Groundbreaking for new buildings May 2

Bryant breaks ground Thursday on two of the most visible elements of its strategic planning process: the Bryant Center and the new Freshman Dormitory.

Dual groundbreaking ceremonies begin at 2 p.m. near the site of the new student center just northeast of the Archway and pond. When construction of the two new buildings is completed next year, there will be additional rooms for approximately 300 new residential students, and more than three times as much space for student services.

Total cost of the new buildings is estimated at between $10 and $12 million. The Freshman Dormitory will contain 64,000 square feet of space; the Bryant Center will contain 60,000 square feet (Koffler Student Center has 19,000 square feet).

Master of ceremonies for the groundbreaking is John Renza, Jr. '70, chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Board of Trustees. He will make welcoming and closing remarks.

President O'Hara, Chairman of the Board Karl Ericson, Student Senate President Jeff Barovich, and Renza will wield the shovels that turn the earth. President O'Hara, Ericson, and Barovich also will speak.

Other special guests are David Wall MBA '74, president of the Alumni Association Executive Board; George Merritt, president of the Parents Council, and his wife, Marion; and representatives of the architects and contractors.

The architect for the dormitory is The Providence Partnership; its contractor is E. W. Berman Construction, of Warwick. The architect for the student center is Architectural Resources Cambridge, Inc.; the contractor has not yet been selected.

Bryant faces “challenge”

Bryant is receiving a $163,000 “challenge grant” from The Starr Foundation of New York City to help establish a study and research center in applied actuarial mathematics.

As a challenge grant, the award is contingent upon Bryant raising matching funds, according to Jim Drawbridge, vice-president for institutional advancement.

The research center will operate as a separate facility within the Unistructure. It will have its own library, computer work stations, clerical support, and office space for a part-time director. The Starr Foundation grant will pay specifically for library acquisitions, computer hardware and software, furniture and supplies, professional-development meetings and courses for faculty and students, visiting lecturers, and a research assistantship program.

The Starr Foundation was begun in 1955 by Cornelius Vander Starr, an insurance entrepreneur who founded the American International Group.
SBDC opens door in Newport

Small businesses on Aquidneck Island now have their own office of the Small Business Development Center to turn to for free counseling and business advice.

The fourth satellite office, fifth overall, of the SBDC opened officially on April 9 as part of the grand opening of the Newport Tech Center—an "incubator" for small businesses in Newport.

Grand opening ceremonies included remarks from U.S. Senator Claiborne Pell; Newport Mayor Patrick Kirby; SBDC Director Douglas Jobling; George Petrello, Bryant provost and vice-president for academic affairs; James Hague, district director of the Small Business Administration; Lou Fazzano, director of the Rhode Island Department of Economic Development; and Ronald Kutrieb, president of Providence Advisors, Inc., developer of the Tech Center.

The opening included a ribbon-cutting ceremony and "open house," complete with a champagne reception and tours of the remodeled former chewing gum factory on the corner of Admiral Kalbfus Road and Third Street.

Jobling said the Newport office will handle clients primarily for Newport, Middletown, and Portsmouth. Consultants are staffing the office three mornings a week right now, he said. Eventually, when client caseload warrants, the office will be staffed full time.

"The collaboration of the SBDC and the incubator at the Tech Center is a most appropriate partnership," he adds. "The goal of the incubator is to develop businesses in a setting which provides a great deal of support for them as they go through various stages of development. The

Phonothron winding down

With only two more nights to go in the Bryant Fund Spring Phonothron, one enterprising caller is now only a few days away from winning a trip to Cancun, Mexico.

Cancun is the top prize of the final ’84-85 Phonothron, which continues tonight and Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. Students, faculty, staff, and alumni have been calling alumni who have not yet donated to the ’84-85 Fund. The top caller receives an eight-day, seven-night trip to Cancun.

The final 10-night series of Phonothrons began on April 15. With approximately 20 percent of the record goal of $700,000 still to be reached in late March, the Spring Phonothon was considered a pivotal factor in reaching that goal.

The primary message by callers has been "participation," says Tony Piotti, director of annual giving. The size of the contribution is secondary.

When the Phonothron ends on Wednesday night, an estimated 13,000 to 15,000 calls will have been made. And, of course, one of the callers will be heading for Mexico.

Society honors members

The Bryant chapter of Delta Mu Delta national honor society celebrated the induction of 120 new members and awarded three academic scholarships at its annual dinner on April 14.

New members were presented with certificates at the affair, held at the 1025 Club in Johnston. The $200 scholarships went to Gayle Gravel, valedictorian of the Class of 1986, and Patrick Murphy and Ellen Zikowitch, salutatorians of the same class. More than 200 society members, their parents, and Bryant faculty and staff attended.

To qualify for membership in Delta Mu Delta, students have to be named to the current Dean's List, demonstrate satisfactory campus citizenship, earn a cumulative average of 3.4 or better in 60 semester hours of work, and be in the upper 20 percent of their class in average.
Bryant to fete employees

Bryant will honor 61 faculty and staff members at the 11th annual Service Awards Reception on Thursday, May 9. It begins at 4:30 p.m. in Gulski Dining Room.

To be recognized for their years of dedicated service are:

35 years - Lubov Titzman

30 years - James Ingraham, Herbert McLaughlin, and Clarissa Patterson

25 years - Wallace Camper, Frederick Clark, and Joseph Reynolds

20 years - William Sweeney, Jr., Gilbert Peterson, and Eleanor Jacquard

15 years - Patrick Kelly, Michael Filippelli, Gaytha Langlois, Mary Lyons, Janice Smith, Steve Soulou, Norma Bains, Celia Podmaska, David Simpson, and Fred Kenney

10 years - George de Tarnowsky, Stanley Kozikowski, Nora Barry, Glen Camp, Theodore Gautschi, Judy Litoff, Richard Smith, John Williams, John Currier, Ralph Pace, Deborah John, Brian Britton, Robert Pariseau, Robert Jencks, Edgar Montigny, Rita Picard, and Nancy Parchesky


Also being honored are retirees George Lofgren, Henry Greenough, and Charles Obreiter.

President O'Hara will speak, and Vice-Presidents Les LaFond, Dr. George Petrello, Jim Drawbridge, and Alton Mott will present the awards.

Special Olympians are coming

"Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

This is the oath more than 400 mentally disabled children and adults will recite this Saturday at the Northern Rhode Island Special Olympics. These Olympians will gather on Bryant's campus for the fifth consecutive year to teach us all a lesson. A lesson in courage, pride, and determination. You'll witness bravery beyond your imagination.

The Northern Rhode Island Special Olympics is co-sponsored by the Student Senate, the Woonsocket Call, and WWON radio. Ceremonies begin at 9 a.m. when the Bryant track team arrives from Woonsocket carrying a torch that will be passed to a selected Olympian, who will circle the field and light the cauldron, signifying the start of the games.

Participants in the day's events include Matt Cavanaugh of the San Francisco 49ers, who is honorary head coach and who will administer the oath; Mosi Tatupu of the New England Patriots, who is honorary chairman; and President O'Hara, who will bring greetings from Bryant.

As in previous years, students will be on hand to greet the Special Olympians as they arrive, and to supply cheers, hugs, and pats on the back. The Bryant karate and dance clubs also will demonstrate their moves, while jugglers, clowns, and unicyclists entertain.

Of course, the real stars of the day are the Olympians, who will come from schools and group homes to compete in races, standing long-jumps, softball throws, and special wheelchair competitions. Some may stumble and fall, but there are no losers. They'll pick themselves up and begin again and again and again. It's a day they've dreamed of since last year's games. It's a day that will leave a lump in your throat as the Olympians demonstrate their spirit and enthusiasm.

If this photo of the 1984 games is any indication, the Northern Rhode Island Special Olympics at Bryant on Saturday should really be something special.
... Bryant's Servitium Club for hotel and institutional management students has become a charter member of the national Council of Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Educators (CHRIE)...

...Clarissa Patterson, professor of management, attended a forum for hospital trustees in late March in Providence titled "Hospital Governing Board Responsibility for Quality Medical Care." It was sponsored by the Hospital Association of Rhode Island. She is a trustee at Fogarty Memorial Hospital, Woonsocket. Patterson also conducted a workshop for all customer service representatives of Citizens Bank in Rhode Island on April 20. Held at the Great House in Warwick, it was titled "Images—Theory P"...

...Terry Johnson and Hsi Li, professors of finance, presented a paper at the 14th annual regional conference of the American Institute for Decision Sciences in New York City in late March. It was titled "Risk Concepts and the Terminal Value Approach for Internal Rate of Return."...

Crafters, clowns, breakdancers, and people looking for interesting buys and a good time came together at the MAC on April 20-21 for the Spring Fair and Crafts Festival. Sponsored by the senior class as a fund-raising project, the fair drew approximately 50 crafters from throughout New England.
CALENDAR

TUESDAY, APRIL 30
TKE Keg Roll Begins
Noon
Rotunda

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1
18th Annual May Breakfast
7 - 8:15 a.m.
Gulski Dining Room
Special Olympics Event
Cheers
9 p.m. - 1 a.m.
Student Center

THURSDAY, MAY 2
Groundbreaking
2 p.m.
Near Archway

FRIDAY, MAY 3
TKE Keg Roll Concludes
Noon
Rotunda

SATURDAY, MAY 4
Northern R.I. Special Olympics
9 a.m.
Track

TUESDAY, MAY 7
Reading Day

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8
Exams Begin

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15
Exams End

THURSDAY, MAY 16
Senior Formal
6:30 p.m.
Park Plaza (Boston)

FRIDAY, MAY 17
Senior Class Pig Roast
Time & Place TBA

SATURDAY, MAY 18
Commencement
10 a.m.
Track
TKE's on a roll

TKE at Bryant will be on a roll again for three days, beginning Tuesday.

The brothers from Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity will roll an aluminum beer keg for 100 miles through Rhode Island to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The annual event always raises several thousand dollars through pledges made per mile.

TKE's "keg roll" begins at noon tomorrow in the Rotunda with an opening ceremony. It concludes at noon on Friday, at the same place, after rolling down the back roads and up the city streets of the Ocean State.

Brothers take turns rolling the keg in half-mile shifts, preceded by a lead car and followed by a van provided by the Miller Brewing Company. They will cover approximately 33 miles per day, traveling a loop that begins on campus, takes the brothers south to North Kingstown, then north to Warwick, the State House in Providence, and back to campus.

Health help on way

A Blue Cross representative for the Good Health Benefit will be on campus next Tuesday and Wednesday (May 7-8) to explain the results of the Health Risk Appraisal forms.

Presentations will be held in Room 336 A&B on Tuesday at 10 and 10:30 a.m. and at 12, 12:30, 1, and 1:30 p.m. and on Wednesday at 10 and 10:30 a.m.

A Blue Cross table also will be set up outside the Office of Human Resources on Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Wednesday from 8:30 to 11 a.m. A representative will be available to answer any questions you have concerning your results.

Take advantage of the presentation or stop by the table. And don't forget to bring your profile with you.

It's May breakfast time

It's that time of year again. Time for Bryant's annual May breakfast. And you are invited to partake of the sumptuous fare on the menu. The 18th annual May breakfast is Wednesday in Gulski Dining Room, beginning at 7 a.m. The menu includes: Johnny Cakes; cheese blintzes with blueberry topping; scrambled eggs; bacon; sausage patties; biscuits; home fries; assorted muffins; mini-danish; fresh fruit; juices; and coffee, tea, and Sanka.

Tickets for the breakfast are $2.50, with a limit of two per person. They should be ordered through Nancy Glanz (ext. 6020), Elaine St. Laurent (ext. 6026), and all faculty coordinators. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Thank you

Shirley Plante, coordinator of payroll operations, thanks the Bryant community for the many expressions of sympathy to her upon the death of her mother.

Jackie David, faculty services coordinator, thanks everyone for the many condolences expressed to her upon the death of her father.

Donald Hapward, of the admissions staff, and his daughter, Kami, wish to thank the Bryant community for their expressions of sympathy and condolences in the death of his wife, Jan. The letters and cards were most helpful to the entire family.