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A Publication for Alumni, Parents and Friends of Bridgewater State College



Community Service Thrives at BSC

Welcome to the newly redesigned *Bridgewater* – the magazine of Bridgewater State College.

Bridgewater's Editorial Board, with valued input from its Advisory Board informed by a reader survey and design development by Philip McCormick of *Design works.*, today presents to you – one of the more than 43,000 readers of *Bridgewater* – a publication with a decidedly new look and feel.

Bridgewater has been fashioned to better reflect the college's dual mission – to educate residents of the region and the state and to serve as an economic and cultural catalyst in the region. The magazine, through its content and design, paints a more vivid portrait of Bridgewater State College's continuous growth, institutional dynamism and leadership in public higher education and the region.

The magazine offers full-color spreads throughout that feature major college initiatives, stories about students, faculty, staff and an ever-growing alumni population. Sections such as Class Notes and Nota Bene, magazine mainstays, have been redesigned with the readers' needs in mind. *Bridgewater* will continue as a triannual publication, with issues in the fall, winter and summer.

The Donor Honor Roll, traditionally featured in the fall issue of *Bridgewater*, has been moved to a new college publication – *The Philanthropy Report* – which includes a number of features about the college's philanthropic efforts and the people behind them. That publication will be distributed by the Institutional Advancement Division in a separate mailing.

We hope you agree that our efforts to enhance communication with all of Bridgewater State College's varied audiences – alumni, faculty, students and their families, staff and friends – through redesign and thoughtful story development in *Bridgewater* have been a success.

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Bridgewater aims to keep alumni, faculty, students and their families, staff and friends of Bridgewater State College informed about the college community and its impact on the region. The triannual college magazine is written, designed and edited with the needs of its varied audiences at heart and in mind.

On the cover: Bridgewater State College students and staff spent two days this fall volunteering at several sites in the region. Clockwise from upper right: BSC volunteers paint a new display at the Easton Children's Museum, clean up around Bridgewater's Carver Pond, spend time visiting with local seniors at East Bridgewater's Sachem Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and stock food at a food pantry. See story pages 2-5.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Each year at this time, we pause to take stock of where we are as an institution. As I told our campus community on the opening day of the academic year, we have entered a tremendously exciting era for Bridgewater State College. Nowhere are the signs of our success more apparent than when we look at ourselves “by the numbers:”

- This year the college will be home to 278 full-time faculty, a net gain of 17 over last year and 27 since the fall of 2002.
- Student participation in our undergraduate research program has risen 264 percent over the past five years, and the number of students involved in the Honors Program is up more than 500 percent over the same period.
- Our faculty and students have come together to introduce two new professional publications intended to showcase scholarship and creativity – *The Bridge* and *The Undergraduate Review*.
- The college's endowment stands in excess of \$13 million. It is the largest of any state or community college in the commonwealth and among the largest of any public institution in New England.
- More than 150 of our students had the opportunity to study or travel abroad last year, a number that has tripled since 2001. In addition, nearly 350 students were placed in professional internships, and more than 400 volunteered for service activities through the college's new community service center.
- We are nearing completion of a \$2.3 million program to renovate and upgrade every general purpose classroom on campus. By the end of this academic year, nearly 100 percent of our teaching spaces will be fully wired for new technology. In addition, 100 percent of our first- and second-year students are equipped with notebook computers.
- Last May, the college graduated its inaugural class of 28 Master of Social Work students. Demand for this program continues to exceed our greatest expectations.
- College course offerings at off-campus sites have grown considerably over the past several years, and we offer more than 140 programs at 42 satellite locations.
- And we've invested \$4.8 million to transform our library into a learning space for the 21st century. Two million dollars of additional work remains and will be completed next summer.

As alumni, faculty, students, staff and friends of Bridgewater State College, we should all be proud of what we've accomplished. But as I reminded the college community on opening day, these

achievements are not what our institution is all about. Rather, they are simply means to greater ends. Our mission remains – as it was at the time of our founding in 1840 – humble. All of us share a common set of values:

- **First, we must do everything in our power to expand the scope and improve the quality of the student experience.** Whether it is through our support of traditional classroom learning, independent research projects, collaborations with faculty, artistic expression or athletics, we must attend to all sides of our students' development.
- **Second, we must harness the new energy that arises naturally from this pursuit and channel every bit that we can back into the public we serve.** What we do on campus is only as important as the impact it has on our region, state and world.
- **Third, we must increasingly position ourselves to be agile, dynamic and responsive.** There are too many great opportunities coming our way that we'll miss if we're not nimble enough to recognize and seize them.

Everything that we do at Bridgewater State College must be grounded in one of these core beliefs. Together, they must guide our decision-making and be the benchmark by which we measure our progress. No matter our level of success, we must never lose sight of them.

On our shoulders are the hopes and dreams of the next generation, and at our feet are the challenges and opportunities of a changing world.

Sincerely,



Dana Mohler-Faria
President



Bridgewater State College Students Volunteer Throughout the Region

Community Service Center extends college's collaborative culture, providing students with real-world experience and, subsequently, a deeper appreciation for what they have in their own lives

By John Winters

The basement of Taunton State Hospital's Gifford Building was hotter than a steam press, but that didn't stop Ketna Julmeus from doing her part to help the clients who live at the facility during one of two Bridgewater State College days of service.

Ms. Julmeus, a junior from Cambridge, was one of about 20 BSC resident assistants (RAs as they're known on campus) who spent a hot, late-August day volunteering at the hospital's thrift shop, The Treasure Chest.



BSC students cook food at barbecue for residents of East Bridgewater's Sachem Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.



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It was part of the college's first-ever RAs Day of Service, where more than 60 of BSC's finest helped out at the hospital and two other locations in the region.

"A lot of people my age don't know about places like this," Ms. Julmeus said, taking a break from folding donated clothing.

Community service has long been a part of Bridgewater State College's culture, but with the creation of the Community Service Center last year, the college's efforts on that front have picked up significantly.

"I'm amazed by the number of students who come to my office looking for volunteer opportunities," said Ms. Diane Bell,



Dana Mohler-Faria, college president.

"Our mission at Bridgewater State College is to attend to all areas of our students' development," he said. "The work that our students are doing through community service and service learning projects allows them to better understand and participate in society and to appreciate their world from a variety of perspectives. Along the way, they gain enriching – and sometimes even life-changing – experiences."

The volunteer bug is spreading, Ms. Bell said. During the 2004-2005 academic year nearly 400 members of the BSC community participated in events and programs that were sponsored wholly or in part by the Community Service Center, which helped an additional 300 students find volunteer opportunities and service learning projects.

Ms. Bell is hoping service will become a campus-wide epidemic.

"We would love for each student, before graduating from Bridgewater State College, to volunteer or perform some sort of community service because the experience is invaluable," Ms. Bell said. "If anything, it opens their eyes to some of the hardships and issues that other people face, and makes them aware of the important environmental issues. Volunteering can also help them to appreciate what they have in their own lives. And it also allows them to see how some people are happy with what little they have."

At Taunton State Hospital, the RAs performed an important role for its thrift shop. At The Treasure Chest, the hospital's residents get to select what they want from the store for free while the public can buy items at a low cost. The money helps fund things like additional computers and televisions for those who reside at the facility.

Having BSC students and staff pitching in was a great help, said Eddie Nunes, the longtime volunteer who oversees The Treasure Chest. "It was great. They really cleaned up around here," he said.

BSC Resident Director Elin Riggs and the RAs spent the day sorting and folding donated clothes during their time at The Treasure Chest. She praised the initiative for helping both the community and the volunteers.

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coordinator of the Community Service Center. "Many of them have tutored and been mentors of Big Brother Big Sisters, while others have volunteered at camps for Special Olympics athletes or been involved in their church youth groups."

On the day before fall semester classes began, Good Neighbors Day, which is part of new-student orientation, sent more than 100 BSC student volunteers to eight locations around the region.

So, whether it's volunteering throughout Southeastern Massachusetts, working with the American Cancer Society, writing letters to the troops overseas or making quilts for babies with HIV/AIDS, members of the BSC community are involved.

These efforts are all a part of the overall education BSC students receive, said Dr.



BSC students lend a hand at a local food bank.



A group from BSC's Office of Residence Life and Housing spend a day sorting and folding donated clothing at The Treasure Chest at Taunton State Hospital.

importance of teamwork," she said. "By volunteering, students are aware of the needs of others. I remember last year, a student went to Brockton on Martin Luther King Jr. Day and said, 'I didn't realize this much poverty was in my own backyard.'

"I hope students realize that they all have something to give to others, even if it's only a little bit of their time."

"I hope it makes students realize just how fortunate they are to be able to attend college," Ms. Bell continued. "And I also hope students realize that they all have something to give to others, even if it's only a little bit of their time."

More than 100 BSC students learned firsthand about the importance of service when they participated in Good Neighbors Day. At eight sites around the area, the students dug in and helped out in a variety of ways.

BSC sophomore Jessica Berry of Bridgewater said she comes from a back-



"I think it's important to get the RAs out into the community and see the different agencies they can work with," said Ms. Riggs, who works at Pope and Scott Halls. "They're getting out and giving back a little bit."

After all, she added, members of BSC's residential staff are seen as leaders on campus, and volunteering sets a great example.

The college's students, staff and faculty volunteer around the area throughout the year. One project held last year on Martin Luther King Day sent nearly 100 members of the BSC community throughout the region to help at several sites, such as

nursing homes and a children's museum.

But the two days of volunteerism at the beginning of the school year are designed to assist students – new and returning – to find out where their help is needed. It also gets their feet wet in a number of areas, Ms. Bell said.

"It's a great way to make new students feel welcome as a part of the Bridgewater State College family, and it reiterates the

Bridgewater State College sponsored two days of community service at the start of the fall semester.

RAs Day of Service

More than 60 students and staff members from BSC's Office of Residence Life and Housing spent a late-summer day volunteering at three locations:

Catholic Charities, Brockton

Taunton State Hospital

YouthBuild, Brockton.

Good Neighbors Day

Good Neighbors Day (formerly known as Into the Streets), is a part of new-student orientation, with faculty, staff and students encouraged to take part in the annual event. This year's theme was "Lights,

Camera, Take Action," and members of the BSC community volunteered at the following locations:

Taunton Boys and Girls Club

Mainspring Coalition for the Homeless/Mainspring House, Brockton
Charity Guild, Brockton

Sachem Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, East Bridgewater

Carver Pond, through the Bridgewater Conservation Commission

Our Daily Bread, Taunton.

Participants wrote letters to U.S. troops stationed abroad and put together activity books for patients at a local children's hospital.

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ground of community service – her father operates a shelter for the homeless. She spent Good Neighbors Day with more than a dozen of her fellow students at Our Daily Bread, a soup kitchen located in the parish hall of Taunton's St. Thomas Episcopal Church, serving meals and cleaning up afterward.

"This is great because it opens your eyes to what's going on in the real world," she said.

Freshman Tiffany Blais, during a break from mopping, said volunteering can often make young people see things in a different light. "It's good to see what other people are going through," the Woburn resident said. "It makes you realize how fortunate you are."

Nearly 20 other students spent Good Neighbors Day chatting with the residents of East Bridgewater's Sachem Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center. Then it was barbecue time, and the students served up a cookout the residents won't soon forget.

"They're a great help," said Sachem's Judith Gill, adding that without the BSC volunteers, things like barbecues are difficult to accomplish at the busy center.

Some of the Good Neighbors Day volunteers had a rather colorful experience – helping The Children's Museum in Easton buff up things for its fall season.



A group of students spend Good Neighbors Day volunteering at the Taunton Boys and Girls Club.



BSC student spends a private moment with a resident at Sachem Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in East Bridgewater.

Overseeing the work, as well as pitching in, was Steve Hill, '93, operations manager at the museum. He said the BSC crew's help was critical. "It means a lot," he said. "This is the only time of year we can do this."

The museum welcomes more than 37,000 young people every year. Thanks to the BSC students' efforts, they'll be greeted by a museum that's even more vibrant with color, including a new wall display.

Allison Perrier was one of the volunteers (she also works part time at the museum), and said service is a great way for students from outside the area to get to know the surrounding community.

"It makes you realize how fortunate you are."

"It's great to get out there," she said. "A lot of students come to Bridgewater and don't know the area."

Perhaps Jessica Berry's philosophy on volunteering is the one all should share: "Why not do it?" she said. "It just makes sense to help others." ■



BSC students and staff of the Office of Residence Life and Housing spend a day of service at Brockton's Catholic Charities.

BSC Alumnus Works with College's Geo Graphics Lab to Keep His Finger on the Pulse of Nation's Hurricanes

By John Winters

Stockbrokers will tell you that past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. However, when it comes to predicting hurricane landfall, Philip Klotzbach, '99, and fellow scientists at Colorado State University – in collaboration with Bridgewater State College's GeoGraphics Lab – are hoping the past does hold the key to the future.

Mr. Klotzbach twice traveled from his job at Colorado State University to spend part of the summer at BSC where, with Geo Lab staff, he has built a program that collects and analyzes hurricane data from as far back as a century and a half ago.

The United States Landfalling Hurricane Probability Project is a collaborative effort between BSC and Dr. William Gray, the man known as the world's foremost hurricane expert, and his team at Colorado State University's Tropical Meteorological Project. It uses a database of historical information to help scientists predict the probability of hurricanes making landfall.

It's been a busy few months for Dr. Gray. He took time the week after Hurricane Katrina made landfall in the Gulf to visit his young protégé's alma mater, Bridgewater State College, which hosts the Hurricane Probability Project.

Known to millions of Americans from his many television appearances during hurricane season and from the insight he's shared with numerous national publications, Dr. Gray and his staff are responsible

for issuing the annual hurricane forecast for the United States.

In the aftermath of Katrina, Dr. Gray has been asked many times for his thoughts on the tragedy. During his BSC visit, the genial scientist said because hurricane seasons are cyclical in their severity, "we've



Philip Klotzbach, '99

known something like this was coming." But the size of Katrina made it a rare phenomenon.

"The probability of a category 4 or 5 hitting was so small," Dr. Gray said. Mr. Klotzbach added, "Small, but not zero." Indeed, New Orleans had been standing for nearly 300 years with nothing in its history even close to Katrina.

"I had to make the pilgrimage," Dr. Gray said as he entered the Geo Lab inside the Moakley Center where he was greeted by co-directors Dr. Uma Shama and Larry Harman. "I kept hearing about what a wonderful place this was."

A Plymouth native, Mr. Klotzbach, has been busy building the historical database

of hurricane activity, which is at the core of the project. While at BSC over the summer, he fed more historical data into the new program and tweaked the parameters it uses to do its work.

The information, gathered from Miami's National Hurricane Center and put through a complex formula, yields the probability that a hurricane will make landfall in particular counties. "It gives people an idea which areas are more likely to have a hurricane make landfall than others," Mr. Klotzbach said.

When he's at CSU, he puts together the half dozen seasonal forecasts the university annually shares with the nation, and assists Dr. Gray in his work. Mr. Klotzbach said he became a self-professed "weather geek" early in life. He was home schooled and entered BSC early, graduating at the tender age of 18, and then obtaining his master's degree four years later at CSU.

His BSC honors thesis on hurricane forecasting set the course for his career and helped him land a spot under his mentor, Dr. Gray. Mr. Klotzbach is gearing up to enter CSU's doctoral program, while working as Dr. Gray's research assistant.

Dr. Gray hailed the CSU-BSC collaboration during his visit as an important tool for his team and other scientists around the country. "This information is going to get a lot of use," he said.

Dr. Shama said the partnership was a marriage made in heaven – well, at least in the upper atmosphere. "It's a good combination. They have the technical expertise needed and the scientific methodology, and we have the capability to put it all together and put it out on the Web," she said.

The project's Web site is www.e-transit.org/hurricane/welcome.html. ■



A MOMENT IN HISTORY...

Portrait

Ms. Charlotte Brown, Class of 1844 at Bridgewater State College. When Bridgewater State College opened for its 165th year on Sept. 9, it also marked the

official anniversary when the first classes met in 1840 — we are reminded of Bridgewater's rich academic, educational, cultural and public service legacies.

Blue Skies and Warm Breezes Have Carried BSC Graduate and Meteorologist Charles Notis from Albania to Bridgewater to Iowa

By David K. Wilson, '71

The story of Charles Notis, '68, begins with his birth and childhood spent in one of Communist Europe's harshest environments, a youth and young adulthood in the eastern United States and, for the last three-plus decades, a career in the heartland of America where he is the co-owner of a successful weather forecasting business.

"It's been an unusual journey, but in most respects, it's been a happy one as well," he said.

"At the end of World War II, when I was an infant, Albania fell under the domination of the Soviet Union," he continued, "and my family was separated by a terrible stroke of luck. At the suggestion of my dad, my mother had taken me to Albania to see after my dad's sick mother while the rest of the family was waiting in a northwest Greek city for money to arrive from my dad's uncle in the United States.

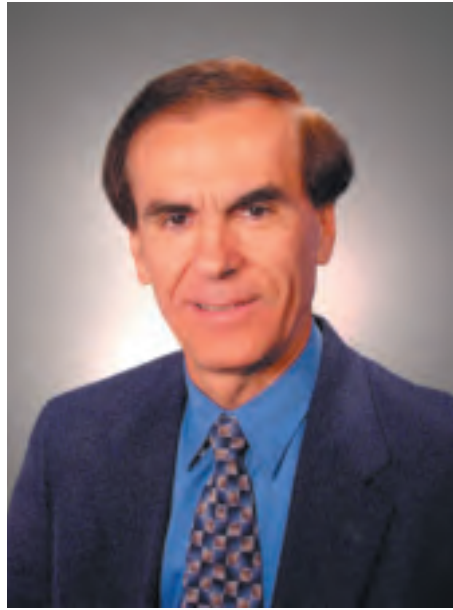
"At that point, the border between Greece and Albania closed. That started 10 years of separation. The rest of my family came to the United States. My dad did everything he could to have my mother and me get out of Albania," he said.

Mr. Notis' father succeeded in October 1954. He managed to hire two individuals in Greece who slipped into Albania to lead his wife, son and five other families across the border. "We had to remain in Greece for a year so the necessary paperwork could be done, and on Sept. 2, 1955, we landed at Logan Airport, where I got to meet my father, sister and other family members for the first time. It was, obviously, an incredible event for me."

When he came to the United States, he said he knew "not a single word of English, but I was young enough to learn English quickly, and the only accent I have is a Boston one," he said.

His interest in meteorology began early in his life in the United States. "I was influenced to study meteorology in college

because as I grew up in Brockton I was a fan of well-known Boston television meteorologists such as Don Kent and Bob Copeland. So when I came to Bridgewater State College, I majored in earth science. I was fortunate to have outstanding faculty, including Dr. Robert Boutilier and Dr. Ira Furlong."



Charles Notis, '68

After graduation in 1968, he applied to graduate school, looking for a meteorological degree program. "Iowa State University seemed like a good choice for me because, in addition to being a good school, it was located in a region of the country with interesting weather," he said.

His plans to attend Iowa State were delayed because in 1968 Mr. Notis was drafted into the U.S. Army. "I was in Fort Jackson, SC, awaiting shipment to Vietnam, and I was only four hours away from departure when fate intervened," he said.

Back home, his father had suffered a stroke, and that temporarily held up his orders. "Shortly thereafter, through the efforts of my congressman, I was given a

hardship discharge from the Army because my mother couldn't speak English, and she had to cope with helping my father get treatment. I had to work to provide financial support for them," he explained.

And then it was back to Bridgewater State College. "After my release from the service in April 1969, I spent the summer at Bridgewater State College earning my teaching certification, and I spent the following year teaching earth science at Somerset Junior High School," he said.

But it was still his dream to become a meteorologist.

"In the fall of 1970, I went to Iowa State and earned my master's degree in meteorology in the fall of 1972. While there, I met a fellow student named Harvey Freese, and we decided to go into business as a private weather consulting company. We named our enterprise, Freese-Notis Weather Service," he said.

Economic times were difficult – a national recession was in progress – and many businesses were struggling.

"We had no money and limited prospects. We began scouring the area around central Iowa looking for potential customers, and among those we contacted was a utility company," he recalled. "It went well, and on May 1, 1973, Mid-American Energy gave us a contract and became our first official client."

Thirty-two years later, Freese-Notis is thriving. It has also expanded its business offerings and today is not only a weather forecasting company but also an Internet service provider. "We've done well, we're happy to be here. My wife, Elaine, and I have raised our two children, Nick and Christine, in Iowa and both graduated from Iowa State University."

It's been a long journey – both personally and professionally – from Albania to Bridgewater State College to the center of the United States, but Charles Notis has made each transition successfully. "Looking back, sometimes I can't believe this all happened in one person's lifetime. I feel truly blessed," he said. ■

Robert Gay, '74, G'76, is 'Massachusetts High School Principal of the Year'

By David K. Wilson, '71

Robert Gay, '74, G '76, could recall with a smile how tenuous his early career in public education had been when he was selected last spring as the Massachusetts High School Principal of the Year.

"I started teaching just as Proposition 2½ came into law, and subsequently I was 'pink-slipped' my first two years in the profession." Frustrated and concerned, he looked seriously into leaving education and decided to pursue an MBA.

He accepted a position as a sales representative with a prominent national insurance company after earning his degree. Even though the money difference was substantial, the company wanted him to build his client base by calling on former students – which did not appeal to him. So he returned, happily, to the classroom.

The beneficiaries of Mr. Gay's decision to stay in education have been the thousands of students, the hundreds of teachers and the Southeastern Massachusetts communities he has served with distinction over the past quarter-century.

"I've been blessed to have had the chance to work with countless numbers of wonderful people who have enriched me, and continue to enrich me, every day of my professional life," he said.

He met his wife-to-be, Linda, '75, G'78, when she came to Bridgewater State College and received a degree in mathematics. Both continued their education at BSC, earning master's degrees.

His first job in the field of education was a modest one, a part-time teaching position at Whitman-Hanson Regional High School. But it proved to be a good investment on his part, because in the fall

of 1975, he started teaching history full-time at the regional high school.

Mrs. Gray was also hired there to teach mathematics, and later she would become a guidance counselor at the school. She remained there a year longer than Mr. Gay (he left Whitman-Hanson after 27 years to become principal of North Attleboro High School).



Robert Gay, '74, G '76

Mr. Gay might well have spent his whole career in the classroom "because I enjoyed teaching immensely." But fate intervened.

"After my very brief career detour in the insurance field, I was on the golf course with the superintendent of schools, and he asked me, 'Have you ever thought of going into administration?' I said, 'No, I haven't.' He told me I should apply for the assistant principal's position, which was vacant.

"In December 1987, I was chosen for the position. That confirmed to me that my decision to remain in education had been the correct one." Eight years in that position gave him the necessary background and experience to move up to principal at Whitman-Hanson when the opportunity arose in 1995.

He did not confine himself to the principal's office. "I continued coaching wrestling and teaching a class because that was very important to me to maintain contact with students on a regular basis," he said.

Mr. Gay was principal of Whitman-Hanson for six years and might well have spent his entire career there. "Linda and I and our two children, Kristin and Kevin, had been living in Raynham for a number of years. In what would prove to become my last year at Whitman-Hanson, we decided to move to Attleboro, and shortly thereafter, I learned that there would be an opening for the principal of North Attleboro High School."

His experience, reputation and record of success led to his appointment in March 2001, as North Attleboro's high school principal. "It proved to be an excellent move for me, and at the end of my first year as principal, the superintendent offered Linda a position as a guidance counselor, which she accepted. Once again we were working in the same school," he said.

"This is a great community and a great school system," said Mr. Gay. "We'll be forever grateful to all the people with whom we were associated at Whitman-Hanson. Now we're in a different place with new challenges, and today Linda and I each feel that coming to North Attleboro was exactly the right choice for us."

The connections that Mr. Gay and his wife established with Bridgewater State College remain important to them. "Nearly all of the good things that happened to us as adults came about because of Bridgewater. We never miss a chance to tell anyone how much this college has meant to us," he said. ■

A MOMENT IN HISTORY...

Albert Gardner Boyden

A native of South Walpole, Mr. Boyden, pictured in 1857, graduated from Bridgewater State Normal School in 1849. He returned in 1850 to serve as an assistant to Bridgewater's first president, Nicholas Tillinghast, and remained until 1853.

He came to Bridgewater – this time for good – in 1857 as an assistant to the college's second president, Marshall Conant. Appointed president in 1860, he remained in that position for 46 years. His total service to the college covered 61 years.



State Legislators Provide 'Down Payment' on Long-Term Investment in Public Higher Education

By Bryan Baldwin

Following years of deep cuts, public higher education is once again front-and-center in the eyes of the Massachusetts Legislature.

Over the summer, lawmakers approved a modest increase for public higher education spending, which Gov. Mitt Romney promptly signed into law. Bridgewater State College received a \$1.7 million increase for fiscal year 2006, a 5.5 percent increase over FY'05. While the college's state appropriation has grown by nearly \$4 million over the past two years, it is still below where it was at the beginning of the decade.

Prudent management of the new resources allowed the institution, among other things, to hire a net gain of 27 faculty over the past three years and to make major improvements to the Maxwell Library and classrooms across campus.

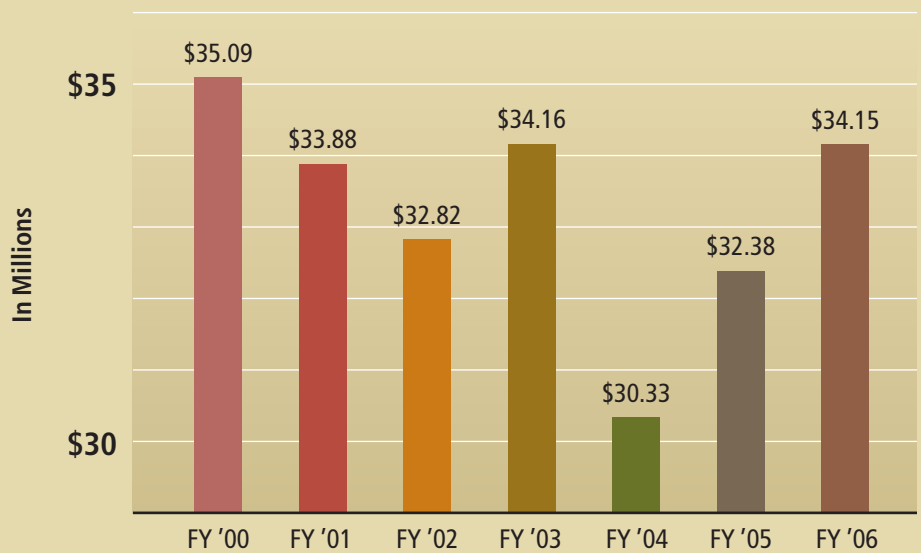
"I think there has been a real attitudinal shift in the public's appreciation of its higher education institutions," said Dr. Dana Mohler-Faria, president of Bridgewater State College. "I think, too, that we're doing a much better job as a system of state colleges, community colleges and universities in getting the word out about just how critical we are to the economic, social and cultural prosperity of the public we serve."

State Sen. Robert O'Leary, co-chair of the commonwealth's Joint Committee on Higher Education, visited campus to participate in the Connect Regional Leaders Summit. He said supporting public higher education was a legislative priority, and that the new infusion of resources constituted a critical 'down payment' on a much longer-term investment.

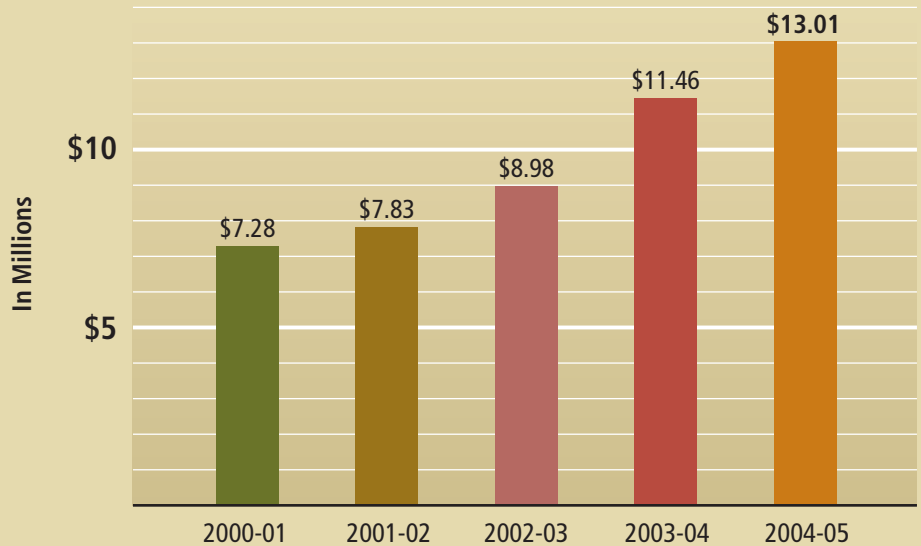
"Not that long ago, higher education was a discretionary choice," said Sen. O'Leary. "People could choose to do it or choose not to do it. We all know, both as educators and as parents, that this is no longer the case. Public higher education is as central to a person's development as K-12 education, and we need to step up and accept the responsibility."

Though increased public spending

State Appropriation for Bridgewater State College



Bridgewater State College Endowment



came as welcome news to the institution's thousands of students and employees, it should be noted that the college grew substantially even during the leanest years of the last recession, thanks to the rapid growth of private giving.

Ms. Molly Fannon Williams, vice president for institutional advancement, said the Annual Fund and gifts to the endowment generate two essential – and stable – sources of funding for new programs. BSC's endowment, in excess of \$13 million, is the largest of the state and

community colleges in Massachusetts and among the largest of any public institution in New England.

"Our ability to be responsive and nimble in the face of changing student, faculty and public needs is greatly enhanced by the commitment of our alumni, donors and friends," said Vice President Fannon Williams. "Even during tough times we've been able to enrich further the student experience. Now that the public commitment is catching up to the private, the sky will be the limit." ■

Bridgewater State College's Board of Trustees Bring Dynamic Backgrounds to Bear for the Future Success of the College

By John Winters

The hands guiding Bridgewater State College represent a diverse and talented group of individuals recognized for their vast professional experience and dedication to public higher education.

The college's 11-member Board of Trustees is charged with advancing the educational mission of the institution. The past year has seen new faces in the boardroom, including the 2004 appointment of Kelly Carney Kelly and reappointment of longtime college supporter Louis Ricciardi, '81. This year's appointments were Elissa Flynn-Poppey, '94; Robert Carter, '51; and Richard Lucier. Kaitlyn Greeley, a junior from Roslindale majoring in political science, is the student trustee.

Chairman Franklin Ollivierre of Newton Center brings to the board an extensive background in education and community service. The New Bedford native served as the state's Secretary of Executive Office of Elder Affairs and Regional Program Director of the Administration on Aging in Boston. He previously served on the national level as acting associate commissioner for the Administration on Aging.



Franklin Ollivierre

Mr. Ollivierre was special assistant for projects with the Massachusetts Port Authority and remains active in many nonprofit organizations and community agencies, with a goal of helping people become independent and productive. A member of the Board of Trustees and a professor at Boston College, Mr. Ollivierre has long been a proponent of higher education. "I see education as the key that unlocks the doors to opportunity," he said.

Robert Carter, a Weymouth native and former chairman of the town's Board of Selectmen, began his career as a teacher, but soon switched to sales and marketing, working for Georgia Pacific for many years before starting his own brokerage firm in 1987.

Mr. Carter has been a member of the Bridgewater State College Foundation, as well as president and a director of the Bridgewater Alumni Association (BAA). He brings his extensive business expertise to bear upon the goal he has always held for his alma mater. "I just want to continue my efforts to try and do what I can to make a contribution to the college and help retain the quality of a Bridgewater State College education," he said.



Robert Carter, '51

Terry Hart Cogan, '51, is a longtime supporter of the college. She's a four-time chairperson of the college's Annual Fund campaign and serves on the executive board of the BAA and the BSC Foundation. The Hyannis native raised four children while at the same time was very active with national and local political campaigns. She remains active with "Emily's List," which supports female candidates in their bids for national office and is on the boards of two museums, as well as The Boston Ballet Board of Trustees.



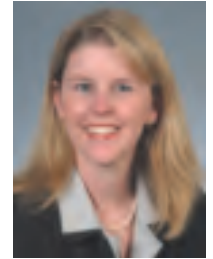
Terry Hart Cogan, '51

Ms. Cogan said she would like to see BSC make its mark in the arts with construction of an arts center and a School of Performing Arts. "That would be of great interest to me. I think they could use that kind of school in South-eastern Massachusetts.

Ms. Flynn-Poppey joined the Board of Trustees because she wanted to give something back to her alma mater. "I had such an amazing experience at Bridgewater State College, both on an academic and personal level," she said. She met her husband, Thomas, '93, while at BSC.

She is an associate in the Boston office of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C., where she practices in the

litigation and government practice sections. She was previously deputy legal counsel to Gov. Mitt Romney and the executive director of the Judicial Nominating Commission for the Office of the Governor of Massachusetts. After graduating from Bridgewater State College, she worked for the late Congressman Joseph Moakley and Sen. JoAnn Sprague. After attending Suffolk Law School, she clerked for the Justices of the Superior Court of Massachusetts and was a litigation associate at a Boston-based firm.



Elissa Flynn-Poppey, '94

Ms. Flynn-Poppey said she's excited about the college's future. "I believe Bridgewater State College is heading in the direction of being a leading public institution for the country," she said.

Attorney Arthur George is a graduate of Boston University and the New England School of Law. A partner in the law firm of George & George, he is admitted to both the Federal District Court Bar and the Federal Court of Appeals. He serves as town counsel for his hometown of Holbrook.

Active for many years, along with his wife Soteria, as a 4H leader, Mr. George is a proponent of teaching Greek and Latin in public schools. Beyond his great belief in the value of public higher education, he always stresses the importance of imbuing young people with the tools necessary to become good citizens.

He sees the value of a BSC education reflected not only in what students learn to make a living, but also what they learn about making a difference. "I hope when students leave the college that they'll remember that they were called to look beyond the mere expertise they may have



Arthur George

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acquired, and will understand that honesty, compassion and a devotion to others transcends and enhances one's life's work," he said.

Student trustee Ms. Greeley has her sights set high. The 20-year-old graduate of Mount St. Joseph Academy in Brighton sees her involvement with the board as the start of what she hopes will be a long and successful career in politics.



Kaitlyn Greeley

"I want to continue studying in the higher education field and

work my way up to being a member of the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education," she said. "Eventually, I'd like to be president of the United States."

Kelly Carney Kelly is a Brockton native and runs a business that offers networking and educational opportunities to chief executives. Ms. Kelly was involved with operations at Raynham/Taunton Greyhound Park for 20 years. She is a 1981 graduate of Regis College and holds a juris doctorate from New England School of Law. Ms. Kelly attended the Owners-Presidents-Managers Program at Harvard Business School.



Kelly Carney Kelly

A member of many boards and associations, Ms. Kelly said she became intrigued by trusteeship at the college after meeting President Mohler-Faria when she was a member of the Massachusetts State College Building Authority.

"I want our graduates to be very happy with the quality of resources we make available to them, and to feel they were taught by the finest faculty and had the latest in technology," she said.

In agreement with that philosophy is board member Matthew Keswick. The president of his own Boston-based government relations and business development firm, he boasts a thorough understanding of political and public policy that comes from working for the past three Massachusetts governors.

During those years, Mr. Keswick held several high-ranking positions, including deputy chief secretary and assistant chief of staff, and performed many duties, including oversight of more than 2,500 political appointments.

He joined the trustees with an eye toward ensuring that BSC remain a top-notch institution. "I have seen the college evolve over time, and I wanted to give some volunteer service to the institution and see if we could make it even better and brighter and keep it as the shining star of the state college system," he said.

The newest member of the board, appointed in September, is Richard Lucier. A graduate of Colby College, he is active with his alma mater's alumni organization as a fundraiser.

"The college serves a very important population in Southeastern Massachusetts, one that's important to retain following graduation," he said. "In jobs and education here in the commonwealth we seem to be losing a lot of well-educated people. The college also addresses the needs of young people who want a quality education at an affordable cost, enabling them to find responsible positions in their home state."

Mr. Lucier retired in 2000 after 30 years as a general manager and CEO in the corporate training and management development field. His job, in a nutshell, he said, was helping people and their organizations become successful.

Dr. Judith Block McLaughlin is a member of Harvard University's graduate faculty, a senior lecturer on education, director of its Higher Education Program and educational chairperson of the Harvard Seminar for New Presidents. She has demonstrated her lifelong commitment to higher education – and her belief in the importance of a strong public



Matthew Keswick



Richard Lucier

higher education system – in both her career and through her work with the Bridgewater State College Board of Trustees.

"When I became a trustee, I saw Bridgewater State College as the premier state college in Massachusetts, and I wanted to support its current strengths and future potential," she said. "When our graduates look back at their time at Bridgewater, I hope they remember good friends and special faculty members, and appreciate that they received an education that is as fine as they could get anywhere."

Mr. Ricciardi is serving on the board for a second time. The Assonet resident had previously served two terms as a trustee, from 1989-1999, and was chairman of the board from 1990-1994. Mr. Ricciardi is senior vice present and senior retirement planning specialist for UBS Financial Services/The Ricciardi Group in Taunton and serves on several public and private boards.

As a BSC trustee, he shares his experience in finance and strategic planning and his close connections to the community. "I am an adamant believer in the value of public higher education," he said. "I live it; I breathe it, and have been afforded the great opportunity to put that belief into practice through my work at the college."

Mr. Ricciardi has been a member of the BSC Foundation since 1990, serving as chair from 1996-2004. He co-chaired BSC's first capital campaign, and in 1994, founded the Chairman's Dinner, the college's premier fundraising event.

"I hope our students remember the sense of community here and of being among a hugely diverse group of people all brought together in the same place," he said. "It's important that the folks behind me coming through have the same opportunity that I did." ■



Dr. Judith Block McLaughlin



Louis Ricciardi, '81

Six New Academic Departments at BSC This Year

By David K. Wilson, '71

Bridgewater State College has begun the 2005-2006 academic year with six new departments – all created from what were formerly joint enterprises.

Dr. Nancy Kleniewski, provost and vice president for academic affairs, made the announcement that what – until this year – had been the Department of Communication Studies and Theatre Arts would be separated into the Department of Communication Studies and the Department of Theatre and Dance.

Similarly, there are separate departments of sociology and criminal justice and earth sciences and geography.

“For the past few years we’ve had a policy, which is mandated by the Board of Higher Education, of asking every department to have a program review once every five years,” explained Dr. Kleniewski.

“The program reviews are an opportunity for each academic program – majors, mostly, undergraduate and graduate – to take a look to the future and see where their discipline is going and what are the kinds of things they need to help them bring their programs in line with future trends in their discipline.

“What kinds of curriculum do they need? What kinds of faculty do they need? What kinds of equipment do they need?” she continued.

“Through the program review process, three departments asked to be ‘decoupled’ – they were merged departments.

“In the case of sociology and criminal justice, the department had originally been a sociology department, and it added criminal justice, but criminal justice grew to be just as big as sociology, or even bigger,” said Dr. Kleniewski.

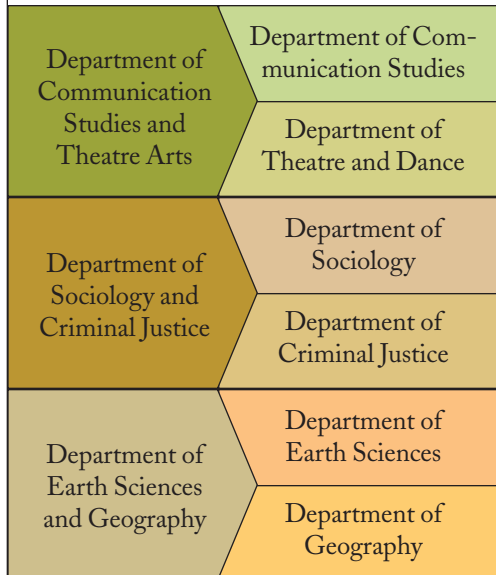
“In the case of communication and theatre and dance, the communication program was larger but, more importantly, theatre and dance are highly specialized disciplines.

“In earth science and geography, both of the disciplines have gone in different

directions since the time the department was first formed. Geography now has much more of a focus on GIS and mapping issues, while earth science is much more about core properties of the earth and minerals and related issues,” Dr. Kleniewski said.

The final decisions were based on careful study and planning, the provost explained.

“We asked outside reviewers from peer institutions – senior faculty in similar departments from schools comparable to BSC – to come in and study these requests, and the reviewers recommended the separations because of the specialized nature of each of their disciplines.”



The moves have proven popular with members of the departments involved.

Dr. Jabbar Al-Obaidi, chairman of the Department of Communication Studies, said, “We are very pleased that the college has decided to allow us to concentrate organizationally on the academic programs and course offerings that fall within our area of study.

“As our offerings in television, radio, journalism and related communication disciplines increase, so too will the need for more faculty and resources,” continued Dr. Al-Obaidi.

“Equally so, our colleagues in theatre and dance, with whom we worked closely for more than a quarter century, feel exactly the same because the mission of our two

departments is quite different. This is a good move for all involved.”

Professor Henry Shaffer, chairman of the Department of Theatre Arts and Dance, agreed.

“It marks an attempt by the college to move forward in the arts in order to position us as an arts-based center in South-eastern Massachusetts,” he said. “We’re offering a new major in theatre and a new major in dance, and we have a strong set of majors in both areas, allowing us to do what we do best.”

Dr. James-Hayes Bohanan, chairman of the Department of Earth Sciences, also expressed strong support.

“Over the past few years the two sides of our department, earth sciences and geography, have gradually increased the number of faculty and students, and we’ve just gotten to the size where we could function independently,” he said.

Dr. Patricia Fanning, chair of the new Department of Sociology, endorsed the move as well.

“Since its inception here at Bridgewater State College, the sociology program has always been part of a joint department. As the number of students majoring in anthropology, sociology and criminal justice grew, it became more and more difficult to balance adequately the needs of each program and its students.

“In addition, the department has always provided a number of courses for the college’s General Education Requirement offerings,” said Dr. Fanning.

“We are now looking forward to focusing our efforts on a department we believe will serve our students and the college’s mission well into the future,” she said.

Dr. Sandra Faiman-Silva, acting chair of the Department of Anthropology, was equally enthusiastic.

“Ours is the only Anthropology Department among the nine Massachusetts State Colleges, and departmental status allows us to continue to broaden our course offerings and work on attracting new majors. We look forward to contributing substantially through our curriculum to building cross-cultural understandings, which is the heart of our discipline,” Dr. Faiman-Silva stated. ■

BSC Professor Advocates Foreign Language Instruction for Students of all Ages

By David K. Wilson, '71

For more than 10 years, first-year Chinese has been taught at Bridgewater State College, “and that’s good for our students,” said Dr. Wing-Kai To, a professor of history who is active in promoting multicultural activities at BSC.

He speaks from experience when he discusses the advantages of learning a second or, in his case, a third, language.

“I started learning English when I was in kindergarten in Hong Kong,” said Dr. To, who is fluent in both Cantonese and Mandarin Chinese, as well as in English.

“At the time, Hong Kong was a British colony, and English was taught in all grades. That was different from mainland China, where English language instruction did not take place until later. Now it starts in the first grade,” he explained.

“Today English is taught in schools all across China. The same is not true in the United States as far as Chinese instruction is concerned.”

Cantonese was his first language, Dr. To said.

“It’s spoken mainly by those who live in southern China and Hong Kong. Although Cantonese and Mandarin are written with the same characters, one who speaks Cantonese – or Mandarin – will not be understood when speaking unless those hearing it understand both languages. The intonations are completely different,” he said.

As a result of his own education, Dr. To is an enthusiastic advocate of introducing foreign language instruction early in U.S. schools.

“Certainly, we should encourage students to learn a foreign language at the earliest opportunity so they can continue to improve their fluency as they grow up. It truly takes two or three years of learning another language before one is comfortable with speaking and writing it,” he said.



Dr. Wing-Kai To

Dr. To’s own early English instruction was limited primarily to the learning of grammar and writing.

“By comparison, English is relatively simple in terms of writing, so I didn’t have much trouble. Chinese has many thousands of characters, and it’s a ‘tonal language’ – the meaning of a word changes with its sound. So learning Chinese is a challenge. I didn’t begin speaking English on a regular basis until I arrived in America,” he said.

China’s growing economic prowess is one important reason that Dr. To believes American students should be encouraged to study Chinese.

“Actually, I think it’s a good idea for American students to study either Chinese

or Japanese. America’s trade with East Asia is increasing dramatically. There are many places in the world today where having the ability to speak either Chinese or Japanese is a real advantage professionally,” he said.

Native speakers of Japanese have an advantage when they choose to study Chinese, he said.

“Half of the Japanese alphabet is based on Chinese characters, so learning Chinese is somewhat easier for them.”

Nevertheless, Dr. To encourages students from the United States to take on the challenge of learning Chinese because it will be to their advantage.

“America is such a large country, and there is often an attitude that everyone in the world speaks English, or, if they don’t, they should,” he said. “And there is no doubt that across the globe, English is the primary language of business, education, government and medicine.

“But more than a billion people speak Chinese as their first language, so Americans who take on the study of Chinese will find it pays rewards,” he said. “We encourage Bridgewater students to take Chinese or Japanese language lessons. It’s never too late to learn.”

He said the college is interested in offering more study abroad opportunities to China and Japan for BSC’s students, and plans are under way to start student exchange with Japan beginning next fall.

Dr. To is already putting these principles into practice with his 5-year-old daughter. “She speaks English and Cantonese, and she’s starting to learn Mandarin,” he said. ■

A MOMENT IN HISTORY...



Cornerstone

For more than 60 years, starting in the late 19th century and ending in the early 1960s, it was customary at each spring commencement to hold the “Ivy March,” with seniors carrying boughs of ivy which were passed, as knowledge is passed, to the junior class after graduation. The officers of the graduating class then would plant a sprig of ivy on campus to symbolize their respect for learning.

Starting in the 1920s, when Boyden Hall was built, the tradition continued, with the ivy planted at the base of the building at each graduation. A bronze plaque was then installed to note the year. When Boyden Hall was renovated in 1980 and the ivy stripped away, most of the plaques were removed. The one pictured at left was one of a few that were not removed from the building.

President of the Republic of Cape Verde tells BSC and the Region 'We're All Different, But All the Same'

By John Winters

His Excellency Pedro Verona Pires stood before a crowded room looking out at a gathering of nearly 400 people – of “all colors, ages and ethnicities,” and liked what he saw.

“We’re all different, but all the same,” said the president of the Republic of Cape Verde. “This is what the destiny of the world should be.”

Indeed, it was a diverse gathering inside Bridgewater State College’s East Campus Commons to greet President Pires on his first visit to the college, where he talked about a variety of issues.



President Pedro Verona Pires

Echoing President Pires’ comments, BSC President Dr. Dana Mohler-Faria said, “This is what we strive for. This is the heart and spirit of Bridgewater State College.”

The region’s Cape Verdean community was well represented at the Sept. 18 event, and the visiting head of state took note of that in his address. “I am proud to learn about all of the success of Cape Verdeans in the United States,” he said.

The region has a relatively large population of people of Cape Verdean heritage. President Mohler-Faria is of Cape Verdean descent, and over the past year, he and

college officials have been working with officials from the island nation to develop its first institution of public higher education.

President Mohler-Faria visited the land of his ancestors in January, and BSC will soon offer its first course in Cape Verdean culture and Creole language, in addition to its annual faculty-led study tour to the islands.

Throughout the evening, speakers welcomed President Pires, who was concluding a three-day tour of the region. He is the first president of a foreign country to visit BSC. President Pires was hailed as a man who brought democracy to Cape Verde and one who has stood up for civil rights.

He is, President Mohler-Faria said, Cape Verde’s version of Thomas Jefferson. “He is a man for all seasons. He is a man who understands the human condition and that we are all connected. The story of his life brings deep meaning to all of us.”

In his remarks, President Pires spoke about those who inspired him. Many were Americans: the poet Langston Hughes, jazz great Louis Armstrong, and Presidents Lincoln and Kennedy, to name a few.

The large audience featured many members of the BSC community, includ-



President Dana Mohler-Faria and President Pedro Verona Pires enter East Campus Commons.

ing students and alumni of Cape Verdean heritage. Luis Rosa, '05, visited the islands in January and said having President Pires visit his alma mater was a thrill.

“It’s an honor for me, being Cape Verdean, to have my president here at Bridgewater State College,” he said. “It’s wonderful. This is the best way to promote our culture, having the president himself here.”



President Pedro Verona Pires greets attendees at gathering in his honor.

Paula Fontes, '05, agreed. “I tell my friends that my president is coming to my school, and they couldn’t believe it,” she said. “It makes me feel good to have him here.”

Speakers included Miguel Gomes Jr., BSC’s associate vice president of facilities management and planning; Franklin Ollivierre, chairman of the college’s Board of Trustees; state Sen. Marc Pacheco; Dr. Judith Gill, chancellor of the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education; Jose Brito, Cape Verde’s ambassador to the United States; and Victor Borges, the country’s minister of foreign affairs.

Mr. Borges spoke about the importance of BSC’s help in getting his country’s public higher education plans off the ground. “We’re a poor country, so we need to invest in education,” he said.

President Mohler-Faria said the visiting head of state set an example for all; an example that Bridgewater State College should have as its mission. “It is up to us and our faculty to give our students the tools to become agents of social change and social justice,” he said. ■

Renovation Transforms Maxwell Library Into a 21st Century Learning Space

By David K. Wilson, '71

This is the beginning of a new age for the Maxwell Library at Bridgewater State College," said Dr. Dana Mohler-Faria as he welcomed students, faculty and staff to a reception to celebrate the renovation of the first floor of the library, the first phase of a multimillion dollar renovation project.

The first floor of the library was reconstructed during a 90-day period that began when classes ended last May.

Work on the second floor will commence next summer, followed a year later by the renovation of the building's third floor. Dr. Nancy Kleniewski, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, said, "Ten years ago, many people were predicting that in the age of the Internet we wouldn't need libraries anymore. We were going to have all-electronic documents that we could read on our computer screens as we searched from home. So why bother with libraries? But we hired a new director of libraries, Mike Somers, and we charged him with developing a library program for the 21st century. He has done that."

After months of planning and deliberation, "every item you see in this library today was carefully and painstakingly chosen," said Dr. Kleniewski. "In making these renovations, we tried to plan for what students really need, which is social space, learning space and places where they can work individually or in small groups."

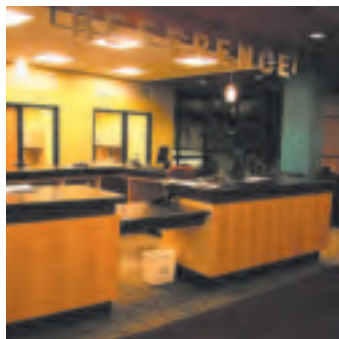
Although the reconstruction took four months, the planning and review process was considerably longer, Mr. Somers said. Developing a vision for what a library should be was an overriding mission that began shortly after he was appointed in the fall of 2003. "We've indeed come a long way."

A large number of people were involved, representing several administrative departments, Mr. Somers said. A renovation committee, co-chaired by Dr. Kleniewski and Mr. Miguel Gomes, associate vice president for facilities management and planning, was responsible for every phase of the planning and construction.

Planning began in earnest in the fall of 2003, recalled Mr. Somers, who said he worked closely with Ms. Karen Jason, director of planning and construction. "This was a real collaborative effort



Computers are throughout the first floor for student research.



The Reference Department has a bright new look.

across the college, involving a number of people from units that included purchasing, information technology, facilities management and planning and the library," Mr. Somers said. "We undertook this together, and the good working relationships we developed are reflected in the results."

Mr. Somers said he has watched with interest the reactions of the students who came through the area for the first time.

"I watched groups of them walk up the central staircase from the basement floor, and as they arrived on the first floor it was interesting to see how wide-eyed they were, turning around slowly to take in a view of the entire area," he said. "That was wonderful to see. The reactions have been uniformly and enthusiastically positive."



The main floor of the Maxwell Library features new study areas.

Renovations included removing a wall that divided the first floor of the library and blocked the large, wide windows that front on Park Avenue. "The first floor had been a dark and, I think, gloomy, place because of that wall. We wanted to restore natural light," Mr. Somers said.

New furniture was installed, including comfortable seating, and computer stations were designed ergonomically and placed strategically in key places.

"We have three different warm colors of carpeting; the intent is to gently and subtly divide the space on the first floor and guide patrons to various parts of the library," Mr. Somers said. "And there is a great deal of open space, so the area fosters both private study and group collaboration. Our overall aim was to draw the eye and to bring the person physically through the space, and from what we've been hearing from library users, it appears that we accomplished that goal." ■

Focus on a Mission: Combining Student Involvement and Student Learning

By David K. Wilson, '71

The administrators and staff of the Division of Student Affairs at Bridgewater State College work throughout the year with a student body that numbers almost 10,000 men and women of all ages, racial and ethnic backgrounds, and nearly every career aspiration imaginable.

But according to Cindy Kane, director of the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership, the division operates under one single philosophy.



Megan Dobro

"First and foremost, we know that the mission of student affairs is to promote student learning. That's always our primary focus," said Ms. Kane, an eight-year veteran at the college.

Ms. Kane is part of a team – headed by Dr. David Ostroth, vice president for student affairs – dedicated to encouraging student leaders at Bridgewater State College to share their talent and experience wherever it is most needed in the cities and towns of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

"This is valuable and useful not only for the individuals and organizations which benefit directly from the talents of student volunteers, but it is also valuable for the students themselves," she said.

"Inevitably, students emerge from these experiences with much more confidence in themselves and their ability to deal successfully with a host of challenging – or sometimes very difficult – circumstances and situations," Ms. Kane said.

While the satisfaction of such efforts is the primary motivation, "it also translates into building a background that will ultimately be of interest to prospective employers," she said.

Megan Dobro, a third-year student majoring in biology at BSC, is a good example.

"When I came to Bridgewater as a freshman, I immediately ran for a position as a senator in the college's student government association because I had been active in student government in high school," said the native of Central Massachusetts.

In her sophomore year, she was elected vice president of SGA and, the following spring, stepped up to the position of president, a "first" for a second year student at the college.

"I enjoyed SGA a great deal. When the year was finished, however, I decided to try something different," she said.

"I joined a nonprofit organization – The Student Leadership Training Program – which is headquartered at Nichols College in Dudley," said Ms. Dobro, who is also a resident assistant in her residence hall, East Hall, this year.

"We visit high schools around the state and put on plays and demonstrations designed to encourage and empower young people to be leaders. In the summer we operate a four-week camp which students attend to develop leadership skills. This is an activity which I truly enjoy," she said.

Balancing such obligations (two weeks ends a month, minimum) with a heavy academic course load – including an honors course in embryology, plus genetics, physics, mathematics and assorted other intense subjects – requires energy and commitment.

She's also engaged in a research project, studying the structure of cells.



Tricia Realbuto

"I always try to keep moving," said Ms. Dobro. "I'm the kind of person who does better when I have many different things to do. I make a lot of lists."

Tricia Realbuto, a senior majoring in communication studies, with a minor in management, shares that same drive and commitment.

"I'm a resident assistant this year at Shea-Durgin Hall, an orientation leader, and I've been involved with the Program Committee throughout my college years," said Ms. Realbuto, who was raised in upstate New York and graduated from Nauset Regional High School.

This winter, she will be the director and producer of a student presentation of *The Vagina Monologues* at the college, with profits going to a local service organization.

"Last year's production raised almost \$5,000 for The Women's Place in Brockton," she said.

In recognition of her service efforts and academic achievements, Ms. Realbuto received the Adrian Tinsley Scholarship, which pays her tuition and fees for her senior year and provides a stipend for graduate school. "That will be a big help – a very big help," she said, explaining she plans to pursue a career in college-level student affairs work.

As far as maintaining a nearly nonstop schedule that combines studying for classes with various community service activities, Ms. Realbuto said she has a guiding principle: "The busier I am, the better organized I am. I thrive on this." ■

S. Elizabeth Pope's Service to the College Endures Through a Leadership Donor Recognition Society Named in Her Honor

By John Winters

The late S. Elizabeth Pope was a strong, loyal and devoted presence on the Bridgewater State College campus, and her legacy lives on in many ways, including a donor recognition society that bears her name, which is taking a more active role in helping secure the future of the institution to which she devoted much of her life.

The inaugural gathering of the S. Elizabeth Pope Society was held at the Centerville home of Bridgewater State College Foundation member Dr. Mary Hoyle Mahan, '60.

The garden party honored the memory of Miss Pope, and in bringing together almost 50 of the college's benefactors, provided an opportunity to recognize those who contribute annual leadership gifts. A Pope Society donor himself, Dr. Dana Mohler-Faria, BSC president, was on hand to thank the "strong, loyal and devoted friends of Bridgewater State College," appropriating the adjectives used to describe Miss Pope during her memorial service.

"You're making an incredible difference

in the lives of our students," he told those in attendance.

S. Elizabeth Pope spent 30 years as dean of women at BSC and even after her retirement in 1955 continued to serve as executive secretary for the Bridgewater Alumni Association. She retired from the latter post in 1970, at age 81.

Known as a disciplinarian who held all students to a high standard, Miss Pope earned the love, admiration and respect of generations of BSC students, faculty and employees. Dr. Isabelle Bragg King, '51, G'54, BSC Foundation trustee and retired faculty member, was a student during the last 10 years that Miss Pope was dean of women.

Dr. King is serving as the first chairperson for the S. Elizabeth Pope Society. "This is what Bridgewater is all about," she said. "Miss Pope was a tradition unto herself, and many things we see at the college today originated with her own sense of loyalty to the college and her knack for bonding students to Bridgewater through activities designed to establish the concept of tradition as we know it today."

The Pope Society serves as the entry level for leadership giving at Bridgewater



Kelly Carney Kelly (left) brings greetings from the College Board of Trustees to the home of Garden Party hostess Mary Hoyle Mahan, '60 (right).



Dr. George Weygand, '53, G'56, with his wife, Bea, are longtime members of the S. Elizabeth Pope Society and among the college's most active supporters.

State College and includes individual members who contribute a minimum of \$1,000 annually. President Mohler-Faria told those gathered at the Aug. 23 event that their gifts support worthwhile programs, including student scholarships, faculty and undergraduate research grants, support for students to study abroad and seed money to fund the national award-winning student journal, *The Bridge*.

"All of these academic initiatives bring credit and credibility to the college, and you make it all possible," the president said.

Dr. King said Miss Pope would have been proud of the party held in her honor – noting with a smile that she would likely be checking in on the alumni's manners and etiquette. The event, Dr. King said, will hopefully become another meaningful tradition at the college.

"Part of my job as Pope Society chair is to spread the idea of tradition," she said. "It's there; it's important but hard to define. But anyone who spends any time at Bridgewater can sense it and feel it." ■



President Dana Mohler-Faria and his wife, Kathy, '81, visit with Jim, '60, and Barbara Short Hubbard, '60, who traveled from Mattapoisett to attend the Pope Society Garden Party in Centerville.

Afro-American Alumni Association

The Afro-American Alumni Association is seeking new members to serve on its Board of Directors. Those interested, should contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 508.531.2695. Visit the Afro-American Alumni Association's Web page at www.bridgew.edu/AfroAmAlum/

Alumni Services



Alumni Credit Card Program

A new credit card program is available that provides many types of rewards. Bridgewater State College students benefit directly from every purchase made under this Visa card program. A percentage of the purchase is returned to the alumni association to assist students with scholarships and other academic opportunities that might otherwise be unavailable to them. To apply online, go to www.bridgew.edu and click on the Alumni/Donor link, then click on the alumni services link. Contact Candace Maguire at cmaguire@bridgew.edu for questions about the program.

Discounted Car, Home and Recreational Insurance Program

The Bridgewater Alumni Association offers discounted car, home and recreational vehicle insurance. Call the Office of Alumni Relations at 508.531.2695 to find out more about this program.

Alumni Association Web Page and Online Community

Visit the alumni association's Web site at www.bridgew.edu/alumni to learn more about alumni events and services. To join the online community, use the constituent identification number that appears on this magazine's mailing label. For questions about registering for the online community, contact Michelle Slavick in the Office of Alumni Relations at m Slavick@bridgew.edu.

Alumni Student Loan Consolidation Program

Graduates with student loans (and parents with PLUS loans) may be able to lower their monthly payments and lock in low interest rates. This program is guaranteed by the U.S. Department of Education and offers superior benefits and customer service. Contact Candace Maguire, at 888.272.9555 for more information about this new service to alumni and parents of current students.

BAA

BAA Alumni Council

The alumni council has been reactivated due to the efforts of BAA past-president, F. Scott Longo, and others on the board of directors who want to get more alumni involved in promoting the association, as well as volunteering to work on various committees and projects that arise during the year. Council members include: Tara Auciello, '04; Randy Bonneau, '01; Alicia Boucher, '54; Henry Burbine, '65; Margaret Caulfield, '00; Margaret Foley, '51; Madlyn Giberti, '55; Paul Giberti, '59; Patricia Hackett, '55; Joseph Hackett, '70; Kevin Kindregan, '87; Michelle Poor, '87; Elizabeth Spellman, '03; and Michael Volpone, '88.

BAA Installs New Officers and Directors

The Annual Meeting of the Bridgewater State College Alumni Association took

place in Horace Mann Auditorium. The following slate was approved:

Officers: Mr. John Hackett, '55, president; Ms. Carolyn Von Buskirk Turchon, '62, president-elect; and Mr. Robert Ryan, '55, treasurer.

New Board Members: Mr. James Argir, '61; Ms. Carol Sacchetti, '98; and Ms. Kathryn Stone Bonneau, '02.

Alumni Weekend 2005

Glorious sunshine greeted alumni who returned to campus June 3 and 4. The weekend was special for many returning graduates, some had not been back to campus in nearly 50 years. The Class of 1955 began its celebration on Friday evening with a cocktail reception and reunion dinner. It was wonderful to see old friends reunited after many years of being apart. The celebration continued throughout the day on Saturday, and on Sunday morning, some class members came together for brunch before returning home.

The class presented the college with a check for \$80,000. This group effort was led by a hard-working and dedicated reunion committee under the leadership of Marcia Crooks. The money raised will be placed into an endowed fund, and the earnings from the fund will sponsor a scholarship for a graduate student who is pursuing a Master of Education degree.



President Dana Mohler-Faria (from left) receives Class of 1955 class gift from Jack Hackett, '55, BAA president, and Marcia Crooks, '55, chair of the Class of 1955 reunion committee.

ALUMNI UPDATE



Class of 1955



Class of 1950



Class of 1965

The Class of 1955 is the first class to endow a fund specifically earmarked for a graduate student.

Other classes that celebrated special reunions were the classes of 1940, 1950, 1960 and 1965. President Mohler-Faria recognized all reunion classes from the podium and thanked them for their sincere dedication to their alma mater.

The Class of 1960 held its 45th reunion dinner Friday night at StoneForge Tavern in Raynham. The dinner was preceded by an afternoon of golf in Lakeville and ended with a gathering at the Courtyard Marriott. Some class members made a weekend of it and returned to campus on Saturday to participate in the day's activities.

It was a wonderful weekend, and planning has already begun for Alumni Weekend 2006, which will take place June 2-3. Mark your calendars for this special weekend.



Class of 1940



Members of the 50th reunion class



Dr. Mary Lydon, '55, and Marcia Crooks, '55, reminisce while looking at reunion booklet.



Members of the Class of 1955 share a laugh at their reunion.



Members of the Class of 1960 at their 45th reunion dinner.



Reunion classes walk through traditional daisy chain on their way to all-alumni luncheon.



Personalized engraved bricks make up the alumni courtyard in front of Boyden Hall.



The Alumni Chamber Choir perform at lunch.



Alumni enjoy lunch in Tillinghast Hall.

Career Services Update

Featured Career Resources

The Office of Career Services offers alumni and students four cutting-edge career development resources. Programs are designed to assist with professional development and job search strategies. Through innovative technology, these resources are accessible from your home via the Career Services home page. The job search has never been so convenient.

These resources are available to all BSC alumni and students free of charge, and Career Services encourage their use. To access any of these programs, visit career services at www.bridgew.edu/careerservices for complete instructions.



Searching for a new job or industry contacts? CareerSearch is a powerful online database offering users access to information about employers including contact names, addresses, phone numbers and company background information. CareerSearch allows a user to search specific geographic locations for specific types of employers and is a great way to research potential employment opportunities. The college's subscription provides access to thousands of company contacts in the New England region. Bridgewater State College's alumni and student access to CareerSearch is free of charge, thanks to the generosity of Enterprise Rent-A-Car.



Perfect Interview-User software package is an innovative learning tool that allows alumni and students to enhance their job interviewing skills with a realistic "simulated interview" experience. The program can be used in the CSO office with the Prefect Interview digital video Web or the online version of Perfect Interview accessed via the BSC Career Services Web site for alumni and students who wish to use the

software from home, residence halls or other locations on campus. The Office of Alumni Relations and the Student Government Association sponsor this resource.



FOCUS is a self-paced, online career guidance tool used to assist in self-assessment and career exploration. Users of FOCUS learn to make more realistic decisions about their goals and plans, how to self-manage their careers and the importance of adaptability in these times of change. Bridgewater State College's alumni and student access to FOCUS is made possible by the generosity of General Dynamics.



Vault, the Internet's ultimate destination for insider company information, advice and career management services is open to BSC alumni and students. Vault's career content and services include continually updated "insider" information about more than 3,000 companies and 70 industries, a best-selling collection of more than 80 career guides and employer profiles. The Vault's Electronic WaterCooler™ is the Internet's first collection of company specific message boards for employees.

Class of 2004 Career Survey Results

Did you know that approximately 92 percent of this year's respondents are employed in Massachusetts? Only three percent of the Class of 2004 respondents indicate that they were employed in other New England states, and another five percent replied they were employed outside the region. Each year, Career Services surveys the graduating class six months to a year after graduation. To view a summary of the 2004 Career Survey, please visit the career services Web site at www.bridgew.edu/careerservices.



Information, Advice and Networking

CareerNet is BSC's online career advisory network designed to assist students and alumni in their career planning. CareerNet consists of a group of alumni volunteers who share their experiences with students and other alumni. It is a great way to give back to the college.

Career Services is looking for alumni in all career fields, including business, education, health care, human services, nonprofits, government and those who are self-employed. Join the program and share experiences about getting started in your field and what you have learned on the job, as well as offer job search advice.

How to Register as a CareerNet Adviser

1. Visit www.monstertrak.com to access the program.
2. Select *Students/Alums*.
3. Select *MA*.
4. Select *Bridgewater State College*.
5. Type in password: *Harrington*.
6. Select *CareerNet-BSC*.
7. This will bring you to *Career Contact and Alumni Network*. Select REGISTER and follow the step-by-step instructions.

The program allows users to update information so that students will be able to contact you even if you move or change jobs. Users should include an e-mail address when registering.

Career Services would like to thank the 120 alumni who have already registered with CareerNet and hopes more alumni will consider joining. Your insights, expertise and experiences are crucial to making this program successful.

Crimson Ambassadors Thank-You Barbecue

The Crimson Ambassadors hosted a backyard barbecue at the Davis Alumni Center for the police and facilities staff in appreciation of their work throughout winter 2005. It was a way of saying "thanks" on



BSC employees enjoy backyard barbecue.

behalf of all of the students at BSC for all of their hard work during a very difficult winter season.

Crimson Ambassador Scholarship

An additional \$5,000 was deposited into the Crimson Ambassador Scholarship Fund at the conclusion of the 2004-2005 academic year. These additional funds were made possible through the BSC diploma frame sales profits. An annual award is made to a student who has exhibited strong leadership in the BSC community, as well as in the surrounding community.

Hyannis Bridgewater Physical Education Alumni Association

Wendy DaSaliva, '74, was elected the next president of the Hyannis Bridgewater Physical Education Alumni Association. Marcia Crooks, '55, is the new vice president, and Nancy Seabloom Sarno, '64, will continue as the group's secretary.

The Hyannis Bridgewater Alumni Association sponsors the annual Moriarity Lecture, the Moriarity Scholarship, the Decker Award and the Dr. Catherine Comeau Award for Outstanding Professional Achievement. Members also volunteer their time to assist the Office of Alumni Relations with special projects throughout the year, including the Carol Mulloy Cuttle 5K Road Race. To find out more about joining this group, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations or visit its Web page at www.bridgew.edu/Alumni/Hyannis/home.htm.

ALUMNI UPDATE

Reunion Committees

Many reunion committees have been working for a number of years preparing for their 40th, 45th and 50th class reunions. The Office of Alumni Relations would like to begin working with classes towards their 10th, 15th and 20th reunions. It just takes a few people to form a committee and work with the alumni office on the details.

To start a reunion committee for your class, contact Candace Maguire, director of alumni and development programs, at 508.531.2695. Please remember, a full year is needed to plan a 10th, 15th, 20th or 25th reunion, and longer to plan a 40th, 45th or 50th reunion event that everyone will truly enjoy.

Class of 1956: The 50th reunion is almost here. The reunion committee will meet throughout the year in preparation for the big celebration next June.

Class of 1957: Only a year away. The reunion committee will meet in the fall and spring to discuss plans for June 2007.

Class of 1958: This committee was formed in the fall of 2004 and met again last spring. Another meeting is planned for this fall to discuss fundraising plans for the 50th reunion.

Class of 1959: A committee has not yet been formed for this class. With the 50th reunion four years away, please contact

Candace Maguire to get plans under way.

Class of 1960: The reunion committee celebrated its 45th reunion last June.

Class of 1962: This committee has been meeting for a number of years and has been very active in planning significant reunions, the last being the 40th reunion, held in Sturbridge in 2002. The 45th reunion is two years away, and class members will soon begin discussing plans for the 2007 reunion.

Class of 1964: The committee meets at least once a year to discuss activities and fundraising. To become part of this committee, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 508.531.2695.

Upcoming Events

Contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 508.531.2695 with any questions regarding these events.

Alumni Chamber Choir Holiday Concerts

Saturday, Dec. 11
11 AM – 1 PM – Rhode Island Holiday
Brunch
Location to be determined

Saturday, Dec. 11
3 PM
Catholic Center
Bridgewater State College
\$10 per person; \$5 per person for faculty
and students

Saturday, Dec. 18
3-4 PM
Breakers Mansion, Newport, RI
Tickets may be purchased at the door.

Florida Receptions

The Office of Alumni Relations will be traveling to Florida in March 2006.

March 5, 2006
Sarasota Area Sunday Brunch
11 AM-1 PM
IMG Academies Golf and Country Club

March 7, 2006
Naples Area Cocktail Reception
6-9 PM
Pier 41 Restaurant

March 12, 2006
West Palm Beach Area Sunday Brunch
11 AM-2 PM
Location to be determined

Young Alumni – Get Involved and Stay Connected

You're a BSC grad trying to balance your job, family and friends. You also want to stay connected with fellow BSC alumni. How do you do it all? The Young Alumni Council is here to help.

The alumni association has asked a small group of recent graduates to develop a Young Alumni Council to coordinate alumni programming that would appeal to younger graduates. The group held its first meeting at Davis Alumni Center. Attending were Tara Auciello, '04; Kathryn Stone Bonneau, '02; Randy Bonneau, '01; Margaret Caulfield, '00; and Carol Sacchetti, '98.

To meet the needs and interests of young alumni, the group suggests:

Social Events

Sunset cruises, wine tastings, sporting events, shows, etc.

BRIDGEWATER STATE COLLEGE ANNOUNCES THE LAUNCHING OF ITS ALUMNI ONLINE COMMUNITY



WANT TO RECONNECT

WITH CLASSMATES with whom you have lost touch? Then visit Bridgewater State College's new online community at alumni.bridgew.edu.

THERE IS SO MUCH WAITING FOR YOU,

and there is no fee to join. Take the time to register and see what awaits you. To join, simply log in with a temporary user name and password. To receive that information, please call the Office of Alumni Relations or e-mail Candace Maguire at cmaguire@bridgew.edu.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS,

please feel free to contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 888.272.9555 and ask for Candace.

alumni.bridgew.edu



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Networking Opportunities

Meet and greet other alumni in your profession and/or graduate program

Seminars on Topics of Interest

Personal finance, real estate, etc.

With your suggestions, the council will plan events that appeal to the diversity of young BSC alumni. This can include socializing in Boston, networking with fellow professionals or raising money for the next generation of BSC students. The BSC Young Alumni Council looks forward to you becoming involved and staying connected.

The Young Alumni Council is planning a survey that will help them as they plan future events.

For more information on the Young Alumni Council, contact Candace Maguire, director of alumni and development programs, at 508.531.2695.

A MOMENT IN HISTORY...



Morning Exercises in 1892.

In that era, each school day began at Bridgewater with hymns, readings from the bible, inspirational messages and questions to the students from the president (such as, "How many trees are

on Park Avenue?"). This was also a time when students admitted to Bridgewater had to sign a pledge that they would not "walk, ride, boat nor skate with a member of the opposite sex" during their time at BSC.

Celebrate a lifelong connection to your alma mater with the Gift of a Lifetime

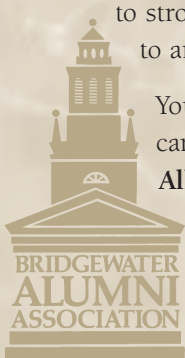
Buy a Brick and Give the Gift that Lasts a Lifetime.

The Bridgewater State College Alumni Association invites you to celebrate your lifelong connection to your alma mater by purchasing a personalized engraved brick that will be placed in the Alumni Courtyard in front of Horace Mann Auditorium. Your **tax-deductible gift of \$100** entitles you to a 4 x 8 inch personalized brick that will become a lasting part of Bridgewater State College's history. An 8 x 8 inch brick paver is available for a **tax-deductible gift of \$250**. Every time you come to campus, you will be able to stroll the courtyard, see your engraved brick or paver, and be reminded of your commitment to and support of Bridgewater State College and its students.

You may choose to purchase a brick to honor or memorialize a special BSC graduate. A gift card will be sent to that person or to the family of the graduate you are memorializing.

All proceeds will benefit BSC students through enhanced scholarship funds.

Place your order today, and become a part of Bridgewater State College's legacy. You may order online at <http://alumni.bridgew.edu> or call 508.531.2682.



JOHN P.
WILLIAMS JR.
CLASS OF '76

4 x 8 inch
personalized
brick

JOHN P.
WILLIAMS JR.
CLASS OF '76
ANN WILLIAMS
CLASS OF '79

8 x 8 inch
personalized brick paver

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1936

Barbara Albret
87 North Pond Drive
Brewster, MA 02631-1929

1937

Ruth Metcalf
50 Green Street, Apt. 308
Brookline, MA 02446-3399

1940

Eleanor Murphy McIntyre lives in a retirement community in Mechanicsburg, PA. ... **Barbara Prince Meade** moved from Palm Desert, CA, to a retirement spot in Mill Valley, near San Francisco. ... **Pat Harrington Ryan** lives in Simsbury, CT, and often spends time at her daughter Joan Looney's home in West Hartford. She and her late husband, Neil, had six children, all redheads. ... **Janice Brennan Sproggell** and her husband, Frank, have three great-granddaughters, ages 3, 7 and 12 years old.

1941

Winnifred Taylor Hodges
2219 New Bedford Drive
Sun City Center, FL 33573-5805

1942

Loretta Kennedy Dexter
15 Buckwood Drive
South Yarmouth, MA 02664-1805

1945

Constance Kennefick
9 Highland Street
Gloucester, MA 01930-3804

1950

Members of the Class of 1950 met on campus in June for their 55th reunion. It is difficult to believe that five years have passed since the 50th reunion. President Dana Mohler-Faria recognized the class from the podium and thanked them for remaining close to their alma mater. A

reception for the class was held at the Davis Alumni Center after the all-alumni luncheon. Class members had the opportunity to meet the recipient of the Class of 1950 Distinguished Faculty Research Award recipient, Dr. Michael Kryzanek, professor of political science. Prior awardees include: 2004, Dr. Sandra Faiman-Silva, professor of anthropology; 2003, Dr. Margaret Lowe, associate professor of history; 2002, Dr. Nancy Street, professor of communication Studies; 2001, Dr. Matilde Zimmerman, assistant professor of history.

1951

Beverly Bradford Wakely is retiring from teaching after 54 years. She has a wonderful husband, four married children and eight grandchildren.

1953

Ralph J. Fletcher
81 Riverboat Village Road
South Hadley, MA 01075-1354

Photography Submissions for Class Notes

The Editorial Board of *Bridgewater* seeks to produce a high-quality publication that's of interest to its 43,000-plus readers. Photography is a critically important component to telling the many stories contained in the college magazine, that makes photographic quality vital.

Submission of photographs for the Class Notes section of *Bridgewater* is encouraged, most welcome and highly appreciated. Please know that the Editorial Board makes every effort to publish photo submissions to the magazine.

However, photographic quality has become even more crucial with the addition of color to all inside pages of the magazine. Following are technical recommendations for supplying photos to *Bridgewater*:

Color prints (film photography)

Photographs taken with a film-based camera require prints for reproduction in the magazine. The prints should have a minimum size of 4 x 6 inches. Do not submit prints from digital photographs.

JPEG files (digital photography)

Digital photographs need to be submitted from their original files. Please supply the actual digital file for printing by downloading the file off your digital camera (or CD-ROM), and e-mail it to mmurphy@bridgew.edu and indicate that it is for *Bridgewater*.

Minimum file sizes required for digital images are 1600 pixels by 1200 pixels (or 2 megapixels).

A general rule of thumb is the larger the size of the print or digital file, the better the reproduction quality will be. Be aware that "what you see is what you get." Images that are blurry, too dark or too light will not change. So when taking your pictures, be sure to hold the camera still, use a flash when indoors and avoid bright sunlight in faces, if possible.



Digital files that are a minimum of 1600 pixels by 1200 pixels or prints that are a minimum of 4 x 6 inches will reproduce like the image seen here.

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Members of the Class of 1950 meet with Dr. Michael Kryzanek (standing, fifth from left), the Class of 1950 Distinguished Faculty Research Award recipient.

1954

Hazel Luke Varella
121 Center Street
North Easton, MA 02356-1801

Myra Powers Lopes received the Dr. Adrian Rondileau Award for Professional Achievement and Community Service from the Bridgewater State College Alumni Association. ... **Donald Wormwood** continues to work at Larry's PX, a restaurant previously owned by his parents, in West Chatham. He has just celebrated his 50th anniversary working at the restaurant. Donald enjoys reading and spending his time there doing "a little bit of everything."

1955

Francena Warren Smith
32 Mellen Street
Needham, MA 02494

Members of the Class of 1955 and their guests enjoyed its 50th reunion during the first weekend in June. The weather was just right to help us feel at home where we had spent four years of our lives. On Friday, the Class of 1955 converged in East Campus Commons for a reception and dinner. The room was lovely, and large enough for us to roam about to talk to and catch up with our classmates of yore. Following breakfast on Saturday, we gathered for a session entitled "A Walk Down Memory Lane." Later, we

marched two-by-two into Horace Mann Auditorium to enthusiastic applause from the other alumni classes. At the annual alumni meeting, the Class of 1955 presented the class gift of \$80,000 to the president of Bridgewater State College, Dr. Dana Mohler-Faria. We were provided with a delicious lunch at Tillinghast Hall. Dessert was accompanied by beautiful music presented by the talented Alumni Chamber Choir. Class photos were taken outside after lunch. Another highlight of the day was a bus tour of campus. What huge changes. In the evening, dinner was enjoyed by all alumni classes. Sunday morning brunch gave all of us a chance for one more talk session mixed with embraces and promises to "keep in touch." We missed those of you who were unable to attend.

1956

Carlene Dodd Brown
35 Tam O'Shanter Way
South Weymouth, MA 02664-2049

Eleanor Lydon Olson
R117 Shellback Way
Mashpee, MA 02649

We met at White Cliffs in Plymouth for our spring luncheon in June. Though the weather was a bit threatening, at times drizzling, we enjoyed ourselves a great deal. We were seated in the dining room inside rather than the tent, and it was most

pleasant. There were about 35 people present, and all were quite enthused and excited about the big celebration, which we hope all will be attending next year. Imagine, 50 years since we graced the halls of ivy and marched through the daisy chain. We had an opportunity to catch up on news from each other, as well as some notes from a few friends who could not attend. ... **Ellie Sondeen Morlino** substitutes daily in grades K-4 in Weymouth and still loves it. She took a 10-day tour of Prince Edward Island, Ann of Green Gables, etc. and enjoyed every minute of the trip. Ellie would like to move her grandchildren closer to her so she can do a better job of spoiling them. ... **Pete Lane** volunteers for the Visiting Nurse Association and Senior Citizens in Natick. He and his wife, Ellie, had a wonderful trip to the Bahamas. Their son has moved back to New Hampshire where he is a professor at UNH. They have two grandchildren, both great kids, of course. Their daughter is involved in financial external reporting for Genzyme. ... **Andy Miller** resides at White Cliffs, and we thank him for hosting our gathering. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Plymouth YMCA. Andy and Sue found a recent trip to Sedona, AZ, to be great spiritual relaxation among the canyons, red rocks and mesas. At home, they welcome visits from their nine grandchildren from time to time. Andy said we must do our best to keep in touch with each other and encourage all our classmates to make an effort to attend the 50th reunion. ... **Carol Girard Valeri** has indeed been busy in her community. She is a trustee of the Bourne Community Center, housing coordinator for the Bourne Franchise of Cape Cod Baseball League and a member of the building committee for the new Bourne Community Center. Carol still found time to visit Portugal and the U.S. National Parks. Carol's oldest grandson has graduated from high school and is off to Dean College. ... **Hal and Marion Murphy LeBlanc, '52**, are planning their 50th wedding anniversary in Bermuda. It will follow our 50th reunion by just a few days. Their grandchildren "live all over the globe" making it challenging for them to visit frequently. Winters in California and

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summers in Marion, make life quite livable for them. ... We were pleased to see **Marian Nelson, G'62**, after a number of years of absences due to health problems. She has been busy as president of the Board of Directors of Children's Ark and gets great enjoyment from watching the little three- and four-year-old children develop. ... **Ginny Gill Hathaway** cruised to Bermuda with her husband to celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary in May. Congratulations. ... **Chuck Haller** appeared after many years, and we were happy to see him. Guess he was busy socializing and didn't leave me any notes for the bulletin, but he did sit at our table and told us some tales of his time in Costa Rica and his visit to the Grand Canyon. ... **Alice Murphy O'Neill** has been involved in the Board of Directors of the American Cancer Society, working diligently to raise funds for early detection. She and Ed are both cancer survivors and are looking forward to a "Murphy Reunion" when they can treasure the company of 110 family members. ... **Priscilla Walters Olson** is serving as treasurer of the Children's Ark Pre-School. She substitutes and corrects the Massachusetts Teacher Certification Tests. Her trips include Washington to see the World War II Memorial and visits to her children in Florida and Michigan. ... **Norma Goyetche Munroe** and her husband, Alan, are on the go. Recently it's been the Northwest, Montana, Yellowstone and Grand Tetons. They have a plan for September, but who knows where until the postcard comes. ... There are many kinds of volunteers, but **Margie Courant Lopes** and her husband, Ed, are the special kind. They take care of a 97-year-old neighbor on a daily basis. That's a real volunteer. They were fortunate to get away to New York to see a musical and have a tour of Manhattan. Their son took them to London to see a play done by a Rockport group. Their grandson performed as one of "The Boys Next Door." ... **Marcia Lindsay, G'64**, is a volunteer tutor/mentor at the Brockton Church-School Community Program. She's been playing the violin with the Brockton Symphony Orchestra for 57 years. Guess she's quite a pro by now. ... **Bob Bachman** sent good wishes to all

and encouraged any of his old friends to write when they can, since he is unable to attend reunions. ... **Wilma Baker Schultz** has had some medical issues that kept her away this year, but she looks forward to the big 50th next year. ... Congratulations to **Sister Theresa Jardin, G'76**, as she celebrates her Golden Jubilee. She is hoping to come to the reunion next year. ... We would encourage all our class members to make plans as soon as they hear from the college. The reunion promises to be a wonderful event where we can all appreciate the progress our school has made and treasure the friends that were so special all those years ago.

1957

Beverly Tunstall Shavinsky
81 Francis Street
Fairhaven, MA 02719-3211

1958

John B. Lonergan
21 Westminster Road
East Weymouth, MA 02189-1939

Susan Dolber Getchell was inducted into the Melrose High School Athletic Hall of Fame. She was a four-year varsity athlete in field hockey, softball and basketball in high school.

1960

Ginny Jewett Hogg
194 James Otis Road
Centerville, MA 02632

Some members of the Class of 1960 gathered at the StoneForge Tavern and BSC campus to celebrate their 45th reunion. Those in attendance were: **Nancy Boyle Arns, Gordon Bates, Raymond Carvalho, Lorraine Pratt Coelho, Lavinia Murphy Connors, Janice Farrell, Mary Ellen Higgins Fermental, Robert Gardul, Anna Morrison Hall, Virginia Jewett Hogg, Barbara Short Hubbard, James Hubbard, Sandra Starkowsky Jardin, Paulette Letendre Johnson, William Kochanczyk, Lilija Keturakis Kulbis, Mary Hoyle Mahan, Jean**

Weldon Richard, Annete Leveille Sarro, Ralph Sarro, Phyllis Piemental Scanlon, Judy Schneider, Ruth Dixon Schuttauf, Margaret Phillips Silva, Joseph Simas Jr., June Stonkus, David Swift, Nancy Kelly Swift and Clifford Wood. ... **Clifford Wood** received the Your Theatre, Inc. 2004-2005 Volunteer of the Year Award for outstanding achievement in the technical aspects of theatrical production. He has performed in numerous plays at Your Theatre including *The Last Night of Ballyhoo* and *Black Coffee*.

1961

James Lou Gorman, G'61, released his book, *One Pitch from Glory*, which gives a look inside the Boston Red Sox front office. The former Red Sox general manager works as an executive consultant to the team.

1962

Barbara Aguiar Lombardo
53 Oakland Street
Brockton, MA 02302

Kathy Barrett Becker, MaryLou Durnion Bernard, Linda Mattioli Corcoran and Carolyn Van Buskirk Turchon enjoyed tea at the Four Seasons Boston. Linda and Kathy hadn't seen MaryLou for 43 years. Toasts were made to the class of 1962 and Ellen M. Shea. Plans are underway for another get-together in 2005.



Enjoying tea at the Four Seasons Boston are classmates (from left) Linda Mattioli Corcoran, Kathy Barrett Becker, MaryLou Durnion Bernard and Carolyn Van Buskirk Turchon.

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1963

The **Reverend Francis L. Mahoney, G'63**, retired in June 2005 after 45 years in the priesthood.

1964

James Nidositko
25 Coleridge Drive
Falmouth, MA 02540

Robert Todd, G'70, owns a True Value Hardware Store in Mansfield, which after 25 years is still standing strong against corporate-owned department stores.

1965

Thomas Connors' name was inscribed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., on Memorial Day.

1968

Donna Daley Brown
Box 366
779 Center Street
Bryantville, MA 02327-0366

Carlos Ventura, G'68, retired after 45 years in public service.

1969

Carol Ethier Pappas
44 Tall Timbers Drive
Berwick, ME 03901-2536

Ken Brooks will be retiring from Easton Junior High School after teaching math for 36 years. ... **Dr. Fred Sarke, G'69**, is the principal at Plymouth Community Intermediate School.

1970

Joseph Hackett
48 Ledgeview Drive
Norwood, MA 02062-5806

Middleton McGoodwin is the superintendent of the Marshfield School Department. ... **Joseph Hackett** was named to the BSC Alumni Council. The newly activated council will be working in conjunction with the BSC alumni board of directors on various projects throughout the year. ... **Natalia Lebre Ritchie** retired

in 1998 after teaching music for 28 years in Tiverton, RI. After retirement, she worked for three years in Dunedin, FL, and is beginning her fifth year in Pasco County, FL. She also is teaching elementary music in New Port Richey, FL. While at BSC, she typed for *The Comment*, was a music critic and took part in year-book activities. From Oct. 8-28, Natalia will be in Japan participating in a Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program Scholarship as a Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund Scholar.

1972

Phil Conroy
Janice Indorato Conroy
85 Bridle Road
Bridgewater, MA 02324-1001

Sherry Webb teaches physical education at Smith Academy High School in Hatfield. Along with teaching, she is the school's athletic director, field hockey coach and serves on several MIAA committees. ...

Susan Rimmer Desnoyers' daughters, Joanna and Kaitlin, graduated in May 2005 with a degree in criminal justice and a master's degree in social work, respectively. Kaitlin is part of the first graduating class at Bridgewater State College to complete the MSW program.

1973

Lance Kisby sold his pediatric dental practice in 2003. He lives with his wife in Connecticut and is the head of pediatric dentistry at St. Mary's Hospital in Waterbury. ... **Timothy Mitchell, G'00**, received the Math and Science Teaching Excellence Award from Texas Instruments Sensors and Control. He is a math teacher at King Philip Regional High School in Wrentham. ... **Anne Gudonis Stemplewski** is the principal of Plymouth South Middle School.

1974

Veronica Galanek Wainwright
4358 Bonfield Court
Oxford, MD 21654-0460

Stephen F. Banks is senior vice president/chief information officer at Bridgewater Savings Bank. ... **Danielle M. Bowker, G'92**, was named the director of Middleboro Public Library. She had served as the assistant director since 1987. ... **Mary Ryan Cannon** is coaching Special Olympics at Paul VI Catholic High School in Fairfax, VA. Her 16-year-old daughter, Brenna, is on the team. ... **Robert Gay** was named High School Principal of the Year for Massachusetts. He is the principal of



Bridgewater State College alumni attend the June National Senior Games in Pittsburgh. Pictured (from left) are Jean Volpe, '76; Marcia Crooks, '55; Diana Crooks, '62; Sheila McKenna, '62; Jean MacKay, '68; and Nancy Simcock, '71.

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North Attleboro High School and traveled to Washington, D.C., with the 49 other recipients of the award. (See feature, page 8.)

1975

Jim Daley is the athletic director at Whitman-Hanson Regional High School. ... **Jo-Anne Mello Hodgson** is serving on the Bristol Community College Board of Trustees for a five-year term. She is the principal at Abraham Lincoln School in New Bedford.

1976

Jacqueline Sylvia Wheaton
716 Atlantic Road
Swans Island, ME 04685

Jean Carroll Giordano, Mary Campbell Tegan, Mary Ruegg Miller, Ellenmarie Gallagher Rhone, Nancy Kipp Florence, Bev Dau Harris, Nancy White McSharry, Patti Kosciuszek Landine, Marie (T. Bow) Thibault Jerome and Ginny Musante went on a 50th birthday party cruise in April. ... **Rosemary Saccoccia** retired after teaching kindergarten in Holbrook for 29 years.

1977

Robert Mansur
12584 Autumn Gate Way
Carmel, IN 46033-8221

Maria Andronico Klisiaris is an independent parent associate for children with special needs. ... **Kathleen A. Montagano, G'82**, is the assistant superintendent of schools for the Blackstone-Millville Regional District. ... **Wayne Petersen, G'77**, was the director of the Massachusetts Audubon's Important Bird Areas program.

1978

Elizabeth Gallagher Duval
12 Hutchinson Lane
Quincy, MA 02171

Patricia Ansay, G'78, was named superintendent of Norton public schools. ... **Gary "Benny" Benbenek** is looking for anyone from the Class of 1978 who may remember



Members of the Class of 1976 celebrate their 50th birthday on a cruise.

him. Benny says: "Thanks for the gigs, Nancy ... I remember the 'lounge' and that talk in the game room. Musicians are crazy. Stay away from us. To the weasels in Scott Hall ... Pink Floyd ... To Alice in Wood Hall, thanks for leaving the window open. Sorry to anybody I offended, abused and sneered at, and ran away from...you know who you are. Give me a holler before I croak at bengar69@yahoo.com or www.geocities.com/bengar69." ... **Robert Frizelle, G'94**, returned to the Freetown Elementary School as principal. ... **Joseph Johnson** has been working in various capacities at UPS for 27 years. He received a Master of Science in Internet Engineering (MSIE) from Marlboro College in Vermont in 2001. His position at UPS Professional Services is solutions supervisor for worldwide services. He had the privilege to be the architect of many innovations in international commerce. His Web site is www.joejohnson.net.

1979

Ann Flower Bradshaw is the superintendent of the Mashpee school system. ... **Michael Kelly** was honored with the Wal-Mart Teacher-of-the-Year Award for his work as a physical education teacher at the Leontine Lincoln School. ... **Kristine**

Nash, G'79, is the director of curriculum and professional development for the Middleboro school department. ... **George W. Young Jr., G'79**, was awarded the Dr. Leon A. Bradley Award at the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) Annual Environmental Conference in Providence.

1980

M. Scott McDonald
101 Highgreen Ridge
Peachtree City, GA 30269

Attorney David Correia has relocated his practice to its former location at 1010 GAR Highway in Swansea, as well as 127 Dorrance Street in Providence. He was previously on a three-year term with a national law firm that has offices in Boston and Providence. ... **Tony Costello** is the assistant operations manager in the Materials Management Department at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital. His oldest son, Matthew, is a member of BSC's Class of 2006. Tony enjoys receiving Gill Bliss' entertaining Christmas cards and would love to hear from any political science majors. ... **Ken Day, G'80**, is the vice principal of Somerset Middle School. ... **Brian Salvaggio, G'82**, was promoted to

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assistant vice president of student affairs at Bridgewater State College. He served as associate dean for the past two years and was director of the Office of Career Services from 1993-2003.

1981

Cynthia Booth Ricciardi
P.O. Box 228
Taunton, MA 02780

Commodore Richard C. Gurnon, G'81, was named president of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy. He served in the Navy for 16 years as a naval aviator. ... **Joseph McDonald** is a marketing manager for Sears and is entering his 27th year. He founded J. McDonald Media, a full-service video production company specializing in special event videos, corporate and educational video, and music videos. He is happily married to his wife, Joan, for 13 years and is enjoying every minute of being a father to his 4-year-old daughter, Kayleigh Marie. Joe is very involved in photography and publicity for The Becky Chace Band, and his work will be featured at www.beckychace.com. He would love to hear from his friends at *The Comment* and WBIM, especially to track down alumni for the reunion. ... **Steve Seymour** was chosen to be the assistant coach for the University of Virginia's basketball team. He was formerly an assistant coach at LaSalle and Siena and was the coach at Drexel University.

1982

John F. Sullivan
6 Phyllis Road
Foxboro, MA 02035

Glenda Grant was honored with a teacher's award at Kennedy Elementary School. She is teaching third grade.

1983

Scott Borstel is the assistant superintendent of schools in Marshfield.

1984

Ronald McCarthy, G'89, is the principal at Bourne High School. ... **Paul Uva** is

head coach of the Peabody High School football team. ... **Peter Krasnor** is an athletic trainer at South Hadley High School.

1985

Nina Constantinides, a popular fitness instructor in Scituate, was surprised with a 60th birthday party thrown by her students and friends at the fitness center. ... **David Lane** has received his master's degree in human services administration. He works for the University of Rochester Medical Center, Strong Memorial Hospital, where he is an administrator for the volunteer department. He can be reached at dwg-blane@frontiernet.net.

1986

Paula Vogel Quill
20 Goldsmith Drive
Newburyport, MA 01950-3417

1987

Kevin Kindregan
10 Western Avenue, Apt. 106
Quincy, MA 02170-1840

Craig DeLisle is teaching math and psychology for grades 9-12 at the Notre Dame Preparatory School in Fitchburg.

1988

Dan Darcy
42 Gas Light Drive, Apt. 1
Weymouth, MA 02190

1989

Fred Holdgate serves on the Nantucket Shellfish and Harbor Advisory Board. ... **Deacon Robert D. Lemay** was appointed diocesan director of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) by Bishop George W. Coleman. ... **Chris Smalley** has been recording voiceovers for radio and TV commercials and for independent movie trailers. He also has been developing his freelance public relations and video production business. Chris can be contacted through his Web site, www.cpsproductions.com.

1990

Jorge Neves
16 Labrie Lane
Holyoke, MA 01040

Jane Taris Cafferty was promoted to account executive at Procter and Gamble. She lives with her husband and two children in Quincy. ... **Susan J. Marble** lives in Newton where she has been teaching elementary physical education for 13 years.

1992

Michael Fennimore has for 20 years been starring in *Shear Madness* at Boston's Charles Playhouse. ... **Tech. Sgt. Deborah A. Marshall**, a site development specialist in the 102nd Civil Engineering Squadron, was named one of the wing's quarterly award winners for her expertise in promoting a wing mentoring program.

1993

Debra Gately-Cacciatore
439 Lexington Street
Waltham, MA 02542

Jennifer Penko French became a quadriplegic after a snowboarding accident in 1998. Despite her disability, she remains active and was named to the 2005 U.S. Disabled Sailing Team. ... **Adam Levin** moved to Maryland in 1995 to become director of technical services for a mid-Atlantic Internet service provider. He left the company in 1998 for a position as IT security team leader for a contractor at a federal agency. In 2004, he was hired by the federal government as a program manager at another agency. In 2005, he was promoted to the role of technical director. In his spare time, he pursues his musical interests, traveling to study guitar with English guitarist Robert Fripp of the band King Crimson. From 1995-2002 he organized and promoted progressive art experimental rock concerts in the Baltimore area. From 1997-2002, his band, The Dark Aether Project, released three albums of original music and extensively toured the East Coast and Midwest. He met his wife, Kaye, in 2001 and tied the knot in late

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2002. In the spring of 2004, Adam and Kaye moved into the house they built, surrounded by a beautiful forest conservation area. Everything from fox, deer, rabbits, mallards, geese to an occasional lost rooster shares their backyard with them. When they're not enjoying the outdoors in their own backyard, they can be found kayaking around the waterways of Maryland. ...

Bobbi Lutoff Meloro is an associate at the law firm of Lash and Goldberg LLP of Miami and Weston, FL.

1994

*Matthew Maderos
12 Wickford Lane
Quincy, MA 02169-6252*

Jeff Anderson is a loan officer at Advanced Mortgage Services. ... **Zachary Pelchat** served one year on active duty at the Joint Intelligence Center, Central Command HQ in Tampa from January 2003-2004 and resigned from the Army Reserve immediately after. In January of 2004, Zach joined the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights as a civil rights attorney. In July, he transferred from the New York City office to San Francisco where his wife grew up.

1995

Melissa Dunlap was married last February in Las Vegas. She and her husband, Mike, met in November 2000 in the Bahamas while she was on vacation. They plan to leave for Florida soon for better weather and better yachting jobs for her husband. ... **Suzanne Jolicoeur** is a dentist working

out of Dr. Michael J. Ledoux's office in Keene, NH. ... **Regina Ann Ciolek Passeri** graduated from law school in 2000 and is a patent attorney. She married Dr. Jon Passeri, a cardiology fellow at Mass General Hospital, and they reside in Cambridge.

1996

Brett Gall is a staff scientist for Phoenix Innovation, Inc., in Waltham. ... **Kerrie Comer Cook** is vice president of UCPSA in Tucson. Her husband, **Shaun, '96**, is a doctoral candidate in cognitive neuropsychology at the University of Arizona. ... **Steven Farnham** is a manager at Bridgewater Savings Bank in Taunton. He is studying at the School for Financial Studies in Wellesley.

1997

*Katie Banis Berry
38 Dartmouth Terrace
Brockton, MA 02301

Roger Limoges
2714 Quarry Road NW, Apt. 101
Washington, D.C. 20009-5946*

Gary Fowles is the mortgage loan origination manager for Dean Bank in the Blackstone Valley. ... **Alison Frew Kimball** and husband, Bill, welcomed their daughter, Ainsley Grace, on April 11, opening day at Fenway Park and the day the Red Sox received their World Championship rings. They live in Worcester, and Alison is a learning disabilities teacher in the Worcester public

schools. ... **Meredith McKendall** was appointed staffing manager at Quincy Medical Center. ... **Nichole "Nickie" Rich, G'02**, is teaching preschool in the Stoughton public schools and loves it. She is using both her BSC degrees, and is working on her CAGS in educational leadership, hoping to be done next year. She anticipates staying in the preschool classroom for a while before going into administration. She can be e-mailed at NRich57822@aol.com.

1998

*Carol Sacchetti
P.O. Box 259
Bristol, RI 02809*

Kimberly Diebling lived in Boston for a few years after college. She then moved to Vail, CO, where she lived for three years and worked for Marriott as a human resource manager. She lives in the D.C. area and keeps in touch with many BSC alumni. She would love to hear from other alumni. You can e-mail her at kdiebling@hotmail.com. ... **Erin R. Twomey** received a master's degree in physics from the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth in May.

1999

*Lee Charpentier
23 Upstone Drive
Nashua, NH 03063*

Carmen Garcia began teaching elementary school after graduation. She opened her own child care center, Stepping Stones

A MOMENT IN HISTORY...

Tillinghast Portrait

This is the only known portrait of the college's first president, Nicholas Tillinghast, who served from the day BSC opened its doors to seven men and 21 women on September 9, 1840 until he retired at the end of classes in June of 1853. He was an austere West Point graduate and former US Army captain from Taunton, who was battle-hardened after two tours of service

on the frontier in what is today the state of Oklahoma.

Marcia Wakeling, the mother of two current Bridgewater State College students, and whose great-great-great-grandmother was a first cousin of Mr. Tillinghast's, has done extensive research into his life. To read about her work, and see additional photos of the early college and its people, please visit: <http://www.bridgewater2005.com/marciawakeling.html>



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Child Care, in New Bedford in August 2000. This will be the five-year anniversary of her fulfilling the dream of owning her own child care center.

2000

Janine Dowgiallo is a sales representative for the HarborOne Credit Union On-the-Job-Banking program. ... **Jamie White Farnham, G'02**, is teaching at Bridgewater State College and has been accepted to the PhD program in English at the University of Rhode Island for fall 2006. ... **Luis Lopes, G'00**, was among six alumni of Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational-Technical High School who received Career Achievement Awards from the school's alumni association. ... **Donna Armstrong Noonan, G'00**, is the Mullen-Hall School principal. ... **Jeffrey Shanley** lives in Augusta, GA, and works with the San Francisco Giants Single A team, the Augusta GreenJackets. He is the athletic trainer for the team and spends his season traveling all over the East Coast with the team. He lives in Connecticut in the off-season and spends spring training in Scottsdale, AZ.

2001

Elizabeth Boca continued her education at Northeastern University after graduation and received her certified paralegal degree. She returned home to California where she works as a certified litigation paralegal at a law firm in the San Francisco bay area. She is a second year law student, and after graduation, will continue to work at her law firm as a trial attorney specializing in employment and labor law. ... **Lori Benevides Farley** opened Love to Learn Preschool in Dighton. ... **Jennifer McKinney** and **Joshua O'Donoghue, '02**, were married in May. Jennifer is an account executive at LW Robbins in Holliston. Josh is a high-networth investment specialist at Fidelity Investments in Marlborough. They reside in Clinton. ... **Air Force 1st Lt. Shane Patrick Muscato** graduated from the 58th Special Operations Wing Formal School at Kirtland Air Force Base, NM. ... **Kim Sestito** was promoted to senior partner for Needel, Welch and Stone. ... **Kim Sousa, G'01**, is the athletic director at Somerset High School where she will oversee the middle and high school sports programs.

2002

Rep. Stephen Canessa was the master of ceremonies for the YouthSTAT Recognition Reception honoring youths who volunteered for 100-500 plus hours during the year.

2003

Patrick J. McCue was appointed accounting manager for Bridgewater Savings Bank. ... **Nancy Sulick Moynihan, G'03**, is the housemaster in House 2 at Braintree High School.

2004

Emily Hunt and **Tracy Pendergast, '03**, participated in a Walpole High School alumni softball game in honor of former softball coach and teacher Peter Turco. ... **Mike Rubin, G'04**, bought his first house and is an English teacher at Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School. He is the head coach of winter and spring track and assistant soccer coach. He serves as the newspaper and honor society adviser. He and his fiancée, Kristen Champagne, plan to marry in August.

NOTA BENE

Marriages

Anne-Marie Keaveney, '91, to Brett Herron
Geoffrey Catania, '92, to Matthew Begin on Sept. 25, 2004
Renee L. LeBlanc, '92, to Steven F. Simons on April 8, 2005
Tasha Giannakoulis, '93, to Nickolaos Pavlidis
Kimberly Mooney, '94, to Christopher Parker on Aug. 22, 2004
 Christina Lauridsen to **Zachary Pelchat, '94**, on Jan. 19, 2003
Melissa Dunlap, '95, to Michael Danks on Feb. 29, 2004
 Nancy Metivier to **Anthony Falco, '96**
Amy Altfeter, '97, to Christopher Compagnone on Nov. 20, 2004
Jessica Pollard, '98, to Daniel Collins on July 27, 2002
Amy Zaniboni, '98, to **Matthew Larson, '00**, in September 2004.
 Kate Thompson to **Matthew Fitzgerald, '99**, on June 25, 2005
 Sarah Graves to **Michael Melvin, '00**, on Aug. 28, 2004
Kerry Lynn Robitaille, '00, to Anthony Tastinger on March 19, 2005
Stacy Sirois, '00, to Michael Parisi

Erika Zaniewski, '00, to **Daniel Warren IV, '98**, on Oct. 16, 2004
Melissa Bagge, '01, to Daniel Shyne
Kelly Ann Christian, '01, to Christopher Sullivan Jr.
Rebecca Lewis, '01, to Brent Clary on Aug. 13, 2005.
Jennifer McKinney, '01, to **Joshua O'Donoghue, '02**, on May 21, 2005
Barbara Chisholm, '02, to Stephen O'Keefe on Aug. 29, 2004
Amy Deneault, G'02, to Richard Huston on Oct. 17, 2004
Jennifer Lavoie, G'02, to Allen James Constant on Feb. 12, 2005
Kristie Ann Pamplona, '02, to Jeremy Costa on July 3, 2005
Suzanne Askin, '03, to Nickolas Morin
 Laura F. Aragao to **Craig M. Nardi, '03**, on June 11, 2005
Amanda Goulart, '04, to Mark Boardley
Jennifer Ridley, '04, to Eric Benefit
 Correction from summer 2005 magazine: **Jaime Andrews, '99**, and **Joe Lyons, '00**, are getting married in fall 2006.

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Deaths

Lillian G. Powers Borden, '21, May 24, 2005
Louise Christine Anderson Howe, '25, June 11, 2005
Christine Swanson Maass, '28, May 6, 2005
Mary L. Peterson, '28, April 4, 2005
Doris M. Bicknell Nourse, '31, May 24, 2005
Evelyn Chaplin Chase Stokes, '32, in May 2005
Conceda C. Amoroso Carr, '35, June 11, 2005
Edna F. Travers, '35, May 24, 2005
Raymond O. Nickerson, '36, April 18, 2005
William A. Nugent, '36, April 16, 2005
Elmira Delano Beaton Phinney, '36, June 16, 2005
Marjorie J. Cassady, '37, April 27, 2005
Phyllis A. Horsman, '37, May 4, 2005
Lucile K. Metzger, '37, May 6, 2005
Eleanor Tupper Field Pillsbury, '37, June 29, 2005
Maryrose Riordan Larkin, '38, June 1, 2005
Rita F. Donovan Olenick, '38, June 23, 2005
Mary E. Sullivan, '38, April 17, 2005
Catherine R. Cronin, '39, May 10, 2005
Dorothea Hannon Bowie, '40, April 5, 2005
Margaret M. McCarthy, '40, in May 2005
Genevieve Regan, '40, Jan. 7, 2003
William Skulley, '40, Oct. 12, 2003
Eleanor Fulton, '41, April 2, 2005
Dr. Joseph F. Comerford, '43, July 2, 2005

M. Elaine Sullivan Flaherty, '47, May 13, 2005
Daniel F. Flanagan, '49, May 17, 2005
Barbara G. Goodhue Cole, '51, July 6, 2005
Phyllis Ann Austin Dunn, '51, May 20, 2005
Russell E. Teasdale, G'53, July 18, 2005
Barbara A. Lopes, '57, G'61, July 3, 2005
Viola M. Goodnow, '58, Sept. 15, 2004
William M. Flanagan, G'62, April 13, 2005
David E. Barlow, G'64, June 10, 2005
Marie E. DiVito Maudsley, '64, June 21, 2005
Florence A. Feener Wright, '64, June 3, 2005
Doris P. Neveu DeCost, G'65, April 21, 2005
Sandra L. Pease Pike, '65, July 7, 2005
Dorothy Burdett Kavka, G'66, March 29, 2005
Virginia H. Hughes Alves, '68, April 30, 2005
Brenda J. Barton, '68, May 16, 2005
James P. Harrington, '69, April 25, 2005
Edward J. Boardman, '71, June 2, 2005
Jean Marie O'Connor McGowan, '74, April 21, 2005
Richard F. DeFarrari, '75, in April 2005
William A. Fusaro, G'78, May 31, 2005
Charles P. Hare, G'79, May 16, 2005
Phyllis Ann Sullivan Sawyer, G'81, July 18, 2005
David J. Robichaud, '85, July 2, 2005
Connie J. Sylvia, G'88, April 27, 2005
Michelle L. Gonsalves, '90, May 1, 2005

Births

To **Ronli Berlinger, '90**, a son, Ryan, on June 16, 2005
To **Susan J. Marble, '90**, a daughter, Sarah Lorraine, on May 19, 2005
To **JoAnne Bruneau Main, '91**, and Jason Main, a son on Nov. 2, 2002
To Ellen Kelley and **Jim Kelley, '92**, a daughter, Annie Catherine, on March 6, 2005. She joins her brothers Jimmy, age 4, and Frankie, age 3, as well as her sister, Caroline, 18 months.
To Kimberly Mather and **Robert Mather, '94, G'99**, a son, Ian Edward, on March 16, 2005. He joins his brothers Danny, age 4, and Andrew, age 2.
To **Jodi Jellison Connolly, '95**, and **Patrick Connolly, '96**, a son, Brendan Patrick, on Nov. 10, 2004

To **Gina Collins Patete, '95**, and **Tony Patete, '95**, a son, Anthony James, on April 9, 2005
To **Stephanie Pereira Hoye, '96**, and **Thomas Hoye, '92**, a daughter, Sophia Elizabeth, on Feb. 18, 2005
To **Jennifer Santos LaPoint, '96**, and Christopher LaPoint, a son, Colby, on July 18, 2005. He joins his twin brother and sister, Ryan and Emma.
To **Amelia Morse Goncalves, '97**, and **David Goncalves, '99**, a daughter, Olivia Lucy, on May 24, 2004
To **Kristin Andrews Carfagna, '01**, a son, Nathan Anthony, on June 9, 2004. He joins his brother, Nolan, age 2.
To **Jessica Masotta, '01**, and **John Masotta Jr., '02**, a daughter, Lilly Marie, on Oct. 23, 2004
To **Amy Walton, '03**, and Scott Walton, a daughter Adilind Sky, on Dec. 31, 2002 and a son, Ethan River, on Feb. 8, 2005

Correction: A story in the last edition of *Bridgewater* recognized BSC students and alumni who are serving or had served in Iraq. Due to an error, not included in that story was current BSC

student Christopher Moulding of Taunton. He returned home from Iraq safely in February 2004 and is continuing his studies. Christopher is a sergeant in the Army National Guard.

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SENIOR CONVOCATION 2005



Senior convocation is an event the campus community looks forward to each fall. This year was no exception. Seniors, their family members, faculty and staff gathered for the ceremony on Sept. 21 in the Rondileau Campus Center Auditorium. This year's speaker was Dr. Wayne Phillips, '62, professor emeritus, elementary and early childhood education. During the ceremony, medallions commemorating 25 years of service to BSC were given to

administrators Valerie Cabral and Nancy Clay and faculty members Dr. Zon-I Chang, Dr. Roger Dunn, Dr. Howard London and Dr. Nancy Street. Pictured (clockwise from upper left): Ms. Cabral is congratulated by Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Nancy Kleniewski (left) and BSC President Dr. Dana Mohler-Faria; SGA President Richard Landry, '06, student speaker; Dr. George Weygand, '53, G '56, professor emeritus of the Department of Physics and Dr. V. James DiNardo '39, former executive vice president at BSC, are special guests at the ceremony; President Dana Mohler-Faria delivers his remarks; and Dr. Phillips addresses the audience.



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