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December 15, 1981

Mr. John Brademas
President
New York University
70 Washington Square South
New York, New York 10012

Dear John:

I thought you should have a copy of the recent New York Times article as it appeared in the Record on December 7, 1981. It comes with my best wishes. If I can send you additional copies, please let me know.

With warm personal regards,

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell

Enclosure

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JOHN BRADEMAS AS PRESIDENT

an interesting story about the new President of New York University, our former colleague John BrademAs. As one who worked closely with John on numerous legislative issues in education and the arts and humanities, I am especially delighted to know that he is settling into his new life as a university president with such ease and enthusiasm. The next few years will be tough ones for all academic institutions but N.Y.U. is fortunate indeed to have such an experienced and dynamic leader at its helm. I am also pleased to note that John has been speaking out so eloquently against the magnitude of cuts in federal education programs - a concern I certainly share.

I commend this article on John BrademAs to my colleagues and ask unanimous consent that it be printed in the Record. It appeared in the New York Times on December 7, 1981.
The Big Apple was swept up the other side ..., by the winds of change.

Electric Lines and Send Trash Flying

But no one in eastern New England, from the snow in some widespread accidents on the streets, to the Setting Sun, noticed much. Said John Hughes, a spokesman for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which owns the complex. In a room near one of the towers, the shrapnel, a person might hear "what could be described as a cracking sound," Mr. Hughes said, but that would be his only clue that he was riding a building.

"The Empire State Building doesn't sway at all, but it bends about a quarter of an inch when the winds approach 75 miles an hour," said a security guard on duty yesterday. Visitors were permitted in the glass enclosed observation tower on the 102nd floor yesterday, but they were barred from the terraces of the 86th floor observation deck.

"It's too windy, and it's a little scary outside," the guard said.

Once, in December 1979, high winds saved the life of a young woman who fell from a window on an upper floor of the Empire State Building. They blew Continued on Page B7

For New N.Y.U. President, a Fast Pace

By DEIRDRE CARMODY

John Brademas of South Bend, Ind., and Washington—Phi Beta Kappa from Harvard, Rhodes scholar, member of Congress for 22 years and former majority whip—is now Dr. John Brademas, president of New York University. It's as if he had been preparing himself all those years for the job.

"He's a natural president," said L. Jay Oliva, provost of the university and vice president for academic affairs, who has worked in one capacity or another under five N.Y.U. presidents. "No one hit the ground running as well as Brademas. All his instincts were university presidential."

"I think he's working harder here than he did in Washington," said Mary Ellen Brademas, his wife. "He works all the time."

"The truth of the matter is, I'm enjoying myself enormously," said John Brademas.

Inaugurated in October

It is still the honeymoon period, to be sure, and universities, like the nation at large, tend to look kindly at first on fledgling presidents. Dr. Brademas arrived on the Washington Square campus of N.Y.U. in July and was inaugurated in October. He took over from the acting president, Ivan L. Bennett, who had replaced John C. Sawhill in 1978, when Mr. Sawhill took a leave of absence to become Deputy Secretary of Energy.

While Dr. Brademas's instincts may indeed be university presidential, there are times when his style is still distinctly Congressional. In his first few days on the job, he learned dozens of names and shook the hands of everyone in sight.

He buckled down to the business of administering a university with an enrollment of 44,000 students and an annual budget of half a billion dollars that refers to itself as the largest privately supported university in the country.

He is in the midst of a whirlwind. There are continual meetings with faculty, students, deans, trustees, visiting dignitaries, heads of N.Y.U. and 13 undergraduate divisions and 10 gradu-

Gone to the Island to Participate in its Annual Christmas Shoppers Stroll, Found Shelter in Emergency Accommodations. [A18:14]


"Tommy the Cork," he was one of President Roosevelt's principal parliamentary strategists in the development of such historic innovations as the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938. He was 80 years old. [D18:1-4]

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...ects and professional schools. There are also breakfasts with university officials, lunches with foundation presidents, dinners with corporate executives, and a round of formal dinner parties, evenings out with former colleagues from Congress, art gallery openings and galas of various kinds.

He is also a movie buff, and when he can, he and his wife sneak off to a movie-going in.

Many of his activities, of course, reflect not so much the duties of a university president as Dr. Brademas's own ecclectic interests and social energy — some of it native and some of it acquired over the course of more than 20 years as a politician.

He receives dozens of invitations from every quarter and meets regularly with Naomi B. Levine, the university's vice president for external affairs, and members of his staff to discuss what he can accept and what he should turn down.

Mrs. Levine, a distinguished-looking, gray-haired woman wearing a tailored suit, sat across the coffee table from Dr. Brademas on the day in the sitting area of his office while staff members gathered around him.

Dr. Brademas picked up the pile ofinvitations before him and began to go through it. It was a varied lot and many were quickly disposed of. But some were more tempting than others, and Dr. Brademas looked questioningly at Mrs. Levine about one of them.

"No," said Mrs. Levine.

"He picked up another invitation and read it out loud.

"No," Mrs. Levine said again.

"But they just want me to go on the committee," he said, slightly plaintive.

"Committees take time," Mrs. Levine said.

"They are asking me because of my brother," he insisted.

"Silence from Mrs. Levine.

"Dr. Brademas signed and turned to the next.

"Be sure that my brother, Jim, knows that I can't do that," he said.

Dr. Brademas says that he is still learning about the university and has not fully decided what the priorities of his administration will be. He has, however, already taken a strong public stance against the Reagan Administration's proposed cuts in funds for education, particularly student aid.

It is a subject with which he is quite familiar, having played a principal role in helping to write most of the major education legislation during the 23 years he served on the House Education and Labor Committee.

In his inaugural address and again last month in a speech in Washington to the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, he pointed out that students at N.Y.U. last year received more than $20 million from Federal programs and that the proposed cuts would be devastating to a university like N.Y.U., which is dependent on 70 percent of its income on student tuition.

"Anything that makes it difficult for students to enroll here, or to conduct their studies, directly impairs our capacity to continue to offer education of high quality," he said in his inaugural address and has been saying repeatedly since then.

"Universities, if they do anything, should produce ideas," he said. "University presidents should be more than fund-raisers. I do not think I should always think in terms of financial matters but from time to time I feel I have something to say on the issues in the wider society, I intend to say it.

For the time being, he says he is not talking but listening. Following him around for two days makes that evident. He gives his full attention to whatever is going on in his hand, waiting until the speaker is through and then usually commenting quietly.

"He listens but not only that," says Dr. Oliva, the provost. "You find out later that he has heard. He is a maker and user of information. He's someone who is not threatened by opposing views. A lot of people who are university presidents these days have stern and rigid personalities. But he's very assured and doesn't feel the need to pretend. He's a person who can take all that information and put it together.

"Dr. Brademas' pride is that he has a doctor of philosophy degree in social studies from Oxford University — not only the only doctor in the family. His wife, Mary Ellen, is a resident in dermatology at the New York University Medical Center.

She came home the other day to the elegant penthouse on Washington Square that comes with the presidency of N.Y.U., flopped on the white pillow of the large oak-paneled and mirrored living room and kicked off her shoes. She had been up all night because she had been on call, and she said she was very tired.

"I'm a pill to lie with when I'm tired," she said. "I get grumpy, and then I feel guilty because I've promised John I'd go out with him to something and then I just can't do it.

"Most of our life is formal," she said. "We go out to dinner, to parties, with people associated with the educational world. We love it here." But we never, ever do anything on weekends with other people," she added. "Last weekend we just went to the movies. We love movies. We saw 'Bevakers of the Lost Ark' and Johnny loved it. Then we walked through Bloomington's. He doesn't often go to do that kind of thing because he's always haunted by the pile of papers on his desk."

Mr. Brademas lived in Bloomfield Hills, Mich., for years, raising four children and, as she puts it, playing tennis and going to fashion shows. At the age of 38, married and with her children mostly grown, she decided to go to medical school.

Five years ago, while she was at the Georgetown University School of Medicine, she married Representative Brademas, then 50 years old and listed only as the husband of Washington's most eligible bachelors.

With her busy schedule these days, Mrs. Brademas says cooking meals for the family — her daughter, Jane Briggs, who is doing postgraduate work at the N.Y.U. School of Law with them — is a problem. Mrs. Brademas, however, has found a rather original solution for the nights when dinner at home.

"Look," she said the other day, hauling a vast purse onto the kitchen counter and removing aluminum foil-wrapped bundles.

"Chicken a 'la king!'" she exclaimed proudly. "And revolts. Jane and John can have their choice."

The food was straight from the New York Medical Center cafeteria, for which, as a doctor, she gets a certain amount of free meals. She has found that it is easier to buy herself a light lunch and save the chits to feed the family of the president of the university.

"This is the most fantastic life," she said.

On top of our great Boston hotel,