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by Wm. T. O'Hara

... Trustee **Norman Sarkisian '53** is the recipient of the Armenian Students' Association's *Aram Zakian Business Person Award for 1986*. The award goes annually to a business person in the US who is actively involved in the Armenian and American communities...

... Sponsored by the Health Services Department and coordinated by director **Betty Cotter**, the Bryant College Health Fair, held April 7 in the North Dining Room of the Bryant Center, offered an opportunity for students, faculty, and staff to have a convenient and easy checkup. This year's Health Fair featured 13 free health tests, displays on osteoporosis and AIDs, diet counseling, computer games, and the Wellness Wagon from the RI health department...

... Professor **M.E. Ellis** presented a paper at the February session of the Rhode Island Economic and Finance Forum working paper series held at RI College. It was titled "Deregulation, Interest Rates and the Systematic Risk of Bank Stocks"...

... Professor **Joanne Mongeon**, an adjunct English professor and president of Impact Unlimited: Communications Consulting, has written an essay for the humanities booklet of the Trinity Repertory Company...

... Professor **Chantee Lewis** spoke at the March 9 session of *Great Decisions '87*, a series of the Council for International Visitors. His talk covered the topic of "Foreign Investment in the U.S. (The Selling of America)." Lewis also spoke at the March 12 tax seminar of Coldwell Banker DeFelice realtors...

... After an 11-year stay in the US, **Mrs. Chiang Kai-Shek '42H** has returned to Taiwan. Her plans are unknown, but according to the New York Times she is still considered a political force on the island nation...

Even as the academic year comes to an end, I find myself looking back to an important beginning: the beginning of Bryant College, in 1863. Next fall will mark the 125th year of the institution, and those of us here on campus are feeling the excitement and nostalgia that come with being part of the celebration.

From my office window, I can see the new Bryant Center reflected in the pond, and acres of newly-green trees. Obviously, much has changed since Henry Bryant and Henry Stratton founded the Providence Bryant and Stratton college on the third floor of the Lyceum Building in downtown Providence.

In 1916, Henry Loeb Jacobs, owner of the Rhode Island Commercial School, offered to buy Bryant and Stratton and then merged the two schools. Realizing that colleges offering business majors were making the greatest enrollment gains, Jacobs persuaded the state legislature to empower his institution to grant degrees. Now that Bryant and Stratton was an actual college, it began planning to meet a new set of expectations and challenges.

Henry Jacobs soon decided that the college should have a new identity. The name "Bryant and Stratton" had outlived its usefulness, and as the college upgraded its courses and expanded its degree-granting programs, it needed a new home as well. The name Bryant College was chosen, and the institution moved to the East Side of Providence on August 1, 1935. The move allowed Bryant to become a residential college and the change of name, as well as the addition of liberal arts courses, signified a decision to expand Bryant's horizons.

Still another milestone in Bryant's 125-year history was reached on April 30, 1949, when Bryant became a non-profit institution governed by a board of trustees. Concurrently, Bryant began to focus on academic excellence. E. Gardner Jacobs moved the college toward accreditation by the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, and by the end of the 1950's, Bryant had become more global in its outlook.

The opening of the new Smithfield campus on September 20, 1971 introduced another chapter in the Bryant saga. As the college expanded in its uncrowded environment, a fresh energy took hold—energy perhaps inspired by the striking contemporary design of the Unistructure and spurred by the views of hills and forests on the 295-acre campus.

When I became President of Bryant in the summer of 1976, I felt that key elements in the continued growth and future greatness of the College could be discovered through careful planning. Since 1976, long-range planning has been underway at the College and has involved faculty, students and staff. They have joined together to identify the strengths and weaknesses of the institution and define our mission for the future.

More recently, our planning at Bryant College has emphasized the importance of academic quality, the need to enhance student life, and the need to be in the vanguard in institutional technology. This has required the recruitment of new faculty, the construction of the Bryant Center and freshman dormitory last fall, and it requires the completion of the Koffler Technology Center in September, 1987.

The 125th Anniversary will reinforce Bryant's sense of mission. Just as importantly, it will remind us that one of the main reasons for Bryant's past success has been its willingness to think carefully about that mission and to take the bold strides necessary to expand it when the time and

Bryant Briefs

the opportunities are right.

As I look forward to our year-long celebration, I invite you to join us in the jubilee. This is a time to think of Bryant's proud history and, in planning for the years ahead, to think of the parts we will all play in it.

Halberstam speaks at Bryant Forum

The Bryant Forum program, coordinated by Howard Kay, Bryant's executive director of corporate and community affairs, is designed to bring the nation's top business writers to Rhode Island's business leaders.

The premier program, held October 27, introduced Gerald C. Meyers, former chairman of American Motors. Meyers, author of *When it Hits the Fan; Managing the Nine Crises of Business*, addressed an enthusiastic gathering of local business leaders at the Omni Biltmore Hotel in Providence.

For its second offering, the Bryant Forum presented one of America's best-known and best-selling authors, David Halberstam, at Janikies Auditorium on April 28. His topic was "The Decline of the American Industrial Economy and the Challenge of the Japanese," based on his most recent best seller, *The Reckoning*. The book has been described as an assessment of the post-war industrial and associated cultural, political, and larger economic history of Japan and the U.S., and the competition between the two. Halberstam does this by looking at the leaders, participants, and larger communities of two large industrial companies: Ford and Nissan.

Halberstam, a Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter while at the *New York Times*, is recognized best for his two books: *The Best and the Brightest*, and *The Powers That Be*. The first is the story of how the Kennedy-Johnson administration took the U.S. to war in Vietnam; the second traces the rise of the power of modern media, particularly TV. He first came to national prominence in the early 1960s as part of a handful of American reporters who refused to accept the official version of the

Vietnam war and reported that it was being lost. For his Vietnam reporting for *The New York Times*, Halberstam, at age 30, won the Pulitzer and several other major journalistic awards.

He also has covered the civil rights struggle, and reported from Europe and the former Congo, and from South Africa for *Atlantic Monthly*. The Harvard graduate is considered by his peers to be a powerful journalist who selects large and crucial subjects, masters them, and relates them in a way that laymen can understand.

O'Hara appointed to RI Judicial Commission

Supreme Court Chief Justice Thomas Fay recently appointed President William T. O'Hara as vice chairman of a 21-member "Commission on the Future of the RI Judicial System," established to recommend improvements to the system.

The commission is charged with assisting the judicial branch in determining a future course that will increase the level of services which the courts bring to citizens, and assuring that judicial resources are allocated to the most appropriate and productive activities. Among its top priorities are: how to speed up trials; how to better protect victims' rights; whether or not the system for handling complaints against judges should be changed; how courts can better address child and spousal abuse; and how to better help litigants who don't speak English.

Well qualified for the position to which he has been named, O'Hara holds law degrees from Georgetown University Law Center and New York University School of Law, a B.A. from Trinity College, and an L.H.D. from Mount Saint Mary College.

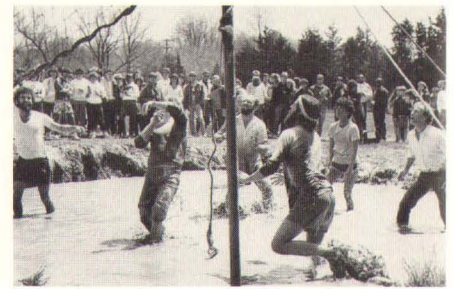
... In early February, professor **Bill Hill** hosted the initial dinner meeting of the RI State Government Internship Program at Bryant. More than 70 student interns from the state's colleges, including nine from Bryant, heard Lt. Gov. Richard Licht speak and mingled with members of the internship commission and several state senators and representatives...

... The Bryant College Graduate School Alumni Association recently sponsored a tax seminar coordinated by professor **Chantee Lewis** of Bryant's finance department. Focusing on tax reform, the program addressed financial planning; financial planning theory and forecasting; estate planning; tax details; and answering investment questions...

... Coordinated by **E. Joseph Guay**, Bryant's director of academic computing, and sponsored by NERComP (New England Regional Computing Program), Bryant hosted a high-technology conference that featured two "superstars" in the field of computer workstations. **William N. Joy**, co-founder and vice president for research and development of Sun Microsystems, and **David Nelson**, co-founder and chief technical officer of Apollo Computer, were principal speakers at a day-long conference titled "Workstations and Computing Environments." The conference also included updates from the workstation leaders of the academic community: Brown, MIT and Carnegie-Mellon...

... Professor **Bill Hill** recently began offering weekly commentary for WSBE-TV's "Statehouse Report" show. The Wednesday evening telecast focuses on RI politics and political issues and airs on Channel 36 while the legislature is in session...

... Bryant's **Rhode Island Small Business Development Center** has a special program to help small businesses obtain financing for pollution-control equipment or for other required expenditures to solve pollution problems. The program is operated out of the RIBSBC office of the Greater Woonsocket Chamber of Commerce...



Leaders Speak on Leadership

The College's Strategic Planning Committee issued a direct call for the creation of a Leadership Program in the fall of 1985 to meet the changing climate of the national and international business communities. In the committee's words, the business community "increasingly requires creativity and leadership in applying theory to practice."

Coordinated by Professor Bill Hill, development of the leadership program took two years; the first course was offered in the spring of 1987 in the day school undergraduate division. The course was entitled "Learning for Leadership."

The leadership program is set up in a two semester sequence, the classroom semester followed by the mentorship semester, and focuses on a number of important aspects of leadership skills. To give students the opportunity to engage in practical applications of the concepts offered during the course, the program has initiated a Leadership Forum Series which made its debut in February with a White House adviser and former international corporate executive talking about "The Need for Leadership Education."

Frank Pace Jr., who has advised Presidents dating back to Harry Truman and is a former chairman of General Dynamics Corporation and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, was the inaugural speaker. Pace is chairman and CEO of the National Executive Service Corps, which provides management assistance to nonprofit agencies by volunteer senior corporate executives. He has been chairman, president, and CEO of the International Executive Service Corps, which provides similar assistance to businesses in developing countries.

In March, Pace's presentation was followed by an address from one of

America's leading authorities and writers on leadership: Dr. Bernard Bass. Distinguished professor of management at SUNY at Binghamton and author of "Organizational Decision-Making" and "Leadership and Performance Beyond Expectations," Dr. Bass spoke on the subject of "Transformational Leadership."

In April, Rita O'Brian, vice president in Rhode Island for New England Telephone and director of the Business and Industry Council of Rhode Island, lectured on the subject of "Women and Business Leadership."

"Splash into Spring," Spring Weekend '87

Always a successful event, Spring Weekend began Wednesday, April 29, and concluded on Saturday, May 2. Spring Weekend is sponsored by the Student Programming Board and coordinated by Liz Covino, assistant director of student activities. For the seniors, it is the last big occasion before final exams and, ultimately, Commencement. Providing a wide selection of events for the entire Bryant community, Spring Weekend includes rock artists, mixers with videos, mock game shows, a reptile show, Oozball, comedy night, and much, much more; something for everyone to enjoy. Many of the scheduled programs overlap and allow the audience to savor more than one of the various items offered at any given time.

Graduate School Awards

On Saturday, March 28, at the Pawtucket Country Club, the Graduate School held its Annual Awards Dinner Dance and honored as its "Businessperson of the Year for 1987" a prominent Blackstone Valley realtor, Roger L. Plante '61, MBA '72. Also receiving awards were the new



Roger L. Plante

members of the Delta Mu Delta Society, 10-year faculty members, and five-year faculty members. The awards ceremony was followed by a steamship round buffet and dancing until midnight.

Plante is the owner, broker, and manager of R.L. Plante Realty, Inc. of Woonsocket, RI. He opened his real estate firm in 1979 after serving for 16 years in the mortgage operations of two banks: Atlantic National Bank Group in Florida and the Woonsocket Institution for Savings (now Eastland Bank). He held the positions of vice president and senior mortgage officer for Atlantic and vice president for the Woonsocket bank.

Plante has seen his realty firm grow from two to 14 sales associates. He is a certified real estate appraiser, a past president of the Multiple Listing Service, a director of the Greater Woonsocket Board of Realtors, and a member of the National Association of Realtors.

His many community activities include serving as a member of the Woonsocket Chamber of Commerce and the Woonsocket and North Smithfield Lions Club, as a corporator of Fogarty Memorial Hospital in North Smithfield, educational director of the American Cancer Society of Northern Rhode Island, and as a director for the Narragansett Council Boy Scouts of America.

Plante and his wife, Jeannine, live in North Smithfield with their three sons.

Thank You Party held

In late February, a "thank you" reception was given by the Annual Giving Office for the many volunteers and special friends who gave their time to help make the 1985-86 Bryant Fund the most successful yet.



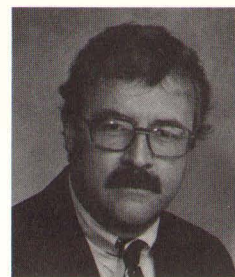
Held in the Heritage Room of the Bryant Center, the party guests included alumni, Trustees, giving-club chairs, phonthon participants, faculty, and staff. Tony Piotti, annual giving director, said it provided an opportunity "to generate momentum and support for this year's campaign."

Speakers included Professor Pat Keeley, Campus Campaign co-chair; Clarence Jarvis '36, '85-86 national chair; Peter Sullivan '74, Archway Club chair; Bob Harrill, vice president for institutional advancement; and President William T. O'Hara, who gave the keynote address.

The more than 75 people who attended the reception heard Keeley give credit to those faculty and staff members who contributed over \$12,000 while participating at a 60% level. Sullivan outlined the role of alumni contributors and the benefits accrued from their continued investment in the College's future.

Jarvis reminisced about Bryant's past, particularly the late E. Gardner Jacobs, former president and chancellor. Jacob's pride in Bryant is carried on by the College's supporters, he said. Harill talked about today's marketplace, and how difficult it is to raise funds. Caring alumni and friends have lightened the task and deserve a round of applause for helping Bryant attain its first \$1 million year, he said.

According to President O'Hara, this success is the result of the dedication, long hours, and cooperation of the volunteers, especially Jarvis, whom he described as the ideal alumnus. He went on to say that Bryant faces additional challenges in the future, which will require significant support from alumni, friends, and staff. This million-dollar success is just the beginning of the continuing effort to keep Bryant in the forefront of business education, O'Hara said.



John E. Wolfe

Wolfe named as new Trustee

John E. (Jack) Wolfe, president and CEO of Tytronics Inc., of Watertown, MA has been appointed to Bryant College's Board of Trustees, serving a three-year term. He took his seat at the February quarterly meeting.

Before becoming the CEO of Tytronics, Inc. last summer, Wolfe was senior vice president for the western hemisphere operations of EG&G Sealol, Inc. for five years, and vice president/general manager of EG&G's engineered production division for five years. He has also held management positions with Masoneilan Int'l., Inc. of Norwood, MA; the Adams Russell Company, Inc. of Waltham, MA; Litton Industries' Hewitt Robins Division in NJ, and Louis Allis Division in Milwaukee, WI; and the General Electric Company in Schenectady, NY.

Wolfe holds a management degree from MIT and an electrical engineering degree from Worcester Polytechnic Institute. He has completed the advanced-management program of the Harvard Business School.

Tytronics, Inc. produces an on-line process-hardened wet chemical analyzer (automated titrator) for the chemical, petrochemical, textile, steel, metal finishing, and pulp and paper industries.

The CEO's professional and community activities include serving as a director for Leadership Rhode Island, a program of the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce; the National Association of Area Labor-Management Committees; National Council on Participative Management; Hammel Dahl, Inc., of Warwick, RI; and as president of the Northeast Labor-Management Center in Cambridge, MA.

... **The Bryant College Faculty Federation**, the first faculty union in the U.S., celebrated its 20th anniversary on April 4 with a conference that brought three of America's leading observers of higher education to campus. The celebration of the Federation's birth and first successful negotiation of a professional contract in 1967 included Senator Claiborne Pell, New York Times education editor Edward Fiske, and Dr. Robert Nielsen, assistant to the president for higher education of the American Federation of Teachers (AFT.) The conference was titled "The Future of Higher Education"...

... **The Circle K Club** turned pennies into caring. With the pennies that club members collected from donors, they spelled out the acronym for Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute (KPTI), in the Bryant gymnasium on Saturday, February 21. The trauma center in Boston transports any child in New England who is injured in a trauma-related accident. Besides medical care, the center also provides psychological and social help for the child. Circle K, sponsored by Kiwanis International, involves more than 15,000 members in seven countries and is recognized as the world's largest collegiate service organization...

... On Friday, April 3 the **Bryant College Performing Arts Committee** presented its final dessert theatre of the season, "Murder at the Howard Johnson's," performed by the Alpha Omega Players, a national touring company. Held in the South Dining Room of the Bryant Center, the evening included the performance plus an elegant candlelight dessert buffet...

... In April, an internationally broadcast satellite symposium on artificial intelligence sponsored by Texas Instruments and hosted by Bryant focused on the latest developments in knowledge-based systems, including the integration of artificial intelligence into conventional systems. Bryant professor **Thomas Burke** offered a concentrated workshop in the afternoon to familiarize attendees with the basic steps in designing and testing "small" prototype knowledge systems. The symposium, titled "AI Productivity Roundtable," is the third offered by TI worldwide with nationally recognized authorities in this field...

Reaching Out and Touching Many

By Antonio E. Piotti, Director of Annual Giving

Volunteers are a special breed. They contribute time and effort so that many, usually others, can benefit.

What reward or payback is there for those who volunteer? As far as an immediate tangible payback, there usually is none. Perhaps there are indirect benefits, over time, but as far as the immediate is concerned, there is generally nothing more than a handshake and a thank you. In today's fast-paced, competitive and aggressive real world, these token rewards hardly seem significant, do they!

Then why, between February 17 and March 24, did 250 student, alumni, faculty and staff volunteers show up in Room 386 for Bryant's Spring Phonathons? Oh sure, there were nightly cash prizes of \$25, \$15, and \$10, student organization prizes of \$100, a final competition for a trip to Mexico and other awards, but I don't think they came for those reasons.

I think the volunteers came because they are special people who care about Bryant. If not for the support of our volunteers in providing the hands and voices needed to contact thousands of alumni and parents, the phonathons could not exist. When you consider that this spring, over a five week period, 11 phonathon nights produced over \$25,000 from alumni and parents who did not support the College last year, you get a better appreciation of what the volunteers accomplished. More than 3,000 alumni and parents were reached and more than 20,000 calls were made.

More importantly, for the overall 1986-87 Bryant Fund, 30 phonathons, manned by 600 volunteers, produced \$210,000 from 5,800 donors. The volunteers "reached out and touched," in a very sincere and personal appeal, more than 10,000 alumni and parents. These figures shattered last year's totals of 27 phonathons, 550 volunteers, \$193,000 raised and 5,300 donors. All of the figures from this year's efforts are new levels for phonathon productivity at Bryant.

With each new year, Bryant will face new and increasing challenges. It is good to

know there are many willing to lend a hand. But, ultimately, more volunteers will be needed to get the job done. For now, my sincerest thanks and appreciation to all of our 1986-87 volunteers.

Alumni volunteers, 1986-87

Larry Bean '70
John Berger '38
Helen Bochenek '34
Ken Bogosian '58
Elsie Borcuk '46
Michael Borcuk '51
Susan Bouvier '67
Bertil Carlson '56
Richard Carriere '82 Alumni Chair, and Louise Carriere
Bob Comstock '40
Bob Conroy '85
Bill DiBiasio '78, Alumni Chair
Claire Duffy '30
Marc Claude '84
Paul Gustafson '84
Michael Hill '78
Nancy Jefferson '78
Diane Lalancette '83
Kenneth MacDonald '76
Ethel MacPherson '35
Bob Maresca '72
Paul Mastroianni '85
Charles Mazmanian '85
Judi Morrison '85
Jim McHugh '68, Alumni Chair
Valerie McLeod '86
Marty Merritt '85
Erin Moore '85
Butch Palmer '64
George Pelletier '73
Jim Pennell '33
Maryann Pernorio '84
Walter Przygoda '50
Keith Schneider '85
Ed Schroeder '40
Sol Soloman '56
Madge Stetson '73
E. Muriel Thayer '32
Janice Ward '79 MBA

Faculty/Staff volunteers, 1986-87

Bill Baker
Virginia Bowry
Judy Clare '66
Jack Currier '78 and Edith Currier
Teresa Daigle
Marilyn Falardeau (wife of John Falardeau)
Joel Guildford
Caroleen Jones '84
Irene Lanowy
Jim O'Neill, Faculty/Staff Chair
Pete Peterman '79
Tony Piotti
Eleanor Read '52, Faculty/Staff Chair
Bob Reall
Dottie Scott, Faculty/Staff Chair
Frank Weeks
Steve Winsor
Gloria Yahn

Student Chairpersons, 1986-87

Ruth Alberg '87
Mike Ahn '87
Lisa Erickson '87
Jill Napolitano '87

Anniversary Anticipation

by William H. Rupp
Director of Public Information,
Chair, 125th Anniversary Steering Committee

Anniversary anticipation.

It's growing at Bryant as the September start of the College's 125th Anniversary celebration edges nearer. The gala academic year-long event promises to be unlike any other milestone in Bryant's history.

Indeed, the 125th Anniversary Steering Committee, which put together the 10-month schedule of events, planned the celebration with a mission statement that kept the entire Bryant community in mind. The Committee wants the Anniversary to be for everyone and as participatory as possible, right down to the planning and carrying out of each event.

The mission statement?

To paraphrase, the 125th Anniversary will be "a time of celebration, introspection, and education on the history, import, and impact of Bryant College on its community, its people, and the business world. . .

"The purpose of the Anniversary will be to renew and enhance support and increase awareness among all of Bryant's publics. . .

"It will rededicate Bryant to its mission, and rededicate its alumni, students, staff, faculty, and the business public to Bryant's causes and goals."

The Steering Committee consists of representatives from each major segment of the Bryant community and the honorary chair of the Anniversary, Dr. Nelson J. Galski '26, '72 Hon., Trustee, former Bryant president, dean, and faculty member, and longtime supporter. The Committee could think of no more appropriate person to fill this role, and he agreed to accept it.

Meeting regularly over a period of many months, the Steering Committee tried to

come up with an appropriate and ambitious schedule that will live up to the mission. We think we have done it.

As approved by Bryant's vice-presidents and President O'Hara, the schedule includes:

- a gala academic convocation that will officially open the anniversary celebration on September 16;
- a black-tie dinner at a Newport mansion;
- a "fun run" from downtown Providence to the East Side of Providence to the Smithfield campus to symbolically recreate Bryant's birth and movement from campus to campus;
- several performing arts events on and off campus that will be opened to all of Rhode Island;
- academic symposia exploring business-related topical issues;
- a lyceum series to bring students, faculty, staff, and alumni together for coffee and conversation on issues of common interest;
- a re-opening ceremony for the Koffler Center, currently being transformed into the Koffler Technology Center;
- a "birthday party" to celebrate the original granting of the College's charter;
- "theme" parties to resurrect for one year some of the old-time social activities at Bryant;
- a gala 125th Commencement with an Anniversary theme;
- a very special Alumni Weekend that closes out the celebration on the weekend of June 4 - 6, 1988.
- other annual special weekends and events, such as Parents Weekend and the Festival of Lights, to be tied into the anniversary theme.

On top of this, the first Bryant history book and a variety of promotional items will be sold, a special Anniversary issue of the Bryant Review will be printed as a memento, and a historical display and video will be created for viewing on and

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Sports

...Bryant College turned all of its "criminals" into "jailbirds" on March 4 and 5. It was the annual "Jail and Bail" fund-raising event of the American Cancer Society, sponsored on campus by the Bryant Marketing Association. The "Cellblock" was set up each day in the Unistructure from 8 am to 9 pm. A bailiff read the charges, and a judge pronounced sentence. Each "jailbird" then spent an hour in jail on the telephone to raise bail from anyone, anywhere, for cancer research. All monies were donated to the northern Rhode Island unit of the American Cancer Society...

...Everything you need to know about being a successful middle manager - that was the focus of a week-long Center for Management Development seminar that began March 30, titled "The Management Development Seminar: A Program for Middle Managers." Led by Robert C. Richards, president of Consulting Network, the seminar helps middle managers understand their roles in an organization and provides the means necessary for them to perform their jobs effectively. Sixteen topics ranging from the dimensions of middle management to time management to managing change were discussed. The program is particularly suited to any manager who is currently or about to become a middle manager. This seminar can be tailored to the needs of a particular organization and presented at an alternative location...

...Elizabeth A. Buchanan '88, a computer information systems major, has been awarded a \$1,000 academic scholarship by the Bryant Faculty Federation. Federation scholars are chosen based on academic achievement; funds are contributed by the faculty...

...Dr. Cynthia E. Johnson, assistant professor of computer information systems at Bryant, has been named Rhode Island's Outstanding Young Woman of 1986. Johnson sponsors the Data Processing Association for Bryant and is the author of several published articles. She is well known for her speaking appearances on computers and their application to business. Johnson's biography and record of achievements will appear in the 1986 awards volume of "Outstanding Young Women of America"...

Senior Mark Verille has become the first Bryant player named to the U.S. Soccer Coache's Association first-team All-American squad.

Verille, a midfielder from Rye, N.Y., was named to the first-team Division II All-America team for his performane last fall when he led Bryant to an 11-7 record. The 11 victories set a record for most victories by a Bryant soccer team.



Mark Verille '87

The All-America selection was the third major award for Verille this year. Earlier he had been named the Northeast-8 Conference Player of the Year and was the top vote getter in the balloting for the All-Conference team.

BRYANT ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME



The Bryant athletic program has come a long way. What once was a few informal teams is now one of the most successful NCAA Division II programs in the East.

Much of the credit for that success belongs to the former athletes, coaches, and friends of the College.

To honor these former athletes, the Athletic Department has created the Bryant Athletic Hall of Fame.

The Hall is open to all former Bryant athletes, coaches, and individuals associated with the athletic program. Selection is based upon athletic achievement while at Bryant; or by athletic, business, or public service achievements by former athletes after their graduation from the College or significant contributions to the world of athletics by a former Bryant student.

The second inductions will be held in February, 1988. But to make the Hall a success we need your help. Over the next few months, we will be gathering nominations for the Hall's next inductees. Make sure your class is represented. Send your nominations on this form.

My nomination for the Bryant College Athletic Hall of Fame is:

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Computers to Go:

On the road with CMD's mobile microcomputer lab

The XYZ Corporation had always prided itself on anticipating industrial trends. Indeed, the firm was rather smug about its knack for purchasing the type of innovative equipment competitors initially eyed warily and then scrambled to obtain too late.

So in 1980, when a top XYZ manager began raving about his new personal computer and even hauled it into work to show the president, employees smelled change in the air. By 1981, the corporation owned as many microcomputers as it did electric typewriters. But contrary to the expectation that the PCs would solve and not create problems, XYZ faced dilemmas it had never foreseen. Some telling signs of the company's lack of adjustment to the new equipment included the 20 personal computers still packed in the boxes not yet opened by the intended beneficiaries. On the other end of the scale, a small group of particularly proficient employees was spending much too much time training less proficient employees how to use computers. XYZ's president was frustrated and none of the obvious solutions seemed practical.

If only the Center for Management Development's "Mobile Microcomputer Lab" had been around, a new program several satisfied New England businesses are most grateful exists. CMD's new on-the-road, on-site computer training program leaps beyond the confines of traditional programs in several ways, says The CENTER's director, Timothy M. Sullivan. Funded by a \$100,000 grant from the Champlin Foundations in Providence, the Ford panel van equipped with 20 Compaq portable microcomputers will "bring PCs where no PCs have gone before," quips Jim Freedman, manager of corporate training and education at CMD and charged with arranging much needed training sessions for companies in straits similar to the fictitious XYZ Corporation. The mobile lab made its maiden voyage

to the Newport Naval Base January 26 for a four-day training program for the Naval Underwater Systems Center. It also recently visited the US Department of Transportation in Cambridge, MA. "They both want us back," says Freedman.

According to Sullivan, the mobile lab "is the single most innovative program we've offered yet, and that's saying a lot." Although computer training seminars have been a staple of the CMD program for over a decade, "on-site, tailor-made" training is a relatively new concept, says Sullivan, who believes CMD's van is unique in the northeast. "The possibilities are endless," he says. In essence, the van enables CMD to fulfill its mission statement more comprehensively, says Sullivan. The mobile lab is "a natural extension" of The CENTER's goal to "develop, produce and deliver innovative, high-quality, and timely" education to the New England business community.

By bringing state-of-the-art equipment to a company and shaping each seminar to meet specific needs, CMD immediately saves the company time and money. Explains Freedman: "There's not only the expense of getting employees to Bryant, but of putting them up somewhere if that's necessary. Also, sending people away for training disrupts daily business. A manager might put an entire department out of commission by sending six people to a seminar. By training employees in shifts right where they work, we're less disruptive of corporate life. And a manager can train twice as many people with the mobile unit for the same price he could send half that group to the CMD." Because CMD doesn't need to spend as much money marketing the van as it does marketing its regular seminars and because on-site training, unlike registration-driven seminars, guarantees a "full house," the mobile microcomputer lab costs less, says

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Freedman. The savings, naturally, are passed on to the customer.

While researching the possibilities of an expanded computer training program, The CENTER noted a dearth of innovative programs. When Sullivan unearthed several "mobile computer training" operations in other parts of the country, they immediately struck a responsive chord, he says.

Adds Freedman: "We talked to people involved with mobile computer training and were able to learn from them. We wanted to make new mistakes, not repeat other people's."

One lesson gleaned from the experience of others was that the portable computers must be as technologically superior as possible and lightweight. As a result, CMD purchased the Compaq units, equipment Freedman describes as "hardware you don't have to worry about becoming obsolete. Software hasn't even been written for it yet, and the Compaqs can use software other hardware is already too obsolete to use."

The computers, each weighing 23 pounds, also allow for "rapid deployment," Freedman says. The trainer, in other words, can be a "five foot two, 100-pound woman" or "six foot two gorilla" and set up the computer lab within 45 minutes with equal ease, he says.

"Hands-on" training also differentiates CMD's programs from those "where two or three people use one computer." "People learn by doing, so it's strictly one person per computer," says Freedman.

Current mobile trainer Jeremiah Preston, to be joined soon by other instructors not yet named, is another crucial component to the program's success. An information management expert, Preston has designed microcomputer systems, is an experienced CMD teacher, and has the ability to "demystify" computers, says Freedman. Since the seminars are designed to address various skill levels, Preston is, and future instructors will be, skilled and flexible enough to meet the needs of amateurs and experts alike.



CMD's Jeremiah Preston and James Freedman

When asked if computer training will become obsolete as computers decrease in price and increase in ease of use, Freedman smiles. "You're singing our song," he says. "That's exactly where our challenge lies." As computers continue to proliferate in the work place and the level of expertise rises, "our training will become more sophisticated," Freedman says.

Like the XYZ Corporation, many businesses have viewed computer equipment as "magic pills" rather than tools requiring skilled use, he says. As a result, CMD's opportunity to train New England companies "will keep us going for a long, long time." And after companies learn to use what they already have, they will be better prepared to explore new applications, says Freedman. "We'll be around then, too," he says.



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off campus.

Events will be supported by public relations activities and advertising to publicize the Anniversary as a whole and events individually.

Even though the various committees formed for each event are well into their planning, they can always use additional volunteer members. Organizing an anniversary celebration is a huge task, so there is always something to do.

If you are interested in serving on a committee, contact my office at 401 232-6121. We'll find a spot for you and put you in touch with the chairperson for that event. It is the event chairs who are doing the day-to-day planning.

Event chairs report to the Anniversary coordinator in each College division. The latter, in turn, report to the Anniversary's overall coordinator, Howard N. Kay, Bryant's executive director for corporate and community affairs. The Anniversary Steering Committee continues to serve as an adviser to Kay, and as the sounding board and clearinghouse for suggestions for other Anniversary activities.

Think about new ideas, in fact. Although there is a limit to the resources being allocated for the Anniversary, the schedule is designed to be fluid and flexible so it can accommodate new ideas. If you have an activity that just can't miss, thus, let us know about it.

Oh, by the way, the Steering Committee also tried to make sure the 125th Anniversary has plenty of one other element: It's spelled F-U-N.

William T. O'Hara

Lawyer turns to academics of higher learning

William T. O'Hara, 54, left a four-year legal career for the "challenging" post of a college administrator in 1963 and since 1976 has been president of Bryant College. O'Hara came to the private business college's Smithfield campus from Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, N.Y., where he served as president in addition to being a professor of constitutional law. He holds a B.A. from Trinity College and a J.D. and L.L.M. from the Georgetown University Law Center.

PBN: You are an attorney by profession and served as a trial lawyer in the US District Court in Washington. Why did you leave a career that many might consider exciting and opt for a quiet role as the president of a business college?

O'HARA: I'm not sure it's a quieter profession, especially these days. I enjoyed practicing law; on the other hand, I always had an inclination towards campus life. I like the ambience and being with young people. Actually, I took a half step toward an academic career rather than a full step. I left the practice of law to teach law at the University of Connecticut. As things evolved, I became more involved with administration. It really wasn't my intention to go into administration when I left the practice of law but a move to continue my career in law.

Do you have any regrets?

No. No. Once I got into higher education, although, as I say, I was happy practicing law, I knew that was right for me, and I haven't looked back. It was the perfect match.

Why do you say that? What is it that perhaps may not have made practicing law and being a trial attorney the perfect match for you?

There are certain excitements in the practice of law, but a lot a repetition. In higher education there are intellectual aspects,

the possibility of research and the wide diversity in administration that make it more attractive.

You are now in the fourth year of a strategic plan to move Bryant from one level of prestige to another. Can you tell us about this?

I'm not sure of whether the characterization of moving to another level of prestige is right. I think that will come naturally. The strategic planning that we set in motion four years ago was really an effort on the part of Bryant College to respond to a changing society. The needs of higher education have changed radically in the last 10 years. There are new ways to teach and new expectations with regard to what higher education should, and has to, do.

For example?

I see a great future for executive training in higher education for people who are already in the workforce. There is more of an emphasis today in educating young people, but this is just the start. Education will continue throughout a lifetime, and those of you who take a degree away from a college can expect that a good portion of your knowledge will be obsolete within five years. If you want to move along and progress, you're going to constantly have to have some kind of networking back to the college campus. Of course, it will be less formal than the traditional college experience, but nonetheless [it will maintain] that connection with the campus.

Getting back to the four-year plan, how does it work and where was the college when you launched the strategic plan?

The college has always been a solid institution and always responded to a certain sector in our society; people who are interested

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in the undergraduate experience essentially for that, and who are not necessarily thinking about going on to graduate school. These are individuals who want to move into either a business or public administrative career tract, and Bryant's reputation over the years was tremendous for that.

Why did you decide to embark upon such an ambitious initiative to overhaul the College's image?

Early in my term we did long-range planning, which forced us to assess what we were doing. Strategic planning, at least as I define it, is planning, but it's also an in-depth examination of the environment you are in, setting up needs that you should be responding to within the particular field you are in. With strategic planning, we began to take a look at how the greater society was changing out there in terms of demographics. Rhode Island by 1992, compared to 1972, will lose 49 percent of its high school graduates. Let me put that another way: There will be 49 percent less students graduating annually from the high schools in Rhode Island in 1992 versus 1972. This is the worst rate in the nation.

Why will this happen?

The youngsters weren't born. And while the surrounding New England states are not as bad, they're not much better. Demographics in Connecticut show a 43 percent loss, Massachusetts 44 percent and across the nation there is a 25 percent drop.

So you find yourself in a situation where just as a matter of survival for the college you have to break out of the region and lure students from other parts of the country to your campus.



Yes. Colleges are competing much more hectically then they had to 10 years ago. The telling distinction to me as to how an institution will survive, and in fact, progress, is quality.

How does Bryant compare with a Wharton or a Harvard Business School?

There are some parallels, but at the same time we are talking about two distinct institutions when we put Wharton and Harvard together as one category. They're universities and a large amount of their resources are going for graduate education. Although Bryant has a graduate program, its emphasis is on the undergraduate and on teaching, whereas those other institutions differ in nature in the sense that research is given a much greater emphasis.

How many terminals do you expect to have in the new center?

We will be kicking off with approximately 110 and we will move to about 200.

Currently you have how many workstations?

I'd say somewhere between 60 and 75 IBM PCs. There are other dimensions to the new center as well. For instance, we have a program in actuary science, and that faculty will have a portion of that facility. There will be other uses as well. For instance, our small business development

center, our executive training center and our Center for Management Development (CMD) all will be located there. About 26 percent of the courses taught in CMD are related to the computer. What we'll be able to do then at the center is service those special areas, which I call the peak performers for Bryant.

How does a college like Bryant get recognition from the corporate community?

You can have an undergraduate program and you can do the most outstanding work, but you may not be able to attract the attention of industry and community because you're not servicing them. The computer center will allow us to do that. Once we get up and going, we hope we will be able to do work for industry. The larger corporations can buy equipment and provide all of the services they may need, but there is an endless number of smaller businesses that may have large jobs two, three or four times a year, and they're not going to buy equipment for that. Bryant can help them. Colleges and universities have, through the years, always gone out and said help, help, help. I think that colleges have to think and underscore how they can contribute back to the community as well as ask for the support. That's happening at Bryant.

This, then, is an opportunity for the college to forge a link between private industry and higher education, which Bryant has not been able to do before.

Not as well as that. I think that corporate America and private education, including Bryant, have to forge a much closer union if we're going to do the kinds of things that America has on its agenda today.

How much has the four-year strategic plan and all of its accomplishments cost Bryant?

The approximate cost for Bryant's improvement planning is somewhere in the vicinity

of \$25 million and \$30 million. Some phases of the plan, for instance, the construction of our new dormitory, were immediately undertaken, and we have already expended that money. Other projects, such as programs in leadership and the addition of new faculty may take four, five, maybe even 10 years. However, we hope that we can keep the price tag to the projected \$25 million to \$30 million.

Looking back over your 11-year tenure, what have you done of which you are most proud?

Strategic planning and within that context the enhancement of the academic programs. Those buildings, they just stand there, but the ferment that is going on in the classroom and how I see the students responding to the demands put on them by the faculty, that's the most exciting thing that has happened since I've been here.

What about a comparison between Bryant and Boston College and Boston University?

They're among our key competitors in that we share a large number of applications with places like [them]. There is not a major distinguishable difference in terms of the curriculum, but those institutions are much larger and can offer a wider diversity in terms of courses outside the business school. There is also a difference in terms of a cultural presentation. . . . When you talk about Boston College you're talking about an institution with somewhere around 10,000 students. Boston University has around 18,000, while Bryant's undergraduate program has 3000 students and 1200 graduate students.

Is Bryant primarily a commuter college?

It used to be, but that has changed.

When did this transition begin?

It's been happening over the last five years. We added a dorm five years ago added another this year, which represents 600 additional beds, and that really was the swing. Up to that time, it was either 50-50 or favored the commuter in terms of attendance.

Was this swing a conscious effort on your part or simply a matter of just meeting a demand?

Both. There was the need there in terms of student demand. At the same time, those demographics that I referred to earlier were leading us to a perception that the students in Rhode Island just aren't there, and we've got to reach out.

What percentage of your students come from Rhode Island?

About 30 percent. Our feeder states are Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. We get some students from the upper tier of New England, but their populations are slight and there's not as strong a flow as you would get out of Connecticut or Massachusetts.

One of the phases you have had with the strategic plan was to renovate the old student center and turn that facility into a computer technology center. Can you tell us about that?

I'm really excited about this because I see it opening up avenues that haven't been accessible to us before. The structure is under renovation and we are looking to next fall for it to be completed. This will put Bryant in the forefront in terms of the equipment that is available to students studying in the computer area. We run, under current conditions, a workstation to every 45 students. When this total project is completed there will be one workstation to every 20 students.

Are you purchasing the equipment or is it being donated to the college?

There is very little donated equipment. We are now out asking the corporate community to back us and help us to defray the cost.

How much will the computer center cost the college?

For the renovation and the purchase and installation of the equipment the cost is about \$2.2 million.





Be a mighty oak to a young acorn.

Making a successful transition from Bryant College into the business world requires preparedness and career planning. The Office of Career Services at Bryant College sponsors an innovative program called the **Alumni Career Network**. The network is composed of Bryant alumni involved in programs designed to help students prepare for their future. With a variety of options to choose from, you can become involved in:

Careers in... Series: Return to campus to speak to students about your career in... and to share your experiences.

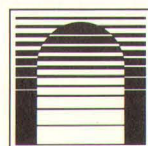
Telephone interviews: An over-the-phone source of information for students who have questions about a particular career field.

Student visitations: Meet with students at your place of employment to answer questions students have about your career field.

You have the experience and expertise that Bryant students need. Interested? Simply fill out and return the form below to: **Office of Career Services, Bryant College, 450 Douglas Pike, Smithfield, RI, 02917-1284**. Join the Alumni Career Network—mighty oaks helping young acorns grow.

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The Bryant Alumni Career Network



Alumni Association News

Annual Polo Picnic

Before Susan (Gafner) Oliver '86 ever applied to Bryant, she was a regular at the yearly alumni "polo picnics" organized by her parents, Fred '56 and Jan (McDonald) Gafner '55.

Each spring throughout high school, Susan mingled with area alumni enjoying the polo game, traditional champagne and chicken lunch and regular appearance of President William T. O'Hara and other administrators. Held at the Royal Palm Polo Club in Boca Raton since 1981, the event draws approximately 100 alumni who, for the most part, are retirees now living in Florida. Even after entering Bryant, Susan continued to attend the picnics, purposely planned to coincide with spring break so interested students can also attend. But her parents continued to run the show.

This year, Susan came into her own and took over the organizational reins for the March 15 polo picnic. Employed as a fixed asset accountant at a Florida telecommunications firm, it made sense for Susan, now also an alum, to do what her parents no longer can do conveniently. "They recently moved to Franklin, Massachusetts," she explains "and it made sense for me to take it over."

Dr. and Mrs. O'Hara attended as did David Brooks, director of alumni relations, and many area alumni.

Hartford Chapter

The Greater Hartford Chapter had its usual great time at a wine and cheese reception held at the University of Hartford a few months ago. The familiar Bryant banner brought a tear to one participant's eye (who has asked to remain nameless.) She said it was just a flashback from a calculus final.

Everyone in attendance was looking forward to Alumni Reunion Weekend. In fact, there was talk of hiring a bus. Maybe you can get the Philadelphia Chapter to pick you up on the way?

Many thanks to Liz Nawrocki '67 and Louise Spungin '52 for their time and effort in making it a great time.



Left to right: Gordon N. Mead '55, Keith A Schneider '85, Gil Olson '48 and Jane Olson

Alumni Reunion Weekend, plans underway

re•union / n.

1: The act of reuniting;
the state of being
reunited

2: a reuniting of persons
after separation

...that's according to Daniel Webster, a guy who really knew his stuff. In the true tradition of Mr. Webster, Bryant will host its Alumni Reunion on June 5, 6, and 7, 1987... and it'll be a gala to make Mr. Webster proud!

If your graduation year ends in a 2 or 7, this is your reunion year! From Friday, June 5, through Sunday, June 7, your classmates will be back on campus for a fun-filled weekend of memorable activities.

There'll be picnics, seminars, barbecues, and brunches; rock bands, country bands,



Some of the Hartford crew

dance bands & DJs; volleyball, softball, tennis, and frisbee.

You name it, we probably have it.

Renew old friendships and make some news ones. Mingle with your classmates and teachers under the tent on a beautiful summer day, then mingle with faculty and staff under a star-lit dome. This reunion weekend will be concentrated in the new Bryant Center, a \$5.2 million multi-purpose contemporary student and function facility guaranteed to knock your socks off; you have to see it to believe it!

So, make ol' Danny Webster proud... come back in the true spirit of a "reunion." Look for the reservation form to appear in your mailbox real soon! And send it back, say you'll join your old buddies under the tent, under the dome, in the Center. It'll be a grand celebration!

Friday Evening Barbecue
June 5, 1987: (Outdoor Tent) with country-western band

Frank Santos,
The Inimitable
"R"-Rated Hypnotist

Saturday, Workshops:
June 6, 1987: Hands-On Computer Basics, Leadership in Management, IRAs, etc.

Outdoor Picnic

Alumni Board
President's Luncheon

50th year Reunion
Luncheon

Softball Challenge

Cocktail Reception,
Awards Dinner

Dancing to Ralph
Stuart

Class of '83 DJ &
Slide Show

Sunday, Continental Breakfast
June 7, 1987: with the President

Ecumenical Services

Open Letter to all Bryant College Alumni:

One of my goals during my presidency this year has been to become more aware of the needs of the Bryant Alumni community at large, and how best to serve those needs. To this end, we have brought John Driscoll, Director of Alumni Programs at Wesleyan University, on board as a consultant to address a number of issues vital to the success of our alumni programs. John will be working closely with the Executive Board and the administration to determine the needs and desires of the alumni and the organizational process required to meet those objectives.

Another important change is that our own First Vice President, Paula (Pascone) Iacono '69, is now working in the Alumni Office as coordinator of alumni programs, specifically Alumni Reunion '87 and the Leadership Conference. We are very pleased to have her in this capacity, and look forward to a fine turnout for both events.

The Leadership Conference was held on Saturday, April 25, 1987. Our program last year was so well received that we expanded on that theme to bring several alumni experts on board to brainstorm with us for the day. The workshop, free of charge, was open to any alum interested in working on chapter programs, both regional and local.

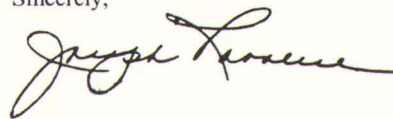
Another goal this year has actually been met. The First Annual Alumni Association Scholarship Award will be presented to a deserving upperclassman at the black-tie dinner during Alumni Reunion Weekend. We are quite proud that this program has finally taken hold and look forward to its continued growth in size and scope in the years ahead.

I extend an invitation to all of you to help me achieve my goal, and at the same time, help the Alumni Program at Bryant.

Communicate your needs to us. Let us know what types of programs you would like to see offered to alumni. We want your continued support and only through increased awareness of the overall desires of the alumni community can we all work effectively to meet our goals.

I look forward to seeing you all at ALUMNI REUNION '87, June 5, 6, & 7 to share some additional thoughts with you.

Sincerely,



Joseph Ravalese, Jr. '54
President
Bryant College Alumni Association

Class Notes

1933

Santino M. Vasquez of 1403 Moreno Drive, Simi Valley, CA, has been conferred with the Medal of the Order of Merit by the Republic of Italy as Cavaliere Ufficiale for 50 years of service to the Italian-American communities. The honor is "Knighthood." He founded and organized the Phi Sigma Nu Fraternity in January of 1932 with the support of the late E. Gardner Jacobs.

1937

50th Reunion Reminder: Saturday, June 6, luncheon with Dr. O'Hara at 11:30 am. A great chance to meet with old classmates reliving old times and see the new campus. Please make a special effort to join us on June 6th!

Sophie (Kudriavetz) Allen, Class chairperson

1939

Marjorie (Bliss) Gore, owner and president of The Paper Mill for 18 years, sold her business in July, 1986. She has retired and plans to work with American Indian youth. She resides in New Canaan, CT.

1942

Fiscal 45! All good business people practice a review of their affairs on a fiscal basis in order to plan for the future and learn from the past. Take time to review the years gone by, renew old friendships, and set your course for the years to come. An experience to treasure – mark the dates on your calendar: June 5, 6, and 7, 1987!

Vera (Stenson) Banaghan

1947

Join **Ralph Papitto**, your class chairman, at the picnic lunch under the tent on Saturday, June 6, for your 40th Class Reunion. Mark your calendars for this auspicious event; join us for the weekend, June 5, 6, and 7!

Selma (Rubin) Yessin sends an enthusiastic reminder to all Gregg Hall girls. "This is our 40th reunion! Gone is our youth and vitality, but fond memories of Bryant days will live forever in our hearts! She resides in North Hollywood, CA.

1950

Harold N. Patch, retired from teaching at Shelton, CT High School in July 1986. His summers are spent in Pittsford, VT while his winters are spent in Sun City Center, FL.

1951

William H. Woodcock, Jr. has been appointed Deputy Executive Assistant for administration for RI Governor Edward D. DiPrete. Mr. Woodcock resides in East Providence, RI

1952

Time to get together – It's been 35 years since Graduation. Hard as it is to believe, our commencement was that long ago... Let's recap some memories on Alumni Reunion Weekend, June 5, 6, and 7, 1987. Send your reservation form back and join me for a fantastic trip down memory lane. See you there – **Alan Lang, class chairperson**

1957

Carolyn Girelli Skeffington and **Dan Spaight** want you to network with old classmates... Get everyone back for Alumni Reunion Weekend. On June 5, 6, and 7, you will celebrate your 30-year reunion under the tent with Carolyn, Dan, and all the gang. Send your reservations back early and network – they want to see as many classmates as possible!

Howard Baptista, a '48 and '49 All-Bristol County Basketball Center, was inducted into the New Bedford High School Gridiron Club's Fifth Annual Hall of Fame. He lives in New Bedford, MA.

1958

Ralph H. Flint, executive vice president of Newport Savings and Loan Association, was elected as a member of the executive committee and re-elected as a member of the board of directors of the New England League of Savings Institutions, Inc. He resides in Middletown, RI.

1959

Richard M. Cotter was appointed to the position of assistant vice president in the Commercial Loan Department of Fairhaven Savings Bank. He resides in Mattapoisett, MA.

1960

Francis G. Carney was promoted to vice president in the Small Business Lending Department of the Corporate Banking Group at Hospital Trust National Bank. He lives in Cumberland, RI.

1961

Paul A. Given is the assistant control branch manager of General Motors Acceptance Corporation in Glastonbury, CT. He lives in Madison, CT.

Alvin S. Topham was named executive vice president of South Shore Health and Educational Corporation and executive vice president and chief operation officer of South Shore Hospital, Incorporated. He resides in South Weymouth, MA.

1962

To all '62 Grads, this is your Silver Anniversary. Come and celebrate your **25th Reunion**, June 5, 6 and 7. Watch your mail for the reservation form and send it back right away. Join **Bob Sannella, class chairperson**, for a fun-filled celebration.

Marilyn (Main) Baker, director of education, recently celebrated her 10th anniversary with the New London School of Business. She lives in North Stonington, CT.

1963

William A. Worochock is the regional director of operations for the Naval Investigative Service office in San Francisco, CA. He is in the process of completing a 13-week program for Senior Executive Fellows at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. He resides in Daly City, CA.

1966

Barbara Preissel has been appointed as the national sales director for Versacad Corporation, which publishes computer-aided drafting software for personal computers. She lives in Long Beach, CA.

1967

It's our 20th reunion, and Alumni Reunion Weekend will be the perfect time to renew old friendships. Plan to attend our social get-together and picnic. The Friday through Sunday schedule has something for everyone, and we'll have special dorm accommodations for our class. Join me June 5, 6, and 7 for a great time.

Marie Torres, class chairperson

William J. Conaty was appointed manager of the Lynn-Area human resources operations of General Electric Company. He resides in North Andover, MA.

1968

Barry Leibowitz was appointed vice president of operations at Tatco Incorporated, a building supply distributor to the manufactured home industry. He lives in Lancaster, PA.

John McVeigh has been selected Head Coach of the Cumberland High School basketball program. He lives in Cumberland, RI.

Janet (Grossi) Peservich's display of watercolor paintings was hosted by US Representative Claudine Schneider at her district office in Cranston, RI. Mrs. Peservich resides in East Greenwich, RI.



Paula (Pascone) Iacono

1969

Paula (Pascone) Iacono has recently accepted a temporary position as alumni programs coordinator in the Alumni Office at Bryant College. Her main responsibilities consist of the Leadership Conference which was held in April, and Alumni Reunion Weekend which is being held in June. Anyone wanting more information on the conference or Alumni Weekend may contact her directly.

Dennis P. Kent has purchased Professional Health Care Services, a medical personnel referral business serving RI. He lives in Barrington, RI.

Joseph H. Plante III of Slatersville, RI has been appointed assistant vice president in the commercial loan department of Shawmut Worcester County Bank.

Andrew F. Wood, Jr. has been appointed financial director of Baystate Medical and Education Research Foundation in Springfield, MA. He resides in Warwick, RI.

1970

Raymond Bergeron is now teaching business at Southbridge High School in Southbridge, MA. He is also coaching girls basketball and girls softball. He resides in Southbridge, MA.

Robert B. Esau was appointed vice president of the personal financial management center of Fleet National Bank in Providence, RI. He lives in Rumford, RI.

1971

Kenneth Barth has been elected president of the Southern California chapter of the Healthcare Financial Management Association. He lives in Long Beach, CA.

1972

It's already been 15 years; let's get together before too much more time passes. Our reunion will be held on June 5, 6, and 7 this year... watch for the reservation form in the mail. Join your classmates for a fun-filled weekend.

Clifford Conover was promoted to controller for Agway Data Services. He resides in Liverpool, NY, with his wife, Susan, and their four children.

Thomas F. Ginnerty has opened a new office for the general practice of law at 259 Wayland Avenue, Providence, RI. After graduating from Bryant, he received law degrees from Southwestern University and Boston University. He has practiced law in NY and RI. He resides in Cranston, RI.

1973

Dennis R. DeSilva was appointed general manager of the Newport Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza. He lives in Saunderstown, RI.

James F. Weber has been named vice president of marketing of First Alert, a division of Pittway Corporation. He resides in Lisle, IL.

1974

Barry Goldsher is president of Engineering Services and Products Company/Farmtex in Manchester, CT. He resides in North Windham, CT.

Daniel T. Ostrowski was named assistant vice president of Chelsea Groton Savings Bank. He lives in Lisbon, CT.

1975

Brian R. Allen was one of 20 individuals to graduate from the University of Rhode Island's first executive MBA program in May, 1986. He resides in Warwick, RI.

Jeffrey D. Machado was named controller for the Hudson Companies in Providence, RI. He lives in East Providence.

Patricia M. Moran was appointed administrator of the Rhode Island Health and Educational Building Corporation. She lives in Greenville, RI.

John O'Hare has been named director of the Corporations Division at Warwick's Valley Wholesale Building Products. He resides in Rumford, RI.

Gerald A. Phelps has joined the Providence Office of Price Waterhouse as senior tax manager. He lives in Saunderstown, RI.

1976

James J. Welch has been appointed manufacturing operations manager for KVH Industries, Incorporated. He lives in Bristol, RI.

1977

Mike Hammer has great plans for your reunion. Ten years have gone by and he'd like to see what you're made of. Do you have enough courage to come back and actually face those guys again? If you agree to this challenge, meet up with him and all your old buddies under the tent on June 6. Send your reservation back quickly! See you there!

Richard DeRienzo has been promoted to accounting and auditing partner in the Providence office of Laventhol & Horwath, the national accounting and business consulting firm. He resides in Barrington, RI.

Peter W. Dumas was promoted to audit principal for Arthur Young and Company. He is the office director of entrepreneurial services and resides in Worcester, MA with his wife, Heidi, and their daughter, Lindsay.

Paul R. Lombardo was elected secretary/treasurer of the Police Department's Union Local 1495 in Manchester, CT. He lives in South Windsor, CT.

Harold A. Nelson, partner of The PM Group, Incorporated, in Warwick, was elected to serve on the national board of directors for Medical-Dental Consultants, Incorporated. He resides in North Scituate, RI.

George Oliveira was promoted to head of the money management department of Citizens Bank. He resides in Seekonk, MA.

Kathryn (Kascher) Salmanson is very happy living in Jerusalem and hopes to make it her permanent home. She is studying Hebrew full time and plans to take the Israeli Bar Exam in July. Anyone planning a trip to Israel is encouraged to look her up.

Lois Wims, Salve Regina College faculty member, has been named "Woman of the Year" for 1987 by The Cranston Business and Professional Women's Association. She resides in Pawtucket, RI.

1978

John E. Figlewski was appointed assistant vice president in the private banking division of Union Trust Bank of Maryland in Baltimore. He lives in Baldwin, MD.

Ronald Forcier was appointed controller of Schroff Incorporated, a Warwick-based manufacturer of standardized cabinets, cases, subracks, and related components for the electronics industry. He lives in West Warwick, RI.

Steve Ginsburg was named vice president of operations at Sunbelt Distributors, Incorporated. He resides in Houston, TX.

Keith S. Mahler has become a partner in Mahler Financial Group, a real estate investment/development and mortgage lending company located in Waterbury, CT. He has been associated with the firm for six years. He lives in Waterbury, CT.

Douglas Winslow is a new police recruit for the Coventry, RI department. He resides in East Providence, RI.

1979

Richard Boucher has been appointed marketing director for Swarovski America. He resides in Barrington, RI.

Gary Della Posta was appointed to the Falmouth Chamber of Commerce board of directors. He lives in East Sandwich, MA.

Robert Dombrowski has been appointed treasurer of Historic Central Falls Incorporated. He is assistant controller with Paramount Cards and resides in Greenville, RI.

Audrey (Vanner) Pate was elected marketing officer of Eastland Bank. She resides in Johnston, RI.

Katherine Santos has recently been awarded her certification in management accounting after successfully completing a comprehensive examination on accounting and related subjects. She satisfied the required two years of management accounting experience and is a Financial Analyst with GTE Laboratories in Waltham, MA. and resides in North Attleboro, MA.

Peter M. Tudino was named assistant vice president and assistant controller at Bank of New England-Old Colony. He resides in North Scituate, RI.

1980

Lorraine Breister is an accounting manager at Safeway products Incorporated. She resides in Meriden, CT.

Jules Cardin, Jr. has been promoted to assistant vice president of the Shawmut Bank of Southeastern Massachusetts. He and his wife live in Woonsocket, RI.

1981

Thomas J. Markoski, Jr. graduated from the A.B. Freeman Graduate School of Business at Tulane University in New Orleans, LA, in May, 1985. He has accepted a position with Connecticut Bank & Trust Company as corporate tax manager of Connecticut operations and resides in Bolton, CT.

Edwin J. Santos has recently been named general auditor at First Connecticut Bancorp in Hartford, CT. He resides in Rocky Hill, CT.

1982

Anne (Northup) Burns and her committee have quite a time planned for the 5th year Reunion Class. Yes, it's really been five years! Bring slides of any memories you have of Bryant... or bring slides of your family, job, and home to share. A giant slide show will take place Saturday, June 6 - don't miss out. Be sure and respond quickly!

Craig Brickey has been named an administrative manager with the Commercial Insurance Planning Corporation. He resides in Dudley, MA.

Michael Griffin has been appointed instructor in the accounting and finance department of Southeastern Massachusetts University. He is also an adjunct faculty member of the Bryant College Graduate School.

Tracy (Miller) McGovern has been promoted to traffic manager, with additional duties as assistant production manager, at Chaffee-Bedard. She resides in Attleboro Falls, MA.

Andrew E. Motschwiller has recently graduated from Adelphi University with an MBA in Finance. He has joined the "Advanced Programs Department" of Grumman Aerospace and is presently living in Long Beach, CA.

Michael E. Richardson has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant at the Woonsocket Police Department. He resides in Woonsocket, RI.

Michele K. Rodrigues was elected branch officer at Eastland Bank. She lives in Cranston, RI.

Mark A. Shammas was appointed the new director of finance for Eastland Property Management Company. He resides in Cranston, RI.

William Slattery recently received his masters degree in taxation from the University of Hartford. He resides in Enfield, CT.

Carol F. Sweeney has been appointed to assistant treasurer at Morgan Guaranty Trust Company in New York City. She resides in Nutley, NJ.

Gary Vierra has been promoted to corporate accounting manager at the First Federal Savings Bank of America. He lives in Cranston, RI.

Andrew L. Wilkes has been appointed to the executive position of controller at Zahn Dental Company, Incorporated, the nation's largest mail order house of dental supplies. He resides in Hope, RI.

1983

Bruce Bonin, of Rockaway, NJ, has been promoted to assistant staff manager/account policy with AT&T in Parsippany, NJ.

Alan Cantara was promoted to safety and environmental manager at the Limerock and Saylesville plants of Olin Hunt Specialty Products, and manager for the company's East Providence facility. He lives in Barrington, RI.

Marybeth (Mulik) Johnson has accepted a new position as a pension and benefits consultant with the America Group in Roseland, NJ. She lives in Morristown, NJ.

David C. Osella has been promoted to commercial mortgage officer at The Banking Center in Waterbury, CT, where he also resides.

Stephanie Regas announced her engagement to John A. Ptak. She lives in Centereach, NY.

1984

Lynn K. Anderson was promoted to programmer/analyst for Data General. She has been chosen Data General's "Employee of the Quarter," third fiscal quarter. She resides in North Smithfield, RI.

Dave Fish has accepted the position of controller of The Brazilian Court Hotel located in Palm Beach, FL. He resides in Palm Beach Gardens, FL.

Julie Martin was appointed Employment Recruiter for Office Positions, Providence, RI.

Brien A. McDonald, who freelanced with ABC Sports for two years, is now with HBO Sports as assistant to the producer. He resides in Clifton, NJ.

Maryann Pernorio has received her RI certification as a public accountant. She has accepted a position as financial auditor for the Melville Corporation. She resides in Providence, RI.

Mark Provost has joined the CPA firm of Sullivan & Company, in Providence, RI as a Senior Accountant. He lives in Narragansett, RI.

Edward Trivisonno of Johnston, RI, was recently elected administrative vice president of The Ocean State Toastmasters Club for 1987. He is a registered representative and district agent at the Prudential Insurance Company.

1985

Chris Behling has been promoted to product manager of Gnaftalk at Software Solutions in Trumbull, CT. His wife, Jan (Wise), has also been promoted to front office manager at the Harrison Conference Center. The couple reside in Bridgeport, CT.

Mary Ann (daCruz) Buck has been named an accounting instructor at Johnson & Wales College. She resides in North Easton, MA.

Second Lieutenant Cynthia A. Jones has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal at Fort Bliss, TX. She is an assistant adjutant with the 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade. She lives in El Paso, TX.

Leslie Marquette has been promoted to analyst programmer for GTE Products Corporation. She lives in South Hamilton, MA.

Paul Mastroianni has accepted a new position with Mobil Data Communications, Incorporated, as the vice president in charge of marketing and sales for the New England region. Paul recently participated in Bryant's fall alumni phonathons, and as the top pledge earner, he won the grand prize, a trip for two to Santa Monica, CA. He resides in Milford, MA.

Jill E. Tamis has been promoted to senior fund accountant with Merrill Lynch Asset Management in Princeton, NJ. She resides in Plainsboro, NJ.

Garrett Walter has been named manager of the new Mystic office of the Connecticut Bank & Trust Company. He resides in New London, CT.

1986

Patricia Catherwood is engaged to marry **Kerry Greer**. They reside in Woodcliff, NJ.

Robin Collin works as an analyst in the computer systems department of the Liberty Mutual Insurance Company in Boston, MA. She lives in Quincy, MA.

Edward Habershaw was appointed public relations account executive for Marquis/Bennett Associates, Warwick, RI, where he also resides.

John Hooley was promoted to co-manager at Wendy's International Corporation. He resides in Essex Junction, VT.

Captain William D. Hughes III was awarded the US Air Force Commendation Medal. He resides in Malstrom, MT.

Russell Lavoie has been promoted to controller of Epsco's R.F. Division in West Lake Village, CA. He resides in Somerset, MA.

William McGowan has joined Chaffee-Bedard as a media assistant. He resides in Johnston, RI.

Robert Roscoe of Bolton, CT, has recently opened Mailing and Business Services in Cheshire, CT. This is his first entrepreneurial venture.

Kelly Wall has been appointed Marketing Manager for Carlton Supply Company, Incorporated, in Hartford, CT.

Graduate School Class Notes

1956

William W. Martin has opened offices in Seekonk, MA as a locally franchised Business Counselor for General Business Services, a leading national organization that provides financial management and tax services to small businesses and professional people. He resides in Seekonk, MA with his wife, Carol.

1974

Joseph LaPlume of Bristol, CT, has recently been named the new president and chief executive officer of the Bank of Southington.

David F. Wall of Cumberland, RI, has recently been promoted to senior vice president and manager of Commercial Banking at People's.

1975

John O'Hare has been named director of the Corporations Division at Warwick's Valley Wholesale Building Products. He resides in Rumford, RI.

1977

Gordon W. Bentley, Jr. was promoted to vice president of Instrument Manufacturing at Astro-Med Incorporated. He resides in Coventry, RI.

David V. Winstead has been promoted to senior executive vice president at Citytrust, a financial services organization in Bridgeport, CT. He lives in Essex, CT.

1980

Richard Boucher was appointed marketing director for Swarovski America. He resides in Barrington, RI.

1981

Kim Knoppe was appointed vice president of finance and Chief Financial Officer of Plaskolite, Incorporated. He resides in Powell, OH.

1982

Audrey (Vanner) Pate was elected marketing officer of Eastland Bank. She resides in Johnston, RI.

Gerald A. Phelps has joined the Providence office of Price Waterhouse as senior tax manager. He lives in Saunderstown, RI.

Anthony DeCrescenzo, Jr. was appointed account executive at Starkweather & Shepley, Incorporated, a Providence insurance agency. He resides in Riverside, RI.

Michael Griffin was appointed instructor in the accounting and finance department at Southeastern Massachusetts University. He resides in Swansea, MA.

Dennis B. Kent has purchased Professional Health Care Services, a medical personnel referral business serving RI. He lives in Barrington, RI.

1983

Caroline Cooper has been appointed chairperson of the hotel institutional management division at Johnson & Wales College. She resides in Attleboro, MA.

Richard De Rienzo was promoted to partner in Laventhol & Horwath, the national accounting and business consulting firm. He resides in Barrington, RI.

1985

Janice F. (Hachadorian) Black has been named controller of Bradley Hospital, a psychiatric center for infants, children, and adolescents. She resides in Johnston, RI.

1986

Russell Lavoie has been promoted to controller of Epsco's R.F. Division in West Lake Village, CA.

Thomas E. Smith was appointed manager, group insurance, in the corporate risk management and insurance department of Textron, Providence. He lives in Providence, RI.

Janet G. White was named director of the RI Department of Economic and Community Development. White has also been named by the Warwick Business and Professional Women as their 1987 Warwick B.P.W. Young Career Woman. She resides in Warwick, RI.

Marriages

Peter B. Fahlman '75 to Paula Sirois, November 29, 1986 in North Kingstown, RI.

Diana Mottola '78 to Anthony Russo, Warwick, RI.

Donna M. Cole '80 to *Lee W. Schatzlein '84*, November 8, 1986.

Bruce Leighton '80 to Eileen Mary Ryan, Holbrook, MA.

Elizabeth A. Mumford '80 to Thomas Powell, October 4, 1986 in Glastonbury, CT.

Steven T. DiGeronimo '81 to Renee Marie Isabelle, in Leominster, MA.

Louis Gabriele '81 to Patricia Senerchia, in Cranston, RI.

Alan B. Feldman '82 to Barbara Ornstein, November 9, 1986 in Parsippany, NJ.

Timothy Vroman '82 to Kathleen Kilcoyne.

Mary E. Williams '82 to John Gallagher, October 12, 1985 in Roselle Park, NJ.

Patrick Burns '83 to Eleanor Natal, in East Providence, RI.

Kevin Carter '83 to Patricia Whitaker, in North Providence, RI.

Jodie L. Flickinger '83 to Timothy Tully, October 4, 1986.

Cheryl S. Gordon '83 to Mitchell Podob, August 24, 1986 in Coconut Creek, FL.

Michael T. Magnan '83, to Gina Imperial, November 22, 1986 in Schenectady, NY.

Lynne Masse '83 to Richard Mousseau, December 7, 1986 in Poughkeepsie, NY.

Toni-Ann Rackliffe '83 to Richard Berlandy, November 8, 1986 Farmington, CT.

Francis C. Riggieri '83 to Rosemary Riccardi, August 23, 1986.

Anne Quill '83 to *David E. Timbrell '83*, in Vernon, CT.

Manuel A. Carvalho '84 to *Susan Heaney '84* in Fall River, MA.

Keith M. Lucay '84 to *Laura Ann Lovasco '85*, November 8, 1986.

Patricia Cicchino '85 to Robert Merrick, October 25, 1986 in Ivyland, PA.

Dawn D. Hunter '85 to Eric Shaffer, April 12, 1986 in Baltimore, MD.

Robert A. Pearson '85 to Paula Taurazas, September 5, 1986, Smithfield, RI.

Jerilyn Blanche '86 to William Kronstadt, in Somerset, NJ.

Sherry-Ann Lopes '83 MBA to Donald Wilson, Jr., December 6, 1986 in South Dartmouth, MA.

Linda Kirsipuu '84 MBA to Robert N. Bernier, October 5, 1985, Dayville, CT.

Births

Emily Risa to Barry Goldsher '74 and his wife, Harriet, August 31, 1986.

Claire Marie to *Rob Salamida '74* and his wife, Marybeth, November 4, 1986.

Ben Alan to *Susan (Hicks) Wasserman '75* and her husband, Barry, December 9, 1986.

Scott Andrew to *Louise (Souza) Moroze '75* and her husband, Joe, May 26, 1986.

Kelly Ann to *Fred Ryan '75* and his wife, March 27, 1986.

Michelle Elizabeth to *Paul C. Gladding '76* and his wife, Rhoda, December 7, 1986.

Mary Catherine (Catey) to *Rich DeRienzo '77 MST '83* and his wife, Carol, December 1, 1986.

David William to *Ernest Almonte '78 MST '85* and his wife, Kathleen, September 4, 1986.

Eric Robert to *Robert E. Benson '78 MST '82* and his wife, Sandra (Santos), June 3, 1986.

Jenna Lee to *Carol (Wright) Cassoli '79* and *Charles R. Cassoli '81*, July 9, 1986.

Eileen to *Lawrence J. Condon '81* and his wife, Patricia, May 17, 1986.

Cara Marie to *Catherine M. (Hoffman) Bubar '82* and *Ralph Bubar '79*, October 18, 1986.

Meaghen Erin to *Kathleen (Wood) Finan '82* and her husband, Joseph.

Tara Lynn to *William J. Slattery '82* and his wife, July 9, 1986.

Aleksandra Dee to *Linda (Kirsipuu) Bernier '84 MBA* and her husband, Robert, August 7, 1986.

Daniel Peter to *Katherine (Dane) Carroll '84* and *Peter Carroll '83*.

Kayla Rose and Brianne Elizabeth to *Laurie (Hallam) Emery '84* and her husband, Robert, November 24, 1986.

In Memoriam

Ethel (Luther) Robinson '04	December 1986
Grace M. Hunter '15	November 1986
Etta (Steere) Wood '15	January 1987
Ferdinand Tortolani '18	January 1987
Lillian (Ohman) Bucknam '20	December 1986
Hector Gilman '21	February 1987
Emma M. Shippee '26	
Claire (Sullivan) Drummey '27	November 1986
Vincent R. Deignan '31	September 1986
Francis D. Schatzle '31	June 1986
Priscilla (Hentz) Daniels '36	November 1986
Natalie (Salamandra) Czakowski '37	January 1987
June (Playdon) Ingalls '39	
Nicholas Coracci '42	December 1986
Alfred A. Volpe '48	November 1986
Leo Kopychat '49	November 1986
Jordan H. Mickelson '50	
Edward A. Fleming, Jr. '52	November 1986
Irving Freedline '52	December 1986
Charles M. Walsh '52	December 1986
Rudolph F. Fedrico '58	December 1986
Judith (Arnold) Grenier '58	November 1986
Robert D. LaMudge '64	January 1987
Harold C. Arcaro, Sr. '67H	January 1987
John C. Baker '68	February 1987
Paul Boisvert '74	October 1986

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