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Bryant College announces football coaching staff

Bryant Head Football Coach Jim Micelli announces the hiring of nine assistant coaches to his staff. "I am very pleased with the coaching staff," says Micelli. "We are fortunate to attract such a good mix that includes prominent local coaches with an abundance of contacts in the area. We also have individuals joining the staff who come from outstanding programs with experience in building a football program."

Miceli, a former assistant coach at the University of Maryland and the University of Pittsburgh, was named the first head football coach in school history on July 2, 1997. Micelli has made the following appointments to prepare for the Bulldogs inaugural season in fall 1998.

Scott Kochman will be Bryant's assistant head coach and offensive coordinator. Kochman was most recently at Jersey City State, where he was offensive coordinator from 1995 through 1997. Prior to his three seasons at Jersey City State, Kochman was the quarterbacks coach at Kean (NJ) College and spent two seasons at Hofstra (NY) University as the running backs coach. Scott is a 1992 graduate of East Stroudsburg (PA) University, where he played quarterback.

Dennis Moynihan, who will assume the responsibilities of defensive coordinator, leaves the University of Notre Dame to come to Bryant. While at South Bend, Moynihan served as assistant recruiting coordinator under head coach Bob Davie last season. Prior to his stint at Notre Dame, Moynihan spent four years at his alma mater, the University of Connecticut, as a defensive assistant coach. Moynihan played four seasons on the UConn football team (1989-93).

Two former North Smithfield High School (NSHS) coaches will join as defensive coaches. Steve Knowlton, who will handle the Bulldogs' linebackers, was the head coach at NSHS from 1994 to 1997. His squad compiled a 24-17-1 mark in four seasons, including a 7-4 record last fall. Knowlton has also coached at Uxbridge and Bellingham High Schools in Massachusetts. A resident of Pascoag, he is currently the assistant principal at North Smithfield Junior and Senior High School.

Tony Teolis, Knowlton's defensive coordinator at NSHS, joins him at Bryant as defensive backfield coach. A veteran of the Rhode Island high school football circuit, Teolis served as an assistant coach at LaSalle Academy and Narragansett and North Smithfield High Schools. He is a 1972 graduate of the University of Rhode Island, where he was member of the football and track teams. A West Kingston native, he has been a science teacher at NSHS for 24 years.

Wayne Simarrian will coach Bryant's defensive line. Simarrian's previous experience includes positions as head coach at Norwood (MA) and King Philip (MA) Regional High Schools, and seven years in the Eastern Football League as an assistant and co-head coach. Simarrian also coached at Dean Junior College, first in 1981, then again in 1986-98. He is currently a teacher at King Philip Regional High School.

Narragansett resident Mike Salomone, an assistant at North Kingstown High School last fall, will coach Bryant's tight ends. Prior to his year at North Kingstown, Salomone served as an assistant football coach at Narragansett High School from 1993 through 1996.

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Football coaching staff (Cont'd.)

Jeremy Cameron comes to Bryant from Dean College (MA), where he was an assistant last fall. A Springfield (MA) College graduate and former King Philip Regional (MA) High School football and baseball standout, Cameron will handle the wide receivers.

Glenn Castaglia will be Bryant's running backs coach. The 1994 Lycoming (PA) College coached at Jersey City State with Kochman last fall.

Assisting Teolis with the defensive backs is Jonathan DeMarco. DeMarco is a former captain and four-year letter starter on the football team at Wesleyan (CT) University, where he graduated in 1995.

Nominations sought for Spirit Awards

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. Candidates 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, which are available at the circulation desk in the library and at the information desks in both the Unistructure and the Bryant Center, should be submitted to human resources.

Student award nominations

All members of the Bryant community are invited to submit nominations for the following student awards:

Recognition '98 student leadership awards: These awards recognize outstanding contributions to campus life by student leaders and organizations. Accomplishments and programs must have occurred between April 1, 1997 and April 1, 1998. Contact the Office of Student Activities at Ext. 6160 for information or forms. Nominations are due by March 20 by 4 p.m.

Photos from "Magic" Johnson lecture

Students, faculty, staff who were photographed with Earvin "Magic" Johnson on Feb. 10 may order souvenir photos through the public relations office.

Stop in the office, located off the Rotunda across from the development office, between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact sheets will be available for viewing. Color 5X7 prints may be ordered for \$7 each; payment is requested when placing an order (cash and checks accepted).

Orders will be taken through March 20. Call 232-6120 if you have any questions.