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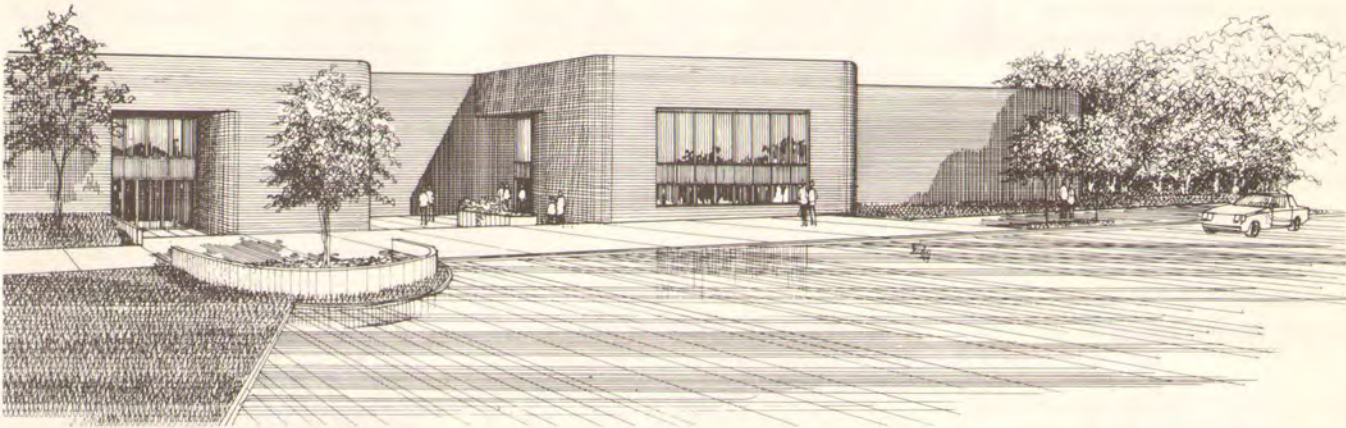
# BRYANT REVIEW

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## COLLEGE ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR ACTIVITIES CENTER



Bryant's Board of Trustees announced this fall their approval of a \$1.5 million multipurpose activities center to be added on to the College's gymnasium complex. The addition will house student organization offices; combina-

tion basketball, volleyball, and tennis courts along with handball and racketball facilities. The new center will help alleviate the strain on the College's athletic facilities caused by the increase in the resident student population.

## To Throw The Hammer, Learn Russian

Jim Donaldson,  
Journal-Bulletin Sports Writer

The following article about Bryant's premier hammer thrower, Bob Colantonio '82, is reprinted in part from the July 8, 1979 edition of The Providence Sunday Journal.

As far as Bob Colantonio is concerned, the United States made a bad mistake at the recent Strategic Arms Limitation Talks with the Soviet Union.

Instead of worrying about MIRV's and megatonnage, the American negotiators should have done something about Russian hammer throwers.

The first time Colantonio, an All-State hammer thrower at Classical High, saw (Russian hammer thrower Igor) Nikulin throw, he couldn't believe his eyes. This was at Bakersfield, CA, prior to the first Russian-American junior track meet.

Colantonio was loosening up when Nikulin decided to take a

couple of warmup tosses. His first one sailed more than 220 feet — 40 feet farther than Colantonio had ever thrown in his life.

"I never saw anybody throw that far," Colantonio said, his voice tinged with awe. "When he threw, it completely blew my mind. I had to put my hammer down."

Irving Black, coach of the U.S. weightmen, had been afraid of such a reaction from Colantonio and his American teammate, Bill Green of Sunnyvale, CA.

"Our kids were demoralized during the warmup throws," Black said. "Nikulin and his teammate (Yuri Pasghukov) were throwing it 220, 225 feet in practice."

"I told our guys not even to watch them, just concentrate on their own timing and rhythm. But they kept trying to speed up their turns to catch up to the Soviet pair, and they dropped 15, 20 feet off their best marks."

The dropoff didn't make much difference.

Nikulin is only 18, but he already has thrown the hammer farther

than any American in history. He won in Bakersfield with a toss of 236-3, and won again in Boston with a toss of 234-1.

Colantonio, a 5-foot-11, 210 pound sophomore at Bryant College, threw 164-4 at Bakersfield and 170-6 in Boston.

It is a literal indication of just how far ahead of the Americans the Russians are in the hammer throw.

"There's no comparison between U.S. and Russian hammer throwers," Colantonio said.

"They start earlier than we do, and their training is incredible. We have to go to school, work and then practice. They go to sports institutes to study the hammer," he said.

Colantonio studied the Russians during their two weeks together to learn as much as he could from them.

"I worked out with Igor," Colantonio said. "He told me what I was doing wrong. Their technique is so different. They're so much quicker

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## The Bryant Fund Does It Again: \$188,405

For the third successive year, the Bryant Fund (formerly known as the Annual Fund) broke all previous annual giving records for total dollars and alumni donors. Exceeding its goal of \$175,000 by \$13,405, the 1978-79 Bryant Fund continued the trend established in 1976 of receiving substantially more gift dollars from substantially more alumni donors than in any previous year. Total alumni donors to this past year's Bryant Fund campaign, which ended on July 31, were 3,329. This represents a 53 percent increase (1,555 alumni contributors) over the previous year's 2,175, and an 86 percent increase (1,536 alumni) over the record 1,793

alumni donors set in 1976-77.

Along with this quantum leap in alumni donors, the College's percentage of alumni participation in annual giving — the most significant measure of external support to any college — soared from 12.4 percent to 20.1 percent. Consequently, for the first time in the College's history, the annual alumni participation rate surpassed the current national average of 17.5 percent for all colleges and universities.

Leonard E. Johnson, Chairman of the Board of People's Bank and Chairman of the 1978-79 Bryant Fund, attributed the remarkable increase in donors and dollars to President O'Hara's special mailing of an attractive aerial photograph of the Smithfield Campus to all alumni and parents. Mr. Johnson noted at a recent party for Bryant

Fund volunteers that 2,158 alumni gifts for \$63,831 could be directly attributed to this special mailing and to the highly successful follow-up phonothon that reached over 5,000 Bryant alumni in 27 states. Numerous other College and Bryant Fund records were also set for:

- *Alumni gifts matched by corporations* — 209, a 271 percent increase over last year;
- *Parents' gifts to the Bryant Fund* — \$4,989, double the amount given last year;
- *Leadership giving club membership* (\$100-\$1,000+) — 279 members, a 32 percent increase over last year.

Director of College Resources Ron Vanden Dorpel extends heartfelt thanks to all who helped to make the 1978-79 Bryant Fund a rousing success!

## 59 Days to Peking

"I owe neither Fu Manchu nor Pearl Buck any thanks and do hereby recall whatever affection and credence I had for them." So says Joan Marsella, associate professor of social sciences, fresh from a three-week trip to China in August. Ms. Marsella embarked on the trip, a scant 59 days after her application for a China visit was approved, with an association of Illinois farmers who happened to have a space available in a tour arranged for them by the Chinese government. The group travelled a total of 3,500 miles — encompassing Canton, Peking, Hangzhou, Shanghai, and Hong Kong — on conveyances ranging from plane, train, bus, and car to ferry, bicycle, and tired feet.

A well-travelled sociologist, Ms. Marsella lost no time in extinguishing her childhood misconceptions about things Chinese, and managed to return from her trip with a selection of well-balanced facts and impressions. Some of these, she says, undoubtedly are ones that the Chinese government has- tens to show any tourist — model communes, well-nourished and active children and elderly, and a population quick to decry the dark days of the "Gang of Four." But interspersed among the guided tours were other less structured contacts: the alternating terror and ef-

ficiency of Chinese air travel; the hotel clerks who enter guests' rooms in the wee hours to check the air conditioning; and, everywhere, friendly and open people who read *Time* magazine, are eager to practice their English, and ask innumerable questions about Rosalyn Carter and Wall Street.

Perhaps the most lasting impression came from Ms. Marsella's interview with the leaders of the All China Federation of Women, the preparations for which assumed the dramatic aspect of a James Bond thriller, complete with secret meeting places and split-second timing. The interview, fortunately, was well worth the cloak-and-dagger preliminaries. The Federation staff members answered all of her questions, and spent 3½ hours drinking tea and talking about their organization's aims and objectives.

Ms. Marsella returned to Bryant this fall with reams of notes and observations on China — and its people — ranging from their inveterate politeness and punctuality to their health, ways of dressing, and commitment to their national goals. Some of these observations have been transformed into papers for journals and interviews for newspapers; all of them will add to Bryant students' conceptions of "Cultural Anthropology" as taught — and experienced — by Joan Marsella.

## Freshmen Get Oriented in New Dorm



The New Dorm

You're a freshman in college, the graduate of a high school where you know everyone and where everyone knows you. Suddenly, you find yourself on a campus full of strangers, expected to share a room with one or more of them. Your peers seem unbelievably smart, good-looking, and sophisticated. When you attend your first class, the word "challenge," so often repeated in the college catalogs, suddenly takes on a new and more menacing meaning.

Like most other colleges, Bryant always has made a determined ef-



fort to counter freshman anxieties with programs like Summer Orientation, which is a series of lectures, slide shows, and informal chats that familiarizes new students and their parents with the campus and its denizens. This year, for the 300 freshman residents of Bryant's "New Dorm" (also known as Dormitory 14), "orientation" becomes a year-round endeavor.

The floor plan of Dormitory 14 has been described as "traditional." The other dormitories on campus house students in suites and have no common rooms, and the townhouses offer mini-apartments. The new four-story dorm, on the other hand, features a huge central lounge which connects two wings of rooms whose residents share common bathrooms and smaller lounges.

The new dorm is anything but traditional in operation. For starters, it houses only freshmen, providing an environment in which new students work together to learn about college life, about each other, and about themselves. It has a student governing body called "The New Dorm Residence Hall Association," which is responsible for setting policy and planning programs for dorm residents. So far, these programs have included a lecture series on human sexuality, informational talks on Bryant's academic and personal counseling facilities, and a raft of intramural sports teams. In the works are further lecture series, public service activities, and more frivolous events like in-house contests and tournaments.

Overseeing the new dorm's progress is Resident Director Kathleen Reilly-Edinger, who came to Bryant from Westminster Choir College in August. As her title indicates, Ms. Reilly-Edinger lives in the dormitory and is responsible for supervising the six student resident assistants. These students, like the "R.A.'s" in the other dormitories and the townhouses, came to campus in late August for extensive training in program development, dormitory operations, emergency procedures, first aid, and counseling. The resident assistants are the front line in helping new students adjust to college life, dealing with daily concerns like first-exam jitters and roommate problems, and generally keeping the fabric of dorm life from fraying at the edges.



*Moving in, September 1979*

## Part-time Student Employment Program Inaugurated

A 1976 Bryant graduate, David R. Brooks of Rumford, RI, has been appointed coordinator of student job locator services. Mr. Brooks will be in charge of Bryant's new Off-Campus Part-time Student Employment Program, working with local businesses and industry to arrange career-related, part-time

employment for current students at the College. David comes to Bryant after three years of service as assistant bank manager for the Pawtucket (RI) Trust Company.

Intended primarily to complement students' classroom learning with actual experience in possible career fields, the Off-Campus Employment Program also benefits those students who must work part-time in order to finance a college education. Instead of working as short-order cooks or selling magazines door-to-door, Bryant students will have the option of earning part-time wages in an environment that will enhance their professional expertise as well. David Brooks will be responsible for building and administering the program, contacting prospective employers, and matching them with Bryant students.

*Alumni and others who would like to hire a work/study student as a part-time employee should contact David at the College (401-231-1200 x491).*

## Faculty Negotiations Delay College Opening

Bryant President William T. O'Hara, on Tuesday, August 8, 1979, officially postponed the opening of the College's 1979-80 academic year because an agreement had not been reached with the Faculty Federation. The faculty contract had expired in July and the union had voted not to work without settlement. All undergraduate, evening division, and graduate school students were informed by mail that classes could not begin until negotiations had been successfully concluded with the faculty. Students were asked not to return to the campus until further notification. The delayed opening affected freshmen orientation, registration, testing, and classes, all scheduled for the first week in September.

The College administration and Faculty Federation, Local 1769, American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO, had been negotiating since the end of March on the two-year contract. Settlement was reached Friday, September 7, and classes began September 12. The contract agreement was within the Presidential wage and price guidelines, which the Bryant Trustees had committed the College to upholding. As a result of that trustee

decision last winter, the undergraduate tuition increase for the next two academic years will comply with the price guidelines for nonprofit institutions.

The contract called for an 8.1 percent across the board salary increase in the first year, and a 6.5 percent increase in the second year, to be increased to 8 percent if guidelines and federal regulations allow. There were salary increases for teaching in the Evening Division and in special sessions. The contract also included additional health benefits, as well as improvements in the sabbatical leave program.

Class time missed during the strike will be made up in a variety of ways during the fall semester. In the undergraduate division each faculty member has consulted with individual classes to arrive at the most favorable plan for make-up. In some cases, the lost time is being recouped by adding five minutes to each class for the remainder of the semester. In the Evening Division and Graduate School, one-half hour was added to class time for a period of five weeks to provide for the make-up.



## Six New Members Join Executive Board

The Executive Board of the Bryant Alumni Association now boasts six new members who have been elected to serve three-year terms.

Joining the Board this year are: Raymond A. Chauvin '77, a senior accountant for Ernst and Whinney; Jo-Ann R. Jayne '72, a manager at Industrial National Bank; David Maney '70, data processing manager of B. A. Ballou and Company; Michael T. Martin '72, corporate vice president of C. E. M. Company; and Kathy Saccocia '79, staff accountant also of Ernst and Whinney. John V. Healy '80, president of the student senate was also appointed to serve a one-year term.

The Board's first meeting of the academic year was held in September, at Mowry Alumni House, and was marked by a welcoming address by Bryant's president, Dr. William T. O'Hara. When the business meeting got underway, Executive Board President Tom Westgate '72 outlined some of his goals for the Board, which included increased alumni/student interaction and the inauguration of an alumni



Alumni Executive Board members standing left to right: Nelson Gulski '26, Don Wilson '71, Mike Tripp '75, Steve Jenkins '70, Jo-Ann Jayne '72, Dave Maney '70, Sharon McGarry '80, John Healy '80, Chris Hayes, Ken Wissinger '72, Jack Renza '70, Mike Martin '72, Phil Hayden '59, seated: Ray Chauvin '77; John Fitzgerald '53, treasurer; Tom Westgate '72, president; Joe Wesolowski '72, vice president; Arnie Abbott '62, secretary.

awards program to honor outstanding members of the Bryant community.

Other members of the Board are:

Member	Term Expiring
Joseph S. Wesolowski '72,	
Vice President	1981
Arnold E. Abbott '62,	
Secretary	1980

John Fitzgerald '53,	
Treasurer	1981
Nicholas G. Goluses '48	1981
Nelson J. Gulski '26	Life Member
Steven A. Jenkins '70	1981
Paul R. Mello '73	1981
Sharon McGarry '80	1980
Michael W. Tripp '75	1980
Kenneth E. Wissinger '72	1981

## HAMMER *continued from page 1*

than we are. They spin incredibly fast in the (throwing) circle. Their first spin is in slow motion, but by the time they're in their fourth spin, they're a blur."

Colantonio knows he's got a long way to go to measure up to Russians. But he's going to try to catch up.

In the world of hammer throwing, there's no such thing as detente.

## Washington Club Calendar Set

The Bryant Club of Washington has put together its tentative schedule of events for 1980. Acknowledging that advance planning will help to insure the success of the new organization, the club presents to Washington area alumni an overview of the coming year's activities.

Dates to take note of:

January 15, 1980 — Dr. George de Tarnowsky, associate professor of social sciences at Bryant and currently on loan to the U.S. Government for two

years, will address alumni on a topic of current interest. A light snack will be available.

May 17, 1980 — BRING A DISH PICNIC/CRABFEAST. Relax with good company at an area park. There will be a short business meeting to elect new officers.

June/July, 1980 — A Day at Wolf Trap. If enough interest and a common date(s) can be found, the Bryant Club will make a group purchase of tickets for a performance.

September 16, 1980 — The Club will host its second reception for the honorary degree recipients residing in the area. We hope that several members of this group will participate in a current events panel discussion.

Several weeks before an event is to occur, Washington area alumni will receive a definite schedule of dates, times, and locations. If other Bryant alumni expect to be visiting the area around the time of a scheduled event, contact club president Mike Lynch '76, through the Alumni Office for details.

## Assistant Director of Alumni Relations Appointed



Christine F. Hayes was appointed assistant director of alumni relations at Bryant this past August.

Chris has worked for both the admissions and registrar's offices at Harvard University since graduating from Wheaton College in 1974. At Bryant she will be responsible for alumni/student events and the College's annual reunion program, as well as for designing other activities of interest to members of the Alumni Association.





John Dix '77 (left) accepts congratulations from Alumni Director Don Wilson '71 upon winning the alumni chair raffle at this year's Young Alumni Day on August 19.

## Bryant Hoopsters To Play Yugoslavia

It will be the earliest opening date and probably the toughest opponent in Bryant basketball history when the Indians open their 1979-80 season against the Yugoslavian national team on November 13 at Smithfield.

The 8 p.m. exhibition contest will be the first of 26 games for the 79-80 Indian hoopsters. The game is part of an exhibition tour the Yugoslavians will play against American collegiate teams. Also included on the tour are games with Georgetown, the University of Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, Towson State, and Virginia Tech.

The Yugoslavians were the silver medal winners in the 1976 Summer Olympic Games.

"This year's schedule probably is the toughest in Bryant history, especially with the Yugoslavian exhibition game as an opener," commented Bryant head coach Leon Drury.

"But we have a veteran team and we expect it will be an exciting season for our fans," Drury continued.

In addition to the Yugoslavian team, three new opponents have been added to the 25-game regular season slate. The new names on the schedule are American International, Western New England, and Eastern Illinois University.

The Indians also will compete in the annual Hartwick College Holiday Tournament on December 28-29. The four-team field includes Hartwick, Springfield, and Lebanon Valley.

Drury will be starting his second year as the Indians' head coach. Last year in his first season at the helm he led the tribe to an 18-10 record.

## Plans Are Underway For Bryant '80

Mark your calendar and plan to attend this year's Annual Alumni Festival, BRYANT '80. Save the weekend of June 20-22, 1980. Special events will be held for the reunion classes of '30, '35, '40, '45, '50, '55, '60, '65, '70, '75. If you are a member of one of the above classes, and want to help in planning YOUR reunion, contact the Alumni Office for more information.

## Ten Years Old, Graduate School Moves Into the '80's

Ten years ago this September, the first 70 students enrolled in the newly announced graduate MBA program at Bryant College. There was a faculty of five, each teaching one course. By the spring of the next year, Dr. Sol Lebovitz had become the Graduate School's part-time acting dean, a position he held while serving as chairman of both the Council of Department Chairmen and the Social Sciences Department. The school operated out of a small office at 129 Hope Street on Bryant's East Side Providence campus.

This fall, ten years later, having attained new highs each succeeding year, the Graduate School enrolls more than 1,000 students. Seventy courses are offered, leading to four different degrees: the MBA in management, the MBA in accounting, the Master of Public Service, and the Master of Science in Taxation. The school not only schedules evening courses on the Bryant campus in Smithfield but also at the Raytheon plant in Portsmouth, at the BIF and Met-

ropolitan plants in Warwick, and at the Naval Education and Training Center in Newport. Dr. Lebovitz, the first and only dean, is still committed to making Bryant's Graduate School "the school of management in this area."

Bryant's MBA program began as a response to the need for an evening program in advanced business education in Rhode Island and adjacent areas — its rapid and continued growth since then attests to the merits of that assessment. The student body in 1969 consisted mostly of business people in the 25-35 age bracket; most of them had graduated from college two or more years earlier and more than 90 percent of them were employed during the day, making evening classes a necessity.

This type of student still comprises the majority of today's Bryant graduate students, although a few new categories of nontraditional students have been added over the years. Some of these are people who reached top management status without graduate education, and now want theory to back up pragmatic know-how. Others have advanced degrees in nonbusiness

disciplines or have years of experience in nonbusiness fields — these are people who have found their original career paths less than inviting and have decided to enter business with another advanced degree. Bryant's year-old tax program attracts yet another group: lawyers and CPA's who are pursuing or enhancing careers in a new and challenging specialty.

According to Dean Lebovitz, the business community's growing stress on credentials — both degrees and certificates — makes the Graduate School's continued growth a certainty. "The society of the future will require a combination of technology and knowledge — it will be what I call a 'mandarin society,'" he says. "This will demand improved verbal and quantitative ability — and therefore more education."

"The MBA provides an excellent indoctrination into the principles of management, finance, production, quantitative analysis, and accounting . . . it doesn't guarantee a good manager, but it does open career doors. MBA education sharpens the mind."



## Talent on TAP

TAP? UCB? Are they new secret government agencies who are conspiring to bug your telephone or steam open your mail? Or perhaps they are a collection of foreign governments forming some sort of cartel and threatening to bring the country to its knees by cutting off our supply of compact cars. The fact is that they are acronyms for two new creative student-designed programs which are being offered to the College community this fall.

Upper Class Buddy, or UCB as it is known to those who arm themselves with a vocabulary filled with indecipherable letter combinations, is a program that matches incoming freshman to upper classmen who have volunteered to become their "buddies." The purpose for all this friendship is to help new students adjust to the often unfamiliar College environment. The program was conceived with the idea that college can be a frightening experience for the freshman student who may be venturing away from the roost for the first time. Bewildered by his new surroundings and afraid of asking too many "dumb" questions, he may find himself wandering around the corridors of the Unistructure scratching his head and muttering, "boy could I use a friend right now."

Well, this year, thanks to Sue Bitzer, a junior from Rumford, RI, many new students signed up for the UCB program during freshman orientation. In September when they arrived on campus, their "buddies" were waiting for them; ready to offer advice ranging from

what courses to take to the pros and cons of local night life.

TAP, on the other hand, stands for The Alternative Program. The brainchild of Paul D'Adamo, a sophomore from Fall River, MA, Norman Parenteau of the student affairs office, and Lorraine Cournoyer of the athletic office, TAP is a series of noncredit courses which are offered to the College community this fall. They are designed to provide enjoyment, as well as opportunities for self development.

With a shoe string budget to work with, Paul, Norm, and Lorraine spent last spring and summer surveying their market and interviewing prospective instructors as they raced the calendar to be ready for fall enrollment. Juggling their

schedule to accommodate a week-long faculty strike and the Pope's visit to New England, TAP's dauntless organizers were ready to hang out their shingle by late September.

A variety of topics were offered that ran the gamut from the traditional "slimnastics," "yoga," and "photography," to the unusual — "calligraphy," "self-defense for women," and even "faith healing." The instructors for these courses were all recruited from the ranks of Bryant's faculty, administrators, staff, and student body according to their expertise.

With 240 people enrolled in TAP as the Review went to press, it seems evident that the "learning experience" at Bryant has taken on a new meaning.



Coach Erhart reviews his players during their summer training camp at Bryant. Four hundred alumni also had the chance to inspect the Patriots when they traveled to Schaffer Stadium to see a pre-season game on Young Alumni Day.

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