South African Team Plays, Stays at Bryant

The South African Men's National Basketball Team came to campus in November and played an exhibition game against the Bryant Bulldogs. It was the second college they visited on a historical 20-day tour in which the team played nine Division I men's teams in the United States. The goal was to raise awareness of the need for outdoor sporting facilities in South Africa and donations to build basketball courts.

It is the first time a South African team has travelled in the post-apartheid era.

Prior to the game, the South African men took part in an organized day of activities, which included a luncheon with area business people and a forum sponsored by the Multicultural Student Union (MSU) and the International Student Organization (ISO). The forum resulted in a lively exchange between the South Africans and members of the Bryant Community. It was moderated by South African Claude Pretorius, who taught the computer segment of last summer's Project Venture Program and also served as the program's residential life coordinator.

Bryant students were eager to talk about the South Africans' home lives and were especially interested in hearing about favorite musical artists, sports, and leisure activities. Tebogo Mohlahlane said, "Our way of living is sort of like the U.S. We stand up and deliver -- we do what we have to do. Relaxation? We go to a lot of parties." Kelly Mthembu added, "But we never forget where we came from. We are very traditional and look to our ancestors for guidance in whatever we do."

Nightclubs and movie theatres were mentioned as favorite places to go. Daluxolo Dzingwa talked about some popular international performers. "We like Snoop Doggy Dogg," he said, "and everyone is anxious for the next Whitney Houston album to be released."

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A Bryant student wanted to know the most popular sports. "Soccer is definitely number one, followed by rugby," said Simon Mofolo. "We have softball, roller-blading, street hockey, and beach volleyball," added Kelly. "Surfing" is big," he said. "But it's predominantly a white sport. Until recently, we were not allowed to use the sea. Now we are starting to." That comment, delivered so matter-of-factly, brought home the meaning of apartheid to the Bryant audience. The room was quiet until Kelly added, "But we don't ski -- no snow!"

Team manager Albert Mokoena, who is a well-known and respected businessman in the South African business community, talked about his love of dancing and his first nightclub experience in Boston. "I liked the music and wanted to dance but realized that here you have to have a partner to dance with. I asked a few ladies to dance but they were rude to me. Having to ask someone inhibits the way you enjoy yourself. Back home, if you feel like dancing, you just get up and dance, even if you are by yourself!"

The men spoke at great length about Nelson Mandela and the new government, and touched on the environment, lack of jobs, relationships between men and women, marriage, and the women's movement. One of the last questions they responded to was, "How do you feel about Black Americans here calling themselves African Americans?"

"I feel grateful," said Simon Mofolo. "We came here and we can see our fellow brothers." Teboho Mohlahlane added, "At first, I was put off. But I soon came to realize that Black Americans and South Africans are closely, spiritually related."

Albert Mokoena thanked MSU and ISO members and the audience for their hospitality. "We are quite grateful to be hosted -- not only to play basketball, but to exchange ideas. We hope this is not the last opportunity but the first of many," he said.

That evening, Bryant won the exhibition game, but the South Africans also went away winners -- they left with a taste of Bryant hospitality and lots of publicity. And, through the efforts of the College and other sponsors, $5,000 was donated to the team -- enough money to build one basketball court back home. Currently, there are only four outdoor basketball courts for approximately 10 million people.

The players and their travelling party stayed in dorm rooms on campus rent-free and had their linen service and meals paid for by local sponsors. "We estimate that these moves saved the team budget about $2,000," says Bryant Athletic Director Linda Hackett.

The tour was coordinated by the University of Rhode Island's Institute for International Sport and the Center for the Study of Sport and Society at Northeastern University. "At a time of great racial turmoil in America, South Africa provides us with an inspiration of how to overcome generations of racial hatred," says Richard Lapchick, director of the Northeastern Center. "This team represents the new South Africa, full of hope for its future."
New Signs Point Way to Bryant

by Don DeMaio, director of communications

Those coming to campus from north, south, east or west, have probably noticed the new “Bryant College” signs along the highways. Posted along Routes 7 and 116, and Interstate 295, they will help visitors and friends alike find their way to campus. But getting the signs up is a story in and of itself.

For years, the College had been trying — without success — to get signs erected at nearby crossroads. One day President William E. Trueheart met the new director of the state Department of Transportation (DOT), William Bundy. President Trueheart mentioned the College’s problem to Bundy, who told him that he thought he could get it done without delay.

The signs appeared shortly afterward.

Bundy likes to get things done quickly, according to several members of his staff. His secretary, Letitia Wold, tells another story of how Col. Walter Cullane of the State Police told Bundy that he needed to get *SP signs up. Those are the signs that tell cellular telephone users to dial *77 to get the State Police.

Cullane next received a phone call from the carrier, Cellular One, saying that two *SP signs had appeared along Route 24 in Tiverton. The only problem was that Cellular One’s system was not yet up and running, and customers were complaining. Bundy had moved too fast. “They were expecting the normal bureaucratic delays,” says Wold.

Bundy was appointed to his post in January by Gov. Lincoln Almond. A former Navy officer who retired in 1994 as director of the Officers Candidate School in Newport, Bundy seems to have brought a military efficiency to the troubled DOT.

Bundy is responsible for saving the Small Business Center for Minority and Women, which was being threatened by budget cuts. He brought the center into the DOT from the Community College of Rhode Island. The center provides information to enterprises run by minorities and women about DOT contracts that they might be eligible to bid on.

Through Operation Clean Sweep, Bundy has improved sweeping and litter pickup along interstate highways by using prison inmates on the work crews.

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Strike Force Seizes Attention at Crime Fair

The Attorney General’s Narcotic Strike Force was a dramatic presence at Bryant’s 7th annual Crime Prevention Fair held recently on campus. Display cases of equipment used in drug raids and confiscated drug materials and weapons were flanked by disguised Strike Force members.

In front row are (l-r) Rebecca Huard ’96, Linda Gorski ’98, and Valerie Volpe ’98, all members of Students for a Safer Campus and Delta Zeta; second row, without disguises, are (l-r) Inspector Ted Randall, Chief of Investigations Robert Sylvia, Bryant Public Safety’s Ginnie Bowry, and Inspector Richard Smith.
Getting to Know -- The Office of Multicultural Student Services

by Katrina T. Gathers, communications intern

Multicultural Student Services staff (l - r) Sylvia Spears Peters, assistant director; Jeffrey Berard ‘97, office assistant; and Jann-Douglass Bell, director. Secretary Deborah Botelho is not in photo.

The Office of Multicultural Student Services (MSS) provides programs, services and activities designed to enhance the personal and academic growth of multicultural and international students at Bryant. For many of these students, MSS has become their home away from home -- a place where they can hang out and feel comfortable.

Jann-Douglass Bell has been director for two years and does everything from counseling to teaching “Avenues to Success,” a new course for freshman students. “Avenues” explores self-development, communication, and diversity, and also answers questions on everything from midterms to how to deal with a noisy roommate. The MSS staff includes Assistant Director Sylvia Spears Peters, and Secretary Deborah Botelho.

Jann wants to see a change in diversity at Bryant, not an upheaval or confrontation. “Maintaining the status quo won’t help people realize that diversity is necessary,” she says. She tries to implement successful programs and workshops used at other academic institutions and believes networking and exchanging ideas with her colleagues can help her make a difference. “It only takes one person to bring about the change,” she says.

Sylvia feels the same way. “My purpose is to be in the right place at the right time for the right student. If I can make just one student feel comfortable enough to come back and talk to me, then I’ve done my job,” she says.

Sylvia understands that many students need to identify with someone on a college campus with the same background. “I try to let students know that someone cares about them, and at the same time I try to educate the rest of the Bryant Community,” she says.

Annabelle Jimenez ’96, a marketing/management major from Puerto Rico, feels the office is exactly what students need. “This has become a second home for many of us, and our advisors have become our family,” she says.

New Yorker Harold Peacock ’98 says the staff has helped him enormously. “The people in Multicultural Student Services have always made me feel comfortable,” he says. “Sometimes I go there just to hang out, even if I don’t have an appointment. People like Jann and Sylvia help me keep moving in the right direction.”

Jann sees an exciting future for Bryant. She dreams of more diversity on campus and of a real multicultural center for her students, who have become such an important part of her life. “When I’m gone, I want to be remembered as the person who loved her kids,” she says.

A Box is Not a Home

For the sixth consecutive year, Phi Kappa Sigma brothers spent a cold November night outside in a “Cardboard City” to raise awareness of and money for the homeless. Their makeshift shelters were constructed with cartons pulled from the dumpsters of local stores and restaurants. Proceeds from the event were donated to McAuley House, a homeless shelter Providence. Pictured (l-r) are freshmen Adam Novak, Zach Swain, Rob Nugent, Jason Shutt, and Scott Salamone.
ON THE MOVE

Congratulations to the following individuals on their recent promotions:
David DeBlois: Interim Director of Financial Aid
Linda LaChance: Secretary, Financial Aid
Christiana Raether: Interim Associate Director of Financial Aid

The following individual has assumed a new position:
Angela Russell: Program Coordinator, CMD

Scary Stuff
Stacy Keegan '97, a member of Theta Phi Alpha, showed no fear when confronted by a ninja, bat, and devil at the third annual Halloween party for children of Bryant employees. From (l-r) are Ryan Andrews, son of Marty Andrews of information technology; Stacy; William Lima IV, grandson of Pat Durand of human resources; and Phillip Sawyer, grandson of Connie Sawyer, of Faculty Suite C. The party was sponsored by the Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils.

1769 Scholar
Diane Lomas, a junior accounting major, is the 1769 Fund Scholarship recipient for 1995-96. Established by the Bryant Faculty Federation, the 1769 Fund awards scholarships to deserving students each year with money donated through the annual Campus Campaign and memorial gifts. Professor Joe Ilacqua, executive secretary of the 1769 Fund, presented the $1,000 award to Diane.

1990 Class Gift is the Latest News
A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the 1990 Senior Class Gift, an "Information Network" of four televisions, was held in November in the Bryant Center. Class representatives (l-r) Anne Gaudet and Class Gift Chairperson John Bocuzzi dedicated the network with Interim Vice President of Student Affairs Diana Beaudoin.

The class wanted to provide students with access to the latest news, but the costs of the television sets and the wiring were more than the class had raised. The money collected in 1990 remained in the class gift account and continued growing until this summer, when a College wiring project allowed the television sites to be wired at a much more reasonable cost than had been estimated. CNN is now available in two locations in Singer Dining Hall and on the first floor of the Bryant Center. Another set located in the Rotunda of the Unistructure is used for the Bryant Info Channel.

TEP Deadline Approaching
Bryant employees who work full-time and have at least two years of continuous service (by August 31, 1996) can apply for two years of free tuition for their college-age dependent children through the Tuition Exchange Program (TEP). The deadline to apply for the Fall 1996 semester is February 1, 1996; a lottery will be held after that date if necessary.

The children of five Bryant employees are currently attending TEP member universities or colleges. Eight students from TEP member institutions are enrolled at Bryant this fall.

Debbie Jolin, of human resources, is the TEP liaison officer. Contact her at Ext. 6010 for guidelines, a list of colleges and universities accepting students, and an application.
NEW FACES

TERRI A. HASSELER
Assistant Professor of English
Terri comes to Bryant from Seattle University, where she served in several positions including director of the Patricia Wismer Center for Women, special programs coordinator, and assistant director of the Writing Center. She has taught literature and English courses at St. Thomas, Seattle, and Marquette Universities. Terri holds a Ph.D. from the University of Washington, an M.A. from Marquette University, and a B.A. from St. Norbert College.

BOB IMPROTA '68
Accounts Receivable Supervisor
Bob joins Bryant from the IBM Corporation in Providence, where he worked for 20 years in a variety of administrative positions, most recently in accounts receivables. Prior to that, he was a claims department supervisor for Rhode Island Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Bob holds a B.S. from Bryant.

BOB LAFOND '79
Manager, Host Systems and Services
Bob comes to Bryant from Marcam Corporation in Newton, Mass., where he was responsible for support development projects. Prior to that, he was a consultant for CRS Software Inc. in Forestdale, R.I. He holds an associate’s degree from Bryant and is pursuing a B.S. at Roger Williams University.

CAROL A. MCCARTHY
Administrative Assistant/Trustee Coordinator, President's Office
Carol most recently was administrative assistant to the vice chairman of Hasbro, Inc. Prior to that, she worked for ten years in the President’s Office at Roger Williams University, serving as assistant secretary, assistant secretary to the board of trustees, and finally executive secretary to the President.

STEVE G. SUTTON
KPMG Peat Marwick Distinguished Visiting Professor of Accounting
Steve joins Bryant from Arizona University West, where he was associate professor of accountancy. Prior to that, he was associate professor and Alberta Chartered Accountants Fellow at the University of Calgary. Steve currently serves as editor of Advances in Accounting Information Systems. He holds Ph.D., M.Acc., and B.S.A. degrees from the University of Missouri at Columbia and is a Certified Public Accountant. He will serve a three-year term as KPMG Visiting Professor.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

The schedule below is for home games only. For information about away games, contact the athletic department at 232-6070.

Wednesday, Jan. 10
5:30 p.m. - Men's Basketball v. Stonehill
7:30 p.m. - Women's Basketball v. Stonehill

Saturday, Jan. 20
1:30 p.m. - Women's Basketball v. St. Anselm
3:30 p.m. - Men's Basketball v. St. Anselm

Saturday, Jan. 27
1:30 p.m. - Women's Basketball v. Merrimack
3:30 p.m. - Men's Basketball v. Merrimack

Tuesday, Jan. 30
5:30 p.m. - Men's Basketball v. Bentley
7:30 p.m. - Women's Basketball v. Bentley

Saturday, Feb. 3
1:30 p.m. - Women's Basketball v. AIC
3:30 p.m. - Men's Basketball v. AIC

Tuesday, Feb. 6
7:30 p.m. - Men's Basketball v. Assumption

Wednesday, Feb. 14
5:30 p.m. - Women's Basketball v. New Haven
7:30 p.m. - Men's Basketball v. New Haven

Saturday, Feb. 17
1:30 p.m. - Women's Basketball v. St. Michael's
3:30 p.m. - Men's Basketball v. St. Michael's

Thursday, Feb. 22
7 p.m. - Women's Basketball v. Assumption

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