



Black History Month debuts today

February means Black History Month at Bryant, and a variety of events to celebrate African-American history and cultural diversity are planned--beginning today.

The celebration kicks off at 11 a.m. in the Bryant Center Commons with an address by President Trueheart and a reception for members of the Cape Verdean Artists' League. The league is setting up a month-long exhibit in the library.

Other events this month include: performances by a comedian, gospel groups, and a theatre group; a "brown bag lunch" series; a celebration of black poetry and music; a movie; an address by Dr. Alvin Poussaint (see separate story in this issue), and a minority alumni weekend.

The schedule of events after today:

- **Feb. 5:** Brown bag lunch, "Origin and Meaning of Rap Music," led by professor Judy McDonnell, Papitto Dining Room, 12:15-1:15 p.m.

- **Feb. 10:** Movie, "The Wiz," Janikies Auditorium, 7 p.m. & 9:15 p.m.

- **Feb. 12:** Celebration of black poetry and music, led by professor Jeannette White, Papitto Dining Room, 4:30 p.m.

- **Feb. 19:** Brown bag lunch, "Current Issues on Affirmative Action," led by professor Michael Fraleigh, Papitto Dining Room, 12:15-1:15 p.m.

- **Feb. 19:** Bryant Forum lecture by Dr. Alvin Poussaint, Janikies Auditorium, 4 p.m.

- **Feb. 21:** Comedian Reggie McFadden performs in South Dining Room, 9 p.m.

- **Feb. 23:** Extravaganza Night (local bands, lip-sync contest, poetry readings, dance), South Dining Room, 8 p.m.

- **Feb. 23:** Minority Alumni Weekend begins.

- **Feb. 27:** "Harlem Renaissance," play in Janikies Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

- **Feb. 28:** "Gospel Jubilee" featuring groups from southern New England, Janikies Auditorium, 8 p.m.



Truehearts toast New Year

President and Mrs. Trueheart offer a toast for the New Year at a special reception in Papitto Dining Room they hosted for all College employees in early January.

Cosby advisor to continue Bryant Forum series

A Harvard psychiatrist who may be known best as a script consultant to NBC-TV's "The Cosby Show" and "A Different World" continues the Bryant Forum lecture series on Feb. 19 as part of Black History Month.

Speaking will be Dr. Alvin F. Poussaint, associate professor of psychiatry and associate dean for student affairs at Harvard Medical School and a senior associate in psychiatry at the Judge Baker Children's Center in Boston. Topic of Poussaint's address is "workplace stresses generated by racial, ethnic and gender conflict." His talk begins at 4 p.m. in Janikies Auditorium.

Poussaint, 56, also is active in consulting to the media on a wide range of social issues, and he is a prolific writer and author. Among his works are dozens of articles for lay and professional publications and the books "Why Blacks Kill Blacks" and "Black Child Care."

Born in East Harlem, Poussaint

attended Columbia University and received his MD from Cornell University Medical College. He took postgraduate training at UCLA Neuropsychiatric Institute, where he also served as chief resident in psychiatry in 1964-65.

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Dr. Alvin Poussaint

Professors to teach in Russia, China

Bryant professors Paul Dion and Bill Graves will be teaching and studying in Russia and China, respectively, this summer. And they are looking for students to join them.

Dion and Graves are going abroad as part of a faculty development program of the American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS). Dion will be a coordinator at the Leningrad State Technical University. Graves will be a coordinator at the Beijing Languages Institute.

The Soviet program includes courses in Russian language from beginning to advanced and Russian culture and civilization with cultural excursions. There also is a three-day visit to Moscow.

The Chinese program offers Mandarin Chinese at four levels from beginning to advanced with social and cultural activities. Visits to Nanjing, Wuxi,

Suzhou, Hangzhou, and Shanghai also are planned, with weekend excursions to Chengde, Qufu, Taishan, and Jinan.

Paul Dion



Bill Graves



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From 1965-67, Poussaint provided medical care to civil rights workers and aided in the desegregation of health facilities throughout the South while working alongside leaders such as Martin Luther King Jr., Andrew Young and Jesse Jackson. After leaving Mississippi in 1967, he joined the Tufts Medical School faculty as director of the psychiatry program in a low-income housing project. Two years later he joined Harvard, where he also served as director of student affairs at the medical school from 1975-78.

For ticket information, call the Office of Corporate and College Relations at ext. 6139.

Champlin grant to launch computer upgrade

A \$100,000 grant given to Bryant by The Champlin Foundations, of Providence, will be used toward the purchase of dozens of workstations that will launch an upgrade and expansion of computer facilities across campus.

The grant will go toward the purchase of 74 advanced workstations and sophisticated software and supporting equipment that will replace less-advanced equipment in the Koffler Technology Center.

The computer equipment being replaced in Koffler then will be installed in the classroom laboratories in the Unistructure to upgrade those facilities.

In turn, the workstations in the classroom labs will be freed up for installation in two of the freshman residence halls and the Bryant Center. This equipment will give students easier access to computer facilities for wordprocessing and learning basic software usage in an informal setting and when Koffler and the classroom labs are closed.

The \$100,000 grant is the seventh given to Bryant from The Champlin Foundations since 1984, totalling \$775,000. Champlin, the largest provider of private charitable funds in New England, has provided support for a variety of Bryant's technological enhancements, including several learning laboratories, the mobile microcomputer training van, and Koffler.

Well Fare

Bryant's initial Good Health Benefit programs are "off to a fantastic start," according to Carla Gardner in the human resources office.

The "Weigh to Go" program has 50 employees participating, she said. The smoking program has 11 enrollees. Also, note the change in location for the weight-loss program: now meeting in Room 2B of the Bryant Center on Tuesdays at noon and 1 p.m. The smoking program is being held in Room 1 of the Bryant Center at noon on Tuesdays.

All employees are encouraged to participate in GHB programs regardless of health insurance coverage. Look for payroll stuffers and other announcements to keep you posted.

GHB program schedule

March 13

"Stress"

MRC Lecture Hall

12 p.m. & 1 p.m.

(One-hour workshop with brown-bag lunch)

March 27 - May 15

"Steppin' Out"

Bryant Center Room 1

12 p.m. & 1 p.m. Wednesdays

(8-week walking competition to promote exercise and team effort)

April 17

"Stress"

MRC Lecture Hall

12 p.m. & 1 p.m.

(Second stress workshop)

July

"Back Care"

Exercise Room

(Programs for four groups held during the work day)

September

"Self Improvement"

Arris Dining Room (Fishbowl)

12 p.m. & 1 p.m.

(Health stop focusing on self-help with topics: first aid, self-care choices, nutrition, stress)

NOTE: Employees may sign up for any program at the first meeting.

20th anniversary celebration to stress "town-gown" ties

After spending its first 108 years in Providence, Bryant opened its Smithfield campus in September, 1971--almost 20 years ago. A celebration to observe this anniversary, with a "town-gown theme," is now being planned.

A 20th anniversary ad hoc committee has been meeting to plan the celebration of the move to Smithfield. Specific events have yet to be finalized, but a theme, scope and framework for the anniversary has been proposed.

At this time, the anniversary will be observed from this fall's Convocation through Alumni Reunion Weekend in 1992. The celebration's primary emphasis will be the College's relationship with Smithfield. It will use the theme of "Bryant and Smithfield, 1971-1991: good neighbors for 20 years."

To maximize existing events and minimize the need for new planning groups and finances, the ad hoc committee has proposed structuring the anniversary around events and activities that usually occur annually. But it is also looking at new "town-gown" events, such as a youth basketball tournament, Smithfield High School musical groups performing on campus, a Smithfield picnic and family day, and inviting various

Smithfield organizations--the historical society and service clubs--to meet on campus during the anniversary year.

Contact Howard Kay at ext. 6139 if you have any ideas for the 20th anniversary celebration.

Students play hard

It's been said that Bryant students play hard and study hard. The former is definitely true if statistics compiled by athletics director Leon Drury are any indication.

More than 90 percent of resident students played intramural sports last fall, Drury said. He calculated that percentage by taking the number of residents (2,500) and subtracting varsity athletes (300) and club-sport athletes (180). Of the remaining 2,020, almost 1,900 played flag football, volleyball, and racquetball.

Drury's statistics over the past five years also indicate that participation in intramurals has risen every year but one (1988-89). That five percent decline was followed by a 15 percent increase in 1989-90.



Governor addresses would-be exporters

Governor and Bryant Trustee Bruce Sundlun visited the campus in mid-January to talk about the value of export trade to Rhode Island businesses. The dinner was part of a workshop sponsored by the Export Assistance Center.

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...Vice president **Les LaFond** made a presentation to the Providence Dropout Prevention Collaborative at its fall conference. The title: "Self-Direction and Self Esteem: School-Higher Education Partnerships"...

...Sarkisian professor **Pat Norton** provided a look at the Rhode Island economy at a revenue estimating conference in November at the State House...

..."The Political Economy of Global Oil," an article written by part-time professor **Cyrus Bina**, appeared in the December issue of *The World and I*...

...Public safety assistant **Ginnie Bowry** has received an Outstanding Service Award from the Rhode Island Crime Prevention Officers Association. Bowry also serves as recording secretary on the association's executive board...

...An article by professors **Shirley Miller** and **Debbie Easterling** has been accepted for publication in the fall, 1992 issue of the *Journal of Professional Services Marketing*. Its title: "Banking Segmentation Strategy: A Lifestyle Approach"...

...An article written by professors **Larry Lowe** and **George de Tarnowsky** has been accepted for publication in the *Journal of Professional Services Marketing*. Its title: "Newspaper Research: The Need is High, Participation Low, and Consultants Have Opportunity"...

...Alumni relations associate director **Melissa Walker** is serving as a panelist this week at a professional development conference in Boston. Her workshop: "Student/Alumni Programs - A Foundation for the Future." She also is moderating a session there on "Education: A Continuing Experience for Alumni"...

...Professor **Gregg Carter's** article, "Teaching the Idea of 'Contextual Effects,'" has been accepted for publication in *Teaching Psychology*...

...Student employment assistant director **David Brooks** addressed the Tri-State Student Employment Conference held at Rhode Island College. His topic: "Self Help Programs in the '90s..."

...Professor **Kathy Simons** addressed public and private accountants at a forum sponsored by the Rhode Island Society of CPAs. Her topic: "The Status of the 150-hour Education Requirement in Rhode Island." Also, Simons recently completed her DBA at Boston University...

By the way...

by Gloria Yahn

● **Chuck Merrihew** of the Bryant Center and his **wife, Stephanie**, are second-time **parents**. Charles Christopher, born January 10, and weighing 7 lbs. 7 ozs., joins his sister, Jennifer, in the Merrihew household. Congratulations!

● Let's lend our support to the newly identified **soldiers** serving in the **Persian Gulf**. In addition to Scott LeBeau of the public safety office, and Josue Rivera, brother of Miriam Perry of the President's Office, serving are: **Robert and Brian O'Connell**, sons of professor Robert O'Connell; **Sam Ramsay**, son of professor Samuel Ramsay; and my son, **Kevin**. A special tribute to them all!

● This Wednesday **President Trueheart** will announce the Tuition Exchange Program (TEP) scholarship **recipients** in the Gulski Dining Room at 12:15 p.m.

● **Chris (CJ) MacLellan** of data processing started the new year off with a soon-to-be partner. He is planning a July 27 **wedding** to Terry Stobb. They will be married in New Jersey. Good luck!

● **Bettie Weber** of academic computing and her husband, Ken, send their **thanks to everyone** for their kind expressions of **sympathy** after the death of Ken's father.

● **Paula Iacono**, alumni office, tells me her daughter, **Lauren**, was a top-10 **finalist** at the 3rd America's Favorite Preteen Pageant held in Orlando last month. The first Rhode Islander to place in the national finals, Lauren earned a TV, telephone, \$500 savings bond, plaque, and Florida vacation for herself and her family.

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Closer DED, Bryant ties seen: Paolino

Strengthening the ties between Bryant and the Rhode Island Department of Economic Development is a principal agenda item for the state agency's new director.

So said Joseph Paolino on a recent visit to the campus to educate himself in particular on the services provided by the Export Assistance Center, the Small Business Development Center, and World Trade Center Rhode Island.

The former Providence mayor said that he sees "a tremendous amount of opportunity" resulting from the

continuation and expansion of the state's ties to Bryant.

Specifically, he said, a partnership with Bryant serving as a principal resource for foreign trade opportunities can help to revitalize the state. Other ties can help to realize Governor Sundlun's goal of attracting more gerontology and oceanography related businesses to the state, Paolino said.

Bryant "is extremely progressive," Paolino said. This type of attitude must be adopted by the DED.



Data specialist Carl Anderson (front) briefs new RI DED director Joseph Paolino (middle) on the Export Center's trade lead data base and referral services.

New Faces



John E. Oldham
Associate Vice President
for Development

Jack Oldham comes to Bryant from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he served as director of development services for five years. Before that post, Oldham was associate

director and assistant director in the development office over five years.

Before moving to MIT, Oldham was an assistant professor of sociology at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia for six years. At St. Joseph's, he also served as assistant chair of the sociology department, vice-president of the faculty senate, coordinator of academic computing, and director of sponsored research.

Oldham has taught at Rutgers University, where he earned a PhD in sociology. He also holds a BS in social sciences/education from Seton Hall University.