A letter from the president

Bryan pledges to be dedicated, enthusiastic

To all UCF colleagues:

As your new interim president, I want each of you to know that I feel honored and committed to be part of an effort that will continue to move UCF forward. My initial impressions confirm that this institution is in excellent shape, poised to make major gains in the next several years.

The foundation put in place by Charles Millican remains firm. The improvements of the Trevor Colborn and Steven Altmann years testify to the vision of your former presidents and to the energy that the entire UCF community devotes to building a first-rate university. You should be proud of your accomplishments. I know I shall be proud to work with you in helping this university grow. In many cases, in fact, I will be working with old friends from years back.

I think you should know, however, that my short period of retirement has not dulled my enthusiasm for getting things done. I fully intend to be an active president. We will face problems as they come and we will solve them together. Anything less would not be in the university’s best interests. When I leave here, my fondest hope is that the new president will examine what we have done and will acknowledge that we didn’t miss a beat.

Cordially Yours,

Bryan

Interim's coatless style refreshing

Bryan’s ‘down-to-earth’ approach appeals to UCF community

News that Robert Bryan, a retired University of Florida provost, had been picked to wear the interim president’s hat at the University of Central Florida while regents search for Steven Altmann’s replacement, had buzzed around campus within hours after the announcement was made three weeks ago.

When Chancellor Charles Reed made the recommendation to regents during a conference call that was piped into UCF, Provost Richard Astor responded with a silent cheer, then a high-five with Frank Juge, assistant vice president of academic affairs.

Among the campus community, however, the selection raised questions from staff, faculty and students who didn’t know Bryan. Many people knew almost nothing about him.

Some, especially faculty members who had worked with Bryan at UF, remembered that he was the interim president at the University of Florida for a year before John Lombardi took over in March 1990. Some even recalled that he successfully guided the university through a rocky period when its sports programs were being investigated by the NCAA for rules violations.

It has not taken long, however, for Bryan to imprint his own style on the job of president.

At a press conference the day after it was announced he would be interim president, he left his coat on and showed up in front of reporters without it.

During the conference, Bryan joked with Astro about a brown tie dotted with the UCF emblem that he was picking up for photographs using UCF pom-poms and an umbrella for props.

Already he has become a familiar face at UCF. Instead of sending a student assistant or secretary on chores around campus, he shows up in various departments himself — again, without his coat. While there,

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He usually stops and talks to whoever is there at the time.

Bryan, while making his rounds around the third floor of the administration building, has even been seen stopping in an office doorway along the way just to say hello.

In an open letter to the university community appearing in this issue of The UCF Report, Bryan signed with a simple R, for Robert. Employees and students are calling his behavior "refreshing." They say he's in "folkly" and "down-to-earth" and "casual."

As for Bryan, 65, he was busy fishing when his name first came up as a possible interim president a month ago.

After close to five decades working, most of them in education, he agreed to put his fishing pole away for a few more months and come out of retirement long enough to see UCF through this transition. But once UCF's fourth president is hired, Bryan will dig that fishing pole back out of the closet.

Bryan's impressive career spans 47 year

He started out teaching English, will likely finish at UCF position

Bryan graduated in 1950 from the University of Miami with a bachelor's degree in English. He earned both master's and doctoral degrees — also in English — from the University of Kentucky.

Bryan served as a ships officer in the U.S. Merchant Marine from 1944 to 1947, and as a special agent in the U.S. Army Counter Intelligence Corps from 1946 to 1956. He was a lecturer for the University of California's Extension Division in Tokyo in 1955, and taught at the University of Kentucky for two years before joining the University of Florida as an assistant English professor in 1957, a position he held until 1961, when he became assistant to the dean of the graduate school.

Bryan, a specialist in 16th and 17th century English literature, has also taught at Florida Atlantic University and Florida Southern College. In 1962, he began a seven-year stint as director of UF's Ford Foundation three-year master's degree program in addition to his position as assistant dean of the graduate school. He earned the rank of associate professor of English in 1962 and was promoted to full professor in 1968 while retaining his duties as assistant dean.

After a year as dean of advanced studies and director of research at Florida Atlantic in 1965, Bryan returned to UF as dean of faculties. A year later he was appointed associate vice president for academic affairs.

In 1975, Bryan was named vice president for academic affairs after a six-month search by a faculty committee which screened more than 200 candidates. He was named university provost 10 years later.

Professionally active, Bryan is past president of the Florida Association of Colleges and Universities and has served as a consultant for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and as chairman of SACS Visitation Committees in 1966, 1967 and 1970. He has also served as a consultant to the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

In 1973, Bryan served both as chairman of a statewide higher education task force and as a panelist for the U.S. Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps Scholarship Selection Panel. A one-time reader for Educational Testing Service and bibliographer for Twentieth Century Literature, he is a member of the Modern Language Association, Southern Renaissance Conference and the South Atlantic Modern Language Association.

Bryan is the author of numerous books, articles and reviews for professional journals. He and his wife, Kathryn, have two children, Lyla Kay and Matthew.

Carolyn Roberts, 46, will lead the committee. She was appointed a regent in 1991.

John Moyle, 57, this year replaced Orlando Regent Joan Ruffier on the BOR.

DeBose Ausley, 54, was named to the BOR in 1978. He received a law degree from UF.

Patrick Grover, 70, was appointed to the BOR in 1987. He is a hospital administrator.

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Regents named to search committee

Selection marks first official step in 6- to 8-month process

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The committee will screen finalists and recommend a candidate to Chancellor Charles Reed. A second committee consisting of 30 to 40 UCF faculty, students, staff and community representatives will be named soon.

The search committee will reduce the pool to five finalists. The finalists will then return to UCF for another visit, then regents and Reed will recommend a candidate for approval to the entire Board of Regents.
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- Tuesday, July 16, Financial Aid 101, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- Monday, July 29, Government Contracting Basics, 5-7 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 16, Personnel Management, 1-4 p.m.
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- Tuesday, July 23, Steps to Starting Your Own Business, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- Monday, July 29, Government Contracting Basics, 3-7 p.m.

or 645-5180.

3 mi. west of UCF. Screened porch, fenced dog run, large kitchen. Call Kobi, x5654 or 671-2692.

Homes, 3/2 in Stillwater. 2 mi. north of UCF. Ceramic tile, security system, fireplace, screened porch, custom window treatments, all-de-sec. Terry, x2661.

Miscellaneous, Walt Disney children's books collection of 36 plus child's picture dictionary, $100. 35mm projector w/ screen, $50. Domestic table sewing ma­chine, $90. Star Wars figures, He-Man, G.I. Joe w/ vehicles, Mary, x4663.

Weed wacker, Black & Decker, 14 in. Grass boiler, which had served UCF since the 1960s, is being replaced by smaller, more efficient models.

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