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Senior class gift: 'A Work of Art'

Bryant's first commissioned "work of art" is the gift the senior class will leave behind as its legacy at the 1989 Commencement.

The gift is not just any piece of art work by any artist, however. It is a 6½-foot-high bronze sculpture created especially for the College by one of its most distinguished faculty members, professor William Haas. The sculpture will be cast for Bryant at the Paul King Foundry in Johnston, owned and operated by Smithfield resident Paul Cavanaugh, known internationally for his work.

Haas describes the sculpture this way:

"This piece of sculpture represents the beginnings of culture and commerce. It will be a 6½-foot-high bronze form mounted on a three-foot base. The body of the work will be a polished, dramatically sweeping shape, from one side suggesting a telecommunications disc and the other side suggesting the emergence of architectural forms. In the center there will be an open space with the form of a broken tablet with cuneiform writing on it. The straight lines and fractured edges contrast with the contemporary thrust of the abstract polished surfaces. The sculpture can be viewed from any aspect and from a distance and should stimulate enough curiosity for the viewer to come closer to examine the contrasting shapes in the center.

"The cuneiform alphabet is the oldest written language, which was invented to keep records of trade among the various peoples of the Tigris and Euphrates valley, the cradle of civilization, 4,500 years ago. The shapes of the characters are made by impressing a wedge-shaped tool into soft clay: they are themselves beautiful and interesting lines and textures. At the base of the sculpture there should be a statement explaining to the viewer the significance of the work. It combines the most modern concept of communication with the most ancient method of international business communications. It contrasts a very contemporary abstract shape with a dark and mysterious message. It says that the history of civilization is inseparable from the history of commerce and that it is still the responsibility of the leaders of worldwide business to protect the legacy of the ages."

A location for the sculpture still has to be determined. Several sites are under review. Wherever it is placed, according to Mike Mahrlig, senior class gift committee chair, the sculpture is expected to enhance the beauty of the campus while tying in nicely with the College's theme of international awareness.

At the same time, according to Mahrlig, the gift is expected "to set the Class of 1989 apart from all others."



Sketch of the senior class gift

Total cost of the sculpture is estimated at \$30,000, with seniors being asked to donate at least \$20,000 of its price tag. They hope to raise the rest with a corporate gift or additional donations elsewhere, said Ruth Alberg, assistant director of the Bryant Fund, who is working closely with the gift committee.

Haas is donating all of his time and talent, which lowers the cost of the art work significantly. His only compensation from the senior class, he said, "is the opportunity to sculpt the largest piece I've ever done." (See sidebar on Haas in this issue.)

A bronze scale model of the sculpture is expected to be finished in time for display at Commencement, Haas said. The real thing will be dedicated at a ceremony at a later date.

Get your Bryant history book

A copy of Bryant's first official history, "Bryant College: The First 125 Years," can still be yours.

Richly illustrated with photographs and drawings, the 143-page book is a coffee table-sized hardcover with a full-color dust jacket. It depicts Bryant's beginnings in downtown Providence, the East Side decades, the move to Smithfield in 1971, and the most recent history.

Written by historian Valerie Quinney as a 125th anniversary commemorative, the book describes the principal people, places, and events that shaped the College over its initial century and a quarter.

Contact the offices of alumni relations, the college bookstore, or publications and advertising to get your Bryant history book. The price is \$24.



President's report on Trustees meeting

Bryant's Board of Trustees met at the Newport Marriott Hotel for its most recent quarterly meeting on February 23. For the first time since 1981, the meeting was held in conjunction with a two-day Trustee workshop.

Under the banner of the Association of Governing Boards (AGB), the workshop was coordinated by Clayton LeFevere, a senior partner in the Minneapolis law firm of LeFevere, Lefler, Kennedy, O'Brien, and Drawz. LeFevere has been active in higher education for approximately 20 years. He has served as a member of the board of regents of Huston-Tillotson College in Texas and as chair of the steering committee of the Minnesota Private College Council.

At the meeting, two new Trustees were elected: Gregory Parkos '50, '88H, president and COO for the Whittaker Corporation in Los Angeles, and Dennis Little, executive vice president and chief financial officer for Textron, Inc. in Providence.

The Board heard a report from Trustee Vice Chair Jonathan Farnum, who is chairing the President Search Committee. At that time, the committee was reviewing several final candidates and inviting them to campus. (See separate update on the search in this issue.)

As part of his report, President O'Hara announced that his special assistant, Priscilla Angelo, will be studying in Japan and Korea as a Fulbright grantee.

The investment committee reported that two new firms are now managing the College's investment funds: Scudder, Stevens & Clark, and

Delaware Investment Advisors. The appointments became effective on January 1.

Development committee chair Barbara Papitto announced early success with this year's Bryant Fund campaign in her report. As of January 31, the campaign had raised almost \$700,000 of the \$1,125,000 goal. This is almost 15 percent ahead of last year's total at the same time.

The Board adopted new tuition and fee increases for 1989-90 during the report of the finance committee. Day school tuition and fees now are \$8,719—a level that continues to remain below that of the College's competitors by all comparisons.

The finance committee also reported it has completed arrangements to defray the cost of Dormitory 16 and the senior housing project through a bond issue. Construction on the senior project is expected to begin in late spring.

The board voted to renew Bryant's pledge to the New England Board of Higher Education's South African Scholarship Program. It made a three-year commitment to support a black South African student in one of that country's higher education institutions.

Through an oversight, the summary of last December's Board meeting failed to report that after July 31, President O'Hara will become President Emeritus of the College. The Board voted unanimously on this matter at the December 15 meeting.

The Board meets next on May 11.

Next Bryant Forum to look at the power of yen

The rising power of the Japanese in the banking and finance sectors of the global economy is the focus of the next Bryant Forum on May 1.

Daniel Burstein, author of the new book, "Yen! Japan's New Financial Empire and Its Threat to America," is the speaker. His book is based on three years of research by Burstein on both sides of the Pacific Ocean, including scores of interviews with leading financial and economic thinkers in Japan and America. Burstein's address begins at 4 p.m. in Janikies Auditorium.

Burstein, one of the first American journalists to travel widely in China, has been concerned with Pacific Rim issues since the early 1970s. He has reported from Asian capitals for a host of major news organizations, including CBS News, ABC News, *TIME* magazine, and daily newspapers in Washington, Boston, Atlanta, San Francisco, Chicago and St. Louis. He has appeared on many TV programs, including the "MacNeil-Lehrer Report."

Stories and commentaries by Burstein on the U.S.-Japan rivalry in the global financial service business have appeared in both English- and Japanese-language publications, including the *New York Times*, *New York* magazine, *Global Finance*, *Ushio*, and *Newsweek/Japan*. Burstein was cited in 1986 for excellence in business

Bryant Forum speaker
Daniel Burstein



reporting from the Overseas Press Club for a cover story in *Omni* magazine on science and technology in China.

Burstein also is a successful business consultant who has advised many American technology companies on marketing strategies. He was a founding partner in Waterside Associates, a public relations firm specializing in advanced technology.

Burstein attended Reed College and the University of California at Berkeley.

Contact the Office of Corporate and College Relations for information on tickets, ext. 6139.

Alcohol Awareness Month

Is alcohol a problem for you?

To answer this question, ask yourself the following questions and answer them as honestly as you can.

1. Do you lose time from work due to drinking?
 Yes No
2. Is drinking making your home life unhappy?
 Yes No
3. Do you drink because you are shy with other people?
 Yes No
4. Is drinking affecting your reputation?
 Yes No
5. Have you ever felt remorse after drinking?
 Yes No
6. Have you gotten into financial difficulties as a result of drinking?
 Yes No
7. Do you turn to lower companions and an inferior environment when drinking?
 Yes No
8. Does your drinking make you careless of your family's welfare?
 Yes No
9. Has your ambition decreased since drinking?
 Yes No
10. Do you crave a drink at a definite time daily?
 Yes No
11. Do you want a drink the next morning?
 Yes No
12. Does drinking cause you to have difficulty in sleeping?
 Yes No
13. Has your efficiency decreased since drinking?
 Yes No
14. Is drinking jeopardizing your job or business?
 Yes No
15. Do you drink to escape from worries or trouble?
 Yes No
16. Do you drink alone?
 Yes No
17. Have you ever had a complete loss of memory as a result of drinking?
 Yes No
18. Do you resent the advice of others who try to get you to stop drinking?
 Yes No
19. Do you drink to build up your self-confidence?
 Yes No
20. Have you ever been to a hospital or institution on account of drinking?
 Yes No

If you have answered YES to any one of the questions, there is a definite warning that you have an alcohol-related problem.

If you have answered YES to any two, the chances are that you do have an alcohol-related problem.

If you have answered YES to three or more, you definitely have an alcohol-related problem.

(The foregoing Test Questions are used by Johns Hopkins University Hospital, Baltimore.)

Sculptor William Haas



Art lifelong love of Haas

Professor William Haas is known best at Bryant, perhaps, for his course on business ethics. That may change soon with his creation of the 1989 senior class gift to Bryant—a bronze sculpture.

Haas has been drawing and painting in oils and watercolors since he was an elementary schoolboy in Newark, New Jersey. The museum at the school of fine arts there was a frequent playground.

Museums, books, and fellow artists have been his teachers, said the mostly self-taught artist and sculptor.

"I did study for a year with an artist," Haas said.

The humanities professor has been sculpting from wax to bronze, the "lost-wax" process, for about 25 years. Most of his pieces have been small. The senior class gift will be his largest project by far. After it is cast, he will polish and edit the final piece.

In all his work, Haas said, "I play with contrasts. Light and dark. Formal versus broken, random structures."

This piece combines his style with the concept that culture and commerce go hand in hand in every great civilization, he said.

Oxford debaters returning

The Oxford Union Society debaters return to campus April 19 to verbally duel a team from Bryant for the second straight year.

The debate is the last stop on an April tour of seven colleges for the Oxford students. It begins at 7:30 p.m. in the North Dining Room.

The debate will explore the topic "Should We Negotiate Peace Talks or Use Military Action Against International Terrorists?" The Oxford students will arrive the morning of the debate to tour the campus, sit in on a class, prepare for the debate and attend a special dinner in their honor.

A committee consisting of students, faculty, and student affairs administrators is coordinating the debate. Professor Stan Kozikowski will moderate.

The Oxford tour has also included Holy Cross, Western Connecticut State, Framingham State, Central Connecticut State, Bentley, and Boston University.

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...The October issue of *Supervision* will publish a paper by professor **Ron DiBattista**. Its title: "Designing a Program to Manage the Risk of Sabotage." DiBattista also presented in March a paper at the Midwest Business Administration Association conference in Chicago. The title: "Ethical Decision-making in Organizations Today"...

...The business ethics classes of professor **William Haas** will be the focus of a "Tenure Tracks" column in *New England Monthly* magazine this fall. The columnist sat in on the classes last Friday. The regular columns feature some of the more innovative and topical courses being offered at New England colleges...

...Professor **Burt Fischman** was the featured speaker and a seminar leader at the 1989 Tire & Automotive Trade Show of the New England Association of Independent Tire Dealers. His topic: "Conflict Management Through Effective Communication"...

...Catholic chaplain **David Norris** confirmed in mid-March that he is leaving Bryant after this semester to accept a chaplaincy position at St. Paul's Center in Fresno, California. The university parish serves California State University and Fresno City College. Norris served here for nine years...

...The fall issue of the *Journal of the Academy of Marketing Science* published an article by professor **Edna White**. Its title: "A Framework for the Combination of Forecasts." Another of White's articles, "Enhancing Manufacturing Planning and Control Systems with Artificial Intelligence Techniques," appears as chapter seven in the textbook *Knowledge-Based Systems in Manufacturing*...

...Assistant career services director **Judy Clare** made a presentation at the annual conference of the National Society for Internships and Experiential Educations. Her topic: "Organizing and Marketing an Alumni Network and Other Programs Involving Alumni and Students"...

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By the way . . .

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- Kathy Albanese, CMD, has three kittens available around May 12 to anyone interested in giving them a loving home. If you'd like a FREE kitten, call Kathy at ext. 6202.
- Louise Ethier, development office, has become a grandmother for the first time. Amber Lynn, born March 27, weighed 7 lbs. 9 ozs. If you don't know who Louise is, just look for a young-looking woman dragging a photo album around. Congratulations, Louise!
- Carol Ann McConaghy, development office, and Helen Jones-Toms, publications and advertising, have been named to the prestigious group of Outstanding Young Women in America for 1988. Congratulations, Carol and Helen!
- Sandra Beaudry, development office, tells me she will return to work on April 17 after recovering from surgery. She passes along her thanks for all the cards, letters, calls, and flowers she received. Welcome back, Sandy!

Thanks

From Hinda Pollard: "I was greatly moved by the warm outpouring of support for me in the aftermath of the death of my parents."

Health Fair tomorrow

Bryant's annual Health Fair is tomorrow in the North Dining Room.

With more than 20 participants, the Health Fair will offer screenings for cholesterol, glaucoma, posture, blood pressure, weight, and an overall health risk appraisal. A dentist, a podiatrist, a chiropractor, a nutritionist and representatives from the Rhode Island Group Health Association and a potpourri of state and city-run health service programs will be on hand.

What could be more important to people in early spring than getting into shape. A demonstration of exercise equipment, information on nutrition, and a body composition analysis also will be at the fair.

Information on birth control, alcohol abuse, rape, and vision care also will be available. And a couple of dummies from television, Vince and Larry, will teach you about the hazards of not wearing seat belts.

All except the cholesterol screening (\$5) are free. The Health Risk Appraisal costs \$1. Fasting is not necessary for the cholesterol screening, but fasting tomorrow morning will provide more accurate results.

Do your health a favor and stop by the North Dining Room tomorrow. The Health Fair runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

New bomb scare/ fire alarm policy

"When the Unistructure is evacuated, the Day School class schedule will be put on hold. When students and faculty re-enter the building, classes will resume where they left off. This delayed schedule will be maintained for the rest of the day. However, day classes will not continue beyond 6 p.m.

If a room conflict should arise between a delayed day class and an Evening Division, CMD, Graduate School, or SBDC class, the Evening Division, CMD, Graduate School, or SBDC class will prevail. In that event, the Day School classes will be rescheduled to another day.

Once the students and faculty have returned from an evacuated building, the specific schedule delay will be announced on the public address system. Faculty Services Coordinators will post a notice of the revised schedule in each faculty suite."

Search for President may end today

The search for the sixth President of Bryant College may end today, when the Board of Trustees meets in special session to choose a successor to William O'Hara.

The President Search Committee has turned over a list of names of its three top choices from among the five finalists who were interviewed and received on campus in March. The Board is expected to select one name on that list as Bryant's next President, with the announcement of the new President to be made by the Hon. Bruce Selya, chairman of the Board.

Announcement of the new President will be made on campus and to the news media tomorrow after President O'Hara's successor accepts the post.

Finalists who were interviewed on campus in March included Dr. William Trueheart, Bryant's executive vice president; Dr. Robert Holmes, dean of the business college at James Madison University; Dr. Marvin Feldman, president of the Fashion Institute of Technology; Dr. Stephen Feldman, president of Western Connecticut State University, and Dr. Robert Taylor, dean of the business college at the University of Louisville.

Bryant hosts state Geography Bee

The platypus is native to which country? What does an anemometer measure? Which is Japan's highest peak? In which civilization did the Olympic Games originate?

Questions like these greeted pupils matching wits in the first-ever National Geographic "Geography Bee" for Rhode Island elementary and junior high school pupils last Friday at Bryant. The College hosted and provided judges for the competition.

Pupils from grades four through eight made up three teams of 23 each after surviving geography bees in their own schools. They advanced through two more rounds of competition at Bryant. The first round ended when three remaining students on each team advanced to the finals.

Lt. Governor Roger Begin '76 served as moderator for the final competition. Four Bryant faculty members, Pat Keeley, Harry Hubbard, Eugene D'Andrea and Sheldon Watts, and two administrators, Priscilla Angelo and Steve Winsor, served as judges.

The winners of the competition now move on into national competition in Washington, D.C. next month.

22nd annual May Breakfast

Spring is in the air, which means Bryant's May Breakfast is just around the corner. On May 1, from 7 to 8:15 a.m., Gulski Dining Room again will be the setting for this 22nd annual event.

The international menu includes assorted fruit juices, fresh fruit, scones, scrambled eggs, Canadian bacon, red potatoes, strawberry crepes, Belgian waffles, danish, coffee, tea, and milk.

Tickets are on sale in all faculty suites, central services, the SBDC, and public safety. The cost is \$4 with a limit of one guest per employee. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Committee members include Ginny Bowry, Pat Doyle, Helen Senecal, and Mary Ellen Rivet.

TKE off and rolling again

Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity is off and rolling for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital again this week.

TKE's annual "keg roll" begins tomorrow in the Rotunda at noon with an opening ceremony presided over by Lt. Governor Roger Begin '76. It ends Friday at noon in the same place.

From the Rotunda, 38 brothers will share the 100-mile roll over the back roads and city streets of Rhode Island. They will take turns in half-mile stretches, covering approximately 33 miles a day from Smithfield to North Kingstown to Warwick to Providence and back to Smithfield. A vehicle accompanies the teams.

Last year, TKE raised more than \$3,000 for St. Jude.