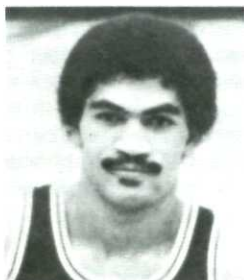




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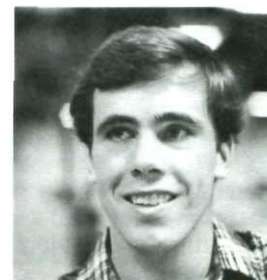
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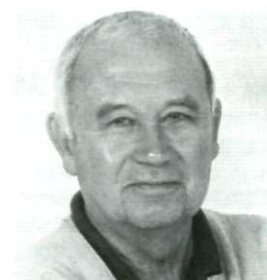
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## FIRST 10 TO BE INDUCTED INTO HALL OF FAME FEB. 13

Ten individuals who played prominent roles in the success of Bryant College athletics over the past four decades have been selected as the initial inductees for the new Bryant College Athletic Hall of Fame.

The 10 inductees are: the late Al Martino, former collegiate star and R.I. Public Links golf champion; Jim Hallet, four-time All-America golfer; Ernie DeWitt, three-time All-America basketball player; Tom Smile, all-time leading Bryant basketball scorer; Jenny Proud, the first Bryant female athlete to qualify for national NCAA competition; Charlie Swanson, one of the nation's top senior tennis players; Wally Camper, former baseball and basketball coach; former basketball coach Tom Duffy; Arnold Collison, captain of the 1933 men's basketball team and Frank Lanning, former Providence Journal-Bulletin sports cartoonist.

Individual biographies of the 10 inductees appear on Pages 2 & 3 of the Sports News.

The 10 inductees will be honored at the first Hall of Fame induction dinner scheduled for Friday, February 13 at the Bryant Center on the Smithfield campus.

The Hall of Fame dinner is the evening before the annual men's and women's alumni basketball games. The dinner is open to the public. An order form for dinner tickets appears on Page 4.

The Hall of Fame selections were made by a committee composed of Bryant administrators, faculty members and alumni representatives. The selections were made from a list of more than a hundred nominations submitted by Bryant alumni.

Beginning next year, the committee will add at least five new members to the Hall of Fame annually.

Those eligible for induction are former Bryant athletes and coaches, Bryant alumni who have excelled in the area of athletics since their graduation and non-Bryant athletes or coaches who have been a Friend of Bryant athletics through their personal contributions.

"The Hall of Fame has been in the planning stages for several years and we are very pleased it finally has become reality," said Leon Drury, Bryant athletic director.

"These 10 initial inductees span five decades of Bryant athletics. The entire Bryant community owes a debt of gratitude to those outstanding individuals and we are pleased to have the opportunity to honor them," Drury continued.

Amby Smith, former sports editor of the *Pawtuxet Valley Times* and one of Rhode Island's best known banquet speakers, will be Master of Ceremonies for the induction dinner.

The dinner is scheduled for 7 p.m. and will be preceded by a 6 o'clock social hour.

Each inductee will receive a personalized Hall of Fame plaque. A duplicate of each plaque will be displayed in the permanent Hall of Fame gallery, which will be housed in the main lobby of the Bryant Gymnasium.

"Now that the Hall of Fame has become a reality, we hope more and more alumni become involved with the nominating process," said Drury. "We were extremely pleased with the initial response last year, but we would like to add more names to the list, especially from the decades of the 40s, 50s and 60s."

# Hall of Fame

## AL MARTINO

Al was on his way to an outstanding golf career before cancer caused his untimely death at the age of 22.

While a Bryant freshman in 1973, Al won the individual title in the Yale Invitational. In both his freshman and sophomore years, he qualified for the national NCAA Division II tournament.

Cancer treatments forced him to withdraw from Bryant the following year. He underwent three operations over a two month period to remove cancerous tissue from his stomach. Only six months after the third operation he returned to competitive golf and won the Rhode Island Public Links championship.

A month later he underwent a fourth operation, but it failed to stop the spread of the cancer and he died on Jan. 29, 1977.

## TOM SMILE

Tom is the all-time Bryant basketball scoring leader.

In only 3½ seasons — from 1964-67 — Tom tallied 2,390 points. For several weeks during the 1966-67 season, he was the leading college scorer in the nation with a 35-plus per game average. By the end of the season, he had scored 802 points in 24 games for a 33.4 average. The total points and season average are two of six Bryant records he still holds.

## FRANK LANNING

The nationally famous sports cartoonist of the *Providence Journal-Bulletin*, Frank was a friend of Bryant College athletics for nearly four decades before his retirement four years ago.

One of the most prized possessions of many Bryant athletes is a copy of the Lanning cartoon that depicts their athletic accomplishments.

"The Lanning Gallery," a collection of approximately 50 of Frank's cartoons on Bryant athletes and Bryant teams, currently is on display in the Bryant Sports Information Office.

## WALLY CAMPER

Wally was a moving force in the resurgence of Bryant varsity athletics in the late 50s and early 60s.

Although Bryant had varsity teams in the 30s and early 40s, there was virtually no varsity activity in the post-World War II and Korean War periods.

When Camper took over as head basketball coach in 1960, his biggest challenge was convincing Bryant's top basketball players that it was more prestigious playing varsity than intramural basketball.

"If there was an intramural game the same night as one of our varsity games, I kept my figures crossed my players would come to the varsity game," Camper related a few years ago.

## CHARLIE SWANSON

Although Charlie was an outstanding basketball and tennis player for Bryant, it's his athletic accomplishments since he graduated from Bryant that have gained national recognition.

After graduating from Bryant in 1935, Charlie spent several years playing both semi-pro basketball and amateur tennis. In 1937 he was the No. 2 ranked amateur tennis player in New England and advanced to the quarterfinal round of the National Men's Singles Tournament at Forest Hills.

By the early 40s, he had become one of the leading tennis teachers in New England. But due to a U.S. Tennis Association rule that forbid teaching professionals from playing in national tournaments, he didn't have an opportunity to play competitive tennis during the decades of the 40s and 50s.

In the late 60s, however, the USLTA created open play for both professional and amateurs and Charlie, then in his 50s, was back on the court as a player. Since the early 70s, Charlie has been one of the top senior players in the United States.

In 1979, he and Harry Hoffman of Philadelphia combined to win the Grand Slam of senior doubles — the national indoor, hard courts, clay court and grass court titles.

## Men's Soccer

# Verille Named NE-8 Player of the Year

Senior Mark Verille has been named the Northeast 8 Conference men's soccer "Player of the Year."

Verille, a midfielder from Rye, N.Y., was named the Conference's top player in a poll of the eight Conference coaches.



Verille

A four-year starter at Bryant, Mark has been one of the top all-around players in the East for the past two years.

This season his 17 points in 18 games — five goals and seven assists — helped the Indian booters set a College record for most victories in one season with 11. The record-setting 11th triumph was a 2-0 victory over Stonehill in the opening round of the Northeast-8 Conference post-season tournament. The victory gave the Indians their second consecutive berth in the title round of the Conference tourney. Unfortunately the Indians dropped a 2-1 decision to St. Anselm in the championship game.

In addition to earning Player of the Year honors, Verille also led the selections named to the 1986 All-Conference team.

The only other Bryant player named to the 11-man first team was Mitch Green, the sophomore forward from Leominster, Mass. Green was the No. 3 scorer on this year's team with 21 points.

Sophomore Silverio Araujo, the team's No. 2 scorer with 22 points, earned second

team All-Conference honors.

Two members of the women's soccer team, freshman Jodi Alexander and sophomore Sandy Wilson, earned second team honors on the All-Conference women's squad.

## December-January Basketball Games

MEN			WOMEN		
Dec.	2	at R. I. College	Dec.	2	at R.I. College
Dec.	4	SOUTHERN CONN.	Dec.	4	SOUTHERN CONN.
Dec.	6	at Bridgeport	Dec.	6	at Bridgeport
Dec.	8	at URI	Dec.	9	KEENE STATE
Dec.	11	ROGER WILLIAMS	Dec.	11	ROGER WILLIAMS
Dec.	13	ST. JOSEPH'S (Me.)	Dec.	13	at Quinnipiac
Dec.	29	at Rollins	Jan.	7	NEW HAVEN
Jan.	2-3	at Florida Tech Classic	Jan.	10	at St. Michael's
Jan.	14	SPRINGFIELD	Jan.	12	SACRED HEART
Jan.	17	ASSUMPTION	Jan.	14	SPRINGFIELD
Jan.	19	at Brown	Jan.	17	ASSUMPTION
Jan.	22	at Merrimack	Jan.	22	at Merrimack
Jan.	24	at Stonehill	Jan.	24	at Stonehill
Jan.	26	BENTLEY	Jan.	26	BENTLEY
Jan.	28	ST. ANSELM	Jan.	28	ST. ANSELM
Jan.	31	at AIC	Jan.	31	at AIC

All home games in CAPS

# e Profiles

## ARNOLD COLLISON

In both 1932 and 1933, Arnold was one of the top scoring college basketball players in Rhode Island.

After transferring to Bryant from the University of Rhode Island, where he played for the legendary Frank Keaney, Collison led the newly formed Bryant & Stratton varsity team to a pair of outstanding seasons. The highlight was the 17-3 record posted by the 1932-33 team.

During that 1932-33 season, Collison, a 6-2 center, was one of the top scorers in Rhode Island with a 20 point per game average. Collison compiled the impressive statistic even though the center-jump rule was still in effect after each basket.

## JENNY PROUD

Jenny was the first female Bryant athlete to compete in a national NCAA championship event.

In 1981, after having been running cross country for only one year, she qualified for the national Division II women's cross country championships.

That same year she had set a Bryant record for the 5,000-meter Bryant course with a time of 28:58.0.

A 1982 grad, she joined the staff of the Men's International Professional Tennis Council in 1984 and has served as media liaison official on the world tour for the past two years.

## JIM HALLET

Jimmy is the most nationally recognized athlete in Bryant history.

In the summer of 1982, while still a Bryant student, he became the first New England golfer in 25 years to reach the semifinal round of the U.S. Amateur Tournament. Earlier that summer he had become the first player in 40 years to win both the Massachusetts and New England Amateur tournaments in the same year.

The highlight of his amateur career came the following spring when he captured the Low Amateur award in the 1983 Masters tournament in Augusta, Ga. His opening round 68 set a Masters record for the best opening round by an amateur.

During his four-year collegiate career, he became the most successful college golfer in New England history.

He won a record-setting five consecutive New England Intercollegiate individual championships, in addition to winning the individual crown in virtually every major tournament in the Northeast. His performance earned him four consecutive berths on the U.S. Golf Coaches Association Division 2 All-America team.

Since graduating from Bryant in 1984 he has enjoyed an extremely successful professional career. In addition to winning both the Massachusetts and Rhode Island Open titles, he also won the 1986 British Columbia Open crown.

## TOM DUFFY

Tom took Bryant basketball from the shadows to the spotlight.

In his four years as Bryant head coach — from 1964 to 1968 — the Indians won 70 games while losing only 22. The .760 victory percentage makes Tom the most successful basketball coach in Bryant history.

The 22 victories posted by his 1966-67 team still stands as a Bryant record for most basketball victories in one season.

In 1967, Words Unlimited, the Rhode Island Association of Sportswriters and Sportscasters, named Tom the Rhode Island Coach of the Year.

## ERNIE DeWITT

A three-time National Basketball Coaches Association All-America, Ernie is the only basketball player in Rhode Island collegiate history to score 2,000 points and grab 1,000 rebounds during his career.

A native of Newport, R.I., he became an instant success at Bryant when he was named New England Rookie of the Year (all divisions) and ECAC Division 2 Rookie of the Year during his freshman season in 1978.

In each of the next three years he was one of the top Division 2 players in the nation, being named to the Division 2 All-America squads in each season. He climaxed a sensational career in 1981 when, in addition to being named first team All-America, he also was named ECAC Division 2 Player of the Year.

# Wilbur's Victory Repealed

It may never appear in any record book, but John Wilbur always will know he was the 1986 NCAA Division II Eastern Regional individual cross country champion.

Wilbur, the senior from Woonsocket, RI, became part of a national controversy when he finished first in the men's Eastern Regional meet on Nov. 8 in Philadelphia.

Wilbur had taken the lead and held it about a mile from the finish when he followed the correct course after 59 runners in front of him had gone the wrong way because of directions given by some spectators.

Once Wilbur disregarded the spectators' instructions and followed the correct route, approximately 200 runners behind him followed Wilbur to the finish line.

A few days after the race, however, the NCAA national office upheld a protest by the regional race committee and declared the race a *No Contest* because spectators had given some runners the wrong directions.

The declaration of a *No Contest* wiped out Wilbur's championship and also took away the berth in the national NCAA championships, which should have gone to the top three individual finishers.

The committee had protested because they were concerned that two teams which had been ranked 1st and 2nd in the country

would not have qualified for the national meet because their runners were among the 59 who had gone the wrong way.

The controversy received national media attention, including a Page 1 story in *USA TODAY*, plus several stories in New England papers.

In a letter of formal protest to the NCAA, Les LaFond, Bryant vice president of student affairs, said "I believe that this action violates the NCAA standards of ethics and fair play. I believe that this is an injustice to an individual who ran the race in the proper manner and now finds himself being penalized for being right."

In an article that appeared in the *Providence Journal-Bulletin*, Cindy Smith, assistant director of NCAA championships, admitted that it is the responsibility of cross country runners to know the course. But she said the presence of two unknown spectators in the middle of the course outweighed the usual requirement and the NCAA was rejecting Bryant's appeal.

Bryant did have a runner in the national championships, however. Junior Diane Tedford finished third in the women's Eastern Regional and qualified for the national meet. Tedford finished 15th among the 200 entries in the national meet held at Riverside, Calif on Nov. 22.

# Procaccino Wins New England Title

Junior Joy Procaccino became one of the most successful female tennis players in Bryant history when she won the New England Division II No. 1 singles title at the regional tournament last month.



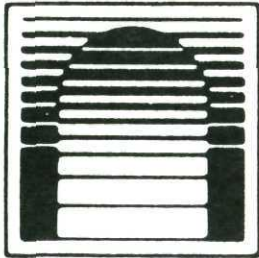
Procaccino

Procaccino, the Lady Indians' No. 1 player for the past three years, captured the crown with a 6-4, 1-6, 7-5 victory over Stephanie Travers of Springfield in the championship match.

Procaccino's No. 1 singles crown was one of four titles Bryant players captured at the regional tournament.

Procaccino also was a member of the No. 1 doubles, teaming with Debbie Kahn for a 6-3, 7-6 victory over Travers and Pam Nunez of Springfield in the final.

Sophomore Patty Conant gave Bryant a second singles crown with a title at No. 6 and Kim Bickell and Katy Porter combined for the No. 2 doubles championship.



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