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FOR AND ABOUT THE PEOPLE OF BRYANT COLLEGE

Construction Begins on Campus Expansion Project

Bryant College is undertaking a very exciting project—the construction of a \$50 million campus expansion. The new George E. Bello Center for Information and Technology, the Wellness Center, and the campus quadrangle will be significant developments that will support the continued success of the college. Construction begins in June, and is scheduled for completion in December 2001.

Parking Arrangements

The construction will affect campus parking. The fences that will be erected in mid-June to enclose the construction sites will eliminate Parking Lot C-1, C-2, and a portion of C-4. Staff parking will be located in C-3, and a new pedestrian corridor will be created to facilitate access from C-3 to the Unistrukture. In order to replace some of the parking lost to construction, we will extend Lot C-4 to accommodate another 200 cars and the lot at Residence Hall 15 will be expanded. Additional parking for the handicapped will be created behind the Gymnasium. All of this work should be completed by summer's end. In the interim, temporary parking arrangements will be as shown on the attached map. Please note that Jacobs Drive and the Front Circle will remain in service throughout most of the 2000/2001 academic year.

Unistrukture Renovations

Renovations are also planned within the Unistrukture to take advantage of space that will become available due to the new construction. Different phases of this renovation project will run from June 2000 until August 2001, starting with the demolition of the pool area in June. The Admission Office will be temporarily relocated within the Unistrukture or in the Bryant Center sometime in the very near future as renovations start in that area. The Admission project should be completed by the end of the summer. The Student Affairs Office will be moving to the second floor of the pool area by the end of 2000. In early 2001, Financial Aid will move into the new offices we create on the first floor of the former pool area, and then work will begin to transform the old Financial Aid offices for Career Services. When Career Services moves in May 2001, their old offices will be reconfigured to serve as new faculty and OPIR offices. The anticipated completion date for Unistrukture renovations is August 2001.

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Construction Schedule

A three-month construction schedule has been developed by the Physical Plant staff in conjunction with the construction managers. This list is designed to provide staff with an understanding of the progress that will be made.

June

- Set up George E. Bello Center site (power, lighting, fencing, sediment control, tree protection).
- Strip pavement from George E. Bello Center building area.
- Begin installation of underground utilities (electric, water, sewer, storm drainage).
- Begin demolition in Unistructure pool area.
- Relocate the Admission Office and begin renovations.
- Begin construction of parking lots behind gym.
- Begin construction of parking expansion at Hall 15 lot.

July

- Remove trees, clear grub stumps at parking expansion of C-4 lot.
- Relocate storm drainage system outside MAC.
- Install sewer line from Wellness Center between Unistructure and the Gym.
- Complete parking lots behind Gym.
- Set up fencing for Wellness Center site and install site office.
- Install footings and remove Unistructure pool.
- Complete parking lot at Hall 15.
- Demolition in Admission Offices and hallway.

August

- Excavation for Wellness Center and George E. Bello Center foundations.
- Pour concrete footings and foundations for Wellness Center and George E. Bello Center.
- Structural steel delivered to site.
- Pour first floor slab in Unistructure pool area.
- Frame partitions in Admission area.
- Complete C-4 parking lot addition.

The campus expansion is an integral component of Bryant College's competitive strategy to enhance the resources available to students. Ultimately, a thoughtful and well-executed expansion will result in an improved campus for students, faculty, and staff.

