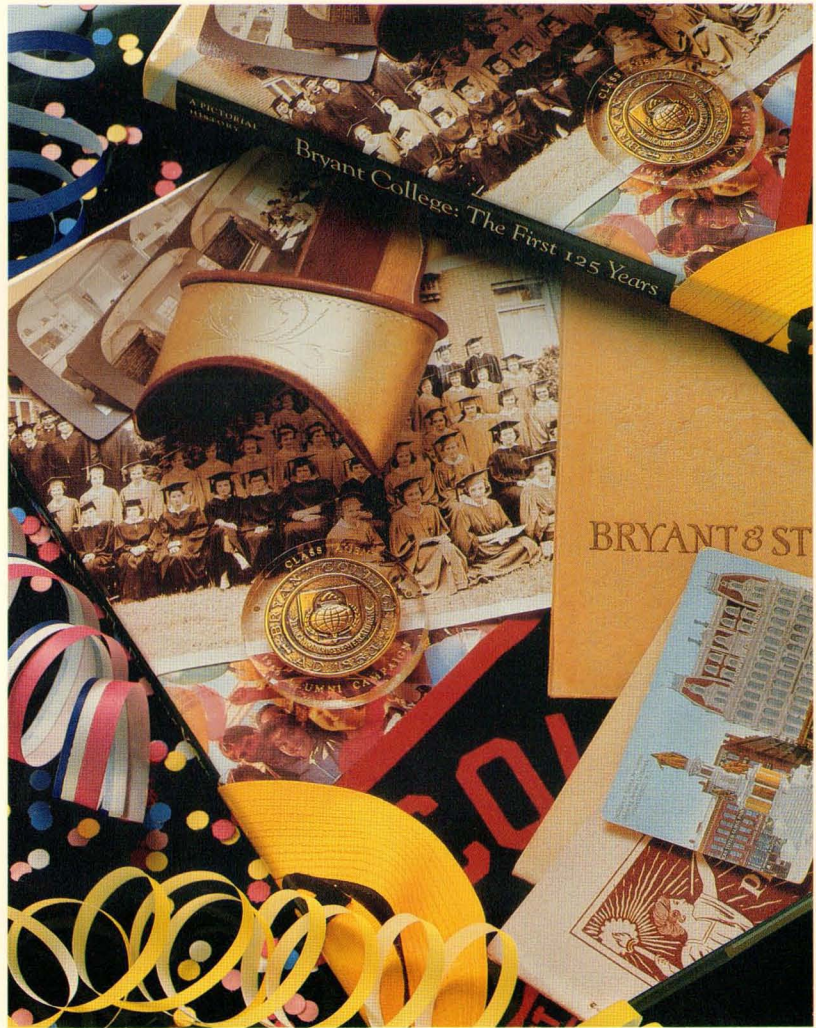
In the February issue we mistakenly noted that Anthony Cotoia, '48 was deceased. This was a mistake. Mr Cotoia is very much among the living. The editor of class notes regrets the error.

Rita Marks '25, who died December 18, 1987, remembered Bryant College in her will. She was the first woman to be named Realtor of the Year by the National Association of Realty Boards.

A local alumna, she joined the Loyal Guard (then known as the Old Guard) in 1976, and expanded her ties to the college. When she agreed to be co-chair of the Annual Fund drive in 1977-78, the case for the fund that year was, "As business needs educated people to make money, Bryant needs money to make educated people." Rita Marks must have remembered that theme when she wrote her will and made a bequest of \$1,000 to Bryant.

If you would like information about making a planned gift or bequest to Bryant, please write or call:

*Dr. Nena Thames Whittemore
Vice President for
Institutional Advancement
Bryant College
450 Douglas Pike
Smithfield, RI 02917
(401) 232-6260*



Happy Anniversary.

Bryant's 125th anniversary is *your* anniversary. Celebrate it with a special keepsake. *Bryant College: The First 125 Years* is Bryant's first official history book, describing the people, places, and events that have made Bryant what it is today.

A beautifully-crafted coffee-table size hardcover with a full-color dust jacket, *Bryant College: The First 125 Years* is packed with fascinating photographs that are guaranteed to bring back memories of Bryant's beginnings, the East Side years, and the move to Smithfield—not to mention the College's most recent history. Every one of its 143 pages is richly illustrated. Don't miss out!

Order your copies today. *Bryant College: The First 125 Years* makes an excellent gift, one that friends and relatives with a Bryant connection will treasure for years to come. This is a limited edition at the special introductory price of \$24.* They won't be around for very long—so hurry!

*Includes postage and handling.

Great! Please send me _____ copies of Bryant's 125th anniversary book @ \$24 each.

Name _____

Class year _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

_____ VISA _____ Mastercard

Acct # _____

Exp. Date _____

Signature required for credit card purchases.

Send to: Publications and Advertising Office, Box 2, Bryant College, 450 Douglas Pike, Smithfield, RI 02917-1284.



 **BRYANT
COLLEGE**

Second class
Postage
PAID
at Providence, RI

125th
ANNIVERSARY

The Bryant Review, 450 Douglas Pike, Smithfield, RI 02917-1284