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BRYANT Exchange

FOR AND ABOUT THE PEOPLE OF BRYANT COLLEGE

NOVEMBER 1998

Stephen Ambrose tells stories of "citizen soldiers"

They came from as far away as Cape Cod and New Hampshire to hear eminent historian and author Stephen Ambrose talk about the "citizen soldiers" of World War II.

Ambrose came to Bryant as part of the President's Cultural Series to share some of the stories of the thousands of World War II veterans he has written about for nearly 40 years. "Citizen Soldiers," his 1997 *New York Times* best seller, is considered the most gripping account of World War II ever written.

The stories Ambrose told to a crowd of more than 600 students, faculty, staff, and the public were equally gripping.

He spoke about Army Capt. Joe Dawson, one of the first men up the bluff at Omaha Beach on D-Day, who had seen some of the worst fighting of the war. In October 1944, Dawson, among the troops holding the Siegfried Line in Germany, told a reporter from the *New York Sun*: "This is the worst I've ever seen. Nobody will ever know what this has been like up here."

Ambrose told of Christmas 1944, and the nearly four million men — from both sides — on the Western front, who were there "to kill each other, with no hold on Christmas." He related stories about what it was like to be on the front line. "Reporters didn't go there," he said. "Two-star generals and above didn't go there. Nor did any of the entertainment shows." One soldier told Ambrose that "you can get your whole body under that helmet" when you are caught in the open in a shelling on the front line.



Ox Cart Man

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we offer the poem, "Ox Cart Man," from Kicking the Leaves by Donald Hall (Harper & Row, 1978). The selection was recommended by Thomas Chandler, Fiction and Poetry Writing instructor at Bryant. He was named 1998 Phi Beta Kappa poet at Brown University. We hope you enjoy it.

In October of the year,
he counts potatoes dug from the brown field,
counting the seed, counting
the cellar's portion out,
and bags the rest on the cart's floor.

He packs wool sheared in April, honey
in combs, linen, leather
tanned from deerhide,
and vinegar in a barrel
hooped by hand at the forge's fire.

He walks by his ox's head, ten days
to Portsmouth Market, and sells potatoes,
and the bag that carried potatoes,
flaxseed, birch brooms, maple sugar, goose
feathers, yarn.

When the cart is empty he sells the cart.
When the cart is sold he sells the ox,
harness and yoke, and walks
home, his pockets heavy
with the year's coin for salt and taxes,

and at home by fire's light in November cold
stitches new harness
for next year's ox in the barn,
and carves the yoke, and saws planks
building the cart again.

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leaders edge

Leanna Mansour

Leanna Mansour, from North Andover, Massachusetts, a junior pursuing a double major in



marketing and communications, leads quietly by example. She is president of BACCHUS (Boosting Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students); peer

educator in "Drawing the Shades," a program on sexual assault; and a resident assistant to freshmen. She is also a voice of Bryant as a staff writer for *The Archway*.

Career goals:

I hope to become a resident director at a college or university and pursue my master's degree. Then maybe a career in broadcasting or journalism.

Advice to freshmen:

Believe in yourself and take chances. You only have one shot at your college experience — make everything count.

Most harmful effect of alcohol abuse:

Loss of respect from others.

Main message of "Drawing the Shades":

Sexual assault can happen to anyone. Be safe, and if you are assaulted, seek help immediately. It's not something you can handle alone.

Favorite place to relax:

Newport. I love to be near the ocean.

Most treasured possession:

My grandfather's wood-carved rosary beads. He died before I could meet him, so I carry this part of him with me.

Best book:

"Chicken Soup for the Soul." I have 10 books in the series.

Quotable quote:

From Eleanor Roosevelt: "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

Where would you like to be living in 10 years from now?

In Virginia — the mountains are beautiful.

Bryant graduate organizes camp in Poland

Sharon Pacheco '97, a Peace Corps volunteer in Poland, recently sent a photo of a group of young Polish women who took part in a 10-day self-empowerment camp, which she helped to coordinate. Camp GLOW — Girls Leading Our World — aimed at building



self-esteem, and focused on career planning and leadership skills. The camp was organized and directed entirely by Peace Corps Volunteers serving throughout Poland, and was funded through a grant from the Democracy Commission in Warsaw. Pacheco solicited contributions from other sources, and Bryant responded by making a cash contribution and sending school supplies.

Holiday party

The annual Bryant College Holiday Party will be held at the Rhode Island Convention Center on Saturday, December 19. A reception will be held beginning at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and dancing. Watch for more information on this event. If you have questions, please call Todd Nelson at Ext. 6521.

Stephen Ambrose

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"There are no unwounded foxhole veterans," Ambrose said.

And he told about the nurses, medics, and doctors who cared for the injured and dying in field hospitals across the continent. The chapter in "Citizen Soldiers" on nurses and medics, he said, "is my favorite because people are saving lives, not killing."

Ambrose's message throughout "Citizen Soldiers" and in his President's Cultural Series presentation is that the men and women who served in the Armed Services during World War II, "built modern America. They built the Interstate Highway System, the St. Lawrence Seaway, the suburbs, and the modern corporation. They had seen enough war, and wanted peace. They were born just in time for the Great Depression, called upon to stop the greatest terror modern civilization has ever known, and then came home to build America."

Toward the end of his lecture, Ambrose asked the veterans in the audience to stand and be recognized. The

two dozen or so veterans in attendance did so to the applause and appreciation of everyone in the audience.

One veteran, who asked not to be identified, said he came to hear Ambrose "because he talks about the war from a veteran's perspective, not the generals and politicians, but the soldiers who fought the war."

Another veteran, who served in Korea and was only a teenager during World War II, said he came because Ambrose has given him a "renewed appreciation for what our boys went through."

Ambrose ended his presentation with an answer to a question about the difference between the German and American soldiers of World War II. "The Americans knew the difference between right and wrong," he said. "The German boys didn't. The Japanese boys didn't. The Russian boys didn't. And that led us to victory."

Just a week after coming to Bryant, Ambrose was honored at the White House, where President Clinton presented him and eight other distinguished Americans with the 1998 National Humanities Medal.

A reception to thank Gladys Lujan '56 (right)

for her donation of Haitian art to Bryant, was held in October in Hodgson Memorial Library, where the artwork is located on the main level. When asked why she decided to donate the artwork, Lujan, who received a four-year scholarship, replied, "Bryant afforded me an education that I wouldn't have gotten otherwise. Frankly, a business degree wasn't what I would have chosen, but it opened so many doors, and I made lasting friendships here." When she and her husband retired and wanted to downsize, they offered part of their extensive collection to the college. Bryant students (l-r) Amy Harnois '01, Lauren Palizzolo '01, and Aaron Hancock '00, were among those who attended the event.



Welcome new trustees



Walter Stepan

President and CEO
Uvex Safety, Inc.
Vice Chairman,
President, and CEO
Bacou USA, Inc.
Smithfield, Rhode Island

Walter Stepan, of Lincoln, Rhode Island, began his career in the banking industry. A native of Germany, he joined the management team of Uvex Germany, where he

held several key managerial and executive positions during his 27-year career. In 1988, he became president and CEO of Uvex Safety, the Rhode Island-based subsidiary of Uvex Germany, which was acquired by Bacou, S.A. of France in 1994. He remained in the U.S. as vice chairman, president, and CEO of Bacou USA.

Stepan has been involved with Bryant since his son, Axel, graduated in 1994. Stepan provides internship opportunities to Bryant students, has served on the board of Bryant's World Trade Center and, with his wife Heidi, has co-chaired the Bryant Parents Fund.

Edward (Ned) Phelps Grace III

President
Phelps Grace International, Inc.
Windermere, Florida



Ned Grace, of Orlando, Florida, is president of Phelps Grace International, Inc., a developer and operator of restaurants. He has been vice chairman of the board of director of Rare Hospitality International (formerly Longhorn Steaks, Inc.) since 1997, and has been a director since 1996.

A restaurateur since the 1970s, Grace founded Bugaboo Creek and The Capital Grille in Rhode Island, which he then opened in other states. He also founded Hemenway's and the Old Grist Mill Tavern.

Grace holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Vermont. He has served on the board of Johnson & Wales University, Roger Williams University, the Providence Performing Arts Center, and the Rhode Island Philharmonic.



Public Safety Officer Kevin Marcopoli is the recipient of a 1997-98 service award. He was named "Officer of the Year" and received the award from Vice President of Business Affairs (left) and President Ron Machtley. Officer Slatersville (not in photo) is the recipient of the Service Award." He also received a



Pamela Smith '98

**Professional
Development
Program Associate
CIGNA Retirement &
Investment Services
Hartford,
Connecticut**

Pamela Smith, of
Manchester,
Connecticut, is a pro-

fessional development program associate at CIGNA Retirement & Investment Services in Hartford, Connecticut, where she had served as client services assistant to the controller during the summer of 1997.

Smith graduated magna cum laude from Bryant in 1998 with a bachelor's degree in finance and computer information systems. She was active in many organizations on campus. She served as co-president of the Women's Rugby Club, co-president of the Sports Club Council, taught in the Avenues to Success program, and was academics chairperson for Delta Zeta National Sorority. Smith is a member of the Beta Gamma Sigma International Business Honor Society and the Order of Omega National Greek Honor Society.

Area tree growers get marketing help from SBDC, Bryant students

The efforts of the SBDC and students at Bryant College should make the holidays merrier for area Christmas tree growers.

It all began in the summer of 1997, when John Emin, president of the Rhode Island Christmas Tree Growers Association, contacted the RI Small Business Development Center at Bryant for assistance in marketing the association and promoting the sale of live trees during the short holiday season.

Help arrived that fall from Bryant College student interns and the SBDC. The students teamed up with SBDC marketing consultant Don Saracen to research what the farmers were doing to market their product and what techniques could increase sales.

Bryant students Tim Sung, Andrea Berte, and Erin Sullivan (all three graduated in May) studied five different-sized farms, whose owners volunteered to take part in the program. Students toured each farm, interviewed the farmers, and paid "mystery shopping" visits to analyze customer service, signage, parking, and the overall feeling at each farm. The students then wrote a report and presented it to farmers in late January 1998, after the Christmas rush. It was well received.

Suggestions included utilizing the Internet to promote and even sell trees. Some of the farmers took Internet courses through the Bell Atlantic-Bryant College Telecommunications Center to see if the Internet was a viable way to increase sales at each farm.

The students also recommended that tree farm workers wear hats and name tags to set them apart from customers.

Currently, a web site is being developed with the help of Bryant students Debbie Lopes '99, Patrick Casey '01, and Brendan Hayes '99, who work at the Bell Atlantic Center.

The students are optimistic that these and other suggestions to improve customer service will help boost sales this year.

Visit the Christmas Tree Growers Association Web site at

www.richristmastrees.com



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Affairs Joseph Meichelbeck
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recipient of the "Distinguished
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A memorable fall season for the Bulldogs

While the excitement of Bryant football dominates the athletic scene, several of Bryant's fall sports teams have enjoyed a successful season.

There are two sure signs of fall: school back in session and the Bryant golf team winning the Northeast-10 Conference Championship.

True to form, the Bulldogs captured their 15th NE-10 title on September 27, edging arch-rival Bentley by one stroke. Two Bulldogs made the all-conference team: senior Bill Clifford and sophomore Sean Harbour. Harbour was honored by the New England Intercollegiate Golf Association as he was selected to the Division II All-New England team.

After graduating five starters from last season's NCAA Division II Tournament team, the 1998-99 season figured to be a bit of a struggle for the volleyball team. The Bulldogs have not missed a beat, however, with seniors Marcie Monaco and Monica Carnevalini picking up the slack. The Bulldogs rolled to another 20-victory season — their seventh in eight seasons — and are fighting for a berth in the NCAA Division II Tournament.

The men's soccer team was in a similar situation, having graduated five starters from last year's team. The Bulldogs, though, have exceeded all expectations. A late-season surge that included a five-game win streak propelled Bryant into second place in the conference

and into the NE-10 Tournament — its first appearance in the tournament since 1994. Le Moyne exacted revenge on the Bulldogs for a loss a month earlier, edging Bryant, 2-1, in the conference semi-final. The loss did not spoil a tremendous effort from head coach

Seamus Purcell's young team.

Head cross-country coach Jerry Hassard admits he has high expectations for his men's and women's teams this fall, but none higher than for senior Matt Roloff. Roloff proved worthy of his coach's confidence by winning three of the first four races of the 1998 season. He ended his college career with a 14th place finish at the NCAA Division II East Regional and was named to the all-region team.

Thankfully, Kathy Harrison decided to forego basketball and concentrate on soccer. One of the most prolific scorers in Bryant history, Harrison established a Bryant record for goals in a season when she knocked home her twelfth of the fall in a 2-1 win over Rhode Island College. Harrison,

who had 29 points, was a second-team all-conference selection.

When head women's tennis coach Bob Coker looks at this season's roster, he sees a line-up dominated by sophomores and freshmen. That should spell trouble but don't tell that to the Bulldogs, who have never suffered a losing season in Coker's eight years as head coach. After a rough start, Bryant reeled off four straight wins at mid season and closed out the 1998 campaign with lopsided wins over UMass-Lowell and AIC.



Junior Pablo Gamboa (#7) is one of the reasons the men's soccer team reached the Northeast-10 Tournament for the first time since 1994.

just in time

Nov 21 SPB movie: "Mulan"
Free admission for Bryant employees and their families
6:30 p.m., Janikies

Nov 25-27 Thanksgiving recess
Offices closed beginning noon,
Nov 25

Dec 1 Festival of Lights

Dec 1 Last day for employees to submit applications for Tuition Exchange Program (TEP)

Dec 3 Blood Drive, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Rotunda/Janikies

TIAA presents: "Update on Market"
Carl Eason, TIAA Association
Presentations at 1 and 2 p.m.
Papitto Dining Room

Dec 7 Day classes end

Dec 8 Reading day

Dec 9-10 Day and evening exam period

Dec 17 Semester ends

Dec 25 Christmas Day

New faces

Myra Alvarez
Data Entry
Clerk/Receptionist
Admission Office



Lisa Didow
Reference
Technical Assistant
Library

Rebecca Gauthier
Secretary,
Development
Office



Andrew Gelfuso
International
Marketing Support
Specialist
EAC



Ghislaine Therien
Secretary
Development
Office



Sheryl Wilcox
Accounting Clerk
Bursar's Office



Lori McKellar
Development
Officer

Sharon Bonk
Assistant Reference Librarian
(Photo not available)

Promotions

Roger Acosta
Coordinator, Instructional Media

Margaret Noble
Associate Professor

In the case of inclement weather during the winter season, members of the Bryant Community can get the latest information on cancellations or delays by tuning in to local television or radio stations. In addition, the Department of Public Safety Emergency Lines may be called at 232-6002 or 232-6015 for an updated message by 6:15 a.m.

Decisions to delay or cancel will be made by 6 a.m. for day classes and programs, and 3 p.m. for evening classes and programs. Restrictions on overnight parking begin with the first snowfall and remain in effect throughout the winter months. Overnight parking will be allowed in Commuter Lot C-4, the lot nearest to the Bryant Center.

The Office of Public Relations will send a memo prior to the Thanksgiving holiday on radio and television stations that will air Bryant announcements.

Professor Ken Cyree was interviewed by WPRI TV-12's Laura Clarizio on the topic of dropping interest rates and the potential impact on local consumers. The segment aired September 29 at 5:30 p.m. WHJJ 920-AM also interviewed him on the same subject live on the air on September 30.

Professor Arthur Gudikunst was quoted in an article on lowered interest rates and refinancing in the *Providence Journal-Bulletin* on October 17.

Women's Basketball **Coach Mary Burke** was widely quoted in an article on employ-

ment opportunities for female college seniors who compete in sports in *Providence Business News* on October 5.

The President's Cultural Series presentation by historian **Stephen Ambrose** on October 30 resulted in a major article in the *Providence Sunday Journal* on Nov. 1.

Judith Clare, director of career services, was quoted in an article on education and careers in *Providence Business News* on November 1. The topic was recruiters combing campuses for top prospects.

Tom Rossi, assistant manager/sales consultant at Bryant's World Trade Center

Rhode Island, and Simon Goudiaby, program manager for the Rhode Island Small Business Development Center, were quoted in *Providence Business News* on Nov. 1 in an article on business opportunities with Africa.

Professor Janet Morahan-Martin was quoted in a *Providence Journal-Bulletin* article on internet addiction on October 26.

Bryant's 10th Annual **Crime Prevention Fair** resulted in a page-one feature article in the *Providence Journal-Bulletin* on October 15.

Jean-Paul Nadeau, assistant director of the Learning Center/Writing Center, has had an article, "We've Got Friends in Textual Places: The Writing Center and the Campus Library," accepted for publication in Purdue University's *Writing Lab Newsletter*. He will also present "Where Is Your Writing Center? A Physical and Conceptual Positioning," at the 50th Annual Conference on College Composition and Communication in March 1999.

Robert Rico, manager of user services, information technology, was one of a group of IT professionals from around the country chosen to meet with Hitachi engineers, designers, and marketers to recommend future computer products. Bryant has experience with Hitachi VisionBook laptops.

Professors Charles Quigley, Keith Murray, Elaine Notarantonio, and Frank Bingham co-authored a paper, "Understanding the Attributes Used in the College Application Process," which has been accepted for presentation at the American Marketing Association's Ninth Symposium on the Marketing of Higher Education. The symposium will be held in San Antonio in December.

Professors Judy Barrett Litoff and Joseph Ilacqua, and Visiting USIA Professor from Belarus Irina Gribovskia, participated in the Distinguished Lecture Series of the Alan Shawn Feinstein Graduate School at Johnson and Wales University in September. Their lectures addressed the cause and effect of the economic and political developments in Russia and Belarus.

Professor Hao Ma won an Outstanding Paper Award from the American Society for Competitiveness for, "To Win Without Fighting: Leaders and Challengers." The paper was presented in Boston at the conference on Competitiveness in the Global Marketplace.

Professor Joseph Bonnici presented a paper, "International Database Violations: The Legal Challenge in an American Forum," at the 10th annual Direct Marketing Educators Conference in San Francisco in October.

Professor Ronald Deluga's article, "American Presidential Proactivity, Charismatic Leadership, and Rated Performance," has been published in the fall 1998 issue of the *Leadership Quarterly*.

Professor Hinda Pollard was the moderator of a panel on "Worksite Wellness: An Investment in the Future," which was held in October at the Annual Rhode Island Conference on Labor-Management Relations.

Professor Janet Morahan-Martin presented a paper, "Caught in the Net; Can Internet Use Become Abusive?" at the International Conference, Addictions '98 in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, UK, in September. While in England, she was interviewed by the BBC Radio News; an article on her paper also appeared in *The Guardian*, a national British newspaper.

Professor Thomas Chandler has been selected as a judge by the *Providence Journal-Bulletin* for its annual poetry contest.

Judith Clare, director of career services, was a seminar speaker at the job fair, "Workforce for the Millennium," sponsored by the *Providence Journal-Bulletin* at the Rhode Island Convention Center in October. She addressed the audience on "The Skills That Employers Seek in New Hires."

Send items for this column to Janet Proulx, The Exchange editor, at jproulx@bryant.edu or by campus mail. Submitted information should be current (e.g. conference, publication, award, etc. must have occurred within the last three months).

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This column features Web addresses of interest to readers. Send suggestions to: jproulx@bryant.edu

Job openings

This site lists position opportunities at Bryant. They are grouped by type (administrative, support staff, public safety, service) and provide a brief job description, salary/wage range, and application procedure. Access the site at www.bryant.edu/humres or click on the "What's New" and "Job Opportunities" headings on the Bryant College Web site.

U.S. News & World Report — Beyond College

This site includes information on graduate schools' programs, rankings, and a database of graduate student scholarships. The site also features estimated entry-level salaries for recent college graduates, salaries for those with MBA and PhD degrees, and general career advice. Click on www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/beyond

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