Sophomore sells shares of stock in himself to join ‘Up With People’ world tour

by Tracie Mars, intern

A Bryant management major is putting his business talents to work so he can use his performing talents for the international educational and service program “Up With People.”

John Cirello, 19, of Whippany, NJ, is selling shares of stock in himself—at $100 per share—to raise money to cover the $10,000 cost of his worldwide travels with “Up With People.” Since January, the sophomore has raised more than $4,700 through his unique sales effort.

“Up With People” requires each member to raise the program’s tuition. So Cirello prepared a stock prospectus giving potential investors detailed information about himself, the offering, return on investment, and use of funds.

The stock does not permit for the capital gain of either party and cannot be traded or sold. But there is a clear return on the stockholder’s investment, Cirello said.

“Any support will serve as an investment in the future of better world understanding,” he said.

Cirello also plans to prepare detailed reports on his experiences for his investors, who will allow him to have the opportunity of a lifetime sampling many different cultures and new ideas.

“Up With People” is an independent, nonprofit, educational and service program with the aim of developing leadership, responsibility, and understanding among races, classes and cultures. The international program involves young men and women from many countries, who travel for up to a year and learn from the people and places they visit while staging musical shows. Each year, more than 7,000 applicants from around the world apply for admission to the program. From these applicants, 600 are selected.

“Up With People” was founded on the premise that the best way to break down cultural barriers and produce more meaningful communications is through young people and music. The year-long program, for which Cirello also will be receiving nine academic credits, includes the following:

- traveling with a group of 125 or more young people from as many as fifteen countries;
- living with 80-90 host families;
- promoting and performing a professionally produced musical show;
- attending lectures and discussions with civic, business and industry leaders;
- participating in community service projects.

Cirello leaves in July for five weeks of training and orientation in Tucson, Arizona, where the troupe is based. The group will embark later this summer on the 32,000-mile tour through the US, Europe, and possibly Russia and other Eastern Bloc countries.

At Bryant, Cirello is a dean’s list student and active in the Bryant Players thespian group, the Freshman Mentor Program, and the Bryant Political Awareness Society. Cirello also is a member of the Providence Singers and the Society for the Encouragement and Preservation of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in the US.

Detention center update: wait-and-see time

At press time, these were the latest developments on the proposal to build a federal detention center near Bryant’s campus:

* Despite community opposition, the private Maryland developer who has proposed building the facility has reiterated that he will not withdraw his plan. But he will consider “other sites” if they can be located, he has said.

The proposal is not wedded to a particular site, said James MacDonald, president of Florence/Atlantic Corporation, the pre-submittal organization firm, and Bridge Street Acquisitions Corporation, which would own and lease the facility. So he would entertain suggestions for other locations. MacDonald said he has been looking at other sites, but he has not disclosed their locations.

* To blunt opposition, MacDonald also has said he would be willing to create an annuity to cover payments in lieu of taxes should the federal government ever decide to take over the facility.

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Update on Strategic Planning Committee

by Jim Robinson,
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Chair, Strategic Planning Committee

President Trueheart has approved changes in the composition and focus of the Strategic Planning Committee this year.

The number of faculty members on the Committee will be reduced from five to four, with their terms increased from two to four years in an effort to benefit from experience gained through service on the Committee. Two students, Joanne Giovanelli and Neil Livingston, have been appointed to the Committee for the first time. The associate vice president for corporate and college relations also has become a member of the Committee.

Committee procedures have been changed in an effort to make its deliberations more open and to involve the Bryant community in a continuous manner. Faculty members of the Committee will interact regularly at faculty meetings concerning issues before the Committee. Members of the Committee also will meet with the Council of Administrators and the Council of Secretarial/Clerical Staff to apprise them of Committee activities and receive their input.

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The facility would open as a private enterprise and generate an estimated $300,000 a year in property taxes for Smithfield, McDonald has said. He said the facility would be the largest private detention center in the country.

* MacDonald still has not formally approached Smithfield's town council to consider the proposal.

Smithfield's zoning codes prohibit penal institutions in the town. Thus, it will take council permission to build the detention center. The town's solicitor has said that such a proposal would have to be advertised at least three weeks before a public hearing could be held on it.

Although the Smithfield council cannot take an official stand on the detention center until it is proposed officially, council members have said they are sending a letter to MacDonald suggesting he look elsewhere for a site for the facility.

* It has been reported that the US Marshals Service has extended until mid-May the time period in which it plans to choose a site for a detention center in this area.

The USMS had announced that it would select one of four sites still in the running for the facility by May 1. That deadline has been pushed back to mid-May, according to a radio news report.

* Homeowners living adjacent to the campus who have formed a group—Citizens Against the Prison Proposal (CAPP)—to oppose the facility plan no additional actions until the developer formally presents his proposal to the council, representatives for the group have said.

CAPP is taking a wait-and-see approach until that time. CAPP's actions so far have included a backyard rally on Rogler Farm Road, pickets at the entrance to the campus to alert students and parents to the proposal, and attending the March 20 town council meeting in force.

Among the individuals who have expressed opposition to the detention center near Bryant have been all Smithfield Town Council members, Congressman Ronald Machtley, State Representatives Joseph DeAngelis and Ray Fogarty, and State Senator Mike Flynn.

The developer's proposal is part of the competition to build a privately run detention center for the USMS within an hour of both Boston and Providence. If MacDonald's proposal is accepted, he anticipates that the 440-bed facility could be built and operating at full capacity in 18-24 months. A smaller, temporary holding center could be operating by the end of the year, however, the developer has said.

Development manager for the project is Coakley & Williams, Inc., a 28-year-old full-service real estate firm near Washington, D.C. It has developed and built and owns and operates millions of square feet of offices, industrial space, hotels and restaurants throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. Among C&W's present tenants and clients are Xerox, IBM, Lockheed, Paine Webber, Chrysler Credit, and Northwestern Insurance. Among its lenders are First National Bank, Citicorp, National Bank of Washington, Massachusetts Mutual, Connecticut General, John Hancock, and E. F. Hutton.
New faces

The Rev. Douglas Spina, of Providence, comes to Bryant from St. Joan's Church, in Cumberland, where he served as associate pastor. Spina has taught at Salve Regina College, Our Lady of Providence Preparatory-Seminary, and the Ursuline Convent School in Belgium. He also has held a host of pastoral assignments throughout Rhode Island, and has been campus minister and Catholic chaplain at Roger Williams College.

A stage/screen play written and directed by Spina as an AIDS educational tool for teens and young adults won a first-place award in the Rhode Island Cable Television Video Production Competition last year. He also has been cited by the cities of Warwick and Cranston and serves on the board of Lucy's Hearth, a shelter for the homeless in Middletown. Spina holds PhD, MMSc, MA and AB degrees from the Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium, and a BA in philosophy from OLP Seminary.

Miriam Perry, of Providence, comes to Bryant from a Providence law firm where she was a legal secretary. A Hartford, CT native, she served two years in the Air Force in Texas as a computer switching system maintenance technician. She also has served as secretary to the director of staff development at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford and as a sales administrative assistant at Coleco Industries in Hartford.

Robin Douglas, of North Kingstown, comes to Bryant from Johnson and Wales, where she was an administrative assistant to the dean of students. She also has been executive secretary at Our Lady of Mercy Church in East Greenwich. Douglas holds a secretarial certificate from Katharine Gibbs and has studied at Rhode Island College.

Annual health fair tomorrow

It’s not too late to spring into action if your New Year’s resolution to become a “better you” never quite made it to the end of January.

Watching a fitness demonstration or having your body fat analyzed may be just the incentive you need to get back on track again. You can do these things and much more by stopping at Bryant’s annual Health Fair tomorrow between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Papito Dining Room.

This year’s theme is “help yourself and others to make healthy choices.” More than 20 participating organizations will be offering you a lot of choices to make.

‘Businessperson of Year’ dinner Saturday

The Bryant Graduate School’s “Businessperson of the Year” dinner is Saturday.

As announced previously, Douglas G. McClurg ’74, ’86 MBA will be honored at the dinner dance at the Holiday Inn at the Crossings in Warwick. He is the president of Mossberg Industries, Inc., of Warwick.

At the dinner dance, the Graduate School also will recognize 10 professors for serving up to 20 years on the faculty, and award Delta Mu Delta awards for academic excellence to graduate students. Five-year faculty recipients are Ron Dibattista, Joseph Guiot, Jack Keigwin, Bill Waters Jr., and Hinda Pollard. Paul Plourde receives a 10-year award. Chantele Lewis receives an award for 15 years. Twenty-year recipients are Hsi Li, Fred Reinhardt, and Chet Piaski.
CAREER services assistant director Melissa Barnes addressed the Delta Omega professional society on career planning late last month...


...A paper, "Salesperson Communication Style: The Neglected Dimension in Sales Performance," will be presented at the conference of the Administrative Sciences Association of Canada by professors Paul Dion and Elaine Notarantoni...

...Public service assistant Ginnie Bowry addressed the Chiefs of Police Secretaries Association on crime prevention. Chief Richard Wheeler also served as guest speaker...

...Alumni relations assistant director Jill Nosach has been recognized for excellence in organizational journalism by the Editor's Workshop newsletter...

...Professor Gregg Carter will organize, preside over, and present a paper at a session at the spring conference of the Massachusetts Sociological Association in Boston at the end of the month. His paper, "Uncomplicated Data Analysis Packages for Courses Other Than Research Methods: An Introduction to ChipenDale, Showcase, and Social Sciences," will be presented as part of the session on "Teaching Sociology in the 1990s"...

...Athletics trainer Charlie Mandeville has been appointed by the Eastern College Athletic Conference to the women's cross country-track and field committee for Division II colleges...

...RISBOC assistant director Margie Edwards was asked by Governor D'Prete to lead discussions at meetings held on Aquidneck Island and in South County to gather information on issues of statewide educational concern last month. That information helped to form the agenda of the Governor's Summit on Education to be held this Wednesday...

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By the way...

by Gloria Yahn

- Donna Bager, registrar's office, and her husband, Kenneth, are expecting their first baby at the end of September. Best wishes!

- Frank Bingham, marketing department, tells me he is a first-time grandfather. Debbie Gallucci '85, and her husband, Raymond '84, are parents of a bouncing baby boy. Raymond Ernest III was born March 18 weighting 6 lbs. 15 ozs. Congratulations to all!

- Terry Moreau, bursar's office, retires at the end of this week after 18 years of service. A retirement party was held to wish her well last Friday with more than 80 attending. Terry joins her husband, Ray, who retired in December. They plan to travel to Pennsylvania to visit their grandchildren. On behalf of your friends a wish for a well-deserved and enjoyable retirement!

May Breakfast a'coming

It's almost time to enjoy Bryant's 23rd annual May Breakfast.

On May 1, from 7 to 8:15 a.m. in the Gulski Dining Room, you can enjoy scrambled eggs, ham, hash browns, pancakes with blueberry or raspberry syrup, mini-danish, muffins, coffee, tea, milk, assorted juices, and a fresh fruit basket.

Tickets go on sale April 16 in all faculty suites and support services. Cost is $4 with a limit of one guest per employee. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Committee members include Helen Serecal, Sandy Sylvia, Ginnie Bowry, and Connie LaFrade.

Coxe to look at environment for luncheon series

Congressional candidate Trudy Coxe, former Save the Bay president, speaks at the fourth segment of the Bryant luncheon speakers series, "Looking into the 1990s," on April 18.

Coxe, who is running for the 2nd Congressional seat being vacated by Claudine Schneider, will speak on "The environment: An '80s Review and an Agenda for the 1990s" at the 12:15 p.m. luncheon. The five-part series is sponsored by the Graduate School Alumni Council at the Turk's Head Club in downtown Providence.

The buffet luncheons cost $16 each. Call the alumni office at ext. 8040 to make reservations.

TKE brothers will repeat their keg roll next week.

TKE to roll out barrel again

Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity (TKE) is ready to roll the barrel again for St. Jude Children's Hospital and, this year for the first time, the John McKenna '84 memorial scholarship fund.

TKE's annual "keg roll" begins April 17, at noon, in the Rotunda. It ends about 48 hours later in the same place.

The 38 brothers will share rolling a barrel 100 miles over the back roads and city streets of Rhode Island. Covering 33 miles a day, in half-mile stretches, the brothers will travel from Smithfield to North Kingstown to Warwick to Providence and back to the campus.

TKE's goal this year is $3,500—its highest ever. Call any TKE brother to make a pledge.

Senior class giving 'TV network' to College

The Class of 1990 is giving a television network to Bryant as its legacy.

The network is not quite NBC or ESPN. But the gift of four full-color, 20-inch TV monitors tied to a computer and the satellite dish at the Bryant Center will provide the possibility of local news broadcasts, some cable TV stations, and a College calendar to the community.

Exact locations of each monitor have not been decided, but they will be placed in high-traffic areas in the Rotunda and the Bryant Center, said Rodney Riley, senior class gift committee chair. He sees the system blending local news, sports and business features; weather updates; on-campus job opportunities, other information and entertainment, and possibly advertisements tailored to Bryant students.

Total cost of the TV network is estimated at $10,500, with seniors being asked to donate the entire price tag.

A kick-off party to launch the gift campaign was held in late March. Tomorrow and Wednesday nights, a Phonathon to contact all seniors will be held. Riley has set mid-May as the deadline for pledges.

The system will be dedicated at a ceremony at a later date, Riley said. He anticipates that the network could be operating by January.
Earth Day activities on campus

Bryant will have its chance to make a positive impact on the environment by participating in a series of campus events on April 18 and planting trees with all Rhode Islanders on April 21—the day before the national celebration of Earth Day.

A flag-raising ceremony to hoist the flag representing the “Year of the Earth” is being planned to launch the on-campus celebration, said professor Gaytha Langlois. She is coordinating Bryant’s events with professor Guy Lefebvre.

After the flag raising, Alfred Hawkes, of the Audubon Society, will speak at a luncheon in the Bryant Center. Hawkes will look at what is happening now in Rhode Island to improve environmental quality.

In the evening, there will be a debate in the Bryant Center on “global warming and its impact on business,” Langlois said. Debaters are expected to include Congresswoman Claudine Schneider or an aide who concentrates on environmental matters. The interpretation of existing scientific evidence and the short-term and long-term impacts of global warming will be debated.

Langlois said that she and Lefebvre also will be handing out an “environmental issues package” for all faculty. It will include a list of all library holdings on the environment. She also plans to create a book display in the library and a separate Earth Day display for either the Rotunda or the Bryant Center.

A table will be set up in the Rotunda to provide information on the environment, Earth Day, and the state’s tree-planting effort. The table also will include a sign-up sheet to order the book “50 Ways to Save the Earth,” Langlois said.

Other materials will be distributed for publication in The Archway, said Langlois, who also is considering organizing another “clean-up effort” for the historic Mowry Cemetery on campus.

Governor DiPrete has committed to planting one million trees—one for each Rhode Islander. The trees will be planted at 9 a.m. on April 21 at management areas in Richmon and Glocester and state parks in Lincoln, Charlestown, and Cumberland. Blackstone Linear Park in Lincoln is the closest location to campus. But Diamond Hill State Park in Cumberland and the Washington Management Area in Glocester also are within easy driving distance.

For more information or to get volunteer packets on the tree planting, call the state’s forestry division at 647-3367. Or stop by the Rotunda table on April 18.

Memorial Mass

The Rev. Douglas Spina will celebrate a memorial Mass at noon on April 22 for Joseph Hackett, the construction worker who died after an accident on campus last month. Mass will be offered in Bryant Center, Rooms 2A & B. The Hackett family will attend.