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BRYANT Exchange

MARCH 1998

FOR AND ABOUT THE PEOPLE OF BRYANT COLLEGE

Dan Jansen, Olympic hero tells us what it takes to succeed

Get your free ticket at the Info Desk now!

Dan Jansen, Olympic gold medal speedskating champion, will be Bryant College's second Trustee Speaker on March 30 at 8 p.m. in the MAC.

Jansen, who has been a CBS Sports commentator during this year's Olympics in Japan, won worldwide respect and admiration when he overcame all adversity to finally bring home the gold in 1994.

At age 18, Jansen skated in his first Olympic competition in 1984 at Sarajevo. He finished an incredible .16 of a second away from a bronze medal. Four years later, he was the favored speedskater at the Olympics in Calgary, but needed all the courage he could gather when, on the day he was to race, his sister died from leukemia. His confidence shattered, Jansen went home that year without a medal. He returned to the games in Albertville favored to win gold in 1992, and again the chance to win an Olympic medal eluded him when he came in fourth. But Jansen continued to persevere and came back once again in 1994. This time he raced to a world record and brought home the gold. Hear his story and learn what it takes to succeed.



Freshman applications up 20 percent

Statistics show that Bryant is the business school of choice these days among many high school seniors — first-time freshmen applications are up 20 percent over the same time last year.

Given the scholastic standing of the applicants, this fall's incoming freshman class is on track to see an increase as well, according to Mar-

garet Drugovich, dean of admission and financial aid. No small achievement, given that the 1997 freshman applicants and enrolled students set records over previous years.

"With the downturn in the number of high school graduates over the past 15 years or so combined with a decreased interest in business, the increase we've seen at Bryant over the last couple of years in some ways

'defies gravity,'" says Drugovich. "When I look at our overall marketplace and try to analyze why Bryant has seen an increase, I think the answer is fairly simple — we have gotten the message out. We understand what Bryant has to offer. We have dramatically redesigned our recruitment efforts with the help of colleagues throughout

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Robustelli steals the show

Bryant senior Luke Robustelli edges off first base. The pitcher nervously eyes the speedy Robustelli, fearing that the next time he looks, he will be on second base. The pitcher apprehensively makes his move towards home plate, praying that the Bulldogs' co-captain will not try to steal. Robustelli's eyes widen, and suddenly the flash of a black and white baseball uniform motors towards second base.

"I got on base, and I'm stealing," Robustelli explains. "I have a reputation around the [Northeast-10] conference as a base stealer, so it's become a mental game with the pitcher. I love to get into a pitcher's head."

With 91 stolen bases to his credit, Robustelli is Bryant's all-time stolen base leader. This spring, the left fielder will become the first player to steal 100 bases in a career.

Robustelli will graduate from Bryant as one of the most decorated baseball players in school history, and he will leave with more than trophies and fond memories of college all-star game appearances. An actuarial math major and a regular on the Dean's List, he recently accepted a job offer at The Hartford in the actuarial student division. He thanks Bryant for the opportunity to excel.

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While Robustelli, a 1997 GTE District One Academic All-American, revels in the challenge of performing on the field and in the classroom, he does not find many similarities between the two. "Baseball is fun, and I work out five days a week to prepare for the season, but from a competitive standpoint, it's probably over for me after I graduate. Then it's time for the rest-of-my-life stuff, which I've prepared for through classes and internships."

Though Robustelli knows his baseball career will probably end after Bryant, he admits he'd love to follow in the footsteps of his grandfather, Andy Robustelli, a National Football League Hall of Famer, as a professional athlete. "It's been a dream of mine to play pro baseball. If it happens, great. I'm always preparing for it."



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leaders edge

Raymond Fogarty

**Position:**

Director of R.I. Export Assistance Center at Bryant since 1989

Recent recognitions:

1998 recipient of the highest scholastic honor achiev-

able in business for AACSB programs from Bryant Chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma. Appointed by Bell Atlantic Corp. as one of 21 leaders from Maine to Virginia to serve on new consumer advisory board.

Education:

1979 Bryant graduate; accounting major

Best part of your job:

Watching students and businesses grow and learn from each other.

Greatest achievement as EAC director:

Making it a self-sufficient organization that is now a model for export development in the country. We're celebrating our 10th anniversary this year.

Fondest Bryant memories:

In 1991, when my father received his 50-year pin at alumni weekend at the same time I was named "Distinguished Alumnus of the Year," and when I was named the 1995 Spirit Award recipient. These were my proudest moments.

Person who most influenced your life:

Phoebe, my wife — she brings out the best in me.

Favorite sports team:

Boston Red Sox — they're going all the way this year.

Applications up

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the college and have made sure that the opportunities available at Bryant are very, very clear. I think this has made a dramatic difference."

Drugovich notes that students who choose Bryant tend to be dedicated, well prepared, and involved in many extracurricular activities.

"This year alone, we have had 15 applicants who are valedictorians or salutatorians of their class," says Drugovich. They are a terrifically qualified student body of applicants, and the common theme among them is that they really want the best possible start that they can get and the best investment for their educational dollar."

Data being analyzed at this time indicates that 1997 Bryant graduates will have one of the best job placement records. The percentage of students who either go directly to graduate school or take a job within six months of graduation may be as high as 92 to 94 percent.

"That kind of placement rate is outstanding," says Drugovich. "Through working with businesses over time, we understand the qualities and attributes that employers are looking for in undergraduate students. Our curriculum is tailored to give students the advantage that they need when they enter the market place."

Drugovich reports that seniors working in the Office of Admission and Financial Aid who have been interviewed recently have already been offered jobs. "These are not base-line positions," she says, "they are good positions with good salaries. Some students are getting signing bonuses for committing to employers. There's a tremendous marketplace right now for Bryant students with a good preparation in business."

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In the past month, the achievements of Bryant College faculty, staff, and students attracted media attention. Here are selected highlights:

Earvin "Magic" Johnson's appearance as the college's inaugural **Trustee Speaker** on Feb. 10 received widespread coverage from both print and broadcast media. Bryant and Johnson were prominently featured on three local television stations during evening newscasts and the following morning. The event received page one placement in both the *Providence Journal-Bulletin* and *The Call* (Woonsocket). Other coverage included the Associated Press, *Observer* (Greenville), *Providence American*, and WOON-AM radio.

The Black Inventions Exhibit, held in the Rotunda on Feb. 10, was featured on WLNE-TV 6's newscast at noon, and on WJAR-TV 10's evening broadcast. The event, sponsored by the Multicultural Student Union and Multicultural Student Services, was held as part of Black History Month activities on campus.

Bryant **students** employed by the admission office were interviewed by news reporter Mary Maguire for an informational piece on grants now available to parents for tuition. The segment aired on WJAR-TV 10 on Jan. 29 at 5 p.m.

Information on the first concert of the **President's Cultural Series**, featuring Brazilian acoustic guitarists **Sérgio and Odair Assad**, was included in a *Providence Journal-Bulletin* article on Jan. 28 on prominent international artists performing in Rhode Island, and in the *Warwick Beacon* and *Cranston Herald*. A large color photo of the Assads appeared on page one of the "Lifebeat" section.

Professor William Sweeney was interviewed on January 28 by WLNE-TV 6 on the subject of J.C. Penney closings and the economy on Jan. 28. The segment appeared on the 11 p.m. news.

Professor Neal Hannon was quoted in a February edition of *Providence Business News* on the subject of the Internet.

The Export Assistance Center was the subject of a page one feature article in the Jan. 19 edition of *Providence Business News*. The article addressed the Center's proactive role in boosting exports.

Professor Wallace Wood was quoted in the *Foxboro Reporter* in January on the subject of the "millennium bug," a problem faced by government and businesses in which computers that read only the last two digits in a date may confuse the year 2000 for the year 1900.

Director of Admission and Financial Aid **Margaret Drugovich** was interviewed by Sports Information Director John White for the Feb. 14 Bryant basketball radio halftime show. The topic was a 20 percent increase in freshman applications over this time last year.

Professor Judy Barrett Litoff served as a historical consultant for a PBS documentary titled "America in the Forties." The three-hour musical archive movie aired February 25.

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American inventors from the 1800s and 1900s. Curator, travels country year-round promoting the exhibit to schools and universi-



Three trustees named to board

Bryant has appointed the following trustees to its board. (Look for more information on these new board members in the spring issue of the college's alumni magazine, *Bryant Business*.)



Joanna T. Lau
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President
LAU Technologies



Agnes Bundy Scanlan
Managing Director,
Corporate
Community Development
Fleet Financial Group



Beverly E. Ledbetter
Vice President and
General Counsel
Brown University

Acclaimed classical pianist to perform in April

Sergio Fiorentino will delight his audience in Janikies Auditorium on April 17 at 8 p.m. At the time of Fiorentino's American debut in 1953, he had taken European concert halls by storm and was the most promising pianist of his generation. A 1954 plane crash changed all that. In the '80s, however, Fiorentino resumed public appearances and again has garnered both critical and popular acclaim. With tickets "sold-out" to this concert since early February, keep tuned to broadcast email should a small number of seats become available.

Those attending the concert are invited to enjoy Italian cuisine in honor of the Italian pianist. The candlelight dinner, which will be held in the Heritage Restaurant, has one seating beginning at 6 p.m. The cost is \$12 per person and the public is invited; students may use meal points (not a meal exchange). Call the Heritage at 232-6241 between 11:30 a.m and 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday for reservations.



FYI

Professor Joseph Urgo's essay, "Distraction; or the Public Value of Literary Study," will be published in the spring 1998 issue of *Journal X: A Journal in Culture and Criticism*. In December he participated in a panel discussion titled "Faulkner at One Hundred," at the Modern Language Association Convention and offered a paper titled, "Inattention as Sustenance; or Making Room for Faulkner."

Professor Terri Hasseler presented a paper titled, "A Very Poor Expatriate: Hybridity and the Travel Writings of Santha Rama Rau," at the Writers of the Indian Diaspora, an international conference sponsored by the Institute of Commonwealth and American Studies and English Language in Mysore, India.

Professor Tom Chandler has been named 1998 Phi Beta Kappa Poet at Brown University. He will read from his work at the annual Phi Beta Kappa dinner at Brown on March 11.

Professor Marsha Pripstein Posusney was the featured speaker on the cable program, "State of the State," which aired Jan. 15, 16, and 18. Posusney explained electoral reform and majority preference voting, which she and other members of the Fair Ballot Alliance in Rhode Island advocate. An article she wrote on majority preference voting appeared in a recent issue of the newsletter *Operation Clean Government*.

Professor Nanci Weinberger's paper, "Making a place for infants in family daycare," was published in *Early Education & Development*, Jan. 1998, Vol. 9, issue 1.

Professor Doug Levin has been appointed first chair of the Blackstone Valley Watershed Council. The Council educates the public about the value of the watershed, provides increased opportunities for environmental protection balanced with economic development, and builds a support base for recreational opportunities and enhanced quality of life.

Jack Keigwin, executive in residence, was the featured speaker at the inaugural meeting of the Entrepreneurship Club at Providence College.

Professor Ron Deluga's paper, "Leader-Member Exchange Quality and Effectiveness Ratings: The Role of Subordinate-Supervisor Conscientiousness Similarity" has been accepted for publication in *Group & Organization Management*.

Professor Neal Hannon new book, *The Business of the Internet*, has just been published by Course Technology. The book is written from a user's perspective and is for professionals and students who want to know how businesses are actually using Internet technology.

Planning the future of technology

Given the rapid and costly changes taking place in electronic technology, and recognizing the importance of technology to the future of the college and its students, President Machtley has formed a Technology Advisory Committee. Composed of senior leaders representing a broad spectrum of college interests, it will determine the direction and pace that advances in technology will take at Bryant. Its members will determine goals and priorities and recommend strategies for implementation throughout the campus. Changes will be made in increments to accommodate available resources and to ensure technical viability for an optimal period of time.

Committee members include Thomas Eakin, Margaret Drugovich, Marc Furtado, Marsha Maxwell, Joseph Meichelbeck, Laurie Musgrove, V.K. Unni, Wallace Wood, and David Louton. A student member will be nominated by Eakin.



“Business is more than just money. A great business woman or man is a person who can uplift the person they’re working with. There’s a whole lot of great business people but we need more from you. We need you to be leaders.”

**— Earvin “Magic” Johnson
Inaugural Trustee Speaker
Bryant College**

Last call for Spirit Award nominations

Students, faculty, and staff may submit nominations for the Annual Bryant Community Spirit Award through Friday, March 13.

This award is given yearly to as many as three physical plant, public safety, clerical/secretarial, and administrative employees who go above and beyond their general job responsibilities by serving on college committees, participating in student events, or volunteering in other capacities that benefit the Bryant Community.

Nomination forms are available at the circulation desk in the library and at the information desks in both the Unistrukture and the Bryant Center. Submit completed forms to human resources.

just in time

- Mar 9-14** Spring Break
- Mar 25** “Women and Work: Facing Future Challenges,” 3:30 p.m. - MRC Lecture Hall
Open to Bryant Community
- Mar 27** SAA Alumni Day II, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Mar 30** Trustees Speaker series presents Dan Jansen, 8 p.m. - Janikies
- Apr 1** Pie Auction, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Rotunda
- Apr 4** Admitted Open House (for admitted students), 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Apr 16** President’s Cultural Series presents Pianist Sergio Fiorentino, 8 p.m. - Janikies
- Apr 17** Exploration Day for high school juniors, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Apr 22** Poetry reading by Rhode Island’s Poet Laureate, C. D. Wright, 7 to 8:30 p.m. - Janikies
- Apr 23** Graduate School Information Session, 5 to 8 p.m. - MRC Conference Rm. 4
- Apr 24** Conference: “The Path to Profit: Creating a Competitive Edge Through Design;” call the Center for Design & Business at 454-6108 for information or to register
- Apr 24-26** Spring Weekend
- May 15** Graduate School Commencement
- May 16** 135th Undergraduate Commencement

new faces



**Jeffrey Parker
Project Manager,
Physical Plant**