Anniversary Ball to glimpse Victorian Age

Bryant’s gala 125th Anniversary Ball in Newport Saturday evening will give guests a glimpse of the elegant Victorian Age.

Rosecliff Mansion is the setting. And using the predominant color of white with gold accents, the Ball committee has selected white floral arrangements and white table settings as the principal decorations to create an atmosphere of regal splendor. White was the preferred color for the lavish parties given by Rosecliff’s original owner.

As guests enter the Rosecliff foyer, they will see two large topiaries, one on each side of the entrance staircase. Six feet tall, the topiaries will include white carnations, white orchids, and baby’s breath on a background of soft greens. Gold lame ribbons will drape each pedestal to a white willow-basket base filled with soft greens and ribbons.

Identical topiaries will grace the “sweetheart” staircase adjacent to the foyer entrance. Complementary accent floral arrangements will cover the foyer tables.

On the terrace, where cocktails will be served, centerpieces of white orchids with gold ribbons and votive candles will decorate the tables.

Tables in the ballroom and salon, where dinner

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UnHomecoming ’87 features George Carlin

UnHomecoming is headlined this year by multi-talented comedian George Carlin. He performs November 21 in the Gym at 9 p.m.

UnHomecoming kicks off on the 18th with “Star Trax,” a portable recording studio for would-be singers in the Bryant Center at 4 p.m., movies in the TV lounge at 8 p.m., and a wine & cheese party in the Country Comfort at 9 p.m.

Kennedy assassinations historian Edgar Tatro returns on November 19 (see separate story in this issue). That evening, Quiet Riot, a duo of brothers, performs comedy theatre at 9 p.m. in the Bryant Center South Dining Room.

Friday, November 20 includes a pep rally in the Gym at 8 p.m., complete with class-cheering competitions and the crowning of UnHomecoming King and Queen: a 9 p.m. return performance in the Gym by The Astonishing Neal, a mentalist and hypnotist who has played to overflow audiences in Janikies Auditorium, and a bonfire behind Salmanson Dining Hall at 11:30 p.m.

An intramural flag-football tournament matching

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Students taking third “challenge”

Students from 15 Rhode Island and Massachusetts high schools again have accepted the “challenge” from Bryant to run their own businesses for a day. The teams will compete in the third annual Bryant Challenge on November 21. The day-long event is a computer-simulated business competition with the student managers working to make the highest profits.

Schools sending teams include defending-champion Charleho, first-year champ Barrington, Bishop Feehan, Bishop Hendricken, Cumberland, East Providence, La Salle Academy, Lincoln, Norwood, Pilgrim, St. Mary’s Academy, Smithfield, South Kingstown, Tollgate, and Warwick Vets. Each team is made up of four students, an adviser, and a Bryant student adviser who helps them interpret questions.

The 15 teams will be divided into three industries. Each makes 14 management decisions throughout the day, inputs the information into the computer using the IMAGINiT software program, and then computes results. Each industry produces one winner based on cumulative net earnings. An overall winner is chosen based on highest current ratio. The winner receives an IBM PC for the school.

Professor Ron DiBattista again is coordinating the event, which ends with an awards dinner.

Team representatives have already spent one day on campus to orient themselves to IMAGINiT, and for publicity photos.

Senator tours Koffler Center

Senator John Chafee toured the Koffler Technology Center in mid-October while visiting the campus for an Alcohol Awareness Week event. With President O’Hara, he is shown here chatting with a student in one of the first-floor labs.

Symposium to open Bloom’s book

Four Bryant faculty members will discuss at a symposium on Thursday afternoon one of the most provocative books on American higher education in recent years.

Presented by professors Joan Marsella and Bill Haas, the symposium will examine “The Closing of the American Mind: How Higher Education Has Failed Democracy and Impoverished the Souls of Today’s Students,” by Alan Bloom. The book has been on the best-seller list for more than 30 weeks.

Professors Bill Hill, Peter Mitchell, and Jim Estey will join Haas in discussing the best-seller in Meeting Room 2A of the Bryant Center. General discussion will follow. The symposium runs from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

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the top teams from seven Rhode Island colleges runs all day Saturday. During the tourney, a concession stand will be open and roving card-shark Peter Sosna will perform his brand of magic.

Carlin’s show closes out UnHomecoming Saturday night.

A veteran of more than 25 years in show business, George Carlin has recorded 13 albums, done numerous concert specials and several sitcoms for HBO, guest-hosted the “Tonight Show” dozens of times; co-starred with Bette Midler and Shelly Long in the movie, “Outrageous Fortune”; written a book, “Sometimes a Little Brain Damage Can Help,” and is working on a second, “Batteries Not Included”; and continues to tour the U.S. and Canada (80 to 100 shows a year) with one of the best stand-up acts around.

Tickets for Carlin are $10 before the show at the Bryant Center INFO Desk; $15 at the door.

Trick and Treat!

Salmanson Dining Room staff treated students to some tricks as well as their treats at Halloween.

AIDS in the work place

Everything you’ll want to know about the impact of AIDS in the workplace.

That is the focus of an illustrated presentation for all Bryant employees on November 20 in Janikies Auditorium. It’ll be led by Norma Faraone, an AIDS authority from the state Department of Health.

The AIDS presentation begins at 9 a.m. and is expected to run 60 minutes.
Anniversary Ball co-chair Margaret Janikies (right) and committee members Bobbi O’Hara (center) and Barbara Papitto.

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will be served, will be graced with three-footpedestal centerpieces filled with white orchids, lilium, Freesia, Star-of-Bethlehem, Queen Anne’s Lace, roses, and Wax flowers on a background of soft greens. Gold lame ribbons will flow to the pedestal base that will be filled with greens, ribbons and candles.

All floral arrangements are being designed by Simply Elegant Flowers of Smithfield.

Dinner tables will be covered with white linens, white china with platinum trim, tulip glassware, and select silverware.

As an added touch, all the ladies will receive a limited-edition, white china plate created exclusively for Bryant by World Wide Lines of Atlanta. The white, 9¼-inch plate bears gold trim and a gold college seal on the front side and a gold commemorative inscription on the back.

Gentlemen will not be overlooked. They also will receive a commemorative gift: a bottle of champagne labeled with the 125th Anniversary logo and bottled exclusively for Bryant by Great Western Vineyards as a contribution of ARA Food Service.

The cocktail menu features chicken b’stilla with cinnamon and almonds in phyllo dough, croustades of crab meat, cheese in puff pastry, and tenderloin in pea pods.

The dinner menu features a bibb and walnut salad with watercress laced with raspberry vinaigrette, lobster bisque, medallions of veal topped with sautéed shrimp, wild rice pilaf with fresh mushrooms, a bouquetiere of fresh vegetables, French bread and a sabayon torte for dessert with coffee and tea. Red and white wines selected by the Providence Journal-Bulletin’s critic from Sakonnet and Hamlet Hill Vineyards will be served at dinner. All will be catered by Blackstone Caterers of Central Falls.

After dinner, guests will dance to music by the Duke Belair Orchestra.

Tickets to the Anniversary Ball are $125 per person. If you still want to make reservations, call ext. 6254.

Bryant Fund off to quick start

If the two fall campaigns for the Bryant Fund are any indication, the college should once again see another million-dollar fund-raising year.

Contributions to the Campus Campaign were still arriving in late October, said Caroleen Jones, annual giving coordinator. So the first employee donation was adding to the record-setting total of more than $26,500 and pushing the participation rate (56 percent as of October 30) closer to the 60 percent goal.

The fall Phonathons also ended in late October, with more than $141,000 in pledges, Jones said. That total doesn’t quite top last fall’s total of approximately $168,000. But last year’s total was for 17 Phonathons. Five less Phonathons were held this fall. So the per-Phonathon average was approximately 25 percent higher this year.

More than 200 volunteers—most of them students—made the thousands of telephone calls to alumni, Jones said. They came up with more than 3,100 pledges, a rate of eight pledges out of 10 calls, of which 207 were for the 125th Anniversary Club—a new donor-recognition category this year.

A caller of particular note is Bill DiBiasio ‘79, M.B.A., who won the get-away weekend. The top student caller, who will win a trip to Disney World, was undetermined as of October 30.

Faculty and staff chairs were Jim O’Neill and Gloria Yahn. DiBiasio, Jim McHugh ‘68, and Sol Solomon ‘56 were alumni chairs. Student chairs were seniors Cindy Grabowski, Keith Zuckerman, and Carole Gibb.

Other faculty and staff volunteers were John Morrissey, Barney Raffield, Elizabeth Arms, Irene Lanowy, Barbara Lasorsa, Elaine St. Laurent, Denise Rodrigues, Melissa Walker, and Bob Reall.

Pope sends Anniversary blessing

Father David Norris, Bryant’s Roman Catholic chaplain, displays the framed scroll sent to Bryant from Pope John Paul II as an apostolic blessing of the 125th Anniversary. It was obtained with the help of Bishop Louis Gelineau ‘80 Hon., and presented by Norris at the Parents Weekend masses.
...The October issue of "New England Economic Indicators," a Federal Bank of Boston publication, carries an article by Sarkisian professor Pat Norton. It is titled "The Role of Services and Manufacturing in New England's Economic Resurgence"...

...The "Leadership and Organisational Development Journal" has accepted a paper by professor Ron Deluga. It is titled "Corporate Coup d'Etat: What Happens and Why"...

...Trustee Barbara Leonard has been named to a new position with the General Services Administration in Boston. She is now Senior Advisor to the Administrator for Child Care and Development...

...The mid-October stock market crash brought WFRI-TV (Channel 12) News to professor Bill Sweeney's door again. He was asked to comment on the causality behind the drop...

...Instructional development coordinator Sid Rollins is serving as an educational consultant to the Exeter-West Greenwich Regional School Committee. He is preparing arguments needed to convince the state Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education on the need for a high school to serve those towns...

...Career services director Judy Bellante led a discussion on "Undergraduate Business Concerns" at the fall conference of the Eastern College Personnel Officers. She was joined there by assistant director Judy Clare, who made a presentation on organizing and marketing an alumni network...

...Professor John Zeiger and public information director Bill Rupp spoke at the fall conference of Rhode Island Special Olympics. Zeiger delivered the keynote address, titled "Transformational Leadership-Key to Success." Rupp led a workshop on "Getting the Most Publicity for Your Athletes and Programs"...
Van donated for use by college

President O'Hara accepts the keys to a new van donated for use by Bryant from Menard Ford/Chrysler/Hyundai, of Woonsocket. Presenting the keys is Scott Menard 73, vice president and general manager of the company.

Assassinations researcher coming back

Edgar Tatro, a researcher into both Kennedy assassinations, returns to Bryant again on November 19 with a presentation in Janikies Auditorium that has always been standing-room-only.

Tatro has enthralled audiences four times before with his comments and slide presentation, which includes actual footage of the assassinations of the President and his brother, who was campaigning for the White House at the time of his death. He is committed to the theory that the deaths of John and Bobby Kennedy were part of a conspiracy that has been covered up for decades.

Tatro, a high school teacher in Massachusetts, speaks at 2 p.m. As usual, a large crowd is anticipated.

By the way...

by Gloria Yahn
Assistant Editor

- Andy Deiningher, marketing instructor and managing general partner of Titan Music Partners, tells me that the music for the November 3 episode of "Moonlighting" was provided by a singer under his management, Terry Hutchison, of San Francisco.

- Judy Dawson, admissions office, tells me she will be a grandmother next spring. Her daughter, Jamie, and son-in-law, Luke DeFrancisco, are expecting their first child in April. Both are Bryant graduates.

- My son, Kevin, left for Germany last month for a three-year tour. With the Army for four years and newly married, Kevin and his wife will be stationed in Berlin. What an excuse to vacation in Germany!

It's snow season again!

The snow season is upon us once again, so it’s time to think about its effect on Bryant. To make things a little easier for you if the weather closes or delays the opening of the college, Bryant is once again operating its cancellation procedure.

There are two elements: announcements on Rhode Island and nearby Massachusetts radio and TV stations, and the College emergency telephone number.

If classes are cancelled or offices closed, the public information office will contact the broadcasters before 6 a.m.

If you miss the announcement, you can get the information directly from the College emergency number (232-6002). Use this number as a back-up only. Listen to your favorite radio or TV station first.
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

UnHomecoming

Star Trax
Bryant Center Commons
4 - 11 p.m.

Movies
Nick’s Place
8 p.m.

SPB Wine and Cheese
Country Comfort
9 p.m. - 1 a.m.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Oxfam America’s “Fast for a World Harvest” Day

"English Again: Mastering Grammar and Punctuation"
2-Day Seminar
The CENTER
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

UnHomecoming

Edgar Tatro
Janikies Auditorium
2 p.m.

Comedy Theatre with Quiet Riot
South Dining Room
9 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

UnHomecoming

Pep Rally and Astonishing Neal
Gym
8 p.m.

Bonfire
Behind Salmanson
11:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Bryant Challenge
Gulski Dining Room
9 a.m.

UnHomecoming

Football Tournament
Fields
9 a.m.

George Carlin
Gym
9 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Eucharist
Bryant Center Room 2A-B
Noon & 9 p.m.

Protestant Services
Bryant Center Chapel
12:30 p.m.

SPORTS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Women’s Basketball
Norwegian National Team
6:30 p.m.