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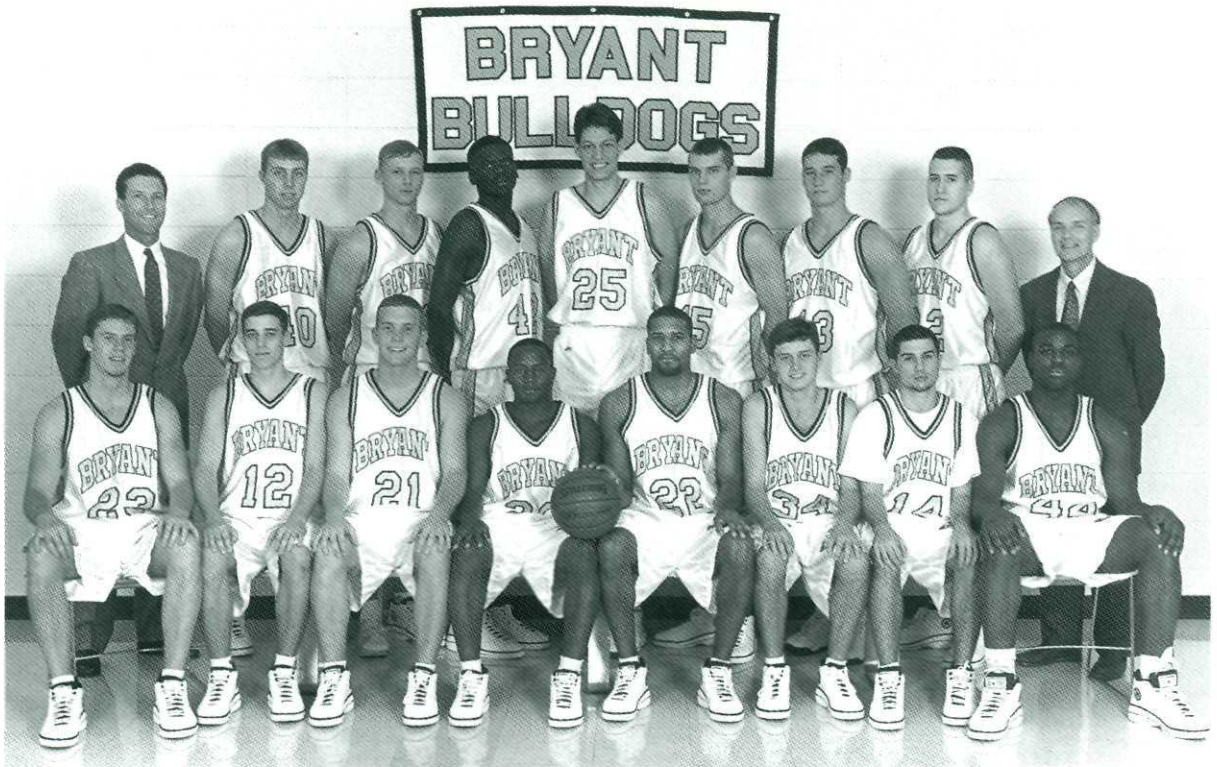
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BRYANT COLLEGE

1996-97 MEN'S BASKETBALL





The 1996-97 Bulldogs: (back row) head coach Ed Reilly, David Turner, Jim Burton, Fred Wande, Steve Wiacek, Jake Johnson, Keith Miller, Jeff Pennini, assistant coach Ed Gagnon. (front row) Marc Mulherin, Frank Hill, Jerry O'Connor, Herman Thomas, Noel Watson, Greg Beaumier, Jason Bennett, Earl Jones (missing: assistant coach Glenn Senecal)

Bryant Facts

<i>Address:</i>	1150 Douglas Pike Smithfield, RI, 02917-1284
<i>Founded:</i>	1863
<i>Enrollment:</i>	2,300
<i>Nickname:</i>	Bulldogs
<i>Colors:</i>	Black and Gold
<i>President:</i>	Ronald K. Machtley
<i>Director of Athletics:</i>	Dr. Linda C. Hackett
<i>Assistant Director of Athletics:</i>	Coni Fichera
<i>Head Athletic Trainer:</i>	Charlie Mandeville
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ON THE COVER: *The class of 1997.* Front row: Jerry O'Connor and Herman Thomas. Back row: Steve Wiacek, David Turner, Marc Mulherin and Noel Watson.

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Head Coach Ed Reilly

When Ed Reilly took over as Bryant's head coach in 1989, the task at hand was simple: rebuild a program that had suffered through a 16-68 record in the three seasons prior and recapture a College community that had become indifferent after years of futility. Eight years later, Reilly's revitalization of Bryant basketball has the campus electrified as the team embarks on what could be the most exciting season in school history.

Reilly, the first full-time coach in Bryant basketball history, brought an impressive resume when he arrived in Smithfield in the fall of 1989. His references read like a Who's Who of NCAA Basketball: former Brown and Providence head coach Joe Mullaney, former Princeton mentor Pete Carril, and George Blaney, now at Seton Hall.

A 1976 graduate of Holy Cross, Reilly served two years as head coach at Kingswood Prep in Connecticut. He took his first college job in 1978 when he became Mullaney's assistant at Brown University. He moved on to Princeton to work with the legendary Carril in 1980. Two years later, Reilly returned to his alma mater to assume the role of Blaney's number-one assistant. Reilly spent seven years at Holy Cross before being named at Bryant in 1989.

Reilly brought the Bryant program back to stay in 1993-94, when he led his squad to the NORTHEAST-10 Final and came within a point of reaching the NCAA Tournament. The performance did not go unnoticed by the New England Basketball Coaches Association as it named Bryant the Most Improved Division II program.

Coach Reilly directs his highly-successful boy's basketball camp held at Bryant each summer. The camp, which is held in two separate week-long sessions, drew over 400 participants last year.



Assistant Coach Ed Gagnon

Regarded as one of the top X's and O's coaches in the area, Ed Gagnon arrived here eight years ago as Coach Reilly's top assistant. Gagnon is no stranger to southeastern New England, coming to Bryant after an outstanding high school coaching career at Bishop Feehan High in Attleboro, MA. *During his 16-year tenure there, he was one of the most successful coaches in Massachusetts, directing the Shamrocks to 220 wins and eight Southeastern Massachusetts Conference divisional championships.*

Gagnon, a 1966 graduate of St. Francis (ME), assists Coach Reilly with the organization of daily practice sessions and is integral in the areas of scouting and recruiting.



Assistant Coach Glenn Senecal

Glenn Senecal enters his fifth season at Bryant. Well-known in New England college basketball circles, Senecal arrived at Bryant after three years as an assistant at Holy Cross. Prior to his tenure at Holy Cross, Senecal coached at Assumption and his alma mater, Nichols.

Senecal's responsibilities include daily practice sessions, scouting, and recruiting.

He also assists Coach Reilly at his basketball camp.



The Bulldogs at a Glance...

1995-96 Record: 13-14

Conference Record/Finish:
8-8/fourth

Postseason: Lost to St. Anselm,
100-81, in the NORTHEAST-10
Tournament semifinal.

Starters Returning/Lost: 4/1

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 10/4

Top Returning Players:

Noel Watson: Sr., Guard, 16.1 ppg,
6.5 rpg, 3.8 apg, second-team
all-NE-10 last season.

Herman Thomas: Sr., Guard,
10.0 ppg, 4.0 apg last season;
92 career steals.

Steve Wiacek: Sr., Center, 8.3 ppg,
4.8 rpg last season; Bryant's all-time
leading shot blocker.

Marc Mulherin: Sr., Forward:
10.3 ppg, 4.9 rpg last season.

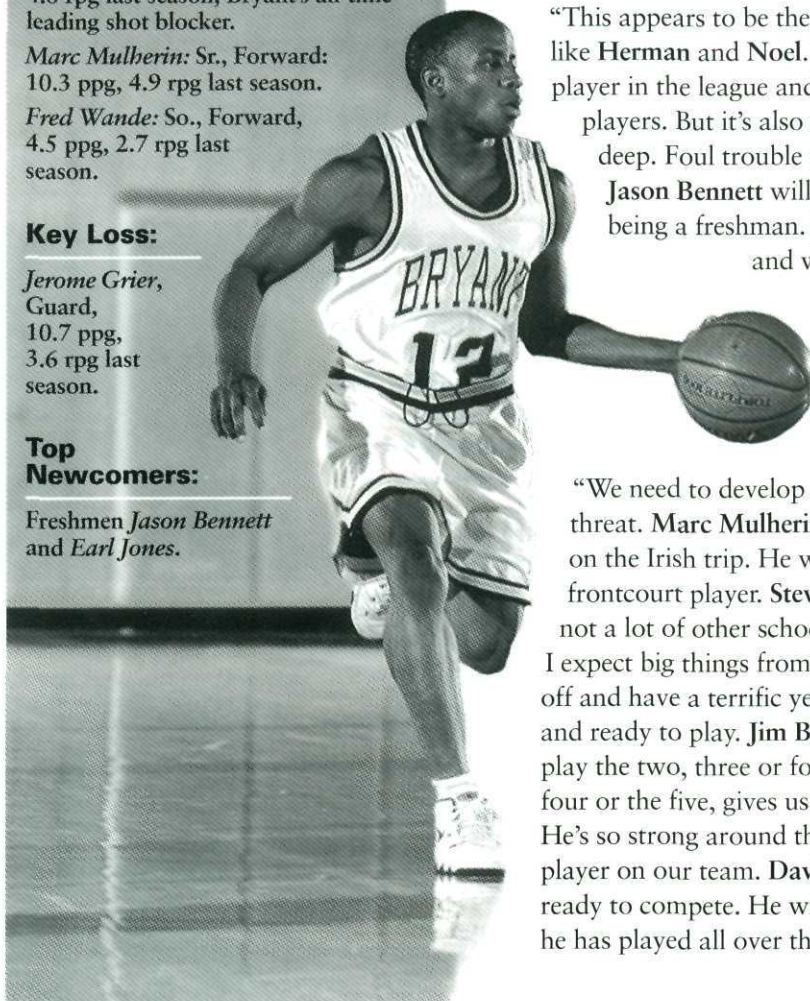
Fred Wande: So., Forward,
4.5 ppg, 2.7 rpg last
season.

Key Loss:

Jerome Grier,
Guard,
10.7 ppg,
3.6 rpg last
season.

Top Newcomers:

Freshmen **Jason Bennett**
and **Earl Jones.**



■ Senior Guard Herman Thomas

A Conversation with Coach Reilly

Let's talk about the upcoming season. What are your thoughts about this season's squad?

"I like our team. We have a good core of veterans who have started before and been through the wars. This is the first year since I have been here that we've gone into a season with so much senior experience. That should bode well for the team. The challenge to our coaching staff and to the players is to get them to step up as a group to a championship level day in and day out. Our team's success will depend on our ability to reach that goal. We haven't accomplished our goal, which is to win the conference championship."

Herman Thomas and Noel Watson certainly give you experience in the backcourt. Can you elaborate on the guard situation?

"This appears to be the strength of our team with players like Herman and Noel. Herman is perhaps the quickest player in the league and Noel will be one of its premier players. But it's also a concern because we aren't that deep. Foul trouble or injuries could be a problem.

Jason Bennett will fit right into the offense despite being a freshman. Jerry O'Connor knows the system and will see action primarily at the two.

Frank Hill will be asked to back-up at the point."

Depth should not be a problem in the frontcourt. What do you need from the forwards and centers?

"We need to develop a more consistent inside scoring threat. Marc Mulherin was our top player last spring and on the Irish trip. He will defend the toughest opposing frontcourt player. Steve Wiacek gives us a dimension that not a lot of other schools in our league have a 6-11 center. I expect big things from him. Fred Wande is ready to take off and have a terrific year. Keith Miller came back in shape and ready to play. Jim Burton is a versatile player who can play the two, three or four. Earl Jones, who can play the four or the five, gives us a physical presence in the low post. He's so strong around the basket and is the most physical player on our team. David Turner is kid who is always ready to compete. He will move back to the three, although he has played all over the frontcourt."

How is the NORTHEAST-10 going to shape up?

"This will be a typical year in our league; there is good balance. Realistically, there are a number of teams, such as St. Michael's, St. Anselm, Bentley and Le Moyne, that will compete for the title. We'd like to think that we'll be one of them. It's funny, though, because often teams you figure to win it don't. I am more concerned about our team focusing on the things we need to do well rather than worrying about everyone else in the league."

You've never shied away from top-notch competition.

Should fans expect the same from this season's schedule?

"Yes. Our schedule is very difficult. Every night in the league is a severe test. Our out-of-conference schedule is always difficult and this year is no exception. We open at Franklin Pierce, one of the top-rated teams in New England. We've got three outstanding teams from outside New England coming in for the Bryant Classic: Dowling from New York, East Stroudsburg from Pennsylvania and Rollins, who has been one of the top teams in the Sunshine State Conference. We have to be more resilient this year. We played very well early on last season; we really battled the top-ranked teams. We didn't keep that pace up throughout the season, though. We can't let setbacks become major setbacks. We have to respond in a championship fashion. That's where senior tough-mindedness comes in."



■ Sophomore Forward Fred Wande

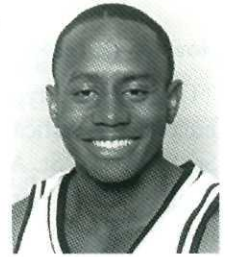
1996-97 Men's Roster

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/High School
12	Frank Hill	So.	G	6-1	170	Middletown, RI/Bishop Connolly
10	Jason Bennett	Fr.	G	5-11	155	Seekonk, MA/St. Raphael's Academy
15	Jake Johnson	Fr.	F	6-6	200	York, ME/York
20	Herman Thomas (C)	Sr.	G	5-9	160	Bronx, NY/Mt. St. Michael Academy
21	Jerry O'Connor	Sr.	G	6-2	190	Shrewsbury, MA/Shrewsbury
22	Noel Watson (C)	Sr.	G	6-3	200	Danielson, CT/Killingly
23	Marc Mulherin	Sr.	F	6-5	207	Hatfield, MA/Smith Academy
25	Steve Wiacek	Sr.	C	6-11	235	Bristol, RI/Bristol
32	Jeff Pennini	Jr.	C/F	6-5	225	Hanson, MA/Massasoit CC
33	Jim Burton	So.	F	6-5	195	S. Boston, MA/Catholic Memorial
34	Greg Beaumier	Fr.	G	6-0	160	Haydenville, MA/Hampshire Regional
40	David Turner	Sr.	F	6-6	190	Uxbridge, MA/Uxbridge
42	Fred Wande	So.	F	6-6	200	Bronx, NY/Cardinal Spellman
13	Keith Miller	So.	F	6-5	225	Cliffside Park, NJ/Bergen Catholic
44	Earl Jones	Fr.	F	6-5	225	Cambria Heights, NY/Martin Van Buren

20 HERMAN THOMAS

Captain • Senior • Guard • 5-9, 160 • Bronx, NY/ Mt. St. Michael Academy

This three-year captain will run the show for Coach Reilly... will be asked to score more as well as distribute... offensive catalyst who can make the smart pass or hit the clutch shot... possesses blazing speed and extraordinary quickness... dedication to improve perimeter shooting paid dividends last season as Herman became Bryant's best three-point threat, shooting 46.2%... has played in all 82 games the past three seasons... liberal arts major... led Bulldogs in scoring four times as a junior including a career-high 28 points in 90-88 loss to St. Anselm... all-league choice at Mt. St. Michael Academy... **Last season:** started 26 games... scored in double figures 12 times... paced an 88-75 win at UMass-Lowell with 21 points... dished out season-high seven assists twice (at Bentley, vs. New Hampshire College)... season-high six boards at AIC... 17 points and six rebounds in NE-10 semifinal loss to St. Anselm.



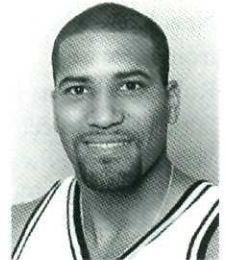
THOMAS' CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	GP	GS	FG	FGA	PCT.	3P	3PA	PCT.	FT	FTA	PCT.	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG
'93-'94	29	9	58	141	41.1	20	53	37.7	82	101	81.2	7.5	2.5	2.6	1.1
'94-'95	26	25	97	235	41.3	21	66	31.8	78	96	81.3	11.3	3.3	3.8	1.1
'95-'96	27	26	93	196	47.4	18	39	46.2	66	85	77.6	10.0	3.0	4.0	0.8
TOTAL	82	60	248	572	43.4	59	158	37.3	226	282	80.1	9.6	2.9	3.5	1.0

22 NOEL WATSON

Captain • Senior • Guard • 6-3, 200 • Danielson, CT/Killingly

One of NE-10's premier players... strong and versatile... terrific outside shooter... look for Noel to create more out of the half-court set, making him an even more lethal offensive threat... squad's top scorer past two seasons... honorable mention all-NE-10 as a sophomore... reached 30-point mark twice that season, including a career-high 34 at St. Anselm... accounting major... first-team all-state in basketball and honorable mention all-state in football as a senior at Killingly... named National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete... Dean's List student... **Last season:** named second-team all-conference... top Bulldog scorer in 18 contests... led team not only in scoring but rebounding at 6.5 rpg... recorded 20+ points eight times... torched New Hampshire College for 29 points and 11 rebounds... his 25-point, nine-rebound outburst lifted the Bulldogs past Franklin Pierce in the season-opener... tallied 28 points vs. AIC.



WATSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	GP	GS	FG	FGA	PCT.	3P	3PA	PCT.	FT	FTA	PCT.	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG
'93-'94	29	0	87	205	42.4	28	76	36.8	27	40	67.5	7.9	3.7	1.7	0.8
'94-'95	26	20	140	302	46.4	41	109	37.6	72	115	62.6	15.1	5.6	2.4	1.4
'95-'96	27	26	172	366	47.0	33	107	30.8	58	88	65.9	16.1	6.5	3.8	1.4
TOTAL	82	46	399	873	45.7	102	292	34.9	157	243	64.6	13.0	5.3	2.6	1.2

23 MARC MULHERIN

Senior • Forward • 6-5, 207 • Hatfield, MA/Smith Academy

Marc has been a starter for the past two seasons... steady and hard-nosed, Marc will mix it up with anyone under the glass... he is a dogged defender who usually draws the opposition's toughest frontcourt player... played extremely well on team's Irish Trip last spring... led Bryant in rebounding 15 times over the past two seasons... put on 10 pounds in off-season conditioning program... majoring in management... all-Western Massachusetts at Smith Academy... also played soccer and baseball... prepped at Worcester Academy... **Last season:** only player to start in all 27 games... scored in double figures in 15 contests... 23 steals... exploded for a career-high 21 points and 12 rebounds in an 81-75 victory over Merrimack... his 16 points sparked the Bulldogs' overtime win over St. Michael's.



MULHERIN'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	GP	GS	FG	FGA	PCT.	3P	3PA	PCT.	FT	FTA	PCT.	PPG	RPG
'93-'94	29	0	25	73	34.2	4	12	33.3	33	44	75.0	3.0	2.1
'94-'95	11	11	31	61	50.8	0	2	0.0	23	38	60.5	7.7	6.0
'95-'96	27	27	88	169	52.1	1	2	50.0	100	132	75.8	10.3	4.9
TOTAL	67	38	144	303	47.5	5	16	31.3	156	214	72.9	7.0	4.3

25 STEVE WIACEK

Senior • Center • 6-11, 235 • Bristol, RI/Bristol

Three-year starter... excellent shot blocker... coaching staff feels that Steve could blossom into the league's dominant big man... expected to control boards and be a defensive force... although he is used predominantly in the low post, Steve is also effective facing the basket... outstanding sophomore campaign saw him lead team in rebounding and blocked shots... his 46 blocked shots that year is a school record... also school career shot-block leader with 84... marketing major who is a Dean's List student... recorded career-best 13 boards at New Hampshire College... **Last season:** made 24 starts... scored in double figures in ten contests... registered two double-doubles (vs. New Hampshire College and Assumption)... tossed in a career-high 17 points at Bentley... recorded 16 points against St. Michael's.



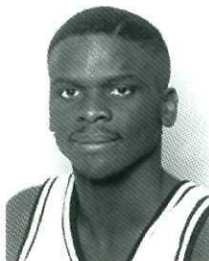
WIACEK'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	GP	GS	FG	FGA	PCT.	3P	3PA	PCT.	FT	FTA	PCT.	PPG	RPG	BPG
'93-'94	26	6	14	34	.412	0	0	0.0	9	18	50.0	1.4	1.3	0.5
'94-'95	26	25	88	165	.533	0	0	0.0	55	90	61.1	8.9	6.4	1.8
'95-'96	27	24	90	187	48.1	0	1	0.0	45	65	69.2	8.3	4.8	0.9
TOTAL	79	55	192	386	49.7	0	1	0.0	109	173	63.0	6.2	4.2	1.0

42 FRED WANDE

Sophomore • Forward • 6-6, 200 • Bronx, NY/Cardinal Spellman

Coaches look for Fred to build off a solid freshman year... high-energy player with a flair for the spectacular... predominantly used at the four spot but will see time at center... improved ball-handling skills and perimeter game make him difficult to defend... another Bulldog frontcourt player who added bulk in the off-season... accounting major minoring in sociology... athlete of the year at Cardinal Spellman High, where he averaged 15 ppg and 10 rpg... all-league and all Bronx/Manhattan in basketball and football... **Last season:** played in all 27 games and made two starts... Fred's 24 blocks were second on the team... came on late in season, averaging 7.5 ppg and 5.8 rpg over last four games... career-high 13 points at Assumption... his 11 rebounds were crucial in Bryant's 99-96 to win over St. Michael's.



WANDE'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	GP	GS	FG	FGA	PCT.	3P	3PA	PCT.	FT	FTA	PCT.	PPG	RPG
'95-'96	27	2	42	101	41.6	0	0	0.0	38	56	67.9	4.5	2.7

33 JIM BURTON

Sophomore • Forward • 6-5, 195 • S. Boston, MA/Catholic Memorial

Jim was the first player off the bench in his first season in the black and gold... will be sidelined for first half of season with a broken foot... versatility makes him valuable as a swingman and power forward... good passer who sees floor well... averaged 21 points and 10 rebounds at Catholic Memorial, where he earned all-scholastic honors... **Last season:** scored in double figures seven times... burst onto the scene with 15- and 13-point efforts in first two collegiate games (vs. Franklin Pierce, at UMass-Lowell)... tied season-high total of 15 points at Quinnipiac... ripped down career-high nine rebounds vs. New Hampshire College.



BURTON'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	GP	GS	FG	FGA	PCT.	3P	3PA	PCT.	FT	FTA	PCT.	PPG	RPG
'95-'96	27	1	59	123	48.0	10	27	37.0	63	88	71.6	7.1	2.9

12 FRANK HILL

Sophomore • Guard • 6-1, 170 • Middletown, RI/Bishop Connolly

Look for Frank to spell Thomas at the point... fundamentally sound and capable perimeter shooter, will also provide depth at off-guard... accounting major... averaged 20 points and five rebounds at Bishop Connolly High School... **Last season:** scored five points in his first college game, a 90-66 rout of Quinnipiac... knocked down his only collegiate three-point attempt in that same game.



HILL'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	GP	GS	FG	FGA	PCT.	3P	3PA	PCT.	FT	FTA	PCT.	PPG	APG
'95-'96	4	0	2	2	100.0	1	1	100.0	0	0	0.0	1.3	1.0



21 JEREMY (Jerry) O'CONNOR

Senior • Guard • 6-2, 190 • Shrewsbury, MA/Shrewsbury

Jerry has found his niche contributing minutes at both guard spots... will see time primarily at off-guard this season... earned scholarship this year... knowledge of Coach Reilly's system makes him a valuable asset... Jerry is an accounting major who has made Dean's List every semester... three-sport standout at Shrewsbury HS (basketball, soccer and track)... basketball team captain and all-league selection... youngest of seven children... *Last season:* saw action in 13 games... scored career-high six points at Cal. State-Los Angeles... grabbed five rebounds at Bentley... had four boards against St. Anselm.



O'CONNOR'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	GP	GS	FG	FGA	PCT.	3P	3PA	PCT.	FT	FTA	PCT.	PPG	RPG
'93-'94	7	0	2	8	25.0	1	1	100	0	0	0.0	0.7	0.1
'94-'95	18	0	8	30	26.7	0	8	0.0	7	9	77.8	1.3	0.6
'95-'96	13	0	4	18	22.2	2	5	40.0	2	2	100.0	2.3	1.2
TOTAL	38	0	14	56	25.0	3	14	21.4	9	12	75.0	1.4	0.6

40 DAVID TURNER

Senior • Forward • 6-6, 190 • Uxbridge, MA/Uxbridge

David is a versatile player who has seen time all over frontcourt... will play primarily small forward this season... still working to overcome knee injury which caused him to miss last seven games of '94-'95 campaign... terrific mental approach to game... accounting major... led Uxbridge HS to an undefeated season... named to Milford Daily News, Worcester Telegram & Gazette and Southern Worcester County League all-star teams... *Last season:* played in five games... career-high four rebounds came vs. Quinnipiac.



TURNER'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	GP	GS	FG	FGA	PCT.	3P	3PA	PCT.	FT	FTA	PCT.	PPG	RPG
'93-'94	4	0	0	2	0.0	0	0	0.0	1	2	50.0	0.3	0.3
'94-'95	19	0	8	33	24.2	0	9	0.0	8	15	53.3	1.3	1.8
'95-'96	5	0	1	8	12.5	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.4	1.0
TOTAL	28	0	9	43	20.9	0	9	0.0	9	17	52.9	0.6	1.0

13 KEITH MILLER

Sophomore • Forward • 6-5, 225 • Cliffside Park, NJ/Bergen Catholic

Coaching staff has high hopes for Keith this season... great potential... wide-body who is a force on the boards... deceptively quick and very strong... underwent off-season conditioning program that should pay immediate dividends... accounting major minoring in computer information systems... all-county, all-league at Bergen Catholic... averaged 20 points and 10 rebounds... *Last season:* saw action in 14 contests... tallied season-high five points twice (vs. Quinnipiac, at Cal. State-Dominguez Hills)... four rebounds in overtime loss at Merrimack.



MILLER'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	GP	GS	FG	FGA	PCT.	3P	3PA	PCT.	FT	FTA	PCT.	PPG	RPG
'95-'96	14	0	8	21	38.1	0	1	0.0	8	12	61.5	1.7	1.2

10 JASON BENNETT

Freshman • Guard • 5-11, 155 • Seekonk, MA/St. Raphael's Academy

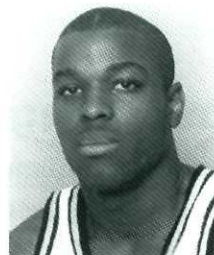
Coaches expect Jason to step in and contribute... will see time as Watson's understudy... sees floor well and can distribute the ball... sharp shooter who will make opposing guards pay if they are too concerned with Thomas and Watson... management major... Rhode Island High School Player of the Year in 1996... an excellent student, Jason was also an all-state academic choice.



44 EARL JONES

Freshman • Forward • 6-5, 225 • Cambria Heights, NY/Martin Van Buren

Earl will see considerable time off the bench at power forward and center... a bruising, physical presence in the low post... combines brute strength and quickness... should develop perimeter game to compliment his inside game... coaching staff likes his desire to learn and eagerness to listen... marketing major... honorable mention all-city at Martin Van Buren High School... MVP of Martin Van Buren HS Thanksgiving Tournament and Elmcove Martin Luther King Tournament.



15 JAKE JOHNSON

Freshman • Forward • 6-6, 200 • York, ME/York

Jake will likely be a reserve player this season... is in an excellent learning and competitive situation with a strong group of forwards... made adjustments in early-season practices that have encouraged coaching staff... capable shooter... three-sport athlete at York High School (baseball, basketball, and golf)... voted top offensive player on basketball team... earned coaches award in golf.



32 JEFF PENNINI

Junior • Center/Forward • 6-5, 225 • Hanson, MA/Massasoit CC

Jeff gives the Bulldogs another rugged, physical presence... transfer from Massasoit Community College in Brockton... played for head coach Mark Ottovianelli... business management major and accounting minor... set state relay and javelin records at Whitman-Hanson HS.



34 GREG BEAUMIER

Freshman • Guard • 6-0, 160 • Haydenville, MA/Hampshire Regional

Greg will battle to break into the guard rotation... marketing major... team captain and most valuable player of Hampshire Regional HS basketball team in senior season... attended Bridgton Academy, where he graduated with honors... earned coaches' award.



1995-96 Season in Review

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	HIGH SCORER
Nov. 21	FRANKLIN PIERCE	W 92-89 (OT)	Noel Watson (25)
Nov. 26	UMass-Lowell	W 88-75	Herman Thomas (21)
Nov. 30	NEW HAMPSHIRE COLLEGE	L 103-110 (OT)	Noel Watson (29)
Dec. 2	QUINNIPIAC	W 90-66	Noel Watson (23)
Dec. 6	BRIDGEPORT	W 69-57	Noel Watson (15)
Dec. 9	Saint Anselm	L 80-82	Noel Watson (24)
Dec. 11	Dowling	L 73-76	Steve Wiacek (13)
Dec. 28	Cal State Dominguez	L 59-64	Noel Watson (14)
Dec. 30	Cal State Los Angeles	L 66-79	Dan Dahl (12)
Jan. 2	Cal State Bakersfield	L 81-88	Noel Watson (16)
Jan. 10	Stonehill	W 74-73	Noel Watson (21)
Jan. 13	Assumption	W 84-78	Noel Watson (21)
Jan. 15	American International	L 57-61	Noel Watson (12)
Jan. 20	SAINT ANSELM	L 76-101	Noel Watson (17)
Jan. 24	Saint Michael's	L 73-87	Marc Mulherin (17)
Jan. 27	MERRIMACK	W 81-75	Marc Mulherin (21)
Jan. 30	BENTLEY	L 57-59	Noel Watson (12)
Feb. 1	Stonehill	L 63-66	Noel Watson (24)
Feb. 3	AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL	W 72-58	Noel Watson (28)
Feb. 6	ASSUMPTION	W 73-59	Jerome Grier (17)
Feb. 8	Quinnipiac	W 72-67	Noel Watson (16)
Feb. 10	Bentley	L 67-87	Steve Wiacek (17)
Feb. 14	NEW HAVEN	W 73-70	Watson, Wiacek (14)
Feb. 17	SAINT MICHAEL'S	W 99-96 (OT)	Mulherin, Wiacek (16)
Feb. 22	Merrimack	L 63-65	Thomas, Wiacek (11)
Feb. 24	Stonehill*	W 68-66	Watson, Mulherin (14)
Feb. 25	Saint Anselm*	L 81-100	Noel Watson (18)

*denotes NORTHEAST-10 Tournament

HOME GAMES IN CAPS



Bryant College Quick Facts

Undergraduate Enrollment:

2,300 students representing 48 countries and 32 U.S. states.

Undergraduate Programs:

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration: accounting, applied actuarial math, computer information systems, finance, management, marketing.

Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies: communication, economics, English, history, international studies.

Program Minors: biotechnology, computer information systems, economics, English, environmental science, history, legal studies, psychology, sociology.

Campus Life:

Eighty percent of the student body resides on-campus. Approximately 18 percent of the student body belongs to fraternities (eight) and sororities (five). Sixty clubs and organizations and on-campus activities such as concerts, feature films, intramural sports, music programs, performing arts series, and philanthropic events are available to all students.

Athletics:

Conference: NORTHEAST-10

Affiliation: NCAA Division II, ECAC (Eastern College Athletic Conference)

Men's Sports: baseball, basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, tennis, and track.

Women's Sports: basketball, cross country, soccer, softball, tennis, track, and volleyball.

Financial Aid:

Eighty-nine percent of this fall's freshmen class received financial aid (average package: \$12,000). Athletic scholarships are awarded in men's and women's basketball.



"Education for Business Leadership"

Bryant College has been educating America's business leaders for 133 years. In response to the ever-changing challenges of the business environment throughout the world, Bryant offers a nationally-acclaimed education that blends both business principles and the liberal arts.

Bryant ranks among the nation's top three business specialty schools in the 1996 *U.S. News & World Report's*, "America's Best Colleges" annual guide. Bryant is one of the business programs that hold accreditation from the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business- a distinction that is shared with the finest university-based business and management schools in the nation.

Bryant's classes average 30 students. The student-faculty ratio of 18 to 1 ensures the personal attention both in and out of the classroom. Over eighty percent of the faculty have doctoral or the highest degree possible in their fields.

Results of a recent annual survey show that over 90 percent of our graduates have jobs or are attending graduate school within six months of graduation.

A Beautiful Campus

Bryant's wooded campus is situated in Smithfield, RI. Three-hundred eighty-seven acres of New England countryside that include rolling hills, quiet woods, scenic ponds, and open fields make up the campus. The College offers a secure and spacious setting that is close to the attractions of metropolitan areas. Bryant provides an excellent atmosphere for study and plenty of opportunities for on- and off-campus recreation.

The hub of campus academic activity is the Unistructure, an all-encompassing building that contains classrooms, faculty offices, and administrative offices. A focal point of the Unistructure is the plexiglass-domed Koffler Rotunda, a central gathering place for members of the Bryant community. Also located in the Unistructure is the Edith M. Hodgson Memorial Library, one the finest business libraries in New England. The residence halls, computer center, student center and athletic complex are all within walking distance.

Many student-oriented services are located at the Bryant Center. Conveniences include the campus bookstore, typing and word processing facilities, copy and resume services, a unisex hair salon, dry cleaning, game and music rooms, a wide-screen TV lounge, an interfaith chapel, and areas to study and talk.

Bryant's housing options are one reason why so many of our students live on-campus. On-campus housing is guaranteed at Bryant and the accommodations are excellent. The Freshmen Complex houses up to 600 first-year students in its two residence halls. Sophomores and juniors may choose the privacy and luxury of a suite in the village area. Many seniors settle into one of the 84 townhouses located near the edge of campus.

The social life at Bryant is busy. Students enjoy a wide range of activities such as films, concerts, lectures and sporting events. The College's clubs and organizations on-campus are also very popular.

A Great Location

Because of its central location, Bryant offers a choice of exciting off-campus destinations. Rhode Island has many geographic, historic and cultural attractions as well as shoreline that stretches for an astounding 400 miles.

Movies, restaurants, and a shopping mall are just minutes away. Only 15 minutes down the road is the state capital of Providence. This is the place to go for a wide variety of fine ethnic food, professional sports, concerts and other special events.

Historic Newport, an hour's drive south, boasts fabulous beaches, a renowned jazz festival, world-class sailing events and waterfront mansions. Boston, home of Red Sox baseball, Bruins hockey, Celtics basketball, the Museum of Fine Arts, the Boston Symphony Orchestra, theaters, clubs and thousands of college students, is one hour north by car. Even New York City, with its endless attractions, is a three-hour drive.

While all students may have a car on-campus, regular train and bus services are available. The newly-built T.F. Green Airport in nearby Warwick, RI, is 25 minutes away.

Sophisticated Technology

Bryant facilitates innovative thinking by providing the latest technology for its students. The Koffler Technology Center contains more than 200 computer terminals, microcomputers and work stations. Students can be assisted by equipment provided in the PC Lab, Word Processing Lab, Advanced Applications Lab or the Actuarial Lab.

The Center also houses a new NYNEX Telecommunications Center, which provides state-of-the-art equipment for desktop publishing, video conferencing and other forms of data transmission.

The Davis classroom, New England's first multi-networked learning environment, is where classwork can be done on three platforms-MAC, DOS, and Internet.

On-campus communication options include E-mail, Gopher, Internet and WorldWide Web. Students can access the College's communication technology directly from their room through the campus-wide network.

The Mission

The purpose of the athletic program is to provide a competitive athletic environment that encourages each individual to work hard, compete and strive to reach personal goals- at whatever participation level they choose. Participation in athletics also permits individuals the opportunity to develop skills in goal setting, team work, dedication to tasks, leadership, and more, which can be incorporated in everyday life. The athletic department is committed to maintain the student-athletes academic success as the main priority. It also pledges to keep the welfare of the student-athlete as the central concern.

Excellence

Looking for a school where academic excellence is being met by a quality athletic program? Welcome to Bryant College. Last year, 29 percent of the College's student-athletes made the Dean's List (3.2 grade-point average or better). In the past five years, Bryant teams have captured 17 conference or regional championships. The 1995-96 academic year exemplified the academic and athletic success achieved by Bryant student-athletes over the years.

■ Former NORTHEAST-10 Volleyball Player of the Year and team captain Meribah Dean was Rhode Island's nominee for NCAA Woman of the Year. She was one of 51 athletes chosen from all three NCAA divisions and all collegiate sports. Dean graduated cum laude with a B.S. in accounting and was a Dean's List student all eight

semesters. She was honored at the 1996 NCAA Woman of the Year awards dinner in Kansas City, MO in October.

■ Three Bulldogs earned Academic All-American honors in 1996. Tennis captains Roman Pavlik and Andrew Lipsky were named to the GTE Academic All-American team, and cross country captain Mandy LaPierre was an NCAA All-Academic selection.

■ Sixty-two student-athletes were honored by the NORTHEAST-10 as members of the conference's all-academic squad.

■ Forty percent of the College's student-athletes registered a 3.0 g.p.a. or better.

■ The women's cross country team posted an outstanding 3.41 g.p.a. The Bulldogs also finished second at the NORTHEAST-10 Meet.

■ Golf, men's tennis and women's basketball all earned bids to the NCAA Tournament and volleyball made the ECAC Tourney.

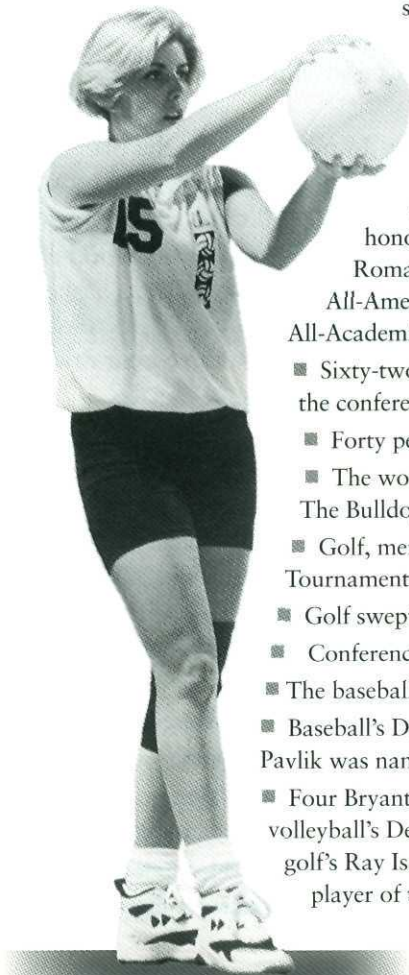
■ Golf swept to its fourteenth NE-10 championship in sixteen years this October.

■ Conference regular-season crowns went to tennis and volleyball.

■ The baseball team won a school-record 24 games.

■ Baseball's Darin Dagle was a first team ACBA All-American, and tennis' Pavlik was named to the ITA All-America squad.

■ Four Bryant student-athletes earned conference player of the year accolades: volleyball's Dean, tennis' Pavlik (a four-time winner), cross country's Jessica Duval and golf's Ray Issler. This fall, Issler followed Pavlik and captured his fourth consecutive player of the year award- the first golfer in NE-10 history to do so.



“Athletics in business-school setting, such as Bryant, provides students with a unique opportunity to grow. To succeed in business requires leadership, teamwork and the ability to communicate- all characteristics that are honed through athletics. A student pursuing a business degree and who strives toward individual excellence within a team concept will find sport to be an essential part of the educational process.”

■ **Dr. Linda C. Hackett,**
Director of Athletics

“As a former college athlete, I know the important role athletics plays on a college campus and in life. Sports provide long-term benefits for both the participant and the spectator, such as teamwork, leadership, competitive spirit and goal-setting. Bryant's athletes are our best ambassadors. I'm proud of how they represent the College.”

■ **President Ronald K. Machtley**

“Bryant is an exceptional school. We can compete for any prospective student who is interested in an excellent education and being a top Division II player. The campus setting is a big plus. All our coaches know that if we get a recruit on-campus to see the facilities and resources, and meet our players that we will continue to land quality individuals.”

■ **Ed Reilly**

The **NORTHEAST-10**

Widely regarded as one of the top NCAA Division II conferences in the nation, the *NORTHEAST-10 membership includes institutions which blend proud academic with rich athletic traditions.*



The NE-10 expanded outside of New England in 1996. Le Moyne became the first New York-based institution to enter the fold this year, and Pace University will begin league play next season. These schools join the nine New England members, American International, Assumption, Bentley, Bryant, Merrimack, Quinnipiac, Saint Anselm, Saint Michael's and Stonehill.

Last year, NE-10 basketball was displayed in the national spotlight when four women's teams reached the NCAA Tournament. On the men's side, the conference was represented in the NCAA Regional Finals.

While the NORTHEAST-10 is nationally known for its basketball programs, the conference is very competitive and continues to grow in other sports. The conference sent teams in nine sports to the NCAA Tournament last year. In 1994, Merrimack captured the NCAA Division II softball national championship and AIC's softball team played in the World Series last spring. The fall marked the first-ever NE-10 field hockey championship.

Conference champions are crowned in 13 sports.

Facilities

Bryant's outstanding athletic facilities have attracted top-notch student-athletes in New England since the campus moved to scenic Smithfield in 1971. Within walking distance of the dormitories and townhouses are 35 sprawling acres of attractive playing fields.

Bryant's challenging 3.2-mile cross country course is recognized by coaches and runners as one of the finest in New England. The course hosts Bryant and NE-10 meets, NCAA Division I competition and state and regional high school meets. The Junior Olympics held its national championship here in 1993.

Bryant unveiled its \$400,000, eight-lane track on April 23, 1994. Runners from all over New England enjoy the track's ability to accommodate fast meet times and rigorous training sessions.

The six tennis courts, three soccer fields, baseball and softball diamonds, field hockey field and space for club and intramural sports add to Bryant's wide-range of athletic opportunities.

The Bryant indoor sports complex compliments the College's versatile outdoor facilities. The hub of College's athletic facilities is the Bryant Gymnasium, home to both the basketball and volleyball teams. The Gym's three beautiful hardwood courts make it ideal for tournaments and camps. Twenty-four hundred seats surround center court to give the Bulldogs a decisive homecourt edge as evidenced by Bryant's 46-9 home record last season. The Gym also hosts special events, concerts and guest speakers.

The MultiPurpose Activities Center, with its three multi-dimensional courts, is utilized by baseball, softball and tennis for off-season practice, and for intramural sports. The MAC accommodates Bryant social events as well.

The newly-renovated Jarvis Fitness Center addresses the diverse needs of Bryant athletes. Jarvis is equipped with the latest cardiovascular and strength equipment, and a new aerobics room. The fitness center's extended hours accommodate each athlete's academic and conditioning schedules.

The Bryant sports medicine area is located on the main level of the complex. The sports medicine staff at Bryant provides outstanding health-care to the College's 250 student-athletes. Athletes are treated with the latest in rehabilitation equipment. Physicians are available on-campus for examinations.



■ The Bryant Gymnasium



■ The Jarvis Fitness Center

Dr. Linda C. Hackett, Director of Athletics

Dr. Linda C. Hackett has been the driving force behind the resurgence of Bryant athletics since becoming director in 1993.

Hackett is responsible for the operation of the College's Division II athletic program with 14 varsity teams and over 250 student-athletes, as well as club and intramural activities. The revival of Homecoming Weekend, the inception of basketball's 'Black and Gold Night,' and the Bryant Athletic Awards Banquet are highlights of Hackett's tenure at Bryant.

Her knowledge of the inner workings of college athletics stems from the wide spectrum of sports-related positions Hackett has held. She served as athletic director at Smith College in Northampton, MA for five years prior to coming to Bryant. At Smith, she organized the 100-year celebration of the first women's collegiate basketball game in 1993. Hackett also established the first Homecoming Weekend in 1989.

Hackett spent nine years at the University of Iowa, first as assistant then as associate director of women's athletics. She has also served the Big Ten Conference in various capacities, such as chairing the Big Ten Women's Athletics Administrators Board in 1986-87. Hackett has also supervised and coordinated many of its conference championships, including men's and women's track and field, swimming, tennis, golf, gymnastics and field hockey.

Hackett has also served the NCAA on many occasions, most recently this fall as the chair of the NCAA Division II Women's Soccer New England Regional Committee.

Hackett holds a doctoral degree in physical education with a specialization on athletic administration from Iowa. She also received master's degrees in business administration and physical education there. She did her undergraduate studies at Indiana University, earning a B.A. in German.



Coni Fichera, Assistant Director of Athletics

Coni Fichera's responsibilities touch on all aspects of the Bryant athletic program, including compliance, event management and supervising all the club sports. She is instrumental in the planning of special events, such as Homecoming and 'Black and Gold Night.'

Prior to Bryant, Fichera interned at the Eastern College Athletic Conference from September 1992-May 1993. Her duties focused on the conference's legislative services.

Fichera is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth (NH) State College, where she earned her B.S. in physical education and business. Fichera was a two-sport athlete at PSC, playing four years on the Panther field hockey squad, which she captained in 1992, and two seasons on the women's lacrosse squad. Her on-field accomplishments earned her the Panther Athletic Club award as the college's outstanding senior female athlete. Other honors bestowed on Fichera include "Who's Who in College Athletics," the National Dean's List and the Pinkerton (NH) Academy Hall of Fame, where she attended high school.



Jon Sjogren, Head Baseball Coach/ Facilities Manager

Jon Sjogren joined the Bryant staff as the College's head baseball coach in 1991. Two years later, he added the position of athletics facilities manager to his list of duties. Sjogren is in charge of the daily operation of the MultiPurpose Activities Center, gymnasium and the athletic fields as well as the scheduling of outside events.

The 1992 and 1996 NORTHEAST-10 Coach of the Year, Sjogren led his alma mater to a school-record 24 wins and the conference final last season. In 1992, he piloted the Bulldogs to 21 wins. Sjogren starred for Bryant from 1985-88, hitting .440 with eight home runs in his senior season.



Charlie Mandeville, Head Athletic Trainer

Charlie Mandeville has been treating Bryant's student-athletes for the better part of two decades. He works with all intercollegiate sports and supervises the sports medicine area.

Aside from his duties at Bryant, Mandeville has cared for the New England Patriots, the Boston Red Sox and the U.S. Olympic Camp during in his career. In 1994, Mandeville was honored by the American Athletic Trainers Association as "Trainer of the Year." Mandeville, a graduate of Rhode Island College, is also the head coach of the women's cross country team.



Nicole Piette, Assistant Athletic Trainer

Nicole Piette is in her second year as Bryant's assistant athletic trainer. Her duties range from directing Bryant's rehabilitation program to supervising the Jarvis Fitness Center.

In addition to her responsibilities at Bryant, she also works at the Berkshire Place Nursing Home in Providence. Her previous experience includes Brown University, where she was an assistant trainer, and Sports Therapy of Rhode Island.

Piette is certified by the National Athletic Trainers Association. She graduated from the University of Rhode Island with a B.S. in physical education. At URI, Piette was a Dean's List student, and a member of the Kappa Delta Pi and the Golden Key National Honor Societies. She also starred on the Rams' track team.



John White, Sports Information Director

This is John White's first year as Bryant's sports information director. He is responsible for the publicity of all Bryant's intercollegiate sports.

White, a graduate of the University of Massachusetts/Amherst, came to Bryant from Framingham (MA) State College, where he served as sports information director while earning his master's degree in public administration. He has also worked for the Cape Cod Baseball League, ESPN and the ECAC.



Individual Records

Single Game Records

Points:	53	Dave Sorafine vs. St. Francis, 1976
Field Goals:	25	Dave Sorafine vs. St. Francis, 1976
Free Throws:	22	Lee Schatzlein vs. Mt. St. Mary's, 1984
Free-throw pct:	1.000	Tom Smile (12-12) vs. New Haven, 1965; Colin Lawson (12-12) vs. Assumption, 1993
Field-goal pct:	89.5	Ernie DeWitt (17-19), 1981
Rebounds:	25	Ben Billie, 1968
Assists:	21	Ned Bohan, 1975 vs. St. Anselm
Blocks:	5	Ed Daniels, 1993 vs. Stonehill
Steals:	6	Robert Shuler, 1993 vs. St. Michael's
Three-point FG:	7	Jerome Grier, 1994 vs. Merrimack
Three-point pct:	83.3	Jerome Grier (5-6), 1993 vs. Florida Southern

Season Records

Points:	802	Tom Smile, 1965-66
Scoring avg:	33.4	Tom Smile, 1965-66
Rebounds:	386	Ben Billie, 1967-68
Rebound avg:	12.3	Ernie DeWitt, 1980-81
Assists:	319	Ned Bohan, 1974-75
Assist avg:	11.0	Ned Bohan, 1974-75
Field Goals:	309	Dave Sorafine, 1975-76
Field-goal pct:	66.1	Ernie DeWitt (288-436), 1980-81
Free Throws:	208	Tom Smile, 1965-66
Free-throw pct:	83.7	Kevin O'Brien (41-49), 1995
Three-point FG:	83	Tom Larranaga, 1987-88
Three-point pct:	47.3	Rob Fritz (52-110), 1989-90
Blocks:	46	STEVE WIACEK, 1994-95
Block avg:	1.7	STEVE WIACEK, 1994-95
Steals:	57	Jerome Grier, 1993-94
Steal avg:	2.0	Jerome Grier, 1993-94

Career Records

Points:	2390	Tom Smile, 1964-67
Scoring avg:	28.8	Tom Smile, 1964-67
Rebounds:	1036	Ernie DeWitt, 1977-81
Rebound avg:	13.2	Ben Billie, 1967-69
Assists:	964	Ned Bohan, 1971-75
Assist avg:	9.1	Ned Bohan, 1971-75
Field Goals:	88.4	Ernie DeWitt, 1977-81
Field-goal pct:	62.8	Ernie DeWitt (984-1568), 1977-81
Free Throws:	572	Tom Smile, 1964-67
Free-throw pct:	86.1	Steve Ruggieri (179-202), 1980-84
Three-point FG:	142	Jamie Ryan, 1986-89
Three-point pct:	40.8	Jerome Grier (281-731), 1992-96
Blocks:	84	STEVE WIACEK, 1993-
Block avg:	1.0	STEVE WIACEK, 1993-

Team Records

Single-Game Records

Points:	134 vs. Babson, 1965
Field Goals:	53 vs. Babson, 1965
Free Throws:	46 vs. Mt. St. Mary's, 1984
Free-throw pct:	91.7 vs. Bentley, 1993
Field-goal pct:	67.2 vs. Suffolk 1974
Rebounds:	78 vs. Nichols 1973
Assists:	39 vs. Maine, 1974
Blocks:	10 vs. Stonehill, 1993
Steals:	15 vs. Rhode Island College, 1992
Three-point FG:	15 vs. Teikyo Post, 1992
Three-point pct:	62.5 vs. Bentley, 1993

1000-Point Club

NAME (YEARS)	PTS.
Tom Smile (1964-67)	2390
Ernie DeWitt (1977-81)	1854
Paul Berlo (1980-83)	1718
Gregg Cooper (1982-86)	1651
David Burrows (1990-94)	1499
Lee Schatzlein (1980-84)	1475
Dan Mazzula (1976-80)	1389
Jerome Grier (1992-96)	1326
Don Gray (1966-69)	1203
Ray Depelteau (1971-73)	1185
Derek Higgs (1986-89)	1173
George Yates (1966-69)	1170
Ron Harrison (1980-84)	1114
Bob Chuprevich (1968-69)	1107
Rich Rose (1989-92)	1089
Bruce Stewart (1971-73)	1067
Julius Sacko (1987-91)	1063
NOEL WATSON (1993-)	1057
Dennis Verni (1980-83)	1046
Paul Seymour (1976-78)	1019
Tom Dupont (1973-76)	1017
Chris Avery (1974-78)	1006

Season Records

Games:	32	1985-86
Wins:	22	1966-67
Win streak:	22	1966-67
Winning Pct:	91.7	1966-67
Points Scored:	2402	1974-75
Scoring avg:	92.2	1966-67
Rebounds:	1399	1974-75
Rebound avg:	48.2	1974-75
Assists:	492	1993-94
Assist avg:	17.0	1993-94
Field Goals:	989	1973-74
Field-goal pct:	54.3	1978-79
Free Throws:	554	1993-94
Free-throw pct:	74.2	1979-80
Three-point FG:	200	1993-94
Three-point pct:	42.9	1991-92
Blocks:	87	1995-96
Block avg:	2.8	1993-94
Steals:	315	1993-94
Steal avg:	10.9	1993-94



■ Senior Guard
Noel Watson