

# *THE ARCHWAY*

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*“The Final Chapter”*

# From the President:

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Dear Graduates:

Congratulations on your graduation from Bryant College! Your hard work and perseverance have paid off, culminating in this glorious day for you, your family, and friends and our fine institution. My wife, Kati, joins me in celebrating your many accomplishments and in thanking you for your many contributions to Bryant and our community.

I am confident that your time at Bryant has prepared you for your future endeavors and will go far in assuring your ability to achieve your personal and professional best. I am proud of your achievements and confident of your success. I am excited with the thought that your future contributions and successes in the business world, as well as in our society at large, will be even greater than the successes we celebrate today.

You now join our alumni family of over 37,000 illustrious professionals throughout the world who share your high standards of excellence and commitment to profession and community. We are anxious to learn of the adventures that await you and the accomplishments that we know you will achieve. It is through this tie that you will always be a member of the larger Bryant family.

We have benefited from your unique



contributions as a student, and you are the beneficiary of an excellent education at Bryant College. The two strands will be forever interwoven and become part of the ever-growing foundation of excellence that the classes that follow you will build upon.

Welcome to the rich tradition of excellence and service that marks the Bryant College Graduate. Everyone at Bryant — faculty, staff, and trustees — joins me in expressing our pride in your achievements and our warmest wishes for your continued success!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ron Machtley". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Ronald K. Machtley

President



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## Linking the Tradition of Bryant

Other than receiving diplomas on commencement day, students have another way of symbolizing completion of their Bryant education: they walk under the Archway.

The Archway, located just over the bridge, may seem like merely a fixture to outsiders, but to students at Bryant, its tradition is legendary.

For years, as students passed by the Archway, they have walked around its iron gates. Even if they did not fully understand their behavior, no one wanted to break tradition.

The story of the Archway dates back to 1905. Isaac Gifford Ladd, an associate of Charles Schwabb and a famous U.S. Steel tycoon, constructed a \$1 million building which contained the iron arch on Young Orchard Avenue on the East Side of Providence.

This building was meant to be a sign of his endearment to his newlywed wife. However, his wife immediately expressed hatred for this structure in her name. Taking this as a personal rejection, Ladd took his own life.

The property remained unoccupied until Thomas Marsden transformed it into Hope Hospital. In 1935, Bryant-

Straton College was renamed Bryant College. To provide more space for classes, an addition was constructed and Hope Hospital was renamed South Hall.

Earl S. Tupper, inventor of Tupperware, donated his twenty-two acre hillside estate to Bryant College in October, 1967 for the creation of the new campus. To thank Tupper for his generous gift, Bryant named the campus after him and awarded him an honorary degree during the 1968 commencement exercises.

Four years later, in the fall of 1971, the campus moved to Smithfield. Prior to leaving the Hope Street Campus, the wrought iron arch at the entrance to South Hall was transported to the new campus. Today, the archway remains the only physical link to the Providence campus.

Frank Delmoncio, then Vice President of Business Affairs, and Robert Hillier, architect of the Tupper Campus and designer of the new sign for the front entrance, relocated the arch between the two ponds en route to the Unistructure where it stands today.

Immediately after the Arch was transferred from the old campus, students began to avoid passing through this out-of-place structure.

As rumor had it, walking through the Arch before graduation mysteriously jeopardized chances of graduating. Since this is quite a large price to pay for not following tradition, most students opted not to take the chance, which resulted in worn paths around the arch.

After seventeen years of worn paths, the Graduating Class of 1987 left a brick pathway around the sacred arch. This path encourages students to avoid walking through the Archway until their graduation day.

This tradition has shaped the behavior of thousands of Bryant College students on Tupper campus for the past twenty-seven years, and will continue to shape more in the years to come.

As Bryant students, we will never forget all of the days we walked around the Archway, waiting for the day when we could finally walk through it.

## “Life is a Series of Hellos and Goodbyes...”



### *Jamie Calantropio*

I truly believe that most of what we learn in life comes from those whom have touched our lives in various ways. No matter how large or small their impact, we will always remember those who have inspired us, educated us, and given us their unconditional friendship and love. Throughout my last four years at Bryant, I have learned so much, not only from my professors, but also from a number of other faculty, staff, and students who have become such a significant part of my life. I feel that reflecting upon my time at Bryant can best be summarized by mentioning the impact that so many members of the community have had on my life.

To my fellow peer educators, together we have worked hard to make the Bryant community aware of health issues that effect their daily lives. Each of you has contributed in your own special way to improving life at Bryant, and I commend your efforts. Doris, you have been a guiding light for me over the past three years. From you I have learned so many things, most importantly to see situations from all aspects and not just from the com-

fort zone where we all often tend to hide. To my fellow “Drawing the Shades” cast members, I could not reflect upon my time at Bryant without mentioning the utmost respect that I hold deep in my heart for each and every one of you. The time we spent together at practices and performances has not only been a rewarding experience, but also a hell of a lot of fun!

Being a Resident Assistant has been one of the most memorable experiences that I will take from my time at Bryant. When I first became an RA my junior year, I thought I knew what to expect.

But it only took one night of weekend duty to prove to me that I had a lot to learn. Not only did the position provide me a tremendous learning experience, but more importantly with 48 other Resident Assistants, many of whom are some of my closest friends. Together we have managed to survive and conquer some pretty interesting situations. Yet no matter what I encountered, I was always reassured that I was not alone.

Although there are so many people that have had such a significant impact of my time at Bryant, there are some that I would have never made it to this day without. It is to all of you that I owe my success.

To my family, the values and beliefs that you have instilled in me are, and will always be, the backbone of my life. Thank you for your guidance and encouragement. I love you all so very much. To Shawn, you have taught me the true meaning of the phrase, “Sometimes you have to just laugh, to stop yourself from crying.” I am going to miss the great times that we have spent together. Remember that it could always be worse! To Jaime, you are an in-

credible individual, with so much to offer to yourself and others surrounding you, do not ever sell yourself short. Keep in touch! Erica and Elena, the past year has been a blast, I hope next year is just as good for both of you. B-hayes, I will miss your “stories” and thanks for listening!

To Stef, you have been my one constant over the past four years. Everything that we have experienced at Bryant we have shared in one way or another. I do not think that any two people could be any more different than you and I, yet that is what has made our friendship so very special. We have been through the best and the worst of times, yet no matter what we always came out of it together. I can not imagine waking up tomorrow without your room right down the stairs from mine. I could never thank you enough for your unconditional friendship and support. Even though we will not be together next year, you will never be far from my heart. And to you, we made it with the best still to come. Fate has knocked, but we have answered. I can not wait to spend the rest of my life with you by my side.

As Billy Joel once wrote, “Life is a series of hellos and goodbyes, I’m afraid its time for goodbyes again.” Four years ago I said hello to Bryant College and the world of opportunities it provided for me, and today I say goodbye. It is time to open the next chapter of my life as I move on in another direction. What the future may bring to my life is at this time unclear, however, I will always be able to look back at my years at Bryant and smile. My life has been forever changed by the wonderful experiences that I have shared and the friendships I have made.

## “Days to Hold On To”

Melissa Frank

*“This is the time to remember  
‘Cause it will not last forever  
These are the days to hold on to  
‘Cause we won’t; although we’ll  
want to  
This is the time,  
But time is gonna change...”*  
-Billy Joel

It is hard to believe that four years have passed. The friendships that have been formed and the memories shared are enough to fill a lifetime. And now we are just supposed to pick up and somehow move on into the next chapter of this book that we call our lives. And what about those memories? They seem so much more than what is contained in the pages of the Ledger. They are our lives...how can we leave them behind? Since the moment we stepped foot onto the Tupper Campus, we have all changed in one way or another. Whether it be mentally, physically, emotionally, or all of the above, we have all grown together into what has formed Bryant College’s Class of 1999.

When I came to Bryant College as a transfer student, I was afraid that I would never find a group to belong to because I missed that crucial first year when all of the bonds of friendship are formed. I was wrong. I quickly made friends and finding my place here at Bryant was so easy. I have made true friends here at Bryant that will last me a lifetime. We have a bond forever, because we were all a part of Bryant. Whether we were in classes together, on committees together, or just one of those many faces in the hall that I have encountered every day, you have made an important impact on my life and that my friends, will not be forgotten. I read a quote one day that I

thought was appropriate for this. It read, “Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints on your heart.” All of you at Bryant have left your “footprints” and you will always be a part of me.

As senior year comes to a close, we are all coming to a turning point in our lives. Some of us will go on to graduate school, some of us have found great jobs, some of us will move far away and some of us will stay close by. No matter where we go or what we do from now on, we will always have our memories at Bryant College and for most of us, those are times to treasure. It could be Thursday Night BBQs before going to the Cornerstone, watching Monday Night Wrestling with the boys next door, staying up to all hours of the night talking with your friends, or studying in groups for that big exam. Whatever your memories are, keep them close to your hearts and on those days when you miss Bryant College, remember your friends and the good times that were had.

I would not be the person I am

without my friends and family. Brian and Steve, thank you for showing me what a true leader is. Deb, Missy, Christa, Kristen and Meagan, thanks for always being there for me when I needed you most. John and Chrissy, thank you for showing me what true friendship is and for keeping me sane! Greg, thank you for all of the memories. Mom and Dad, you have taught me to be the person that I am and for that I am truly grateful. Mom you are, without a doubt, my best friend. David, enjoy your years at Bryant, for they will go by faster than you can imagine. Everyone who I have ever encountered here at Bryant College has helped me to develop into the person that I have become. Bryant College will always hold that special place in my heart.

*“... Though I know I’ll  
never lose affection  
For people and things  
that went before  
I know I’ll often stop  
and think about them  
In my life, I’ll love you more...”*  
-John Lennon  
Good Luck Class of 1999!



# Monday Nights Will Not Be The Same

*Brendan Hayes*

I can not believe it is over, can you? Parent, you can take that sigh of relief now. Your child has made it this far; there is no stopping them. Family, it is because of you we are graduating. Love and support have been the cornerstones of life, not profit and the Internet. Teachers, yes, they made it. Those students who were always early as well as those who strolled in late wearing a Hawaiian shirt and a smile. The freshmen you once knew are now being kicked from the nest, but through you we have learned to fly. Friends, there are no words to convey how a friend feels on this occasion. The people we have known through our lives and who helped us get out of high school are the people we will remember riding bikes with and breaking curfew. But friends in college will be remembered in a different light. People shoved together by the luck of housing or class schedules. Forced into a new scenario face first. Bonding because there was no one else awake at 3 a.m. on a Wednesday night in Hall 14. These are the people we lived, grew, changed, argued, loved, and survived with. Not everyone needs help getting to their rooms on a Friday night, but it is our friends who we are grate-

ful to when we wake in our beds Saturday morning. I would like to thank those who have helped me, but the list would be too long. So then, where do we stand? These people we have come to know in more ways than we care to are now going to be coasts apart. It will never be the same again. For those friends we leave here at Bryant, Monday night "study" sessions just will not be complete. You will not have the town houses to visit when Salamanson is no good (p.s.-never underestimate the convenience of something cooked for you:-no dishes!). And when you need a rising sound, we will not be there. But our memories will be. The times we have had will not come back, but that is okay, because it just would not be right. We take everything positive from you and leave only high spirits. Dear friends, we are bonded, and I



will always appreciate all I have gained. In closing, I leave you with something I wrote in the margins of my accounting notes and dedicate it to everyone: parents, family, teachers and friends.

I am who I am because of you, and for that there is no thanks. Only eternal gratitude and happiness from your gift in life you have given. Your words have become mine and your thoughts carry on within me. Everyone who I have affected has really been touched by you. Through your love, I love, and in my life you live on.



# Time Really Does Fly

*Steven Lazarus*

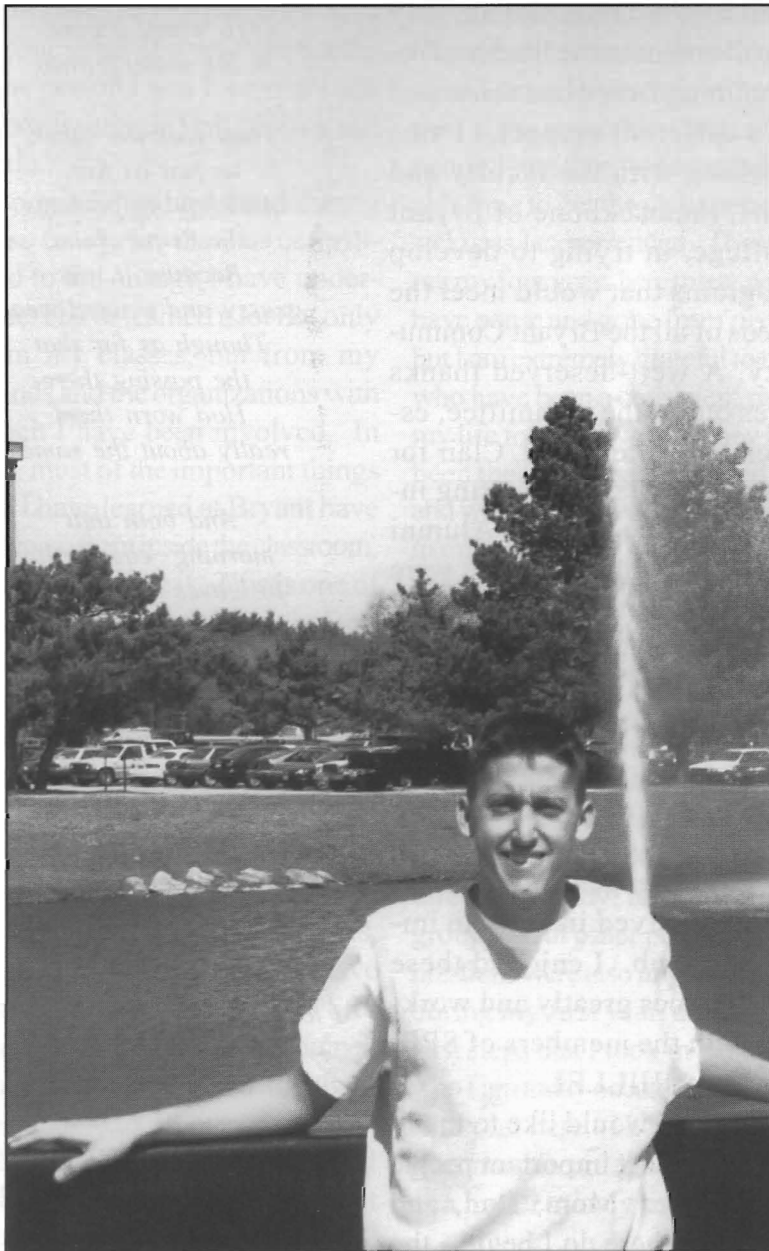
June 29, 1995 seems like it was just yesterday. This was the first time I entered Bryant College during the Summer Orientation program. The four years went really quickly. I remember that summer looking forward to finding out who my roommate was going to be, what classes I was going to be placed in, and most importantly, anxious to

meet new friends. As the summer went on, I started to pack up for my first year of college, and was ready to start the next phase of my life.

Freshman year was a great opportunity to feel what college life was like and to start seeing what organizations fit my interests. Also, I can remember the many nights in the Hall 14 and 15 studying for Political Sci-

ence, Economics, and doing hours and hours of math problems for Professor Odell. The always "have to be busy" person in me decided to start going to organization meetings. As time continued, I found the Student Programming Board and Student Alumni Association meetings to be very exciting, and wanted to dedicate my time to them even more. When the second semester started, I switched rooms. I had started to become friends with Brad, Betheni, and Liz. We had many good times together, and shared many jokes. Meagan, our SPB Spring Weekend 1996 experience worked out to be a success, and I am glad we became such good friends. With getting involved and meeting new people, I knew my choice to come to Bryant College was the correct decision.

Sophomore year was full of fun. I become a member of the SPB E-Board and was selected as an Orientation Leader. Being part of this program gave me the opportunity to represent Bryant and explain to incoming students everything that the school has to offer. The Student Senate was also an organization that I had the opportunity to come involved with. Fran, Scott, and Heather, thanks for your great leadership during my year on Senate, you are hard workers and good friends. Thank you Tim, Deb, and Tanya – the support you



gave me when I needed it, was top notch and if it were not for you three, I would not have been so involved at Bryant College. After the Orientation program, I was really excited to come back to Bryant in September to be able to assist all the incoming students that I met during the summer.

I kept asking myself – Is two years of school already over? In the fall of 1997, I met a very special person who became very dear to my heart. Thank you, Rachel, for the many times we have spent together and all the good times we shared. You are truly an amazing person! I appreciate the many times, good and bad, that you stood by my side. Also, junior year was an extremely busy time for me at Bryant College. Being President of the Student Programming Board, in a year of enormous turnover was extremely difficult. Thank you Stef, Rob, Mark, Jay, and everyone who had given me the support and guidance I needed to make the best out of the situation. This experience taught me some much on how to deal with resolving conflict, while trying to keep up with the motivation a group of 50 individuals.

Throughout last year, I am glad that I have developed a friendship with three other exceptional leaders on this campus, Brian, Melissa, and Julie. We have been in a lot of the same activities and have gotten to become friendly through

these experiences. There will also be a memory of all the acronyms that we constantly use – from ROSIE, to PR, to that other five-letter word. I could not believe it – Senior Year, I was living in a NEW townhouse, something that I had been looking forward since my visit to campus in the spring of 1995. This year I developed a my own little motivational motto – “Senior Year – Live it Up.” When times got depressing, I always remembered that slogan. My involvement in the Student Programming Board had continued in a different respect. I was working with the faculty and staff, the backbone of Bryant College, in trying to develop programs that would meet the needs of all the Bryant Community. A well-deserved thanks goes out to the committee, especially Professor St. Clair for their enthusiasm in getting involved. The Student Alumni Association and HILLEL, were two organizations that I got involved in. Co-Chairing Alumni Day 1998 gave me the opportunity to work with the Alumni office and Bryant alums, while working on reactivating HILLEL was a great chance to get a younger generation of students involved in such an important club. I enjoyed these experiences greatly and working with the members of SPB, SAA, and HILLEL.

Finally, I would like to thank the three most important people in my life. Mom, Dad, and Allison, where do I begin - the

love and support that our family has is incredible. I appreciate all the things you do for me and all the memories we have shared. I love you! I would like to end with a poem from a “The Road Not Taken,” by Robert Frost:

*Two roads diverged  
in a yellow wood,  
And sorry I could  
not travel both  
And be one traveler,  
long I stood  
And looked down  
one as far as I could  
To where it bent  
in the undergrowth;*

*Then took the other,  
as just as fair,  
And having perhaps  
the better claim,  
Because it was  
grassy and wanted wear;  
Though as for that  
the passing there  
Had worn them  
really about the same,*

*And both that  
morning equally lay  
In leaves no step had  
trodden black.  
Oh, I kept the  
first for another day!  
Yet knowing  
how way leads on to way,*

*I shall be telling this with a sigh  
Somewhere ages and ages  
hence:*

*Two roads diverged  
in a wood, and I—  
I took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made  
all the difference.*

Class of 1999, thanks for the unforgettable memories. They will always be in my heart forever!



## “Both Sides, Now”

Meagan Mirkovich

Four years ago, I entered Bryant as someone who was very different from what I am now. I was a freshman who had never been away from home and placed in a situation where I did not know a single person. I remember sitting in my room in Hall 14 after my parents left, full of anxiety. What would the next four years be like? Would I like it here at Bryant? Would I be able to make friends? Would I ever make it to graduation? Now, four years later I have reached that threshold. I have made it through all four years and yet I am not the same person I was four years ago who was sitting in Hall 14 alone and afraid.

So much has happened during these four years that has contributed to the change I have undergone. I have learned a lot not only from my classes, but from my friends and the organizations with which I have been involved. In fact, most of the important things that I have learned at Bryant have not come from inside the classroom, but from outside it. This is one of the most important lessons that Bryant has taught me. Of course the things I have learned in my classes will be important to my career, but it is those hands-on opportunities that Bryant has enabled me to take on that will, in the end, contribute most to my future career.

Looking back on the four years, I think of all the people who have entered my life. I have made life-long friends here and have attained real friendships, something that I was unable to do in high school. Other people had only been a small part of my life here at college, but



at this point in my life I realize that every friendship I have had here at Bryant as been important to me. I would never have made it through that first semester without the people I met then, because they enabled me to get through the homesickness I experienced. Throughout my four years here many people have come and gone from my life, but I am extremely grateful to those who have been a consistent part in my life for those years. They have been there through thick and thin and will always hold a special place in my heart.

Organizations have also played a key role in developing the person I am today. I was able to see a different part of myself that I had never exposed before. I was able to become a leader in many different aspects. I experienced planning events, operating within a budget, directing a play, and working in groups, with other people. Organizations were also important to me during my first year, and the biggest steps that I took in becoming who I am today occurred during my first year here. The Student Programming Board tested my abilities as a leader in only my second se-

mester here when I was given a large role. It was exciting and scary to be given that much responsibility at that point in my life, but it enabled me to take on further leadership positions during my Bryant career. Being involved in the Bryant Players during my freshman also greatly contributed to the person I am today. I was given a large role in the spring musical my second semester here and it enabled me to develop my self-confidence.

During my senior year, I have been given many opportunities to reflect on my college career at Bryant. I have often thought of the shy freshman who entered Bryant and the learned senior who is leaving. I think of how differently I looked on life four years ago and how I look at life now as I leave Bryant. I think of how there are two sides to college life...before and after...and how much there is in between.

*Tears and fears and feeling  
proud*

*To say "I Love You"  
right out loud*

*Dreams and schemes  
and circus crowds*

*I've looked at life that way.*

*But now old friends  
are acting strange*

*They shake their heads,  
they say I've changed*

*Well something's lost, but  
something's gained*

*In living ev'ry day.*

*I've looked at life  
from both sides now*

*From win and  
lose and still somehow*

*It's life's illusions I recall*

*I really don't know life at all*

*"Both Sides, Now"*

*Joni Mitchell*

# A Journey Full of Stepping Stones

*Nathan Przysiecki*

It is quite amazing to think that in the short span of time that I have experienced through this great parallel we call "life," that there have been so many obstacles to overcome, rivers to cross, and stones to climb. It seems like only yesterday that we were kids playing in the sandbox with the neighborhood goons that we called friends. Building bridges with sand, watching matchbox cars and little green soldiers get drenched in typhoons of water. Waiting in line at the school bus with our "Dukes of Hazard" lunchboxes and childhood tales. Creating worlds of imagination with Tonka trucks, spaceships with Legos, and paper airplane wars. This was the world we lived in, where we could play until sunset and mom would call us from up the street when dinner was ready. That magical time of getting away with bloody murder and dreading the daily phrase "wait till your father gets home." I never quite grasped how later on when Dad got home, he would be so mad that toys were left in the driveway, when all he seemed to do was leave before we got up and come home again. The days seemed to come and go like minutes, and we soon begin to realize how precious those days were.

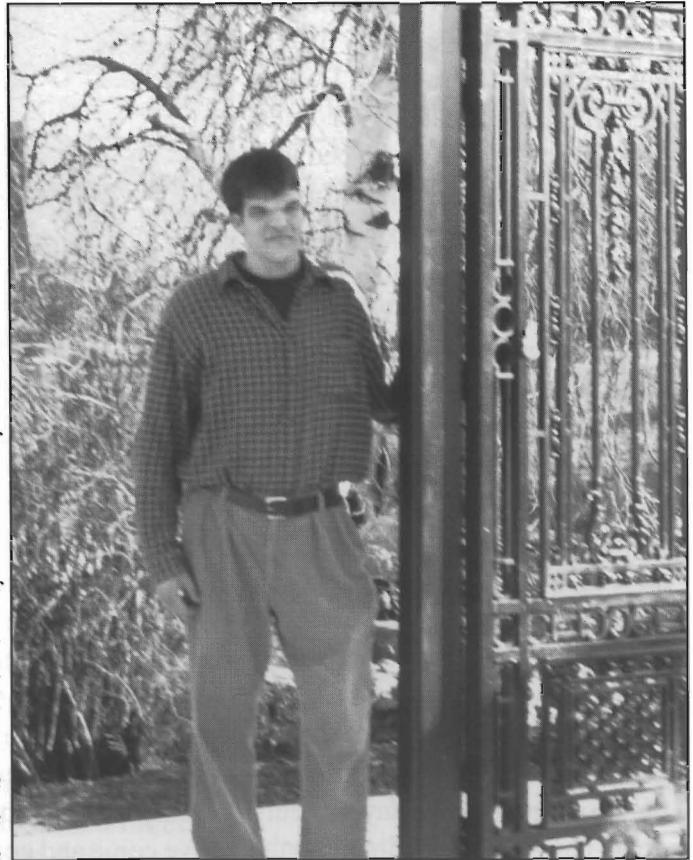
Eventually came junior high when we were confronted with those first adolescent years of puberty, teenage dances, and the concept of no recess. We lived the life of rebels being so tough, trying to fit in with our peers. Then we reached high school, where as guys we thought the girls looked so grown up with their short hair cuts and how we looked like munchkins compared to the senior football players. And the girls of last year who thought we were so hot and tough wanted nothing to do with us unless we had a car. Driving lessons, dances, proms, and graduation came and went,

and just when we thought it would never end, time elapsed right before our eyes. And soon we were seniors ruling the school as adults thinking about the next step to take. The "family" of friends we had all grown up with began to separate as some of us decided high school was not our final destination.

We left home for the first time for college

where we were told the stereotype, like everything else, that now "college is the best time of our life" so enjoy it. Feeling the brunt of not being the head of the school, we quickly learned as freshmen how to navigate study sessions, late-night munchies attacks, and how to drink tons of water after a Thursday night to coast through Friday morning classes half-asleep. We were drowned with philosophy and business tactics that shaped us from grazing lost sheep to shining business leaders. It seemed as though we could not wait for graduation, and yet just like yesterday, it is here today.

That old concept of "work" that dad left to every morning now becomes clearer into focus. The stepping stones that we never thought we would be able to climb over, look like pebbles from the accomplishments we stand from today. The journey that seemed so distant is now within our reach. Our dreams are now becoming realities. We have



lived through choices, decisions, and mistakes that have prepared us for the goals and opportunities we face tomorrow. The distant light at the end of the tunnel is becoming brighter. With constant support from our families and friends, we have matured from a tiny sapling into a beautiful bud. This valor rests not on where we have been or what we have done today, but the experiences that we live for tomorrow.

As a final thought to my fellow classmates of the Class of 1999, be ready to step over those stones. As Bryant College graduates, we not only have the past to look back on, but the future to look forward to. As you learn through your new accomplishments like running to get coffee for your boss, or adding ink to the copy machine, remember to always make the most of your day, and never let barriers block your path of success. Good luck and God Bless—Nate Dogg

# There is a lot we do not know about tomorrow

*Rebecca Robertson*

We do not know what way the stock market will turn. We do not know who is going to win the World Series. We do not know which way politics will turn or who will win the next presidential election. We do not know if our car will start, or what the weather will be like, or if we will win the lottery.

But, what we do know about tomorrow is that we each have the power to succeed when that day arrives. We will succeed because we have the power to move forward. We have shown Bryant College a power to initiate and motivate through our every breath during our four years here. We have shown Bryant College that we have the sense of humor to laugh and the sensitivity to cry. We have shown Bryant College that we have the enthusiasm to enter the world with bright eyes and open minds.

We will succeed because we have the power to move forward and thrive in whatever life hands to us... and we have created this power because we studied, partied, read, drank, cried, drove, smoked, sang, wrote, and laughed... and we came to this point because... most of all... we cared. We cared for each other from our first days in the freshman dorms until today. We cared for our roommates when they could not make it home from the townhouses and when they did not think they could ever pass accounting. We cared for our brothers and sisters when they did not think there was a way to make it to tomorrow. We cared for our classmates when their final paper crashed in Koffler... ten minutes before class. And we cared for our professors, mentors, and coaches when they were so frustrated with us that they wished they could give up... but eventually, we assured them that they should not.

Today is a new beginning for each of us because we came to this point together. We cared, and those around us cared as well. I find it amazing that this many people came together to reach the same goal. We each came to Bryant with hopes and dreams of reaching the day when we would walk away a "smarter" person and possibly even a "better" person. The dreams varied but the outcome was the same for each of us. We wanted to make it here, to today. The successes that we achieve tomorrow will be different, some personal, some professional, and some spiritual. Some of us will believe that our hopes

were achieved and our dreams have come true. Some of us will rediscover that the qualities that we came to college to change were the qualities ended up getting us through. Either way, I hope that you leave Bryant College knowing that we reached this point together and we will enter the world together. You are going to succeed no matter where your path takes you. Just remember to follow your heart, because although we don't know what will happen tomorrow, we will always be the Class of 1999.

Good Luck, be safe, but most of all, thank you for caring.





# “Every New Beginning Comes From Some Other Beginning’s End...”

*Stefanie Savage*

When I look back over the past 4 years, it amazes me to think how fast it went. My freshmen year holds a lot of special memories. The 4<sup>th</sup> floor of Hall 15 was like one big family, but Kate, Penny, Jamie (Trope), Suzanne and I were the best of friends. Unfortunately, a terrible loss was suffered our freshmen year, not only to us, but also to the entire campus. Our beloved friend Penny passed away on March 26, 1996 from anaphylactic shock due to an allergy. Penny was an outstanding person, friend, and leader on campus. Penny was a very special person to us all and will hold a special place in my heart always.

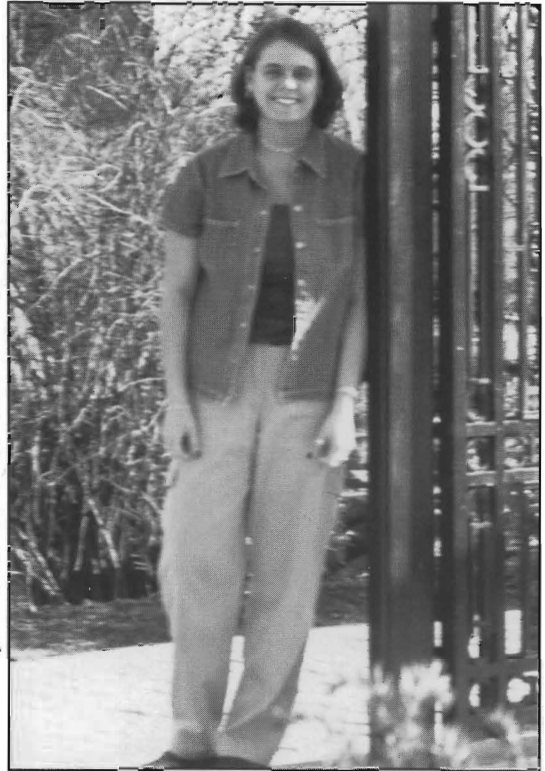
Sophomore year came and went quickly. I became a Peer Educator and joined the cast of “Drawing The Shades.” Brian, Chris, Liz, Jamie, Brian, Lisa, and Leanna... (thank you). Doris, I can’t thank you enough for the support and dedication you have given to the Peer Educators. The countless hours and effort you have put into the group do not go unnoticed. Without your help and support with “Drawing The Shades,” we never would have gotten our message across to so many people. Thank you for being my inspiration, my mentor and my friend. That upcoming summer I was an Orientation Leader and our staff had a great time! Jamie, Harold, Val, Mike, Brian, Bob, Amy, Steve, Kim, John, Rob and I “Filled the Minds” of the incoming class of 2001 and had a lot of laughs. I also met one of my close friends, Erica, that year. We have been through a lot together, both good and bad, and you have been there for me through it all. Thanks for everything.

Bryant College became a new world to me Junior year when I entered the world of Residence Life! Thank you, Bob, Julie, Sheryl and all of the RD’s for the support and encouragement you

have given me throughout my past two years for the most fulfilling position I have held on campus. I would also like to say a special thank you to someone who has been everything to me. Thank you Shawn for all you have done. You have a big heart and I love you for that. I’ll see you in the White House! I was also the Vice President of SPB that year and served on the e-board with Steve, Rob and Mark. It was a rough year, but we made it through successfully. I don’t know how we would have done it without the help of Tim, Deb, and Tanya. The three of you guided all of us through many hardships, and helped us to be the best we could be.

Steve – you are a true leader and have put your heart and soul into Bryant College. From SPB, to Orientation and the Junction, you are a great friend. I knew you would win an award, and look you won two! Sorry about all the walks back from the Junction alone... it took you long enough to catch on! Keep your spirit high Steve and you will go far! I also met someone else that year who has made a big impact on my life. Thank you Rachel for everything you have done for me, you are a true friend. You are a strong person Rachel – just keep believing in yourself and you will succeed!

Senior year finally arrived, the year we had all been waiting for! But instead of living in the townhouses like most seniors, I lived in Hall 14... with the greatest floor of girls I could ever ask for. I watched these girls come to Bryant as scared freshmen and turn into mature sophomores. Girls, I hope I have touched your lives as much as all of you have touched mine. Good luck to all of you in the future, you deserve the best!



Working on Senate this past year has been a great experience for me and without the help and support of Judy and the rest of the Senators we would not be as outstanding of an organization as we are today.

The four years I have spent at Bryant! College were tremendous and so many people have had an influence on my life, but Trope, you have been there through it all! Thank you so much for being who you are. You have taught me a lot about life and the friendship we have built is one that I hope will last forever. From Hall 15 to RA, and from Orientation Leaders to Hall 14, we have laughed together, cried together and over the past four years, have made a friendship to last a lifetime. I would also like to thank my family – Mom, Dad and Justin – you have been there for the good times, the bad times, the dinners and the tap dancing lessons! For all you have done for me, I owe you the world! Thank you, Bryant College for an unforgettable four years.

# Reflections

*Denise E Strum*

For me, it was between Bentley and Bryant four years ago.

Bryant won and so the journey began. I remember worrying about things like who would I eat dinner with on the first night, and what if my roommate and I did not get along. I remember having my parents help move me in and meeting my roommate for the first time, trying to bunk our beds for more room, and how to set

everything else up. Then I had to say goodbye to mom and dad and start the next four years of my life.

I wanted to get involved with different clubs, but was not sure which one at first. So, I tried out the Racquetball Club, Women's Rugby, and the dance team that existed at that time. Freshman year was all about ordering Domino's pizza in the early hours of the morning, and sharing stories

with new friends who would become so close during the next four years while splitting that pizza. At the same time, I think we all realized how much we took for granted mom's home-cooked meals and doing your laundry for free. Freshman year was also about realizing that you are here to learn a lot about people in general. And that college was not as easy as high school was – not even close.

The spring brought pre-registration for next semester's classes and housing sign-ups – both always a rough process. I would ask some upper classmen for advice on what professors to take, and many more would give me suggestions on who was easy and what classes were "blow-off classes." Those classes were never as easy as they were supposed to be. And housing was always a big production; who was going to live with who? in what suite? in what room? I thought that after the first year, it would get easier, but I was wrong.

My roommate and I got along great and decided to room together for sophomore year. Unfortunately, she did not return to Bryant that year. Neither did my boyfriend or other close friends of mine. Nonetheless, my new suite mates and I got along fine. Also, my best friend from high school decided to make Bryant her home as well, which was



great to have an old friend so close. My rugby career ended in the fall, but shortly thereafter, my interest in dance was rekindled. A new club on campus called Rhythm and Pride Dance Troop was looking for members. I quickly jumped at that opportunity and have not left since. I loved the practice times where we would end up laughing just as much as we were dancing.

The end of the year came along so quickly, and it was time for housing sign ups once again. Again, more drama, roommate situations, which in the long run was a waste of time since I would be going off to study in London for the fall of my junior year and lose my place in housing in the process. Deciding to go London was the best decision I have ever made. I left knowing no one that would be over there, and came back with a few tears in my eyes as I had to leave behind the dear friends I made while abroad. I learned the most about my self while there, and about other people as well, as my school was very international. I met people from all parts of the world and learned about different ways of life. I saw how other people see Americans and the rest of the world as well. I also learned that I was a lot more brave and independent than I had thought as I traveled to foreign countries alone, not speaking the language, and not worrying about

it at the same time. It was the most eye opening experience of my life. At the same time, I realized how lucky I was to go to Bryant, a beautiful school with wonderful facilities, as my school in London did not have the same luxuries as we do here.

I came back to Bryant that spring and moved in with my new roommate, Sharona, the one who had made me laugh so many times during dance practices. Upon my return, I was given the opportunity to take over the dance team, and I jumped at the chance. I met a whole new bunch of people and learned how to deal with such a large responsibility. With the help of a few friends, it was a successful semester. At the end of it all I was voted to be co-president again for my senior year.

Junior year proved to be the hardest year here, and I thank God that I was gone for half of it. I now tell underclassmen now that if you make it through your junior year, it does get easier. I had never had so many group projects and papers in one semester than I did that spring. It seemed that a day would not go by without at least one group meeting. I felt completely overwhelmed at times between dance and schoolwork, but survived it. Also, now I was the one giving advice to the underclassmen on what professors to take and who to stay away

from come pre-registration time.

Now, everyone told me that senior year would be *so* easy. Everyone gets a job and you can blow-off the spring semester. I do not know what they were talking about. Between schoolwork (which still had plenty of group projects), the Rhythm and Pride Dance Troop, my internship and looking for a job (which is like another class in itself), my spare time was very limited. Blowing off school was not an option. I did manage to make it up to the Cornerstone a few times for senior night though, and head into Providence with my friends on the weekends. Through all the stress of trying to finish the year and find a job, I still found the time to hang out with my friends who I know I will miss so much now that we are graduating.

In closing, I would like to say thanks to my parents who have made all of this possible. They supported me in every way and were always just a phone call away. Second, I would like to thank my friends here who have helped shape me and make me who I am without even knowing it. Thank you for always being there when I had something exciting to tell or needed a shoulder to cry on. Thank you for making these the best four years of my life. I will miss the great times I have had at Bryant and I know that I will truly miss my home away from home.



# An Opportunity of a Lifetime and New Beginnings

*Kristin Swiderski*

Bryant College has provided me with an opportunity to learn so much, academically and personally. In high school, I knew that I wanted to attend Bryant. I wanted a school that would challenge me, provide me with new opportunities, and help me grow. My professors have been able to challenge my ideas and make me think beyond my limits. I would like to thank those that have given me their guidance and the education that will help me go beyond college.

Not only has Bryant College given me an academic education, but it has also provided me with many opportunities to grow personally. I can remember arriving at college and meeting my fellow classmates. I was so nervous and anxious, because I was surrounded by so many other students that I did not know. Although I was unsure of my future, this feeling of uncertainty did not last long. I began meeting new people, and I started to get involved.

In my sophomore year, I was given the opportunity to become a resident assistant in a freshman hall. Yeah, free room and board is great, but I wanted more than that. I wanted to make a difference in other people's lives. For three years I have taken on this role. I have been able to work with some great people and have learned from others. I would like to say thank you to the residence life staff for the laughter and fun. Also, I would like to thank Lori Harrison who has supported me and helped me grow tremendously

throughout my years. She has given me her unconditional love and support. She taught me that everyone makes mistakes and that it is all right, but that you need to learn from your mistakes.

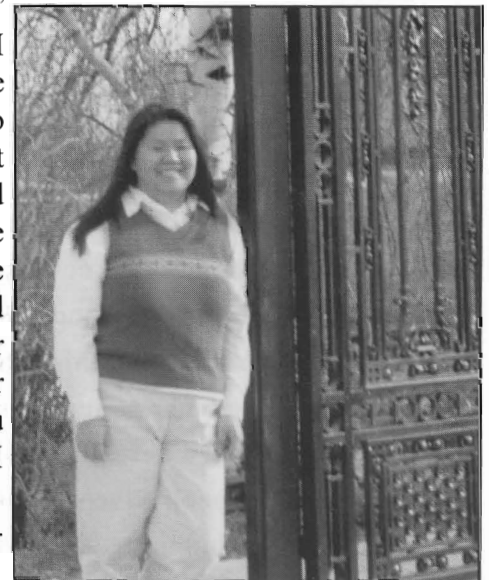
From being a resident assistant and being actively involved in various organizations, such as the Student Senate, I have gained so much. I have great memories of my college years, and I have some great friends that will always be there. I want to thank my friends for all your love, support and humor. You know who you guys are. You have kept me sane. We have shared so many moments together: all-nighters, road trips, walking, turning 21, Parentes, and so many more.

I would also like to say thank you to a special friend who I have had the pleasure to see mature from his freshman year to now. Beal, "Dingleberry," you have given me so many memorable memories. I am so proud of you, and I know that you will do well in the future. Thank you for listening, the laughs, and your friendship. And tell your mom thank you for all the boxes of "Ohs." I will miss you next year, and I expect to see you in the White House one day. I would also like to thank Masilla, my best friend. You have always stood by me. I know that we will be friends for life. We have gone through so much together, and I will always be grateful for your friendship. I could never put it into words what you mean to me. Just know that I will always be there for you.

I would like to thank my par-

ents and my family for all the love and support that they have given me. I want to thank them for choosing me and opening their hearts. I would especially like to thank my mother, my best friend. You have always been there to support, encourage, and love me unconditionally, and you have been there when I needed you most. I could not have made it without you. Mom, the diploma that I am receiving today is not only for me, but also for you. Thank you so much. I love you more than words can say.

We have all been through some difficult times within these past four years, but our friends and our families have been there to support and to love us. They have stood by us through our good times and our bad, and they have encouraged us to go forward when it seemed impossible. Now we are leaving college and are going out in the "real world." You may be apprehensive now, but look back at where we began and how far we have come. I wish everyone the best of luck in the journey that lies ahead.



## “The Next Chapter”

*Brian Willinsky*

As I look back on my time at Bryant College, I think to myself that if I had to go back and do it all over again, I would not change a thing. It seems as though it was yesterday that I was that freshman in Hall 15 with those typical first year anxieties... Will I make friends here? How do I get involved on campus? What did I get on my microeconomics exam? And now, as senior year rapidly winds down, my concerns are just a bit more complex... Where will I live next year? Will I like my job? Am I ever going to party like this again? What is life like in that “real world” people talk about? Bryant College has been my home for the past four years, a place I have grown to love. The various aspects of college life... classes, exams, all-nighters, involvement in various

clubs and organizations, close friendships, and, of course the countless hours of partying... are what I will remember most about Bryant. I believe that when the Class of '99 walks through the archway on this momentous occasion, we will look back, shed a few tears, and realize that this place has become a permanent part of us. We leave here as a changed group of people, separated by distance, but united by



one common bond: the time we had at Bryant College.

Bryant has given me the world of opportunity it promises on those fancy brochures and videos. I have had the chance to be challenged by academics as well as become a leader in several different groups on campus (even got to pull out that rusty old trombone to play a few tunes at Homecoming!) Serving four years on the Student Senate has

been the highlight of these extracurricular endeavors, teaching me the art of patience, compromise, and sometimes simply standing up for what is right for the students regardless of who tells you to do differently. I wish to thank my fellow senators as well as the senior class senators for a truly outstanding experience... the senior class definitely “partied like it’s 1999” and “saved the best for last.” Peer

Education is another organization that I will hold dear to me. To the cast of "Drawing the Shades" and my fellow peer educators, it has been a pleasure to work with such a fine group of individuals, people who I admire for their courage and unselfish desire to help others.

As I have always been a fan of academics outside of the classroom, Bryant has given me the privilege of partaking in pursuits that taught me more about my majors than any book could ever attempt to do. The 1998 Intercollegiate Marketing Challenge in Dallas will be forever a part of me and five other individuals that came together that winter to put together a top-notch marketing plan. I still believe we were #1, though second in the nation is not too shabby! Finally, to my e-board members of the Communication Society, the Academic Club of the Year, it's been a great year... we did it!!!

Just as my time at Bryant was filled with lots of laughter, there was a time of great sorrow for me and my classmates at the sudden passing of our dear friend and senator, Penny Stone, our freshman year. What I went through in March of 1996 put my life in perspective and taught me a valuable lesson: to seize each day in life, and to grab hold of

those you care about... and tell them how much they mean to you, as your chance may never come again. Life changes constantly, but Penny lives on in my heart. Nothing will ever change that.

And now for the truly sentimental piece of my farewell to Bryant College: a thank you to all my friends that have given me four years of memories that will last a lifetime. Steven and Melissa, you are both the student leaders of the year in my book. To the girls from J2, H3, L7, and the guys from H6 and K1, my life at the townhouses, Parente's, the Cornerstone, and everywhere else has been a blast with you in it. Finally, to the guys that have come to be like my brothers at Bryant... Jon, Matt, Neal, James, Ken, Jesse, and Mark... there are too many memories to mention: spring breaks, 21<sup>st</sup> birthdays, New Years, Swampy's, the Fish Co., the B1 wall of shame, and bossy nova to name just a few. I feel truly blessed to have shared the "glory days" with you. I never thought before I came to Bryant that I would leave here with so many memories of friends like you, memories that I will hold close to me and look back on when the world gets cold. "The most beautiful discovery true friends can make is that they can grow separately

without growing apart." To Nicki, something in my life was missing until you came along. I know our timing is not the greatest, but please know that even though I may be leaving here, I am not going anywhere...

As I thank my Bryant family, I must also honor my family at home. To Mom, Dad, Michael, Jeannie, and "choc," I can not say thank you enough for your unconditional love and support in these four years. I never came to know the true meaning of "home" until it wasn't there anymore. Mom and Dad, I can never repay you for the sacrifices you made to fund my education, but there is no price you can put on what I have gained from Bryant... I have grown in a thousand different ways. To the Class of 1999...it's been a hell of a ride. May you shine on in all you do.

One chapter is done and there are several more to go. With anticipation and the slightest bit of hesitation, I realize now it is time to move on. Boston is calling...

"I will sail my vessel, til the  
river runs dry.

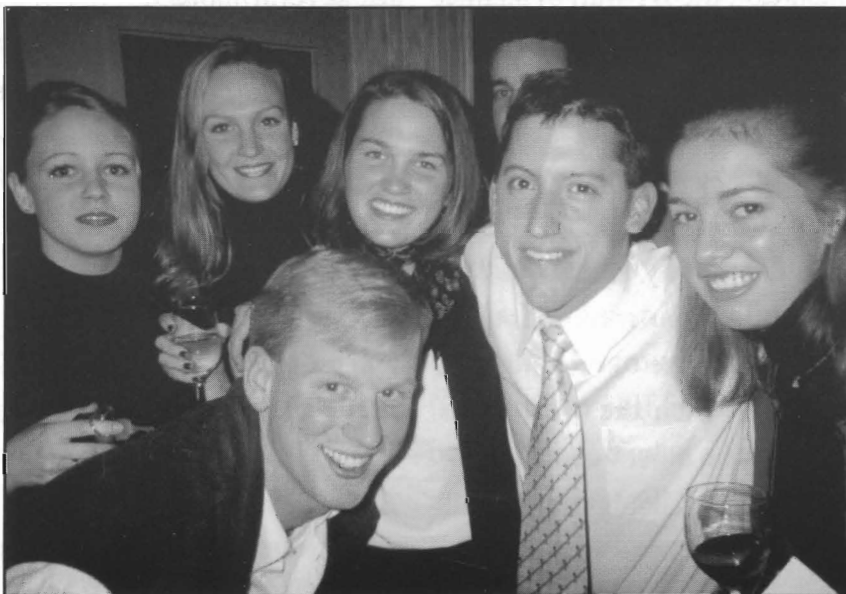
Like a bird upon the wind,  
these waters are my sky.

I'll never reach my destination,  
if I never try.

So I will sail my vessel, til the  
river runs dry..."

- Garth Brooks





the Way We Were”



## Senior Service

Student Senate Senior Service Awards are presented to six deserving students of the graduating class to recognize their outstanding service to the student body of Bryant College.

Recipients are selected by the Student Senate Service Awards Committee.

Nominees are evaluated on five different criteria such as their will-

ingness to work with clubs and organizations, their stature among their peers, their accomplishments of goals that enhance Bryant student life throughout their Bryant years, and their eligibility as a degree candidate.

This year's award winners are no exception from the norm. They went above and beyond the call of duty to put the needs of the students

first. Congratulations to each Senior Service Award Recipient.

Kevin S.B. Buonagurio  
Steven L. Lazarus  
Meagan S. Mirkovich  
Matthew M. Montour  
Stefanie S. Savage  
Brian M. Willinsky

## Class Gift

As you know, each year the Senior Class makes a gift to the College. This year, our Class chose to leave a physical representation of our mascot in the form of a gold bulldog statue. The committee started off the year with extensive idea formation and planning. A dedicated committee of individuals was

formed to raise funds. The first semester ended very positively with over \$1,900 raised towards the gift. This was accomplished through personal donations and the first senior wine and cheese social. The second semester picked right up with fundraising and the second wine and cheese put us over the top

for fundraising, \$4,327.00 in total. We are very excited about the gift of the Class of 1999. It is a physical representation of our mascot that will be a permanent reminder of the spirit and drive of the Class of 1999 and Bryant College as a whole.

## Class Flag

Bryant College extends its gratitude to the late Emeritus Honorary Trustee George J. Kelley '39, '69H for his generosity in providing on-going support for the purchase and display of a graduating Class Flag. The Class of 1999 Class Flag was designed by seniors Melissa Frank, Steven Lazarus, Meagan Mirkovich, A.J. Smith, Lynn Rapoza, and Brad Weissman. and is being carried by Steven L. Lazarus, Meagan S. Mirkovich, and A.J. Smith.





### *Megan Gorman*

President and Mrs. Machtley, family and friends, members of the board, honorees and distinguished guests. Thank you so much for being here as we, the Class of 1999, welcome our future. The time we have spent here has been short. However, the knowledge we have gained from our experiences both in and out of the classroom will impact the rest of our lives. And still this knowledge is only the beginning. From here we have much more to learn and experience.

Richard Bach said, "Learning is finding out what you already know. Doing is demonstrating that you know it. Teaching is reminding others that they know it just as well as you. You are all learners, doers, teachers." This advice will be important to remember as we leave the formal education environment. In the "real world" the lines drawn between teachers and learners will be removed. We must be able to seek out our own teachers and recognize those whom are looking to learn from us. The power of change is exponential because, as we change ourselves, we are also effecting positive change in others. We have all become good at being students in the classroom, but now is the time to apply our knowledge and become doers.

With graduation comes a remarkable opportunity; it is a time for changes. You surely remember going from elementary school to junior high, and from junior high to high school, and then from high school to college. Each time there

was the promise that whatever you wanted to change about yourself you could, because you were starting over. Well, now every day is the opportunity for a new beginning. Whatever you want to change, start today. What have you always wanted to do that you thought impossible? What is holding you back from making changes? Focus on how you can accomplish the impossible, rather than on why it is impossible. Where there is determination, there is a solution. Now is the time to be the person you have always wanted to be. What a head-start you will have if you being today, May 22, rather than waiting until January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2000 to make your resolutions for the next century, for the rest of your life.

With changes there are many unknowns. I am sure many of you, like me, have experienced moments of apprehension as you consider the future. The security of the known is being traded for the exhilaration of the unknown. The next year will probably bring a new career, new friend, and new community. Do not let fear of the unknown hold you back. Set goals that will help you accomplish your dreams and follow them. Henry Ford once said, "Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal." The goal is a wonderful tool that keeps you looking where you are going. Look back only long enough to see how far you've come, and then focus on task at hand.

But what about failures? Is it still in the back of your mind? A

statement published by United Technologies Corporation in the Wall Street Journal includes these thoughts: "You've failed many times, although you may not remember. You fell down the first time you tried to walk. You almost drowned the first time you tried to swim, didn't you? Did you hit the ball the first time you swung the bat... Don't worry about failure. Worry about the chances you miss when you didn't even try." So, believe in yourself even though there may be times when you know that you made it happen.

As my charge to the Class of 1999, the last best Bryant class to graduate in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, I want to leave you today with the rules of success in the future: 1) Start working today on the changes you would like to make or things you would like to accomplish, 2) Set goals and follow them. Don't look away, 3) Be ready for failure. It will happen, as it has before, and you will get past it. Failures are stepping stones that provide insight into how to do something better the next time. 4) And finally, after you follow the rules and become happy, successful, and maybe even famous, don't forget about your friends at Bryant College, without whom you never would have started on the road to where you are going. What you have achieved, combined with what you are capable of achieving, will guarantee you are among the very best learners, doers and teachers of the next century.

# Senior Athletes

## Co-Male Athletes of the Year:

### Matt Roloff and Jason Eldridge

Roloff enjoyed an outstanding fall season on the Bryant cross country team. A 1998 NCAA Division II All-East Region selection, he finished first in three of six races he competed in last fall. Roloff also finished third at the Northeast-10 Conference Cross-Country Championships—earning all-conference honors for the second straight season—and an impressive 14<sup>th</sup> at the NCAA Division II East Regional at Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania.

As a member of the track team, Roloff established two individual school records, and was part of Bryant's record-setting distance medley team.

The Computer Information Systems major with a 3.79 grade-point average was named to the 1998-99 GTE District One Academic All-American Men's Fall/Winter At-Large team.

Eldridge entered the 1999 season as a pre-season Division II All-American, and did not disappoint. He terrorized Northeast-10 pitching, posting a team-leading .375 average with seven doubles, six home runs and 38 RBI heading into the final week-end of the season despite suffering a painful wrist injury that plagued him most of the season. Eldridge laid waste to several school records including most hits, doubles, triples, runs batted in and games played in a career. He single-handedly ruined Stonehill on April 13, driving in a Bryant record nine runs and belting a pair of homers in a 24-12 win. Five days later, he tied the Bryant career hit record in style, blasting a two-run homer in a 4-0 win over St. Anselm. He also excelled defensively, dazzling fans with numerous acrobatic catches in centerfield.

## Female Athlete of the Year:

### Monica Carnevalini

In her two years on the volleyball team, Monica Carnevalini was among the best players in the Northeast.

The highlight of her collegiate career came in November, when she picked up the co-most valuable player (with teammate **Marcie Monaco**) of the Northeast-10 Conference tournament after leading the Bulldogs to the conference championship. Two days later, she was recognized nationally by the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) as the Division II National Player of the Week. The post-season accolades poured in. Carnevalini was a shoo-in as a first-team all-conference selection, and an easy choice for the AVCA All-Northeast Region team.

The NE-10's leader in kills (4.53 per game), Carnevalini posted impressive numbers: 683 kills (second-highest total in Bryant history), 575 digs, and 62 service aces. She recorded a school-record 41 digs in a match against the University at Stony Brook (NY) September 19.

#### Softball:

- 22 Mary Bucki (C)
- 33 Andrea Raffone (C)

#### Baseball:

- 5 Jason Eldridge (C)
- 7 Tom Dudack (C)
- 11 Ryan Marini
- 12 Jay Vagnini
- 14 Mark Boccuzzi
- 24 Keith Masterson
- 28 Brian Hurleigh
- 32 T.J. Valentine

#### Volleyball:

- 5 Carrie Beaumont (C)
- 8 Marcie Monaco (C)
- 4 Charlotte Jacobson

- 13 Monica Carnevalini

#### Women's Soccer:

- 11 Kathy Harrison
- 7 Rachel Minott
- 18 Christina Battista
- 19 Eileen Flaherty

#### Basketball:

- 33 Jim Burton
- 42 Fred Wande
- 12 Frank Hill
- 13 Keith Miller

#### Men's Soccer:

- 4 Bret Caldwell
- 8 Mark Svehlik (C)
- 15 Ken Verzella (C)

#### Women's Tennis:

- Jennifer Kiellar (C)
- Helen Matteson
- Targol Mirmirani

#### Men's Cross Country/Track

- Brian George
- Matt Roloff
- Keith Jenci

#### Women's Cross Country

- Jackie Ely
- Michele Mottola

#### Men's Golf:

- Dean Demitropoulos

#### Men's Tennis:

- Juan Zuniga

# 1998-99 Season Highlights

\*The golf team continued its dominance of the Northeast-10 Conference, edging arch-rival Bentley by one stroke to win its 15<sup>th</sup> conference title in 18 years in October. Individual honors went to senior Bill Clifford and Sean Harbour, who were both named to the all-conference team, and head coach Archie Boulet, who picked up conference coach-of-the-year award for the 15<sup>th</sup> time. Harbour was also honored by the New England Intercollegiate Golf Association as a member of the Division II All-New England team. In the spring, the Bulldogs advanced to the NCAA tournament for the 14<sup>th</sup> consecutive time.

\*Like the golf team, the Bryant volleyball team has a tradition of excellence. This season's success, though, was a bit of a surprise. After a third-place conference finish during the regular season, the Bulldogs stormed past Bentley and Pace – two teams that had a combined 17-1 NE-10 regular-season record – to conference tournament championship. Bryant overcame the disappointment of not receiving a bid to the NCAA Division II Tournament and swept to the Eastern College Athletic Conference Division II title. Bryant won 20+ matches (28) for the seventh time in eight seasons. Seniors Marcie Monaco and Monica Carnevalini were selected to the all-conference first-team, and Carnevalini was named to the All-Northeast region team.

\*The men's soccer team enjoyed a truly remarkable 1998 season. Un-

certain of what to expect due to the graduation of six seniors from the '97 team, head coach Seamus Purcell watched his team win its last four games – three came on sudden-death overtime goals – to secure the second seed in the conference tournament. A heartbreaking 2-1 loss to Le Moyne in the conference semifinals did not diminish their accomplishments, as Bryant finished with its best record (9-7 overall, 5-3 NE-10) in four years. With 15 talented freshmen and sophomores on the roster, the sky's the limit for this team.

\*Kathy Harrison ended her career as one of the most prolific scorers in the history of Bryant women's soccer. Harrison, a second team all-conference choice, set a school record for most goals in a season with 12, and her point total of 29 was the second highest ever at Bryant. Harrison, who twice scored four goals in one game, finished her career with 72 points in just three seasons.

\*After three solid seasons on the Bryant cross-country team, Matt Roloff emerged as one of the top distance runners in the East. He won three of the six races he competed in, and was honored as a Northeast-10 All-Conference first-team member for the second straight season.

His biggest challenge came on November 7 at the NCAA Division II East Regional race held at Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania. Roloff, who set a preseason goal of finishing in the top 15 in the race, realized that goal, finishing 14<sup>th</sup> out

of nearly 200 runners in the 6.2-mile race. For his efforts, he was named to the Division II All-East Region team. A month after his sensational performance at the regional, Roloff shifted his focus to the track, where he set a Bryant record in the 3,000-meter race at the Brown University Indoor Track and Field Invitational.

\*The first season of Bryant football met with an overwhelmingly enthusiastic response. The first home game in school history – and the opening of Bulldog Stadium – attracted nearly 6,000 fans as Bryant defeated Assumption, 30-14, on September 26. Overall, 19,061 fans watched Bryant football last fall. With 70 freshmen of their roster, the Bulldogs – coached by former University of Maryland assistant Jim Miceli – posted a 2-5 record. Three of those losses came at the hands of Division I-AA opponents.

\*Head coach Jon Sjogren makes no bones about – senior centerfielder Jason Eldridge is the best baseball player in school history. He re-wrote the baseball record book in his four years at Bryant. Eldridge's career yielded numerous records, including career bests for hits, doubles, triples, runs batted in and games played. As a junior, he enjoyed the most productive season in Bryant history, hitting .461 with 89 RBI as the Bulldogs captured the Northeast-10 title and reached the NCAA tournament. For his efforts, Eldridge was named a Division II All-American and conference player of the year.



# Honorary Degrees

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## Wayne A. Budd Doctor of Humane Letters

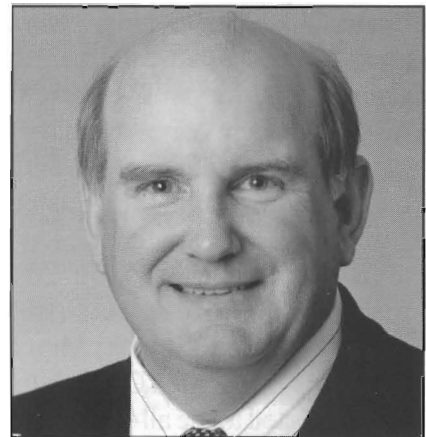


Group president of New England–Bell Atlantic. Mr. Budd has been with the Company since 1996, previously serving as senior vice president. He was a senior partner with the law firm of Goodwin, Procter & Hoar, and a presidentially appointed commissioner with the US Sentencing Commission. In 1992, President George Bush appointed Budd associate attorney general of the United States. From 1989-1992, Budd was United States attorney for the District of Massachusetts. He is a former Boston College Law School faculty member and current trustee of that institution, past president of the Massachusetts Bar Association and the Massachusetts Black Lawyers' Association. Budd graduated *cum laude* from Boston College and received his JD degree from Wayne State University School of Law.



## George F. Congdon II '64 Doctor of Business Administration (awarded posthumously)

Former executive vice president and trustee, Liberty Property Trust, West Chester, Pennsylvania. A publicly traded real estate investment trust co-founded by Congdon, Liberty Property Trust owns and manages one of the largest portfolios of quality suburban industrial and office properties in the United States. After graduating from Bryant College, Mr. Congdon held a position in municipal government before joining Hammers & Rouse in 1968. He and his partner founded Rouse and Associates in 1972. Mr. Congdon served as a director of People's Light & Theater Company, Historic Yellow Springs Foundation, and numerous corporate boards. Always appreciative of his Bryant education, in 1995 Congdon issued a \$100,000 challenge to Bryant alumni, matching every new gift received from non-donors through 1997, which resulted in over \$130,000 in new support to the College.



## Orit Gadiesh

### Doctor of Business Administration



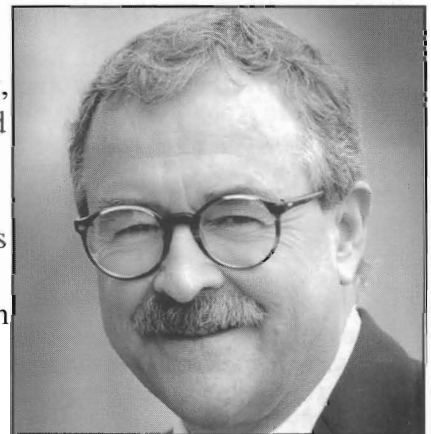
Chairman and CEO of Bain & Company, Boston, one of the largest global strategic management companies, Gadiesh is a widely acknowledged expert on management and corporate strategy, advising top-level managers throughout the world on critical issues. Prior to joining Bain in 1977, Gadiesh served in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff of the Israeli Army. She holds a BA, *summa cum laude*, from Hebrew University, Jerusalem, and an MBA with highest honors, the Baker's Scholar, and Brown Award from the Harvard Business School. She is renowned for inspiring leadership and high energy levels and credited for turning Bain & Company around following her election as its chairman in 1993.

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## John E. Wolfe

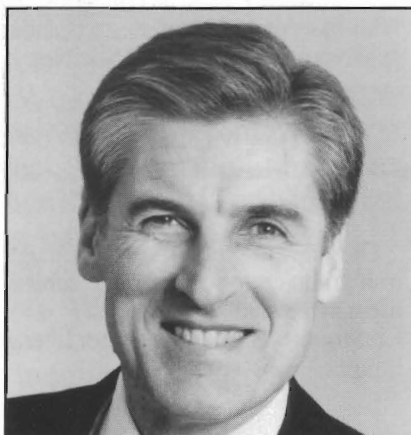
### Doctor of Business Administration

President, CEO and director of Metriza, Inc., a Massachusetts-based designer, manufacturer, and marketer of technical instruments for the process, environmental, and materials characterization market. Previously, Mr. Wolfe led Tytronics, Inc., the founding company of Metriza, Inc., and has held senior positions in other engineering organizations. He holds a BS degree in electrical engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute and an MS in management from Massachusetts Institute of Technology as an Alfred P. Sloan Fellow. He has been a Bryant College trustee since 1987. His three-year term as chairman, from 1995-1998, is marked with stellar success, including the initiation of *The New Century Plan for Excellence*, a strategy to guide Bryant's leadership into the next millennium.



## James M. Benson

### Doctor of Business Administration



Chairman, president and CEO of New England Financial, a Boston-based insurance and financial services firm affiliated with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. Benson went to New England Financial from his position as COO of Equitable Companies, Inc. and president and CEO of its flagship life insurance operation, Equitable Life Assurance Society. He is a graduate of the University of Illinois with a BA in economics and earned his MBA at the University of Southern California. He holds the Chartered Life Underwriter designation. Benson is active in many industry and community organizations and is founder and chair of World T.E.A.M. Sports, providing opportunities through sports activities for people with physical and mental disabilities.

## **Steven Lance Lazarus**

*The George M. Parks Award*

This award is presented to the bachelor's degree candidate who has done the most to enhance the reputation of the College through the intelligent use of recognized leadership qualities.

## **Rebecca Robertson**

*The Roger Babson Award*

This award is presented to the bachelor's degree candidate who has become distinguished within the College community because of character, orderly mind, sound judgment, and systematic business habits.

## **Gerasimos Matiatos**

*Jeremiah Clark Barber Award*

This award is presented to the bachelor's degree candidate who has shown the most consistent record of improvement in mastering the subject matter of a specific academic program.

## **Matthew Condos**

*The Kappa Tau Brotherhood Award*

This award is presented to the graduate who has exhibited outstanding brotherhood and leadership on promoting policies beneficial to Bryant College and the entire student body. This award is given by the Kappa Tau Fraternity.

## **Eillen Flaherty**

*Bryant College Good Citizen Award*

This award is presented to the graduate who has demonstrated the qualities of sincerity and vigorous industry in the interest of good citizenship and who has, by example, further better government on and off campus.

## **Melissa Lane**

*The Pell Medal for United States History*

This award is presented to a graduate who has displayed excellence in the study of United States history. Rhode Island's Senator, the Honorable Claiborne de Borde Pell, presents this medal to honor the memory of his father, the late Herbert C. Pell, statesman and diplomat, who served the United States as Ambassador to Hungary and Minister to Portugal.

## **Sara Parker**

*The Wall Street Journal Award*

This award is presented annually to a graduate who has shown distinction in fields of economics, finance and investments.

## **Benjamin LeFrancois**

*The Rhode Island Society of Certified Public Accountants Award*

This Award is presented to a graduate who, in the opinion of the faculty of the Department of Accounting, has demonstrated excellence in accounting studies and intends to pursue a career in public accounting.

## **Stephen Dirksen**

*Leader Francis Emin Endowed Home-Stead Award*

This award is presented to a graduate who has demonstrated scholastic excellence in Accounting. This award was inaugurated by the family of Leader Francis Emin. Bryant Alumnus of the class of 1907, to honor his memory; his birth-place and home-the 1708 house; and the entire Emin homestead farm and airport- which has now become the campus of his alma mater.

## **Danielle Porter**

*The Reserve Officer Training Corps Achievement Award*

This award is presented to a bachelor's degree candidate who has excelled in his/her military science studies and other courses and who has shown superior leadership potential in the military science program and in extracurricular activities.

## **Megan Mirkovich & Timothy Magnotta**

*John Hancock*

*Insurance Company Award*

The John Hancock Insurance Award is presented to two students who have demonstrated superior achievement in the study of Applied Actuarial Mathematics.

## **Stephen Dirksen**

*The George J. Kelly Award*

This Award is presented to the graduating senior scheduled to complete all degree requirements in May, who at the end of the fall semester had attempted and completed 102 credits at Bryant College, and is recognized and honored for having the highest cumulative grade point average as of the end of the fall semester.

## **Andrea Raffone & Matthew Roloff**

*Scholar Athlete Award*

This award is presented to the senior male and female athlete with the highest GPA.

## **Roger Wells and Megan Gorman**

*The Anna M & Jere St. Angelo '61 Accounting Awards*

These awards are presented to graduating seniors in Accounting who are in the top ten percent of their class, are residents of an urban area, and have proven the need.

## **Cassandra Grenier**

*The CIS Award*

This award is presented annually to a graduate with a concentration in Computer Information Systems who has excelled academically, has enriched his/her CIS education through meaningful work experience, and has demonstrated an unselfish attitude toward others through his/her active involvement in organizations, clubs, or events.

## **Louis Eric Silk**

*Jack Ruben Leadership in Finance Award*

This award is presented to a graduate who has demonstrated outstanding performance in academics, service to the finance department, and enthusiasm and leadership in extracurricular activities related to finance.

## **Ahmet Sirri Yircali**

*Political Science Award*

This award is presented to a graduate who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in the area of Political Science.

## **Brian Belliveau**

*Psychology Award*

This award is presented to a graduate who has demonstrated an outstanding achievement in the area of Psychology.

## **Jamie-Lynne Calantropio**

*Sociology Award*

This award is presented to a graduate who has demonstrated an outstanding achievement in the area of Sociology.

## **Brian Willinsky, Dita Markova, & Megan Gorman**

*The English/Humanities Department Awards*

These awards are presented annually to a graduate for outstanding achievement in the study of either Communications, Language or Literary Studies.

# From the Dean of Students:

Dear Graduates:



College is an accumulation of many experiences. Today you celebrate a truly great accomplishment. It is cause for pride for you and all those who care about you and have supported you in this effort. The faculty and staff of the college join in the celebration of your success.

You came to Bryant one person and are leaving another. You have developed many skills and qualities. Of equal importance, your perspective has changed and you've matured. You are ready for new adventures.

This time of commencement is also a beginning. You now enter a professional world where you will compete on a higher plane. Each step of the way you will draw on your personal and professional qualities and skills. I am confident that with hard work and a commitment to continuous learning you will be successful.

As time goes on, you will value even more your Bryant College experience. Stay in touch and, if possible, stay involved with us. Best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom Eakin".

Dr. J. Thomas Eakin,

Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students

## From the Editors:

Dear Graduates:

We know this year's Commencement issue may seem different when compared with past years, but we think that you will find it to be memorable. It is unusual for two freshmen to be editing *The Archway*. This we think is actually an advantage. While making this issue, we were full of ideas and ready for suggestions. This issue is filled with your thoughts, memories, and hopes. We hope

that you will treasure this issue of *The Archway* and that it will remind you of your memories of college for years to come. We would like to congratulate all the graduates and thank them for their help with this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrea Piccarelli".  
Andrea Piccarelli  
Co-Editor-in-Chief  
Publishing

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Adam Fontaine".  
Adam Fontaine  
Co-Editor-in-Chief  
Business Management



