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Professor is going around the world

Around the world in 80 days.

Not quite. It will take professor William Haas 105 days to make the journey. He leaves (with his wife) on January 23 to teach ethics and religion in the Semester at Sea program of the University of Pittsburgh.

Haas will be traveling on the S.S. Universe, an 18,000-ton former cruise ship. Departing from Ft. Lauderdale, the ship accommodates 475 students, a faculty of 25, administrative staff, and about 50 non-student passengers (faculty spouses). The ship includes a 10,000-volume library, a theater, lecture halls, and classrooms. The ship's decks serve as the gymnasium.

First stop is Casablanca, Morocco. Then it's on to Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia by way of the Mediterranean Sea; Odessa in the Soviet Union by way of the Black Sea; Istanbul, Turkey; Port Said, Egypt and then through the Suez Canal and Indian Ocean to Madras, India; Penang, Malaysia and then the South China Sea to Hong Kong; Keelung, Taiwan; Kobe, Japan and across the Pacific Ocean to Seattle. The ship is scheduled to arrive back in the USA on May 7.

Haas describes the academic program as "a no-nonsense learning experience for which students at colleges and universities from around the country and Canada can earn a full semester of undergraduate credit taking courses in sociology, psychology, history, political science, economics, philosophy, religion, art, theater, music, biology and geology.

William Haas



"All of the courses are designed to relate to the itinerary so that genuine learning takes place amidst the variety of strange sights and sounds."

Plenty of time is allotted for travel on land when the ship is in port, he said, since all classroom instruction takes place while at sea.

About his subjects:

Haas will be teaching ethics with a distinct international focus. And what could be better than to visit the living centers of religious experience while the teaching and learning are going on? he said.

Haas also will teach a course based on the work of Jacob Bronowski, "The Ascent of Man," which traces the history of human ingenuity. A stipend will cover expenses and then some.

To prepare for the trip, Haas and his wife have been reading everything they can get their hands on. And he has been busy doing additional homework for his courses, particularly lining up

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Holiday traditions around the world

by Lenore Uddyback, intern

With December upon us, holidays take precedence over normal day-to-day activities. And it is typical to focus on our own traditions and festivities. It is always interesting, though, to broaden our horizons. So here is a look at some other holiday traditions and customs.

Jan Schilders, a senior from Aruba, says that, instead of Santa Claus, children from his country anticipate the arrival of St. Nicholas, an old man with a white beard from Spain who is praised for giving presents to the poor.

St. Nick travels to Aruba by boat, then circles the island on horseback. A grass-filled shoe for St. Nick's horse replaces the milk and cookies that American children leave for Santa.

The holidays for Lars Pluss, a freshman from Switzerland, combines customs from two cultures. His mother is Danish but has lived in England, so his family celebrates both the English and Danish customs.

The Danish celebrate Christmas on December 24 instead of the 25th. They eat duck, red cabbage, brussel sprouts, and rice pudding. The English celebration involves a large lunchtime

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Europe beckons again for January international study

by Pam Huydic, intern

Imagine sitting in front of a roaring fire in a Swiss chalet, while savoring every bite of a traditional breakfast with real Swiss hot chocolate. Or skiing from the back door of a chalet to the challenging trails of the Swiss Alps. Or ending the day with a multi-course French or German or Italian dinner. Or maybe even scaling the battered Berlin Wall.

You'd hardly be bored, would you?

You now have some idea of what awaits professor Ron Deluga and the 21 Bryant students who will travel with him to Europe again in January for the annual "directed international study." It's an academic-cultural-social experience based in Leysin, Switzerland.

Is there a more enjoyable way to earn three hours of academic credit in three weeks to fulfill a social science, liberal arts, or unrestricted elective requirement?

The study involves a lot more than skiing or sitting by open fires enjoying international cuisine. Each student must choose a study topic before leaving, as outlined in a "project proposal"

approved by Deluga. This proposal serves as the outline and strategic plan for the academic project each student will complete while traipsing through Europe.

While in Europe, Deluga will meet regularly with each student to discuss his or her progress. Library research is supported by personal interviews, observation, and first-hand experiences. Within the framework of their academic projects, students must interpret their own experiences.

Of course, the students' cultural and social experiences will come primarily through their travels, which must include visits to at least five events or historical sites. The Berlin Wall has been mentioned often already by students as one of their stops.

Deluga helps students arrange Eurail train travel to other European cities, such as Rome, Munich, Paris, Vienna, Amsterdam, and Barcelona. Wherever students choose to travel, they must keep a journal of their experiences for reference and the meetings with Deluga.

The study doesn't end officially until two weeks after returning, when each student must turn in a comprehensive paper. Memories from the trip itself, of course, will last a lifetime.



Rotunda aglow at Festival of Lights

Hundreds of flickering candles illuminated Bryant's Rotunda last Monday at the annual Festival of Lights holiday celebration. The nondenominational event, one of the most popular traditions on campus, is sponsored by the Student Alumni Association. After the ceremony, faculty, staff, and students marched to the Bryant Center, where a Christmas tree was officially lighted by President Trueheart. A reception followed.

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opportunities to meet and talk with people around the globe, and to select firsthand encounters that tie into the coursework.

One of the greatest advantages of the trip, Haas feels, will be the company he'll keep with so many diverse experts on the faculty. Such as the theater director who has worked in Athens and London, a geologist with experience in New Zealand and Australia, a Malaysian music specialist, a Chinese history and language scholar.

At each new port of call, experts on the region also will board the ship for several days of preparation.

Haas said he is thinking of the trip as being as much a voyage of the mind and soul as it is of the eye and ear--and aching feet and upset stomach.

"A chance to go around the world, doing what I think I do best, is surely a dream come true," Haas said. "For roughly 100 days, we will be citizens of the world, perhaps able to share something with students and foreign hosts, but more likely to take away many more insights and memories than we ever thought we could carry.

"'Travel light' is good advice," he said. "But excitement and memories don't weigh much."

(This story is an edited version of one that Haas wrote for the November 6-19 issue of Ocean State Business, for which he writes a column on business ethics.)

SBDC, export center name managers, clerical staff

Bryant's SBDC has a new program manager and data entry coordinator, and the College's Export Assistance Center now has an assistant director and new secretary to the director, it has been announced.

Erwin Robinson, already a familiar face on campus as case manager for the SBDC, is the SBDC's new program manager.

Michael Collins, a consultant to the Export Center since it opened last year, is the EAC's new second in command.

Theresa Cancelliere moves from the SBDC to the EAC as secretary to the director.

Lana Dottor moves from the SBDC's consulting office to the administrative office as data entry coordinator and secretary to the associate director.

Robinson has been serving as SBDC case manager and also as an EAC consultant since 1987. He is the former CEO of Mrs. Robinson's Inc., a retail store on the East Side of Providence for more than 35 years.

Active in the community, Robinson is chairman of the board of AAA South Central New England, president of the R.I. Retail Federation, and a director of the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce and the Hattie Ide Chaffee Nursing Home.

Collins is a marketing and business consultant and international trade developer from Portsmouth with commercial experience in Canada, Europe, and the Middle East.

The owner of Telemark Business Development Systems and Aster-Airim USA, both of Portsmouth, Collins also has held executive posts with Newport Shipyard and four subsidiaries; Blue-Gold Sea Farms of Middletown; Bay Broadcasting of Middletown; Sea Media Associates of Newport, and Kenosha Broadcasting, of Kenosha, WI.

Collins's community activities have included the International Trade Development Task Force of the R.I. Small Business Administration, the Excelsis Foundation, the R.I. Public Telecommunications Authority, and the Newport Chamber of Commerce.

Cancelliere is the former data entry coordinator/secretary in the SBDC. A native of Canada, she has worked also in the export invoice department of an international paper company in Quebec.

Dottor has been secretary to the program manager of the SBDC's consulting office since March, 1988. She is now responsible for overseeing the MIS data entry system for the statewide SBDC.

Party time, party time*

*Dashing to the fest
Donned in your finest vest
Oh what fun you'll have
Laughing with your guest!*



*Food on hand all night
With song to make you bright
Oh what fun you'll have
This festive Saturday night.*

***OH! Party time, Bryant time,
dancing all night long;
Oh what fun it is to sing a
festive Christmas song--
Party time, party time,
dancing all night long;
Oh what fun it is to sing a
festive Christmas song!*

*What a happy plight
friends are all in sight
With you it will be
A joyous winter night.*

*The holiday spirit rings
with every tune we sing,
Kick your heels in flight
And kiss your friends good-night!!*

***OH! Party time, Bryant time,
dancing all night long;
Oh what fun it is to sing a
festive Christmas song--
Party time, party time,
dancing all night long;
Oh what fun it is to sing a
festive Christmas song!*

**Sing to the tune of "Jingle Bells"*



Erwin Robinson



Michael Collins



Theresa Cancelliere



Lana Dottor

QUICKLY

...Professor **Paul Dion** is working with the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce to assess members' reactions and draft policy recommendations on government legislation and programs. Also, four students in a marketing course taught by Dion were honored with plaques this semester by a Warwick company they served as sales consultants. Taking their advice, the owner said, was "the best business move I ever made." Students were junior Angela Fusco and seniors Jennifer Looby, Jim Messina, and Jason Cohen...

...The *Journal of College Student Development* has accepted for publication a paper by professor **Ron Deluga** and student development center director **John Winters**. Its title: "The Impact of Role Ambiguity and Conflict on Resident Assistants"...

...Faculty computing specialist **Brett McKenzie** and professor **Jim Marsden** have had their paper, "Towards Learner Centered Software Evaluation," accepted for presentation at the seventh International Conference on Technology and Education next March in Belgium...

...Professor **Gregg Carter** has been elected to the executive committee of the Massachusetts Sociological Association and will become editor of the quarterly *MSA Newsletter*...

...Professor **Ron DiBattista** will present a paper at the Southwest Federation of Administrative Disciplines conference in Dallas in March. Its title: "Relationships of Interpersonal Aggression with Reported Behavioral Reactions of Employees"...

...**Ginny Bowry**, of public safety, and resident director **Tom Scanlon** have become members of the Smithfield Substance Abuse Task Force...

...Student employment director **David Brooks** has been elected president-elect of the National Association of Student Employment Administrators. He will assume the presidency next October...

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New faces

Frederico J. Talley Jr. **Dean of Student Life**

F. J. Talley comes to Bryant from Fitchburg State College, where he was associate dean of student affairs for two years. He also has served as assistant director of student development and orientation director at Wright State University, and as administrative assistant to the dean of students and student activities coordinator at Ohio University.

Talley holds a Ph.D. in student personnel and higher education administration from Ohio University, an M.A. in college student personnel from Bowling Green State University, and an A.B. in English from Dickinson College. He has been active in several professional associations, including the American College Personnel Association.

Rosanne L. Dana **Clinical Social Worker**

Rosanne Dana comes to the College after working for seven years at the Kent County Medical Health Center in Warwick, most recently as senior clinician of outpatient services. She also has worked as a caseworker in the Norwich (CT) State Hospital, for the State Welfare Department in Norwich, and for Children's Protective Services in the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

Dana holds a B.A. in sociology from the University of Michigan and a master's of social work from Rhode Island College.

Karen Ferreira **Nautilus trainer,** **equipment manager**

Karen Ferreira was a monitor at the Bristol County Training Consortium before coming to Bryant. She also has taught high school and junior high school in Massachusetts, and been the assistant coach of the Providence College volleyball team.

Ferreira holds a B.A. in education/social studies from Providence College, where she was an award-winning volleyball player and scholar athlete.



Rosanne L. Dana



Karen Ferreira

Jose M. Gonzalez
Assistant Director of Admissions
for Minority/International Recruitment

Jose Gonzalez came to Bryant last summer from the University of Rhode Island, where he was admissions advisor/minority recruiter for four years. He also has been a counselor and coordinator at the Urban Educational Center in New York City, and a Spanish instructor for adults and high school students in New York.

Gonzalez holds an M.Ed. in bilingual-bicultural education from Rhode Island College and a B.A. in Spanish and social work from RIC. He also attended URI for a year.



F.J. Talley, Jr.



Jose M. Gonzalez

Alumni nominees **due Friday**

Nominations for Bryant's annual Alumni Association awards are due Friday in the alumni office, and you are being asked to submit names.

The alumni awards are: Distinguished Alumni Award; Nelson J. Gulski '26 Service Award; Young Alumni Leadership Award, and Distinguished Faculty Award.

Distinguished Alumni Awards go to no more than three alumni each year for "outstanding personal achievement in a professional field and/or service to the community."

The Gulski Award is presented to no more than three alumni annually who have given outstanding service to Bryant or the Alumni Association. "Such service will have enhanced the stature, well-being and success" of the College.

Young Alumni Awards go to no more than three recipients each year who graduated no more than 10 years ago, and recognize "creative and responsible leadership in business, industry, government or society."

The Faculty Award recognizes a professor who has provided outstanding service to students for at least six years at Bryant. Criteria include professional accomplishment, devotion to teaching, concern for students, and constructive influence upon students' personal or professional lives.

All awards will be given at the Alumni Weekend awards dinner on June 9.

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feast on Christmas day with a big turkey (similar to our traditional Thanksgiving meal).

Christmas for George Angus, a senior from South Africa, falls in the middle of his country's summer. His family rents a place on the coast.

Angus spends Christmas Day with his immediate family. The day after Christmas, called Boxing Day, also is a holiday, and is spent with other relatives.

Pudding is a major part of the holiday celebration for David Saxon, a senior from Great Britain. Each year, a traditional Christmas pudding is prepared in the summer and left to ferment until the holiday. A sixpence (a small coin) is placed in the middle of the pudding.

Before serving, the pudding is steamed for a couple of hours. It is then doused with brandy or scotch, lit with a match, and brought to the table in flames. The person whose serving contains the sixpence is believed to have good luck.

Grajina Eich, a senior from West Germany, celebrates Christmas on Christmas Eve. It is a time reserved for immediate family only. They eat light snacks, like pies or cakes. They sing carols, and if there are any children in the family, they tell the Christmas story.

On Christmas Day, they visit with family and friends and enjoy a luncheon feast, very similar to a traditional Thanksgiving meal.

Jake Van Messel, a freshman from the German region of Switzerland in the Alps, celebrates what they call Santa Claus on December 25. Family members exchange gifts and eat a large, "sweet dinner." He described the dinner as something similar to breakfast, with pancakes a staple of the meal.

Professor Constantine Ziogas says that the Greek celebration involves the exchanging of gifts on New Year's Eve instead of Christmas. They decorate with either a Christmas tree or a boat for St. Nicholas. At midnight, they begin playing cards and continue until 5 a.m.

Happy Holidays!

*"We wish everyone in the Bryant family
joy and good health during
the holiday season."*

Bill and Carol Trueheart