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## Jenifer Lewis to unleash cabaret energy

Come to Bryant's cabaret!

And be prepared to come face to face with a "dazzling voice, a high-kicking dancer, a lusty comedienne, and a coiled spring of energy."

That is how the *New York Times* describes Jenifer Lewis, a singer, dancer, and comedienne who will perform in the Rotunda on Friday, February 1, as part of a dinner show sponsored by the Performing Arts Committee.

Lewis is a former "Harlette," the back-up group for Bette Midler, who thinks Lewis "is the greatest black performer I've seen..."

*Backstage* magazine said, "By sheer force of personality, Jenifer palms her audience, the way Houdini palms a silver dollar. For all-around entertainment, style and talent, she has few peers..."

That's high praise. And that's not all. Critics laud her as having that elusive charisma that makes the difference between a mere performer and a quality entertainer. Besides appearing with Bette Midler in her nationwide "DeTour '83, she has been in productions of "Dreamgirls," "Ain't Misbehavin'," and Broadway's "Eubie." Plus, she has entertained audiences with a well-received New York City nightclub act called "Hot!"

Lewis was the first actress to play the role of Effie in the early workshop productions of "Dreamgirls," directed by "Chorus Line's" Michael Bennett. She performed the title role in "Mahalia"

Jenifer Lewis



on its pre-Broadway tryout, to which she received standing ovations. She portrayed both Diana Ross and Donna Summer in "Rock 'N Roll: The First 5,000 Years" on Broadway, where she also had roles in "Commin' Uptown" and "Baggy Pants and Company."

Off Broadway, Lewis has appeared in "El Bravo!" at the Entermedia Theater and "Sister Aimee" on Theater Row.

Lewis' nightclub act "Hot!" has had successful runs at 28th and 8th, Freddy's Supper Club, and Don't Tell Mama.

Bryant's cabaret begins with dinner at 6:30 p.m. The show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets go on sale at the box office tomorrow. They are \$11 for faculty and staff and \$7 for students.

For further information call ext. 6160.

## Oh, you beautiful doll



And the winner is... Mary Maynard. That's the name Les LaFond, vice-president for student affairs, drew from the box in the raffle of a Cabbage Patch Doll just before Christmas. Proceeds from the raffle are going to the American Cancer Society, Ponaganset Unit. Shown with LaFond is Judy Farrell, Bryant's R.N. and crusade chairman for the Cancer Society, and Anne Marie Monterisi (clutching the popular doll), of Beta Sigma Omicron sorority, which sponsored the raffle.

## Thanks to them...



Volunteers who helped make the 1983-84 Bryant Fund campaign a success were thanked for their efforts at a cocktail party on January 9. Sponsored by the Office of Development, the party was held in Gulski Dining Room. Shown here with President O'Hara are five of the volunteers who chaired giving categories; they received special Bryant Cross pens as a token of appreciation for their efforts. They are (left to right) Michael Storti '64, John Renza, Jr. '70, Helen Bochenek '34, Michael Martin '72, and William DiBiasio '79 MBA.



### They're heading for land "down under"

Four more Bryant students are heading for the land "down under" to study.

Carol Lewis, of Waterford, Conn., Evan Koppel, of West Hartford, Conn., Steven Cohen, of Lawrenceville, N.J., and Lisa Shaner, of Milford, Mass., will spend this semester at Kuring-gai College of Advanced Education near Sydney, Australia. Bryant has operated an exclusive exchange program with Kuring-gai since 1983.

The students, all of them juniors, will be the fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh Bryant undergraduates to study in the land of Koala bears and kangaroos. They can hardly wait.

Located in Lindfield, New South Wales, Kuring-gai is very similar to Bryant because of its contemporary buildings and rural setting. It is this similarity that brought the two colleges together first in 1979, and then again in 1980, when instructors from Kuring-gai visited Bryant while touring the U.S. A Bryant student traveled to Sydney in January, 1983, when the exchange program was launched.

### From the editor's desk

Wow! It's hard to believe, but my first semester at Bryant has passed. It seems like only yesterday that I left the hills of central Pennsylvania for the Ocean State, and my new post as Bryant's director of public information and editor of *Bryant's Business*.

As the editor, I want to remind you again that *Bryant's Business* is your publication. It's published for you, to keep you informed of what's going on at Bryant, to make you aware of what your fellow Bryant community members are doing.

To keep you informed, obviously, we have to be kept informed of what is happening on campus. We try to keep in touch. But we can't possibly be everywhere at once. So we need your help.

To help us, we have placed in a variety of offices on campus depositories for information you would like us to consider for publication in *Bryant's Business*. These depositories (plastic in-and-out trays) are clearly marked for *Bryant's Business*. Use them regularly. We collect information placed in them at least twice a week, as you who use them know. Of course, you are always welcome to visit the Office of Public Information with any news items, or to drop them in the mail to us.

And wow! It's hard to believe spring semester is underway. As it proceeds, try to remember. You are *Bryant's Business!*

William H. Rupp  
Director of Public Information  
Editor, *Bryant's Business*

The Bryant students will be starting at the outset of a new academic year because Australia currently is in its summer season. The juniors will spend one semester there, taking four or five liberal arts courses. And, of course, hoping to take in a lot of the sights and sounds of Sydney and all of Australia.

Kuring-gai is strictly a commuter college. There are no residence halls or other living quarters on campus. Buses operated by the college shuttle students back and forth between Sydney and Lindfield.

The Bryant students hope to room with Australian students, rather than live as a group, so they can experience what it's really like to live on the opposite side of the world.

They will be the only Americans at the college. No other U.S. school operates an exchange program with Kuring-gai. Each of them also plans to look for a part-time job off campus to save up some pocket money for sightseeing and other expenses.

Why Australia for a study-abroad semester?

Koppel attended the same high school as the first Bryant student who studied at Kuring-gai, Robert Mitchell '84. "It was his enthusiasm, his story and pictures that really got me interested," said Koppel.

Lewis added, "It's so far, and so mysterious." Unlike Europe, she added, "I'll probably get no other chance to go there. It's the other end of the world."

The long trip to Australia won't be too shabby, either, they said. The students leave Wednesday for Los Angeles, where they will spend a few days with a relative of Koppel. From there, they fly to Tahiti to spend more than a week enjoying the sun and surf of this tropical island. To keep housing costs down, they plan to live in youth hostels. They will arrive in Sydney in early February to begin classes that run until late July.

Returning to the U.S. in late July or early August for the start of Bryant's fall semester, they are sure to have at least a few interesting stories to tell about the land "down under."

### Thank you

Kudos go out to the committee that organized Bryant's annual Christmas party on December 22. Chaired by Ralph Adler, the committee included Eleanor Read, Madge Stetson, John Falardeau, Zip Larouche, Liz Sullivan, Sheila Low, Judy Litoff, Bob Misiaszek, and Jan Lewis.

President O'Hara extends a special thanks and appreciation "for organizing a wonderful Christmas party for the Bryant family. . ."

## Harrill, Piotti join IA staff

Two new faces are circulating in the Unistructure's institutional advancement wing. They belong to Robert E. Harrill and Antonio E. Piotti, who have been named to fund-raising posts by James N. Drawbridge, Jr., vice-president for institutional advancement.

Harrill is the new director of planned giving. He assumed the post in early January. Piotti is the new director of annual giving. The Cranston native assumed that position in mid-December.

Harrill comes to Bryant from Scottsdale, Ariz., where he has been working as a private financial-planning consultant. He also has worked as an educational consultant, as an academic administrator, and as a college teacher. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of California at Los Angeles and a B.A. from Grinnell College in Iowa. His previous administrative posts have included serving as academic vice-president and acting president of Prescott College in Arizona.

Piotti has worked as a program director for the Institute for Family and Life Learning in Danvers, Mass., and as an assistant program director for the Community Organization for Drug Abuse Control in Cranston. He also has been an account executive for a North Providence fund-raising consultant. A graduate of the University of Rhode Island, Piotti is active in Rhode Island's Pop Warner football league.



Robert Harrill



Antonio Piotti

## Staff additions

Name	Department	Title
James Lachapelle	Maintenance	HVAC Mechanic
Antonio Piotti	Institutional Advancement	Director of Annual Giving
Robert Harrill	Institutional Advancement	Director of Planned Giving
Diane Kanakry	Graduate School	Data Input Clerk
Ronald DiBattista	Mathematics	Professor of Mathematics

## Switzerland's wonders enjoyed by 23 students

Wake up to yodeling. Visit castles, glaciers, grand hotels, and woodcarving areas. Tour wine and cheese factories. Eat in "fancy" restaurants. And learn, learn, learn! That's what 23 Bryant students did again during January's Wintersession.

Ronald Deluga, assistant professor of management/psychology, William Hill, assistant professor of social sciences, and Eugene "Pete" Peterman, assistant professor of institutional management, guided these students through Switzerland for 17 days. It's the study/travel program initiated in 1962 by Wallace Camper, professor and chairman of institutional management, and sponsored by the department of hotel, restaurant, and institutional management.

The group left Boston on January 2 and returned yesterday. In exchange for this study/travel experience, students earned three credits by completing a project approved by Deluga before leaving on the journey. Examples of the projects chosen this year are: comparing hotel industry management methods and employee benefit packages with the U.S.; learning about the requirements for setting up and owning a restaurant; gaining knowledge of the Swiss retail business and computer-education system; and reporting on the decline of the clock industry in Switzerland.

Of course, all study and no play was not in the plans for the students. Side trips to Berne and a summer resort (Montreux) on Lake Geneva, hiking, and skiing lessons were just a few of the leisure activities. They also dined at an exclusive resort where the Western cuisine consisted of a block of cheese, hung by the fireplace until partially melted, served on bread, onions, pickles and baked potatoes. And a single drink cost \$25!

"It is a very intense experience that opens students' eyes to an environment that is quite different from the U.S.," Deluga said.

The tour also exposed students to four languages - French, Italian, German, and Romansk, with differences in specific areas.

"The Swiss in the French-speaking areas are pretty pleasant," say Deluga, "but in northern Switzerland, where German is spoken, they are much more friendly toward Americans."

The experience of the trip is not expected to end for awhile - if ever.

"They will spend a long time having flash-backs of events that their busy schedules didn't allow while they were there," Deluga says.

What better place for these students to glimpse their future than Switzerland - renowned for its culinary arts.

# QUICKLY...

President **William O'Hara** was guest speaker at the Woonsocket Kiwanis Club meeting in Cercle Laurier on December 11. "Life is a candle, but not to be burned at both ends" was the closing remark O'Hara left with Kiwanians in a talk on "Executive Burnout"...

... **Steven Winsor**, program coordinator for the SBDC, gave a presentation to a senior economics class at Mount St. Charles Academy in Woonsocket on December 6. Winsor discussed Bryant's Small Business Development Center, careers in business, and Bryant College's business curriculum...

... **Dr. Clarissa Patterson**, professor of management, has contributed a chapter to the *Human Resources Management & Development Handbook*. The handbook covers all facets of the human resources field. Patterson's contribution is titled "Office Skills Training"...

... Bryant's "***This Ride's For You***" program has been cited in *the National on Campus Report* as a model. It was one of two "innovative" programs featured in an article addressing the problem of transporting students who have drunk too much safely back to campus.

... **the Small Business Development Center** (SBDC) was the focus of a feature story in the business section of the Providence *Sunday Journal-Bulletin* on January 6. The story appeared on page one of the section, after being promoted by the newspaper as an upcoming feature not to miss in several previous issues...

# CALENDAR

MONDAY, JANUARY 21

**Registration and orientation**  
student schedule pick-up  
in Rotunda

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

**Spring semester classes begin**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

**Winter Weekend begins -**  
sponsored by SPB

**Oldies 50's and 60's**  
**D.J. - Dancing**  
9 p.m. - 1 a.m.  
Student Center

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

**Nancy Parker**  
**comedienne-impressionist**  
8 p.m.  
Auditorium

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

**Hillel Sabbath Service**  
place & time TBA

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

**Mixer - sponsored by SPB**  
**Schemers and Stompers**  
contemporary music  
9 p.m. - 1 a.m.  
MAC

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

**Protestant Service**  
11 a.m.  
CMD conference rm. 1

**Sunday Eucharist**  
Noon  
Rotunda  
9 p.m.  
CMD conference rm. 4

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

**Performing Arts Series**  
**Jenifer Lewis**  
**singer, dancer, comedienne**  
6:30 p.m.  
Rotunda

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

**SPB Film**  
**"Purple Rain"**  
time TBA  
Auditorium

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

**Final date to submit add/drop forms**

# SPORTS CALENDAR

MONDAY, JANUARY 28

**Women's Basketball  
vs. St. Anselm**  
5:30 p.m.  
Gym

**Men's Basketball  
vs. St. Anselm**  
7:30 p.m.  
Gym

## SPORTS SKETCH

### Men's basketball

Men's basketball coach Leon Drury hopes some of the lessons his young team learned during six weeks of non-conference competition will make for a successful Northeast 8 Conference campaign during the final six weeks of the regular season.

With only one senior in the lineup, the Indians attack was hot and cold throughout the first two months of the season enroute to a 5-7 record.

A bright sign for Drury is that two of those five victories came in the Indians' final two games before the semester break.

After dropping an opening-round decision to Sacred Heart in the Pioneer Holiday Classic, the Indians came back with successive triumphs over Mercy College of New York and the University of New Haven.

Over the final six weeks of the season, the Indians have 15 regular-season games scheduled, 14 against Northeast-8 opponents. Eight of those 15 remaining games are home contests that will be played at the Bryant gym.

As expected, Gregg Cooper, the 6-6 junior forward from Augusta, Maine, has been the leading scorer. Cooper, who has been named to a pair of weekly ECAC and NE-8 All-Star teams, hit at a 17.8 clip during the first 12 games.

One of the most pleasant surprises of the season has been the play of Rich Lombardi. Lombardi, the 6-4 senior forward who played a back-up role

### Cancellation reminder

Another reminder about Bryant's cancellation procedure, now that the snow season is upon us.

After it is determined that inclement weather will close or delay the opening of the College, the Office of Public Information will contact all Rhode Island and nearby Massachusetts radio and TV stations to make the announcement. So tune in! You should hear it on your favorite station.

If for some reason you are unable to tune in, however, you can call Bryant's emergency telephone number: 232-6002. It has been activated so that anyone missing the radio and TV announcement can get the information first hand.

Everyone is encouraged, however, to listen to the radio and TV first. Use the emergency number only as a back-up.

last year, currently holds the No. 2 scoring spot on the team and the No. 1 rebounding berth with 13.4 ppg and 7.8 rpg averages.

In the three Sacred Heart tournament games, Lombardi collected a combined total of 64 points, including a career and game high total of 28 against Mercy. The performance earned him selection to the all-tournament team.

### Women's basketball

The women's basketball team earned national attention earlier this month when the Lady Indians moved into the top 20 in the weekly national NCAA Division II coaches poll.

Coach Mike McKee's squad was selected to the No. 16 spot in the poll of national coaches for the week of January 8, marking the first time a Bryant women's team has earned a national ranking.

The Lady Indians, 8-1 at the time of the poll, were one of only three New England teams selected. Bentley, Bryant's chief opposition for the Northeast-8 Conference title, was in the No. 6 spot, and Quinnipiac captured the No. 20 spot.

The key to the early-season success has been a balanced attack. Although Karyn Marshall, the 6-4 junior center, is the NE-8 Conference's leading scorer with a 19.8 average, she is only one of five players averaging in, or close to, double figures.

Joining Marshall in double figures are Beth Hanson and Donetta Barros. Hanson, the Lady Indians' senior co-captain, averaged 12 points and 8 rebounds over the first nine games, and Barros, a sophomore guard, has collected 11 points per game.

Also close to double-figure averages are Ann-Marie Harrington, 9.7, and Debbie Voelkner, 8.9.

Like the men's team, the majority of the Lady Indians' remaining games will be against Northeast-8 competition. Last year the Lady Indians finished third in the league, then reached the title round of the post-season tournament.

### Phone directory changes

Please make the following changes to your 1984-1985 Bryant phone directory:

#### CHANGES:

Student Activities	6160
Ledger	6048
Data Processing - delete 6085 as department number	