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Bryant Center opens today

Dedication November 12; campus ‘open house’ November 15

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Hear ye! Hear ye! Hear ye! The wait is over. The Bryant Center opens today, although not every one of its rooms will be in use yet.
“Finishing touches still will have to be made on a few of the meeting rooms and the faculty and staff dining rooms after the building opens,” said Laurie Nash, director of student activities.
But the first-floor food mall (Commons), game room, television lounge (Nick’s Place) and Campus Connection (formerly Brycol Country Store) will be operating. Student organizations also will begin moving into their third-floor offices.
To christen the building, as well as Dorm 15, a gala “grand-opening” week, complete with a dedication ceremony and campus-wide “open house,” is planned.
The four-day event kicks off Wednesday, November 12 with the dedication for the entire Bryant community at 3:30 p.m. outside the Bryant Center. A reception in the Commons follows the dedication. Food, music, and guided tours are planned.
At 5 p.m., ARA plans a special dinner for students in the Bryant Center South and Salomonson Dining Rooms. That evening, a “Dynasty Night” will be held in Nick’s Place, which is equipped with a large-screen TV.
Thursday events include two afternoon receptions: one for commuter students, and one for all student organizations on the third floor of Bryant Center. Air-guitar contest preliminaries will be held in Dorm 15’s main lounge that evening.
On Friday evening, there will be a mixer in the South Dining Room with a video DJ.
Saturday begins bright and early with the college-wide “open house” from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
The Smithfield community is invited to help celebrate the dedication of the two new buildings and to visit the campus during this 15th anniversary year of the move from the East Side of Providence.
There will be guided tours, the New England Scholastic Cross-Country Championships, the Bryant Challenge, showings of a slide show, an admissions information session, and a historical display to keep visitors busy.
Later Saturday afternoon, there will be a men’s basketball scrimmage. A dinner theatre Saturday night in the Bryant Center ends the day, which is expected to attract hundreds of people to the campus.

Computer links students with alumni

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Bryant students are now linked to more than 200 alumni by computer.
It’s the Bryant Alumni Career Network, a computerized system developed to help students explore and plan careers with the help of alumni already working successfully in a variety of occupations.
The network is operated by the Career Services Office. Students can log on to the system at any computer terminal on campus that ties into the mainframe. By inputting their major, preferences on geographic locations, type of industry, and job field, they will get a list of alumni on the terminal screen who can help them.

Judy Clare (seated) demonstrates the Bryant Alumni Career Network for students.

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Chris Cacioppo, a senior accounting major, is one of many students who have found the network very valuable. From the contacts he has made with alumni, he has learned what a typical day is like, the amount of travel required, and the major likes and dislikes about certain positions. Also, how to break into a field, and interviewing for a specific job.

Directions for using the network are in career services or with the attendant at the computer room booth. Open to all students, the network has been described as very easy to use. More than 100 students got a first-hand demonstration of the network in September, when career services unveiled the system with a special presentation.

**'Challenge' accepted again**

Bryant has again issued a "challenge" for high school students to run their own businesses—at least for a day. And 15 teams from Rhode Island and Massachusetts have answered the call.

They will compete in the second "Bryant Challenge" on November 15 from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. in Gulski Dining Room and the computer labs. The day-long event is a computer-simulated business competition with team members managing a company to make the highest profits.

Each team is made up of four students, an adviser, and a Bryant student adviser, who will help them interpret questions. The 15 teams will be divided into three industries, five schools in each. They will make 14 management decisions throughout the day, input the information into the computer using the IMAGINIT software program, and then compute results. Each industry will produce one winner based on the highest cumulative net earnings. An overall winner then will be selected based on the highest current ratio. An IBM PC goes to the winner.

Schools sending teams include Barrington, Chariho, Cumberland, Bishop Feehan, Bishop Hendricken, East Greenwich, East Providence, LaSalle Academy, Lincoln, St. Mary's Academy, Smithfield, South Kingstown, Tollgate, Warwick Vets, and Woonsocket. Barrington is the defending champion.

"Challenge" participants have already spent a day on campus hearing about the day's schedule and activities, and orienting themselves to the IMAGINIT program.

Coordinating the "Challenge" is management professor Ron DiBattista, with assistance from Les LaFond, vice-president for student affairs, and professors Ted Gauthchi, Clarissa Patterson, and Wayne Lima. The state Junior Achievement chapter also has helped by recruiting five teams.

An awards dinner concludes the day, with President O'Hara announcing the winner and distributing Cross pens to all participants.

**United Way begins today**

Bryant's United Way campaign begins today and runs through November 19. It is being chaired by Howard Kay, executive director of corporate and community affairs, with assistance from vice-chair Jan Lewis, administrator Judy Clare, professor Ron Deluga, and student Patty DePettrillo.

Giving to United Way is a very personal matter, Kay said, but your contribution will help to fund 133 human-service agencies in Southeastern New England, many of which are almost totally dependent on United Way for their existence. You can also be assured, Kay said, that almost all of your donation will help someone in need. That is because 90 percent of contributions go to the agencies; only 10 percent cover United Way's administrative costs.

The donor-option program also makes it possible for you to have a "say" in how your gift is used, Kay said. You can let United Way volunteers allocate your gift (Option A), or you can choose one of three other options: designate which agencies should not receive your gift (Option B); designate specifically which agencies should receive your gift (Option C); designate which agency not funded by United Way should receive your gift.

Solicitors will be contacting you this week. For employees who sign up for payroll deduction, there will be a drawing for prizes on November 21 at noon in Gulski Dining Room. The top three prizes are one-month circle parking passes. But there also a variety of other awards, Kay said, including tickets to the Festival Ballet's production of "Nutcracker" and guest tickets to the Bryant Christmas party.

Faculty solicitors are Cynthia Johnson (Suite A), John Zeiger (Suite B), Steve Soulos (Suite C), Ron DiBattista and Gregg Carter (Suites D & E and academic instruction), and Mike Fraleigh (Suite M). Administrative solicitors are Steve Winsor (CMD, SBDC), Madge Stetson (grad school, evening division), Charles Mandeville (athletics), Ken MacKenzie (admissions), David Norris and John Winters (student affairs), Pat Kelly (library), John Currier (public safety), George Tarapata (Registrar, academic affairs, President's office), Sheila Low (business affairs, computer center), Shirley Plante (human resources, central services, purchasing), Frank Widor (physical plant), Gloria Yahn (institutional advancement), and Sandy Langford (post office, bookstore, candy store, bank).
Bryant’s newest Trustees

Bryant’s newest Trustees include two distinguished alumni, two prominent women, and a leading Rhode Island executive. Profiled here, they assumed their duties at the September Board meeting.

George E. Bello ’58

Bello is executive vice-president and controller for Reliance Group Holdings, Inc., of New York City. An accounting graduate, he has been employed by Reliance since 1968. Bello has worked also for McCall Corporation, American Tobacco Company, and Continental Baking Company. He serves as a director for a variety of companies, including Reliance, Days Inn of America, IPM Technology, and Republic Health Corporation. Bello lives in Stamford, Connecticut. He received a distinguished alumni award in 1994.

Lillian M. Katz ’85H

Katz, who received an honorary doctorate at Bryant’s 1985 Commencement, is president of one of the most successful mail order companies in the world, Lillian Vernon Corporation, of New York. A New York University graduate, Katz also holds an honorary degree from Mercy College and has received a variety of other awards. She has lectured at NYU and The New School. Among her interests are the Better Business Bureau, the Mental Health Association, and the Direct Marketing Educational Foundation. She lives in New York.

Monica H. Laurans

Laurans, of Providence, manages several investment portfolios for members of her family, which owns Roger Williams Foods, of Cumberland. She also does free-lance work as a translator and tutor in German, French, and Spanish. Laurans holds an M.S. degree from Georgetown University and a B.A. from Bryn Mawr College. She has studied also at Middlebury College, Brown University, and Bryant, and has lectured at Providence College and Moses Brown Middle School.

Morton Smith

Smith is president of Morton Smith, Inc. and Medway Marine Corporation of Providence, both wholly-owned subsidiaries of Aetna Life and Casualty Company. A 1937 Brown University graduate, Smith is very active in Rhode Island. His trusteeships include Miriam Hospital, the United Way, Providence Preservation Society, the Rhode Island Philharmonic, and the Rhode Island Arts Foundation in Newport, where he lives.

John S. Renza Jr. ’70

Renza has returned to the Board of Trustees after serving previously as an alumni representative. He is president of his own accounting firm, Renza & Co. CPA’s, Inc., of Cranston. Very active in the alumni association and on the Board, Renza is a past president of the alumni group and a former chairman of the Board’s buildings and grounds committee. Among his interests are the national and state societies of CPA’s, the Cranston Housing Authority, and the authority governing Rhode Island’s public television station. Renza, who lives in Cranston, holds an M.B.A. from Providence College.

Federation says ‘thanks’

Joe Ilaqua, president of Bryant’s Faculty Federation, thanks all of you who supported the federation’s recent scholarship dinner dance.

“The event proved to be even more successful than last year’s,” Ilaqua said. “When the Bryant community gets together, there seems to be no limit to the good time we can have and the good work we can do.”

Ilaqua also gives a special thanks to President O’Hara, who took time from his Parents Weekend schedule to kick off the evening at the 1025 Club in Johnston.

Fast to feed the hungry

Can you afford to give up a meal, a snack, a pack of cigarettes for one day? November 20, the Thursday before Thanksgiving, to be exact. That’s the day of Oxfam America’s “Fast for a World Harvest,” being coordinated again this year at Bryant by the Campus Ministry. Money saved with the fast will be donated to Oxfam’s efforts to combat world hunger.

Contact Father David Norris at ext. 6289 for more information on how to fast for a day.
...The search for a new vice-president for academic affairs has been reopened. The search committee includes Mary Lyons, professor of English, chair; Los Lafond and Rosemary D'Arcy, from the administration; Michael Filippelli and Sam Mirranti, from the faculty; Michael Martin, a trustee, and Dieter Kamm, Student Senate president...

...The Bryant Community Chorus needs a few good men. Experience at reading music is not required. The singers meet every Wednesday from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the MAC conference room. Call Shirley Morrison at ext. 6259...

...Hal Li and Terry Johnson, professors of finance, presented papers at the 2nd Financial Congress in Chicago in mid-October. Li's paper is titled "Strategic Planning for Banking Institutions." Johnson's paper is titled "Applications of Modern Portfolio Measurement Techniques"...

...The Bryant community is invited to the seventh annual Walter V. Clarke Memorial Lecture at Rhode Island College on Thursday at 4 p.m. Chris Argyris, a Harvard professor of education and organizational behavior, speaks on "Seeking Truth and Actionable Knowledge: How the Scientific Method Inhibits Both...

...Chantee Lewis, professor of finance, Marie Cote, professor of accounting, and Robert Hefhe, professor of accounting, have been named to the 1986-87 Strategic Planning Committee by President O'Hara. They will serve a one-year term...

...Valery Nash, part-time English instructor, read her poetry at the Athenaeum in Providence in mid-October...

...Chantee Lewis, professor of finance, has been granted tenure with concurrence by the Board of Trustees. President O'Hara has announced. The Board also has appointed John Hannon, director of library services, a professor of English/humanities...
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3
Job Search Techniques
workshop by Career Services
M44
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Time Management Follow-up
Seminar
The CENTER
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4
The Original ...English Again!
2-Day Seminar
The CENTER
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5
CPA Review Presentation
MRC Dining Room
6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6
Writing and Scoring Essay Tests
Workshop
Instructional Development Center
Room 276
3:30 p.m.

Essentials of Purchasing
2-Day Seminar
The CENTER
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9
Eucharist
CMD Conference Room 4
Noon & 9 p.m.

Protestant Services
MRC Conference Room 1
Noon

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12
Dedication Ceremony
Bryan Center/Dorm 15
Bryan Center Front Plaza
3:30 p.m.

All-Campus Reception
Bryan Center
4 p.m.

“Dynasty” Night
Bryan Center TV Lounge
9 – 10 p.m.
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13
CPA Review Presentation
MRC Lecture Hall
6:30 p.m.

Careers in Finance
presentation
MRC Lecture Hall
TBA

Student Organizations Reception
Bryant Center
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Air Guitar Contest
Preliminaries
Dorm 15 Lounge
9 – 11 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14
Conducting the Needs
Assessment
Seminar
The CENTER
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15
Campus “Open House”
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

“Bryant Challenge”
Guski Dining Room
9 a.m.

Dinner Theatre
“Same Time Next Year”
Bryant Center
South Dining Room
6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16
Eucharist
CMD Conference Room 4
Noon & 9 p.m.

Protestant Services
MRC Conference Room 1
Noon

SPORTS
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5
Women’s Soccer
NE-8 Championship
Time & Location TBA

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6
Men’s Soccer
NE-8 Playoff
Time & Location TBA

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9
Men’s Soccer
NE-8 Championship
Time & Location TBA

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15
New England Scholastic
Cross-Country Championships
Girls (11:30 a.m.)
Boys (12:15 p.m.)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16
The Athletics Congress (TAC)
Cross-Country Championships
Junior Olympics (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)
Open (noon)

We’re cross-country capital
by John Gillooly
Sports Information Director

Bryant becomes the cross-country capital of New England on November 15 and 16.
That weekend, Bryant hosts the New England scholastic cross-country championships, the New England Junior Olympic championships, and the New England open championships. Some of the top distance runners in the country will be part of an estimated 1,400 runners converging on Bryant.
The top 400 schoolboy and schoolgirl runners from Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Hampshire and Vermont will take part in the interscholastic championships Saturday. It will mark the third straight year this meet has been held at Bryant.
On Sunday, close to 1,000 runners, some as young as eight years old, will be on campus for the TAC (The Athletics Congress) championships. The TAC meet is divided into five age groups (8-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18) and an open race for males and females in each category. That is a total of 12 races, six male and six female.
The feature attraction on Sunday will be the open races. The women run at noon, followed by the men. The top finishers in both races qualify for the national open championships in early December. The national team will represent the U.S. in a series of international competitions in 1989.

“Some excellent runners have already entered, but most of the top runners wait until a week before the race and see how they feel,” said Bryant women’s cross-country coach Charlie Mandeville, a race coordinator.
Each of the age-group races is the first of two steps to the national junior Olympic championships, also scheduled for early December. The top finishers at Bryant qualify for the northeast regional championships in late November. Top northeast qualifiers move on to the national meet.
Bryant’s cross-country course is considered one of the most picturesque, and difficult, ones in the northeast. Runners start on the open field behind the tennis courts, circle around the running track, then run back around the soccer and intramural fields before heading down the hill behind the gym. After going down the hill, they enter the wooded area on the lower section of the campus and run a half-mile path through the woods. They then return up the hill and around the fields once again.