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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.
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 1976, 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.

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

His pace is whirlwind. There are continual meetings with aides, students, deans, trustees, visiting dignitaries, heads of N.Y.U.'s 13 undergraduate divisions and 10 gradu-


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"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

To ensure the "throwing of a
crash"

Out by the wind, it was not

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Former Congressman Sets Fast Pace as Head of N.Y.U.