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College to help fight white-collar crime

Bryant is embarking on a program in cooperation with the Rhode Island attorney general to fight white-collar crime.

The unique program, believed to be the first of its kind in the nation, will involve faculty members and, later, students in cases that involve economic crimes. These crimes usually involve breaches of public and private trust, and fall into the category of larceny, bribery, extortion, anti-trust violations, and the filing of false documents.

Exact details of the program have yet to be worked out. But the attorney general's office is looking for assistance for its investigators in areas such as forensic auditing, accounting, public finance, economics, computer modeling, management information systems, business law, and ethics. In most cases, current staff at the department do not have these areas of expertise.

Attorney General Arlene Violet announced the cooperative program on February 5 at a luncheon meeting of Bryant's local alumni chapter, to which she spoke. She said she is turning to Bryant for help because educational centers can play a very valuable role in exposing this kind of crime, and the College has developed the resources needed by her department.

The special prosecutions unit of the department is involved in the most extensive series of investigations and prosecutions of white-collar crime in Rhode Island history. In other words, Violet said, economic crime is a growth industry, and one that needs to be studied in a laboratory setting. The program is expected to result in state-of-the-art economic crime intelligence gathering, investigation, and reporting techniques.

Specifically, according to the program proposal, immediate technical assistance is needed to evaluate data and provide conclusions. Or, in other words, what is needed is advisory, consulting, and instructional support from a variety of Bryant experts. Later, the program is expected to mature into a form that would allow faculty to work directly in the prosecution of cases, and for students to work with faculty on investigative issues as interns or in the form of practicums.

The program is expected to be very flexible in nature, with an advisory committee guiding it. The committee will be made up of two representatives from the attorney general's office and seven from Bryant, each of whom will represent a specific academic discipline. The group will meet monthly to discuss current investigations and to arrange



Rhode Island Attorney General Arlene Violet gesturing at the February 5 luncheon of the Southeastern New England Alumni Chapter (SNEAC) of Bryant at the Turks Head Club in Providence.

the appropriate relationships with faculty and students. These subcommittees will meet for as long as necessary to deal with a specific investigative need.

There also is expected to be a separate subcommittee formed to deal with preventative measures that might be used by government and business to avoid impropriety.

An example of the type of investigative work to be done is as follows:

The attorney general's office begins investigating a group of companies that appears to be fixing the price of a commodity. It wants to determine the effect of the collusion on the market. The advisory committee would form a subcommittee to gauge the effects of such a cartel. The subcommittee's conclusions would help to determine if the matter should be pursued further, and if additional experts should be sought to continue the investigation.

Funding for this prototype program is being sought from government agencies and foundations.



Sound of music on campus

Like music? Like to sing? Then consider joining the Bryant Community Chorus and come alive with the sound of music.

It began more than a year ago when the Rev. Molly Radley, Bryant's former Protestant chaplain, thought it would be a great idea to find a common bond for those interested in music and fun. She contacted faculty, staff, and students. After an overwhelming response, the chorus was born.

Much to the dismay of those involved, the creator of the chorus left Bryant soon thereafter. Did that stop the group? No way! The ball was picked up by Shirly Morrison and Patrick Murphy. The sound of music continued.

Debuting at the Festival of Lights last December, under the direction of Elena DiNitto, who directs the choir at St. Ann's Church in Providence, the chorus performed some old Christmas favorites. No one would have ever guessed they only had four practices. It seemed like they had been singing together for a very long time.

The chorus is always looking for new members. So if you're a soprano, baritone, or something in between, consider adding your vocal chords to



The Bryant Community Chorus debuts at the Festival of Lights.

the Bryant Community Chorus. You too can help make the campus come alive with the sound of music.

For further information call Shirly Morrison at ext. 6259.

Phonothons lead to San Juan

San Juan, Puerto Rico is the top prize for the top caller of the annual Bryant Fund Spring Phonothons going on right now on campus. So come out and grab a telephone. It could lead to the Caribbean.

Tonight is the fifth night of the 16-night series of phonothons that began February 9. Other nights are Wednesday and Thursday, plus February 20, 23, 24, 25, and 27, and March 2, 3, 4, and 5. The final night is the competition for the week-long trip to Puerto Rico.

Phonothons run from 6 to 9 each night, with dinner provided. Callers gather in Room 386 A&B. In addition to the grand prize, there are other incentive prizes awarded each night.

Tony Piotti, director of annual giving, said the spring phonothons will be used to try to gather as much of the 43 percent remaining to be raised toward this year's goal of \$800,000. At the end of last year, 57 percent of the goal had been achieved.

Alumni and parents are being called, Piotti said. Many of them welcome the calls. With an added incentive being the \$163,000 challenge grant from the C. V. Starr Foundation, which Bryant must match to receive it, he said, there may never be a better time to make some phone calls for Bryant.

Volunteers are still needed, Piotti said. Stop by the development office or stop by on any night you are free. By volunteering just one night, you are eligible to win the trip to San Juan.

Awards nominations sought

You are invited to nominate seniors or December, 1985 graduates for the 1986 Commencement awards.

The Commencement Awards Committee needs the nominees by March 3. So if you have a worthy nominee, send the nomination form with a typed resume to Judy Litoff, professor of social science, in Office C-227. And do it today!

Nomination forms are available in the Student Senate office, each faculty suite, the Registrar's office, the Placement office, the Office of Student Services, and *The Archway* office.

Litoff reminds you that a student can be nominated for more than one award. You must state specifically why you feel a student nominee meets the criteria for selection. Include your personal reasons, and refer to the background, experiences, and accomplishments listed in the resume that you feel qualify your nominee for the award.

Present your information as accurately as possible. Any serious misrepresentation will invalidate a nomination.

The facts about AIDS

By Bill Rupp,
Editor

AIDS!

There may be no more fearsome acronym in the world today. Yet AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) may also be the most misunderstood of all diseases afflicting mankind in the '80s.

To help the Bryant community better understand AIDS and the threat it poses on and off campus, we print here in *Bryant's Business* some background and facts about AIDS. This information is taken from a bulletin of the U.S. Public Health Service and with input from Noreen Mattis, Bryant's health educator.

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AIDS is the name given to a complex of health problems reported first in the country almost five years ago. Persons afflicted with AIDS suffer a severe loss of natural immunity against disease. This leaves them vulnerable to other diseases often referred to as "opportunistic."

Of the 14,500 cases reported so far, more than 90 percent are among these groups: homosexual and bisexual men, 73 percent; illicit drug users, 17 percent (11 percent of the first group also inject drugs); persons who have had transfusions with blood or blood products, 2 percent; persons with hemophilia or other blood-clotting disorders, 1 percent; heterosexual contacts of people in the above groups, 1 percent; infants of mothers with AIDS.

All races have been affected, but most AIDS cases are among young adults (age 25-44). Of the AIDS cases reported, more than 7,400 (51 percent) have ended in death.

AIDS is caused by a retrovirus known most commonly as HTLV-III. The virus is primarily transmitted through the exchange of semen, blood, and other body fluids during intimate sexual contact. But transmission also occurs by sharing contaminated needles or, less frequently, through blood or blood products.

The nation's blood supply has been made safe, however, through a test for antibodies to the HTLV-III virus. Since last March, all blood donated in the U.S. has been screened for evidence of infection with the virus. All confirmed positive blood is discarded.

An estimated 500,000 to one million people have been infected by the AIDS virus. Epidemiologic studies indicate that approximately 10,000 of those now infected will be diagnosed and reported as AIDS patients this year.

All persons with AIDS or with antibodies to HTLV-III are considered carriers of the virus, and capable of transmitting it to others. It is believed that most antibody carriers will not get AIDS

AIDS education on campus

All reputable agencies and organizations dealing with AIDS indicate that the best defense against the disease is a good offense. In other words, a program of education to get the word out about AIDS.

At Bryant, health educator Noreen Mattis is putting together just such an education program for this semester. It includes the following:

- Training resident assistants about AIDS;
- Education programs for the residence halls;
- The showing of a highly-acclaimed film on AIDS;
- An educational display at the April 15 health fair;
- A workshop on the same day as the annual health fair.

Mattis also is authoring a three-part series of stories on AIDS in *The Archway*.

Let's all hope that at Bryant a good offense is the best defense against AIDS.

symptoms. Some will have less serious symptoms than classic AIDS.

It must be emphasized that while a positive antibody test does indicate infection, it does not indicate that the virus is still present. And it does not predict if a person will get AIDS.

AIDS symptoms are flu-like, which unfortunately adds to the paranoia that surrounds the disease. But the flu-like symptoms are much more severe and last longer. They include unusual tiredness over a long period of time; fever, chills, and night sweats; unexplained weight loss; sore throat; persistent coughs; unexplained bleeding or bruising easily; lingering diarrhea; enlargement of the lymph nodes, and purple patches or bumps on the skin. Persons in high-risk groups, particularly, should seek medical attention with one or more of these symptoms.

Many investigators also believe that HTLV-III can cause a variety of other diseases in which suppression of the immune system is not involved. Dementia, nervous system infections, and certain rare cancers are a few.

Sex partners of AIDS patients, and of people at risk for AIDS, also are at risk. Children have developed AIDS through transmission from infected mothers before, during, and shortly after birth, or through blood transfusions.

How can you reduce the risk of contracting AIDS?

The Public Health Service recommends the following:

- Do not have sexual contact with persons who are known to have or who are suspected of having AIDS, or who are suspected of being

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...Trustee **Barbara Leonard** has been named the New England regional administrator for the General Services Administration, an appointed post. She is the former owner and chief executive officer of H & H Screw Products Company...

...**Burton Fischman**, professor of communication, spoke at the January meeting of the Rhode Island Association of Personnel Consultants on "Motivational Techniques and Improving Sales Performance." He also put on a workshop in January for the Small Business Council of the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce. It discussed "Making Effective Business Presentations"...

...**Gerhard Ditz**, associate professor of marketing, has been chosen by the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge to receive an honor certificate for excellence in economic education. A national jury selected him for the award...

...**Ken Fougere** and **Laurie MacDonald**, assistant professors of computer information systems, have an article published in the winter issue of *The Journal of Computer Information Systems*, the official publication of the Society of Data Educators. It is titled "Cobol: Getting Started"...

...**Clinton Sornberger**, associate professor of mathematics, has passed the Part Seven Actuarial Examination of the Casualty Actuarial Society, which makes him an associate in the CAS. He will be inducted into the society at the national meeting in May in San Diego...

...The winter issue of "The Journal of Computer Information Systems" carries an article by **Marie Cote**, professor of accounting. It is titled "Course Evaluation: The Alumni Perception," based on a survey of 1983 graduates who evaluated the systems foundations courses...

...The **Bryant Marketing Association** is sponsoring an address by George Merritt, vice-president of advertising and public relations for Milton Bradley Company, today at 3:30 p.m. in Janikies Auditorium. He will talk on the excitement of public relations. Admission is \$1...

...The April issue of "Alfred Hitchcock Mystery Magazine" will carry a short story by **Jim Ingraham**, professor of social sciences. It is titled "Mystery of the Chinese Ball"...

CALENDAR

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Planning and Designing Training Programs

Seminar
The CENTER
9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Conducting Training Effectively

Seminar
The CENTER
9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

English Again!

Grammar and Punctuation in Business Writing

Seminar
The CENTER
9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

SAM'S Hawaiian Weekend

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Protestant services

MRC conference room
noon

Eucharist

CMD conference room
noon & 9 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Finance and Accounting for the Non-Financial Manager

Seminar
The CENTER
9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Customer Relations

Seminar
The CENTER
9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Spring Break Explosion Weekend

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

Protestant services

MRC conference room
noon

Eucharist

CMD conference room
noon & 9 p.m.

By the way . . .

- Joyce O'Neill, publications office, and her husband will be headed for Italy soon. They'll tour Venice, Rome, and Florence.
- Sophomore Tom Fern won't have to work quite as hard anymore. He is a recent Lot-o-Bucks winner. With his \$86,102 prize, he intends to pay tuitions for himself and his brother, who attends Worcester Polytechnic. Tom has been working at ARA and Newport Creamery to put himself through school.

- A "Semester at Sea." That's what Kerry Cutillo, a sophomore accounting major, is doing this semester. She is aboard the S.S. Universe, a 500-passenger floating campus, touring Spain, Greece, Turkey, Egypt, India, Sri Lanka, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Korea, and Japan. Now that's what I call studying abroad!
- If you're looking for a unique, contemporary chair, call Art Blackman, of the faculty. His son, Leo, an interior design architect, was chosen as one of the top 10 furniture designers of the year in 1985. Be the first to own a neat "Blongo Chair."

SBDC opens Woonsocket office



The Small Business Development Center opened on February 5 its fifth satellite office at the Greater Woonsocket Chamber of Commerce. Douglas Jobling, SBDC director, hosted the grand-opening ceremony and lunch-hour reception. He is shown here speaking to the gathering of 50 Woonsocket-area business men and women. President O'Hara delivered the keynote address.

Marionettes coming to dinner

Guess who's coming to dinner at Bryant?

It's Dan Butterworth and his Marionettes. They'll be the entertainment at the second annual performing arts dinner-theatre cabaret on February 28.

The 6:30 p.m. show in the Rotunda is designed for adults, but children are welcome and should enjoy it. It'll be a show of prancing marionettes, including mime, masks, and dancing to rock and roll, jazz, and classical music. Don't be surprised to find a marionette sitting on your lap or sashaying between tables as the show goes on.

Butterworth and his marionettes have performed throughout New England, including the Newport Classical Music Festival and the Hartford Arts Festival. They've been on WPRI-TV in Providence and WGBH-TV in Boston.

Tickets are \$8 for students and \$12 for everyone else. You can buy them at the Box Office.

Aids

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- virus carriers, or who have a positive result on the antibody test.
- Do not have sex with multiple partners, or with persons who have had multiple partners.
- Do not inject illicit drugs. At the least, do not share needles or syringes.
- Do not have sex with people who inject drugs.
- Protect yourself and your partner during sexual activity if you suspect that you or your partner have been exposed to the HTLV-III virus, by doing the following: use condoms; avoid sexual practices that may cause injury or rips in tissue; avoid oral-genital contact; avoid open-mouthed, intimate kissing; avoid contact with any body fluids.

Summing up, AIDS is an infectious but not widely contagious, sexually transmitted, blood-borne illness that can strike homosexuals and heterosexuals. Indeed, it appears that the high rate of AIDS among homosexual men in the U.S. is a biological "accident." In other countries where AIDS exists, it appears to spread mostly through heterosexual activity, and by the danger posed by drug injections.

Another excellent source of information on AIDS is a free brochure published by the American College Health Association, titled: "AIDS: What Everyone Should Know." Contact Noreen Mattis for a copy.