A milestone journey for professor Deluga

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For the 10th consecutive year, professor Ron Deluga is putting the finishing touches on plans for Bryant's "directed international study" in Switzerland in January.

"It was around Thanksgiving time in 1982 when my phone rang," said Deluga. "I was on my way to class and hesitated to pick it up."

It may be a good thing he answered when he did. On the other end of the phone was professor Wally Camper, who asked Deluga if he would like to take a group of students to Europe during Wintersession.

"It was the chance of a lifetime," said Deluga, who had no hesitation in answering that call. He has had nine chances of a lifetime since then.

This year's academic-cultural-social experience again spans most of Wintersession (January 3 to 19). And Leysin, Switzerland, again will serve as the home base for the group of 19 students, Deluga and his wife, Celia. For the students, it is a chance to experience a variety of foreign cultures while earning three credits.

Over the years Deluga has coordinated the program, it has undergone some significant changes, he said. "The academic side of the course was never this involved," he said.

In the past, Deluga has been the sole determiner of grades. Now a committee of three faculty members reviews and critiques the final academic projects.

Each student chooses a study topic before leaving as outlined in a "project proposal." It serves as the foundation and strategic plan for completing the overseas experience.

Deluga also has seen a change in the students' interests since his first trip. "There is much more interest in culture, museums, and seeing new places," he said. "When I first started, we spent a good portion of our time in Switzerland just taking day trips. Now students travel all over the place."

Indeed, travel to different countries in Europe has become an integral part of the trip. Austria, Italy, France, Germany and Spain are some of the usual destinations. Students learn about these cultures first-hand through their research and daily activities.

Deluga said there also has been an upgrade in accommodations over the years.

"At first we stayed in a dormitory-type atmosphere and ate institutional food," he said. "Now we stay in a cozy little 'four star' Suisse chalet with home-cooked meals."

The chalet is owned by Hans and Lydie Muller, a friendly Swiss couple who help the students arrange their travel and activities.

As always, the high point of the trip for Deluga is getting to know the students, he said. During the weeks spent together, he finds himself transforming from a chaperone into a mentor and friend.

Except for typical problems with passports and luggage, the only major "incident" over the years that he can recall, said Deluga, was the outbreak of warfare in the Persian Gulf.

"The shooting started about midway..."
Export Center
director visits EC

Bryant's RI Export Assistance Center
director, Ray Fogarty, got a chance this
fall to make first-hand contacts with
European Community (EC) leaders.
Fogarty traveled to Belgium, France
and Germany in late October with a
delegation of Council of State
Governments (CSG) leaders. Fogarty,
who also is a RI General Assembly
representative, chairs a regional
marketing committee of the CSG. The
trip was sponsored by the American
European Community Association, which
promotes cooperation between business
interests on both sides of the Atlantic.
There were four major objectives of
the 10-day trip, Fogarty said:
- to initiate dialogue between CSG and
EC leaders;
- to urge creation of an ongoing
mechanism to exchange information and
policy positions and to cooperate on joint
consultations and issue seminars;
- to study implications of and
opportunities for individual states and
CSG regions in the EC market and to
identify potential impediments to state
trade with EC countries;
- to develop specific contacts in the
EC for state economic development
purposes.
Also in the CSG delegation to Europe
was Bryant Trustee and RI Lt. Governor
Roger Begin '76, who founded the state's
EC '92 Commission. Other CSG
delegates were state senators or
representatives from Massachusetts,
Ohio, Delaware, Florida, Washington,
Nebraska, and New York, and Ohio's
state treasurer.
Direct results of the trip remain to be
seen. But several EC leaders already
have expressed interest in speaking at
future Export Center-sponsored
conferences on European trading
opportunities, Fogarty said.

Game caps Burundi team’s campus visit

Bryant's men's basketball team defeated the touring men's team from the African nation of Burundi in an exhibition game in early November. The game capped a two-day visit to campus as part of a two-week tour of Northeast colleges. Brought to the US by the Institute for International Sports at the University of Rhode Island, the team also lunched with Bryant officials and students. Bryant's Export Assistance Center arranged the campus visit.

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through the trip last year,” he said. “Most
of the news was in French and hard to
follow. We didn't fear for our lives, but
the sense of not knowing was a bit
unnerving.”
“I've made many friends in Leysin over
the years,” said Deluga. “I look forward
to seeing them again.”

One of his friends, an eccentric Swiss
named Henri Corboz, takes the group to
an exclusive casino in Evian, France,
where they experience some of the
finest French cuisine. Friends like him
make the trip that much more of an
experience for everyone.

1769 Fund awards four scholarships

The 1769 Fund of Bryant's Faculty Federation has awarded four $1,000 scholarships to students. Presenting the scholarships was professor and fund secretary Joe Iacona. Accepting the checks: (l to r) senior Monika Liss, junior Justin Murphy, junior Michelle Adams, and senior Jeffrey Smelser. The scholarships are based on academic performance and financial need.
BRYANT'S CALENDAR

Dec. 9 - Dec. 22, 1991

MONDAY 12/9
9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
"Developing Management Skills"
3-day CMD seminar
Unstructure, Rm. 4

TUESDAY 12/10
READING DAY

WEDNESDAY 12/11
FINAL EXAMS BEGIN
9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
"Stress Management"
CMD seminar
Unstructure, Rm. 3

4 p.m.
Faculty Federation
Christmas party
Cricket's Restaurant

4 p.m.
Holiday reception for secretarial/clerical staff
President's residence

5:30 p.m.
Women's basketball
vs. Bridgeport

7:30 p.m.
Men's basketball
vs. Bridgeport

THURSDAY 12/12
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
CMD corporate training:
Coherent General
Unstructure, Rm. 4

9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
"Relationship Selling"
Unstructure, Rm. 3

Noon - 1 p.m.
Software Users' Group
brown bag lunch
Fishbowl

8 p.m.
Cumberland Company
presents "Dickens: A Christmas Carol"
Janikies (thru 12/29)

SATURDAY 12/14
(Cont'd.)
1:30 p.m.
Women's basketball
vs. RIC

3:30 p.m.
Men's basketball
vs. RIC

6 p.m.
Bryant holiday party
Providence Marriott

MONDAY 12/16
9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
"Writing To Communicate:
More Effective Letters,
Memos, and Reports"
2-day CMD seminar
Unstructure, Rm. 4

Note: Catholic Masses will be
held daily at 12:05 p.m. in the
chapel, and on Sundays at noon
and 8 p.m. in Rm. 2A&B, Bryant
Center.

(Deadline for next calendar is
Dec. 16). Send information to
Office of Public Information,
Box 15).
Kristen Hatch scholarship recipient

Susan Hindle (center), a junior management major, is the recipient of this year’s Kristen Hatch Memorial Scholarship. The $2,000 scholarship was presented to her by David and Joan Hatch, parents of Kristen. She was killed by an alleged drunk driver in April, 1990 while jogging off campus.

Professor's stepson teaching in Africa

The stepson of a Bryant professor is teaching English to Zulus in South Africa. Timothy Harwood, 26, the stepson of law professor Herb McLaughlin, is teaching at Star of the Sea High School in Kwazulu. His students are juniors and seniors interested in enrolling in college.

Teaching in South Africa may be one of the last things Harwood planned to do, said McLaughlin. But he was looking for a "Peace Corps-type challenge" at this point in his life. He has been in Kwazulu, located on the shores of the Indian Ocean on South Africa's east coast, since July.

Harwood, who holds a journalism degree from Boston University, worked most recently as a policy aide in the Warwick office of Congressman Jack Reed. He assumed that post after serving as a press secretary for Reed during the representative's campaign for office. Harwood also has worked as a reporter and editor for the Cranston Herald newspaper.

With a tourist visa, said McLaughlin, Harwood expects to remain in South Africa for another year to 18 months.

Festival of Lights illuminates Rotunda

Bryant's 15th annual Festival of Lights was scheduled to illuminate the Rotunda with hundreds of hand-held candles last Wednesday (Dec. 4) evening.

Students and staff were to gather at a tree-lighting ceremony in the Bryant Center commons before proceeding to the Rotunda for the ecumenical service and the lighting of the candles. See the next issue of Bryant's Business for a photo story on this year's event.

QUICKLY


...Professor James Marzden will make a presentation at the 10th Annual Consumer Education and Technology Conference in St. Louis in March. Its title: "Harvard Graphics Screenshow: Exciting Tool for Communication"...

...SBDC assistant director Sue Barker spoke at a National League of Cities conference. Her topic: the assistance Bryant provides to small businesses through the SBDC's consulting and seminars programs...

...Two articles by professor Ken Fougere have been published in separate journals. "Assessing Faculty Computer Needs" ran in the fall issue of the international quarterly Education. "The MIS Systems Analyst as a Change Agent" ran in the Journal of Systems Management...

...Professor Mike Lynch served as a judge in a mock trial at the Kent County YMCA. The presentation benefitted lifeguards, who were shown the dramatic effects of Rhode Island law concerning negligence as it relates to them...

...SBDC state director Douglas Jobling addressed the Woonsocket Kiwanis Club on the services available at Bryant through the SBDC...

...Professor John Jolley addressed US Postal Workers in Mansfield, MA, late last month. His topic: "Cycles of Aging"...

..."Personal and Corporate Taxes" was the topic of MST instructor Drew Kaplan's address to a meeting of the Society of Plastic Engineers last month...

...Athletics trainer Charles Mandeville has been appointed to the Board of Athletic Trainers by the RI health department...

..."Peculiarities in the Biosynthesis of Brevetoxins and Metabolism of Gymnodinium Breve" is the topic of a paper presented at the fifth international conference on toxic marine phytoplankton by professor Granville Wrensford...
By the way...

by Gloria Yahn

- Mary Alice Conlon of the development office and her husband, Joe, are first-time parents. Patrick Joseph, born Nov. 10, weighed 9 lbs. 2 ozs. Congratulations to them!

- Don't forget! The annual holiday party is this Saturday at the Providence Marriott. It begins with a reception at 6 p.m. followed with dinner and dancing. See you there!

- It's still not too late to bring in new or used toys for children between the ages of 3 and 12. Collection boxes are in Golski Dining Room and the Student Senate office. The drive, sponsored by the Student Alumni Association, benefits the Nickerson House in Providence. The deadline is tomorrow.

- Paulette Bokoski of support services thanks everyone at Bryant for their cards, good wishes and support while she was on sick leave. Welcome back!

- Congratulations to Archie Boulet for being named the 1991 New England College Golf Coach of the Year. Boulet's team was the New England Division II champion and also won the Northeast-10 Conference championship. The NE-10 title was the ninth-straight conference crown for a Bryant team.

- Welcome back! Larry Enright of the physical plant recently returned to work after several weeks on medical leave. It's nice to see him again after his long absence.

- On behalf of his wife, Rhoda, Burt Fischman of the English department thanks the Bryant community for its outpouring of good wishes to her while she was recovering from surgery. "Rhoda very much appreciated the notes and cards she received. She is now home from the hospital and continues to make good progress," says Burt.

- Bryant lecturer Thomas Russell is the second artist selected to exhibit his works in the president's office. The display can be seen through January.

New Faces

David A. Louton
Assistant Professor, Finance

David Louton came to Bryant from Michigan State University, where he completed his PhD in finance this year. He also taught for four years in MSU's finance and insurance departments.

Louton has worked also in operations and branch management for Michigan National Bank in Lansing. His other degrees include an MBA in finance and a BS in natural science from Michigan State.

Thomas C. Powell
Assistant Professor, Management

Thomas Powell came to Bryant from McGill University in Montreal. He has taught also at New York University and Pepperdine University. At NYU, he received a teaching award.

Powell has worked also as a management consultant in Canada and California. He holds a PhD and MPhil in management from NYU, an MA in theology from Fuller Theological Seminary, an MBA in management from Pepperdine University, and a BBA from Southern Methodist University.

John T. Quinn
Assistant Professor, Mathematics

John Quinn came to Bryant from Harvard University, where he completed his PhD in engineering sciences last June. Quinn also holds an SM in engineering sciences from Harvard and an ScB in engineering from Brown University.

Quinn also has taught at Harvard and worked on a variety of engineering research projects. For more than six years from 1979 to 1985, he worked at the Naval Underwater Systems Center in Newport.

David C. Ketcham
Assistant Professor, Finance

David Ketcham taught last summer at the University of The West Indies before coming to Bryant. He has taught also at The Pennsylvania State University (two separate stints), the University of Tennessee, and the University of Vermont. At Penn State, he received a teaching award.

Ketcham holds a PhD in finance from Penn State and a BS in business administration from the University of Vermont. He has been active in a variety of finance associations, and has been a reviewer for several financial journals.

Joseph Shaanan
Assistant Professor, Economics

Joseph Shaanan was a visiting economist and adviser for the US International Trade Commission (ITC) and taught at Oklahoma State University for 13 years before coming to Bryant. He has taught also at Cornell University.

Shaanan holds a PhD and an MA from Cornell University and a BA from Temple University. He has published often, has served as a referee for a variety of economics journals, and has advised the ITC on a host of product "dumping" and other cases.