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BSC on the Cusp of One of the Largest Planned Expansions in its History

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On the cover: Bridgewater State College is a dynamic place, and to keep pace with the growth of the institution, several new building and extensive renovation projects are under way, including the new 400-bed residence hall being built behind East Campus Commons. Find out how the campus is changing and how BSC is poised to maintain its position as one of the premier public institutions of higher education in the commonwealth. See story pages 2-6.

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Dear Friends,

It was a little more than six years ago that I stood with former President Tinsley and a group of dignitaries to break ground on a new 84,000-square-foot field house (now the Adrian Tinsley Center), an 83,000-square-foot residence hall (East Hall), a 34,000-square-foot dining facility (East Campus Commons), and a 27,900-square-foot campus operations center. In the days since that sunny October afternoon, we undertook a total renovation of Harrington Hall; a $2.3 million modernization of nearly every general purpose classroom on campus; and a sweeping, multiyear upgrade of the Maxwell Library.

As each of these projects came to completion, they fundamentally changed the landscape of our campus. They were seen as symbols of a college on the move – an institution that cherished its rich history and strong foundations, but with a focus squarely on meeting the challenges of the new millennium. They also reflected our institution's growing emphasis on reaching heightened levels of excellence and providing the very best educational environment we can for teaching and learning.

Today, as we find ourselves at the threshold of a new building and renovation boom, this undeniable commitment to quality again serves as our guiding light. As you read about the ambitious program of capital improvements we have in place, think, too, about the things that motivate us to take these steps:

- Providing exceptional growth opportunities;
- Supporting a rigorous and dynamic academic environment;
- Affording our students and faculty all of the tools for success;
- And fulfilling our commitments to improve the quality of life in Southeastern Massachusetts.

Quality is no accident. It's a conscious choice and a long-term commitment. It takes years of careful planning and an unwavering faith in the future. And though it's far from the easiest path to take, it is certainly the most rewarding in the long run.

In the pages that follow, I invite you to catch a glimpse of what the future holds, and to begin anticipating it as much as we are. As always, I invite you to look beyond the words and pictures contained in the magazine and experience the change firsthand with a visit to campus. You'll be glad you did.

Sincerely,

Dana Mohler-Faria
President
BSC Undergoing Major Expansion and Renovation Projects

By John Winters

Keeping pace with an institution that’s growing as fast as Bridgewater State College takes a lot of work, planning and commitment. Those endeavors have set in motion one of the largest planned expansions in the college’s history. The renovation of the Clement C. Maxwell Library and a new residential hall and a host of other upgrades are under way to ensure that BSC remains a great place to teach, learn and work, as well as a vital resource to the region.

Members of the BSC community are already enjoying the benefits of some of the projects. Students like sophomore Patrick Michael of Brockton, who commute to campus each day, often spend their time in the library. That’s a good option thanks to what will ultimately be an $8.4 million renovation project that has transformed the ground floor and first floor of the library into a learning place as comfortable and colorful as it is wired.

“I think it’s nice. It’s more comfortable and it makes you want to come and work here,” said Mr. Michael, 20, a biology major.

Those who visit the first floor of the Clement C. Maxwell Library feel as if they’ve entered a whole new world. And in a way, they have. The renovation, which will continue on the second and third floors during successive summers, has created a space that is more conducive to learning, technologically outfitted in all the ways that students expect and as comfortable as a family room.
“The changes have been wonderful, and the reaction to them has been delightful,” said Michael Somers, director of the library. “We are truly committed to providing physical space where active learning can take place.”

The library work is transforming what Karen Jason, BSC’s director of planning and construction, calls the “heart of the college.” Dr. Nancy Kleniewski, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said the work “moves the library into the 21st century.”

The library is just the start. Facilities upgrades and expansion across the campus are well under way and can be found in the myriad of sketches and blueprints in the college’s Office of Facilities Management and Planning. The work, when completed, will represent one of the largest growth spurts in the institution’s 166-year history.

The library renovation is the first piece of more than $200 million in projects that are planned over the course of the next 15 years. That renovation has set a standard for the projects that follow, and they all will adhere to a single goal, said Miguel Gomes, associate vice president of facilities management and planning.

“The bottom line is: How does all this benefit the students?” he said.

That philosophy echoes the expansion-related goals set forth by Dr. Dana Mohler-Faria, Bridgewater State College president, of creating optimal places for students, faculty and ideas to come together. “The expansion and renovation plans are really about creating an environment that’s most conducive to teaching and learning,” he said.

The combined effect of the projects will modernize and beautify the campus, President Mohler-Faria said. But the overall aim remains the improvement of the educational experience for students and faculty.

Groundbreaking for a new $38 million, 400-bed residence hall with a dining facility, situated on a portion of the lower Great Hill commuter parking lot, is taking place in March. To replace the parking that will be lost, the college is purchasing 34 acres of land east of the operations center where a new 600-space lot will be located.

Still awaiting state approval is a similar residence hall, which could be completed as early as 2009, bringing the total of new beds to 800. The halls will help address the growing waiting list for rooms that already stands at about 1,000 students, and will help fulfill a goal of having a campus population that reflects a 50–50 split between resident students and those who commute, said Bill Davis, vice president for administration and chief information officer.

“The college has grown over the past decade, and there’s been a shift where we have an even larger population of commuter students,” he said. “By having more students live on campus, it improves the vitality and social life on campus.”

Next is a new science center. The Marshall Conant Science Building is 40 years old and has come to represent a clash of old and new. The Conant Science

It’s more comfortable, and it makes you want to come and work here.

Patrick Michael

Miguel Gomes, Michael Somers and Karen Jason review plans for new construction projects.
Building is home to sophisticated technology, such as a DNA sequencer and a nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer. This points out more than ever the need for a new facility, said Dr. Frank Gorga, professor and chairman of the Department of Chemical Sciences.

“We have all this new equipment and a 40-year-old building to put it in,” he said.

On the horizon, with a projected completion date of fall 2009, is the state-of-the-art science center. At 212,000 square feet, it will have more than double the space of the Conant Science Building. The new facility will solve two other problems, by adding modernized infrastructure and improved configuration of classrooms and other learning spaces, Dr. Gorga said.

The new facility will have informal space where students and professors can collaborate. Dr. Gorga said this is key for commuter students, who have to scramble to find places where they can work on projects with their peers. The space will promote undergraduate research, an area of focus for the college. The Department of Mathematics and Computer Science would relocate from Hart Hall to the new science center.

More spacious lab and instruction space have been included in the plans, as well as subtle design touches such as improved sight lines to the blackboards. “I think these things will be a huge step forward for our students,” said Dr. Kleniewski.

FUTURE CONSTRUCTION:

**Summer 2006**
Library renovation, part II
Renovation of second floor of the Clement C. Maxwell Library is part of an overall $8.4 million project which began last year and will be completed next year.

**Summer 2007**
Library renovation, part III
Renovation to the third floor of the library.

**Fall 2007**
400-bed residence hall with dining hall
The $38 million project is under way behind East Campus Commons.
(A new 600-space parking lot will be built east of the operations building on 34 acres of property the college is buying.)

**Fall 2009**
Science Center
The $80 million facility will consist of 212,000 square feet and be situated where the Conant Science Building stands. Plans are still being finalized; construction to start spring 2008.

2009
A second 400-bed residence hall is on the drawing boards and will be finished two years after the completion of the one under construction.
There are also intangibles inherent in a new science center, Dr. Gorga said. “The biggest one is the feel of a modern space. It just helps people feel better about what they’re doing and learning,” he said.

Construction of the new science center will be done in three phases and is slated to begin in spring 2008. The new facility will be L-shaped and will include a portion of the current science building. However, whether built new or renovated, every inch of the new center will definitely have a “wow” factor for those who experience it, Dr. Kleniewski said.

“We want this building to make a statement that science is central to education and central to our understanding of the world,” she said. “The student experience is just going to be so much better due to this project and the other ones now in the planning stages. They’ll have more opportunities to learn in innovative ways.”

Not only will the new science center improve life and learning for BSC students, it will help the college fulfill part of its mission as a resource for the region, she added.

“We have an obligation to help the commonwealth provide a workforce more capable of dealing with high-level math and science,” Dr. Kleniewski said.

Many changes have been made on the front lines of learning. The college is home to 86 technology-loaded “smart classrooms.” Over the past three years, all general-purpose classrooms on campus have been upgraded with ceiling-mounted, computerized projectors, DVD players and other high-tech amenities that aid teaching and learning.

Aesthetically, things have also improved across campus. More than 70 percent of the college’s general-use classrooms have been renovated, with the remainder to be done over the next two years. Paint, new furniture and carpets, and other decorative touches have been included in the overhaul. Classrooms in Hart Hall are next in line for an upgrade.

Plans for summer call for renovation of the Open Access Computer Lab in the Moakley Center and a new roof for the Rondileau Campus Center. Other upgrades over the next year include conservation measures that will reduce by 30 percent the college’s use of water and energy. The cost of the yearlong construction program, which began in February, is $11 million, but benefits to both the environment and to the college’s bottom line will be realized as the savings will eclipse the expenditure. All building projects at Bridgewater State College will meet the national standard for high-performance, sustainable buildings. “That’s really important,” Ms. Jason said. “We need to develop projects that support the idea of sustainability.”

**ONGOING:**

A new, college-wide energy conservation program will help increase BSC’s conservation efforts and will result in an overall savings of $10.5 million. Begun in early 2006, the yearlong effort will result in nearly two dozen upgrades in all campus buildings, including the installation of energy-efficient lights, and new plumbing and heating systems.

To date, roughly 70 percent of all general-use classrooms on campus have been renovated. The remainder will be upgraded over the next two years. The $2.3 million in improvements have been in the areas of technology, furniture, carpeting and window treatments.

**LONG TERM:**

The future holds more projects, including renovation of the campus center, college’s fields, expansion of the Davis Alumni Center, more classrooms, faculty offices and an academic building, and further down the line there’s talk of a performing arts center.

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Dr. Frank Gorga works in a lab in the Conant Science Building.
Given the ever-changing nature of technology and student expectations, turning ideas and sketches into concrete, steel and glass is different these days, Ms. Jason said. “We always need to respond to the new ways students live and learn,” she said.

To that end, new buildings must be flexible with spaces that can be modified to meet the academic and social needs of students, Ms. Jason said. For instance, when the Conant Science Building was constructed in 1964, no one was thinking about the infrastructure necessary to support wireless laptop computers and a lab for experimenting with lasers.

That flexibility came into play when students were giving feedback on the library’s first-floor renovation and asked for more electrical outlets. Those comments will inform the design of the second- and third-floor projects, Ms. Jason said. “Thanks today and in the future,” she said.

The comprehensive approach to expanding the Bridgewater State College campus will be complemented by a master plan that is being developed in conjunction with all state and community colleges in Massachusetts. This will help outline the needs of both the college and region over the next decade and beyond.

Together, it all adds up to different pieces of the same puzzle, Dr. Mohler-Faria said. “It all helps us carry on in our journey to excellence,” he said.

Science Center Well Equipped Thanks to Generosity of Edith Glick Shoolman, ’25

By John Winters

The new science center will house a host of the latest laboratory equipment that has been purchased in recent years, through the beneficence of the late Edith Glick Shoolman, ’25. The equipment provides Bridgewater State College students and faculty the opportunity to engage in research and push the boundaries of their knowledge.

Beginning in 1991, Mrs. Shoolman contributed a major gift annually to the college for the purchase of new science equipment. When she passed away in 2003, Mrs. Shoolman bequeathed $1 million to BSC, effectively endowing her annual support and doing her part to ensure that the sciences at BSC will continue to be equipped with the high-tech tools necessary today and in the future.

“Thanks to her donations, we have equipment that allows us to do things that we otherwise couldn’t do,” said Dr. Howard London, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences.

It has especially helped with undergraduate research, he said.

Department of Chemical Sciences Chairman Frank Gorga said while grant money is available for big-ticket items and college money for the routine expenditures, there’s not a lot of funding for instruments that fall into the middle – $10,000 to $20,000 – range. That’s where Mrs. Shoolman’s generosity helps most.

“The funding has allowed us to upgrade and replace antiquated instruments, so from top to bottom we have a modern suite of instruments,” he said.

Chemical sciences, through Mrs. Shoolman’s donations, has purchased both a UV/Vis spectrophotometer and an atomic absorption spectrometer. Both are used for measuring the absorption of light.

Biology Chairman Kevin Curry said the funding has equipped three laboratories with specialized microscopes, as well as environmental testing equipment that has not only helped BSC students, but also has been a boon to local communities and schools interested in watershed protection and education, he said.

This last purchase is especially compatible with one of Mrs. Shoolman’s greatest passions, the environment.

Mrs. Shoolman’s donations have assisted in the purchase of a glove box for the Department of Chemical Sciences, where experiments are conducted in an inert atmosphere; a device for the Department of Biological Sciences that manipulates sterile cell cultures; and an ion chromatograph used in the Watershed Access Laboratory.

Years ago, Mrs. Shoolman’s annual donation rotated throughout the science departments. Now, Dean London said, the various department chairs discuss what the overall needs are and then decide how to best use the funds.

“The funding has been a tremendous help to this department,” Dr. Curry said. “It’s had a huge impact.”
Paul Jean Works to Promote Investment and Appreciation of Public Higher Education

By Clare Leschin-Hoar

In many ways, Paul Jean has had a rich and personal connection to Bridgewater State College for more than half of his life.

With years invested here as both a student and as a professor of political science, he has emerged as a clear and passionate voice in support of public higher education, in a state frequently known better for its renowned private institutions, rather than its local state and community colleges.

An account director with Denterlein Worldwide, a Boston-based public relations/public affairs agency, Mr. Jean regularly handles public policy issues on items that range from transportation to health-care reimbursement – to guiding clients like IKEA through the maze of local permitting processes. In addition to IKEA, Mr. Jean handles such top-tier clients as Children’s Hospital and the law firm Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP – but it’s his work promoting investment and appreciation of the state’s public higher education system where his zeal is most evident.

“When you’ve got Harvard and MIT, it’s easy for people to think, ‘We don’t really need the publics because we have all these great private institutions.’ And at some level, we depend on those privates; they bring a lot of money into Massachusetts, and they’re tremendous institutions. But at the same time, what people do not realize, is that many of those private institutions aren’t educating Massachusetts kids,” said Mr. Jean.

In fact, only 10 percent of the students enrolled in Harvard are local students from Massachusetts, said Mr. Jean.

“The rest come from all over, but it’s the institutions like Bridgewater that are educating Massachusetts students,” Mr. Jean said. “Two-thirds of the Massachusetts students that are going to college in state are going to a public college – either a state college, community college or the University of Massachusetts. These institutions are touching so many lives and creating opportunity for so many kids who would not otherwise have it.”

Mr. Jean said he feels a great deal of gratitude towards BSC for providing many opportunities he might not have found elsewhere, and that it was a place where he was able to flourish academically, in part, because of the outstanding teaching staff.

After graduating from BSC in 1983, Mr. Jean went on to graduate school at Georgetown University in Washington. Feeling enormous pressure to compete effectively against students who had graduated from the nation’s top universities, Mr. Jean said he quickly realized he was, in fact, quite well prepared for the challenge.

“The training I received at Bridgewater was second to none, and I was thoroughly prepared for graduate school. I think sometimes kids here lack confidence about that, and they really should understand that they’re getting a top-flight education. They really can do anything they want to in life, anything they want with their Bridgewater degree,” Mr. Jean said.

While increasing funding to the state’s public higher education is the central goal, Mr. Jean said the ultimate goal is sustained support for local higher education.

He points to future job projections that suggest that over the next 10-15 years, nearly all of the new job creation will be work that requires a bachelor’s degree or higher.

“Massachusetts as a state is unique in that it really is a knowledge state. Much of the growth here isn’t taking place in manufacturing, it is taking place in knowledge-based industries – in high technology, in life sciences, in software,” he said.

“If you’re going to lure companies to Massachusetts, keep them here, get them to invest and create jobs here, then they have to have access to a work force that’s well educated. If we don’t make the investment in public higher education here, we’re really just cutting our own economic throat over the long term,” he said.

And, Mr. Jean said, “It would be nice, someday, to see Massachusetts residents look to their public higher education system the same way that people in Michigan or Virginia look at their institutions – as the place they want their children to go. Increasingly, that’s happening, but there’s still work to be done here.”

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Tony Stark’s “Wheelchair is just a Vehicle, not a Difference in Attitude”

By Craig Borges

Tony Stark once rode dirt bikes and dreamt of being part of the pro-racing circuit.

A horrendous car crash left him paralyzed from the chest down, putting an end to that plan in 1998, but that’s OK with Mr. Stark. He’s got other plans and dreams.

“I don’t think of my life as before and after, I just try to grow and make the best of every day,” said the 2003 Bridgewater State College graduate. “You can’t dwell on what was. There are too many things to do in life.”

If Mr. Stark’s outlook seems rather blunt, that’s because it is.

He’s quick to admit that he’s different by the fact that he’s wheelchair bound. But that, he said, is where the difference ends.

“I’m not afraid to say ‘I have a disability,’” he said. “It is part of who I am, but it’s not all that I am.”

Mr. Stark was 20 and a sophomore in college in North Carolina at the time of his crash. The Massachusetts native returned home for rehabilitation, and during that time, enrolled at Bridgewater State College.

“I had no idea what I wanted to do, but I knew I wanted to finish school,” he said.

He started at BSC in 1999, but health problems brought on by his paralysis restricted the number of courses he could take, forcing him to take more time than usual to complete his bachelor’s degree in psychology. But that, too, was all right with Mr. Stark, who looks back on his time at BSC with fond memories.

“It was great,” he said. “BSC gave me the confidence I needed to get on with my life. The support I received at BSC helped me to overcome my limitations in a variety of ways both on and off campus.”

While at BSC, Mr. Stark went to Oxford, England, and later, Montreal, with a BSC multicultural group.

He was involved with the school’s Christian Fellowship, among other groups. Through these groups, Mr. Stark acted as a counselor and mentor to disabled children and adults – something he said set him on the right track.

“Participating with these groups gave me the confidence I needed to succeed in life,” he said. “Bridgewater was great for that. Everything, from the course work to the social life, helped prepare me for the real world.”

Mr. Stark also called on BSC’s Students Accepting A Challenge program which provided notetakers for some of his classes and transportation.

Mr. Stark said he was able to build his confidence by working in the school’s library and Registrar’s Office during semester breaks.

Mr. Stark said too often people think surviving something like an accident is enough. But he disagrees.

“For me to truly recover from the accident is not to just survive, but to be productive again,” he said. “I actually felt guilty being a patient because I wasn’t helping anybody.”

Mr. Stark has become somewhat of an advocate for the disabled, appearing in Boston press while rallying the MBTA for better access.

“My accident was actually a blessing in disguise,” said Mr. Stark. “I had done community service before my accident, but I wasn’t sure who I wanted to help. The accident gave me focus. My life trials aren’t tragedy, but fuel to serve others.”

Now 28, Mr. Stark lives in Boston’s South End and works for the Boston Center for Independent Living, acting as a reference librarian of sorts for people with disabilities, connecting them with the correct agencies.

“I brainstorm and give them various options and ideas that may help them solve their problems,” he said.

He continues to volunteer as a mentor to disabled children by working with Partners for Youths with Disabilities and serves on the board of Easter Seals.

Mr. Stark said he’s well aware that talk is cheap and can’t make someone who has experienced something like his accident feel better.

But, he hopes, maybe just the way he lives his life alone is good enough to help someone. “Hopefully, it is how I live that they will pick up on,” he said. “Just being a positive role model goes a long way.

“Some feel cheated when something like this happens,” Mr. Stark said. “I take what I have every day and make the most of it. I start every day with the best I have to give.”

Mr. Stark gets around Boston in a manual wheelchair.

“If I had a powered one, with my luck it would short-circuit,” he said. “But jokes aside, I make the most of what I have. I still have my arms. It doesn’t make any sense to use a power chair if I can get around without one. It’s all part of the fun. For me, being independent is what it’s all about.”

In the end, Mr. Stark said, the accident really didn’t change his life. Though he can’t race anymore, he still follows dirt-bike racing and travels.

“I want to be myself, having fun ... my wheelchair is just a vehicle, not a difference in attitude.”

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Disability Resources Office Provides Assistance for Students to Succeed

By Craig Borges

Four years have passed, but Jennifer Picariello remembers her first day at Bridgewater State College like it was yesterday.

“I cried like a baby. I won’t forget that anytime soon,” said the 21-year-old BSC health education major. “I was so nervous. I’m an only child, so leaving my parents who are more than an hour away was very hard for me.”

The fact that Ms. Picariello has several learning disabilities didn’t help, she said.

“I have a very big problem with change and transition,” the Swampscott native said. “That’s why the Pre-College Workshop was so great. I don’t know what I would have done without it.”

The Pre-College Workshop Ms. Picariello refers to is just one of the many things Bridgewater State College’s Disability Resources Office offers students with physical and/or mental disabilities in an effort to make their time at BSC both successful and fulfilling.

Patricia Connolly, coordinator for disability resources; Pamela Spillane, learning disabilities specialist; and Karin Taylor, a graduate student, staff the office. Their job is to make sure students with documented disabilities get the help they need, whether it be as simple as another student to take notes for them during a lecture, or sophisticated equipment like a computerized Braille reader.

Ms. Picariello, who has problems with memorization and reading comprehension as well as dyslexia, said the Pre-College Workshop, a two-day workshop for incoming freshmen with disabilities held before the start of the school year, helped ease her anxiety about attending college.

Now a fourth-year student, Ms. Picariello helped run this past fall’s workshop as a work-study student for the Disability Resources Office.

“I’ve grown so much since coming to Bridgewater, and the Disability Resources Office played a big part in helping me do that,” she said. “If you need help, all you have to do is ask.”

Ms. Picariello, along with fellow student Kenneth Laferriere, are mentors for other students with disabilities through the Disability Resources Office.

Mr. Laferriere, a 22-year-old Dudley native majoring in social work, has spent much of his life in and out of hospitals.

Born premature, Mr. Laferriere underwent surgery, radiation and chemotherapy for liver cancer when he was 8. The chemotherapy damaged his heart, and the effects became apparent several years later. When he was 16 he underwent a heart transplant.

“I got to know Children’s Hospital in Boston pretty well as a kid,” he joked.

His transplant requires constant close monitoring of his health, and that’s exactly what he gets at BSC, thanks to the Office of Disability Resources and Health Services, he said.

“Health Services really keeps an eye on my health,” he said. “They are in contact with my doctor in Boston. They know my history. Getting a cold, though it sounds like a small thing, becomes an ordeal for me, and they know what to do.”

Disability resources makes sure that all his classes are within a short distance of one another. Mr. Laferriere also suffers from a memory processing disability. On occasion he has used notetakers and has asked for extended time on tests through the Disability Resources Office.

Ms. Spillane, the learning disability specialist, said the office was created in response to the Americans with Disabilities Act. All students who use the office need to have a documented disability. BSC, she said, has about 700 students classified with disabilities.

The most common forms of help provided by the office are notetakers and allowing extra time on quizzes and exams.

“It gives them an equal playing field,” she said.

Ms. Connolly, disability resources coordinator, said the job provides a constant challenge.

“It requires the ability to effectively communicate the needs of the students and also offers them encouragement to be self-advocates,” she said. “Besides the disabilities of these students, we have to remember that most are young adults who are in the process of growing up. We ask them to assume a lot of responsibility for themselves.”

Ms. Picariello agrees.

That fact that the students are disabled likely means that they were watched over and guided more closely than a non-disabled student during high school, she said.

“The help BSC gives you enables you to learn how to advocate for yourself,” she said. “If I find myself overwhelmed in a class, I simply stand up and tell the professor what my problem is. The office helps you to learn to take responsibility for yourself.”

Mr. Laferriere said BSC has helped him “be all he can be.”

“It has helped make me a well-rounded and balanced person,” he said. “They’ve helped me make the most of myself, despite my disabilities.”

For Ms. Picariello, Bridgewater State College has helped her realize that there will always be walls to climb, and that’s not necessarily a bad thing. Her crying days, she said, are behind her now.

“I’ve learned what I needed to learn here, and now I’m ready to go into the world,” she said.

Craig Borges is a freelance writer and news editor at The Sun Chronicle in Attleboro.

From left, Patricia Connolly, coordinator for disability resources; Kenneth Laferriere, ’07; Jennifer Picariello, ’07; Karin Taylor, graduate student; Pamela Spillane, learning disabilities specialist
the resources to complete a project that has been years in the making,” said Dr. Curley, who is writing a book about what he calls “the most successful forgery in modern literary history, which occurred in 18th-century England.”

Two centuries ago, explained Dr. Curley, “Samuel Johnson, one of England’s greatest literary figures, got into a very public dispute with James Macpherson, a Scottish poet who claimed to have discovered, and then translated into English, a collection of Gaelic poetry that Macpherson said was as good as Homer’s Iliad and Odyssey.

“Macpherson’s alleged translations became a ‘best seller,’ and he became very wealthy as a result,” continued Dr. Curley. “But Johnson believed that Macpherson had written the poems himself, and he called Macpherson a ‘literary liar.’ For years the two engaged in charges and counter-charges.”

Across the decades, the issue has come up again from time to time, but it reached a crescendo five years ago when Nick Groom, who teaches in England at the University of Sussex, wrote a book defending Macpherson.

In response, Dr. Curley has spent the last four years conducting a thorough investigation of the facts in the case. He says his research proves conclusively that Johnson was right and Groom is wrong.

In fact, at a literary conference both scholars attended last year in England, Dr. Curley challenged Mr. Groom publicly.

“I was polite, but I stood my ground. One of those in the audience identified himself as the editor of The Age of Johnson, and he invited Mr. Groom and me to engage in an essay debate,” he explained.

The Presidential Fellowship has allowed Dr. Curley to travel to England, Ireland and Scotland to research the facts firsthand.

“I’ve discovered the ‘DNA’ of Macpherson’s literary fraud, and I’m about to publish a book with all of the details,” said Dr. Curley, adding that Mr. Groom has yet to respond to the chance for an essay debate.

“I’m enormously grateful to the college for giving me the support that’s made it possible for me to put this issue to rest.”

Professor Lorenson’s project – the first Presidential Fellowship awarded to a faculty member from the artistic genre – is titled, Wall Sculpture: A Manufacturing Design Solution.

“This is very much a new approach for me, and it is two-fold: it’s a set of aesthetic issues, and it’s a set of technical issues, so the project revolves around two spheres, which are being done simultaneously,” said Professor Lorenson.

“The first involves the investigation of technologies and techniques to create wall-mounted sculptures,” he explained.

“I plan to combine ideas I’ve used in the past along with new ideas to create works of art that can be hung on walls. One of the challenges of this for me is that most of the art I create is heavy in weight, so anchoring sculptures of size in this manner is something I haven’t done, at least not to this extent before.”

Much experimentation was necessary before he could begin the project, he said.

“My research has focused on how to make the materials I’m using lighter in weight so the art can be mounted on a standard studded dry wall section. My aim is to produce art that can be viewed within a residential setting without any special consideration for the materials used in that wall’s construction. I want them to be seen and enjoyed outside of museums, so my
objective is to find methods and materials to make this possible."

This has been a process requiring time and energy.

“Using lighter materials, and employing light itself, are relatively new avenues for me,” he said.

“I’m used to making art that goes within a public setting and is set off by itself. I build this kind of art so it has a tank-like quality. But it’s a very different enterprise when art of this nature is placed on a wall. I enjoy the challenge of thinking in new ways that allow the aesthetics to be the principal factor in how a work is designed and created.”

The fellowship has provided many opportunities, said Professor Lorenson, including the chance to learn and explore new venues.

“Many of the things you learn to do as a craftsman or an artist comes from doing trial-and-error work. How I become more efficient as an artist is one of the significant byproducts for me of this fellowship,” he said.

Dr. Mary Lou Thornburg began her extraordinary service to Bridgewater State College more than 40 years ago when, in 1964, she was appointed to the physical education faculty.

After a distinguished career of 33 years, she retired from the faculty in 1997. But her service to the college only took on a different role because, at the request of then-President Adrian Tinsley, she agreed to stay on active duty in one of the college’s most demanding positions, acting dean of the School of Education and Allied Studies.

When a permanent dean was selected in 1999, Dr. Thornburg accepted yet another major challenge: chair of the committee planning for the construction of the college’s first field house. This was a task involving a wide variety of responsibilities, not the least of which was heading a drive to raise substantial amounts of money from alumni and friends of BSC to purchase equipment for the new facility. Her leadership was instrumental in every phase of the planning and construction of this facility, including the securing of state-of-the-art equipment.

Today, Dr. Thornburg is still serving Bridgewater State College.

“I was appointed to the BSC Foundation in 2001 and continue to serve as a trustee and chair of the membership committee,” she said. “I’m also on the Board of Examiners of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and serve on the visiting team at one institution each semester.”

Dr. Thornburg is executive secretary of the Coalition of Organizations for the Professional Preparation of Educators, a group of specialty organizations (25) who are members of the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

“But I’ve also used my retirement years to do some personal traveling as well,” she said. “I’ve traveled abroad to Greece and the Greek islands, Kenya, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Belgium, the Netherlands, Italy, Austria, Switzerland, France, England, Mexico, Norway, Sweden and Finland.”

She also traveled extensively in the United States, visiting New Mexico, Arizona, California, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Tennessee. Most of the time, she said, “When I’m in the United States, my golf clubs go with me. I’ve played extensively in New Hampshire and Vermont.”

But retirement or not, Bridgewater State College remains an important part of her life. “Many of the best years of my life were spent on that campus, and I have many wonderful friends as a result of my work there,” said Dr. Thornburg. “I’m happy to do whatever I can to help the college.”
BSC’s Jack Moreira Raises Money to Build School in His Homeland

By John Winters

The poet Delmore Schwartz once said, “In dreams begin responsibilities.” Jack Moreira has lived those words. He was watching television when the image of Martin Luther King Jr. flashed on the screen. He listened to the words filling his living room and was inspired by what he heard.

It was at that moment the Cape Verde native felt the spirit of the late civil rights giant take hold of him. “I thought to myself, ‘Someday, I’m going to go back and do something for the people of my homeland,'” Mr. Moreira recalled.

That homeland, the island of Brava, will soon be home to a new school, built upon the foundation of the promise Mr. Moreira made years ago.

It all started in 1999, when he returned to the island of about 7,000 and saw shoeless children in the streets on what should have been a school day. They were truant, it turns out, because the nearest school was an hour away.

“They told me it was too far to walk,” he said. Instead of going to school, the youngsters hung out in the street or took dead-end jobs on local farms.

 Saddened by the experience, Mr. Moreira came home and founded an organization called Nossa Senhora da Graca Association to raise money and build the children a school. Now 15 members strong, the organization has raised $220,000. In the heart of Brava, a three-story school is rising against the horizon.

Jack Moreira

The facility will be completed in March and is scheduled to open on Aug. 15, the day Cape Verdeans celebrate the holiday of Nossa Senhora da Graca (or “Our Lady of Grace,” which will also be the name of the school).

Mr. Moreira immigrated to the United States 34 years ago. His mother died when he was 6, and the family lived on a farm in Brava. His father worked hard every day and his grandmother raised Jack, then Joaquin (he changed his name to make it easier to pronounce in this country), and his two sisters. Although he attended grammar school, to continue his education would have meant traveling to another island and paying room and board. That was out of the question due to the cost, and so he went to work.

Growing up, Mr. Moreira learned from his grandmother the importance of saving his money. Eventually he saved enough to visit an uncle in New Bedford in 1972. He met a fellow Cape Verdean named Candida, fell in love with her, and decided to stay. Two years later, they were married, and today the couple has two sons, 30 and 27.

Stateside, Jack worked stuffing mattresses and janitorial jobs — sometimes two at a time. Eventually, he found his way to BSC, where he recently marked his 20th anniversary as an employee at the college.

Mr. Moreira and his family lived in the town of Berkley for 16 years before recently moving to Taunton. His job at BSC is Maintainer II, and he is the day supervisor overseeing Boyden Hall and Harrington Hall. He also works a second job.

When he’s not working, Mr. Moreira and the members of the organization he founded busily continue to raise money for the school. Over the years, the group has held dances, raffles and tirelessly solicited the necessary funds for the project.

Mr. Moreira is the vice president of the organization he helped found and visits his native Brava several times a year. He’s overwhelmed when he stands inside the building as it rises before his eyes — the school he once could only envision as it becomes a reality.

“I cry when I see it,” he said. “But it feels beautiful.”

College President Dana Mohler-Faria was emotional as he presented Mr. Moreira with the 2006 Martin Luther King Jr. Distinguished Service Award at the college’s 19th annual celebration of the civil rights leader.

The president said Mr. Moreira has “lived his life in the spirit of Dr. King,” adding, “this shows all you need to make a difference in this country is courage and commitment. His is truly an inspiring story.”

Mr. Moreira, in his typical unassuming manner, didn’t step to the podium to speak after receiving the award, but simply looked to the crowd, bowed his head and said a quiet “thank you.”
Faculty Provide Counseling to Hurricane Katrina Victims

By John Winters

Bridgewater State College Professor Maxine Rawlins felt a calling she couldn’t ignore when she saw televised images of the destruction wrought by Hurricane Katrina. As the acting chairperson of the Department of Counselor Education, she knew her expertise would be in demand as the victims of the hurricane tried to piece their lives back together.

“How could I not do it?” Dr. Rawlins said.

She put her thoughts into action, and soon she was in New Orleans – in the heart of the sadness, chaos and desperation left by the hurricane – doing what she could to alleviate the suffering.

Dr. Rawlins was one of three BSC professors from the counselor education program to spend two weeks in Louisiana from late September to early November. They not only performed the counseling work that is their profession, but also did anything to help the victims “find a moment of normalcy,” in the words of Dr. Louise Graham.

Dr. Michael Kocet was the first to sign on when the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration was looking for volunteers to aid the recovery efforts in Louisiana. Dr. Rawlins was next, and Dr. Graham followed.

The professors said the time they spent in Louisiana was an eye opener. The rulebook quickly went out the window as Katrina’s devastation made traditional modes of counseling impossible.

“These people were traumatized by the hurricane and then re-traumatized in the aftermath by the bureaucracy,” said Dr. Graham, citing the poor response to the disaster that left many people fending for themselves and lacking the basics of life.

She recalled encountering people in Shreveport wearing flip-flops on their feet as the temperature dipped to near freezing.

The three offered counseling in less-than-ideal circumstances and did everything and anything that was needed in a makeshift world filled with scared and traumatized people. Distributing food, arranging play time for children, getting medical care for victims, and helping people who had lost their home find a place to stay, were all in a day’s work.

Dr. Kocet visited eight different shelters – sometimes an old hockey arena or fairgrounds that had been used for animal shows – in the Shreveport area. He found the whole experience “surreal,” a place laid low by nature where the average family had to move two to three times in the weeks after Katrina hit.

The situation presented a challenge that typically doesn’t come along in his line of work. “It wasn’t the type of counseling I’d trained for,” he said.

Dr. Rawlins said the New Orleans world once knew was gone. “It was primarily an African-American city, now it’s predominantly all white and affluent. The middle class is not there anymore,” she said.

The comments from the BSC professors came during a presentation held in December when the three faculty members showed slides they had taken and shared the anecdotes they had collected from the front lines, and encouraged attendees to become involved in community service.

The volunteerism and sacrifices of the professors were held up by BSC President Dana Mohler-Faria as the kind of selfless acts to which all individuals should aspire.

“This is how one becomes engaged in the community,” he said, addressing the students, staff and faculty members who attended the packed seminar organized by the Campus Climate Action Group.

The importance of community service has been a focus for the president and the college. “You don’t have to go to Louisiana to volunteer,” he said. “We don’t have to travel very far to get engaged.”

The three returned from Louisiana with the gratifying knowledge that they had helped their fellow man, and with stories about people who stood up to the devastation that threatened to destroy them and lived on with hope and a love of their city that even a storm like Katrina couldn’t diminish.

“Some of these people, no matter what challenges they faced in life, took pride in themselves and their city,” Dr. Kocet said. “It was their little corner of the world.”
Time for a ‘School of Business’ Has Arrived at BSC

Bridgewater State College has renamed its School of Management and Aviation Science the School of Business. The new name more accurately reflects all of the departments in the school, said its dean, Dr. Catherine Morgan.

“It was a logical choice,” she said. “We wanted the name to better convey what the school has to offer. It’s really a matter of branding the school properly.”

The school has four departments – accounting and finance, aviation science, economics and management as well as six disciplines – yet only two were represented in the school’s name, which was given in 1997.

Before the change was set in motion, Dr. Morgan solicited input from the school’s faculty. Most agreed a name change was a good idea. “We felt we had a very strong consensus before asking President Mohler-Faria and the Bridgewater State College Board of Trustees to approve the name change,” she said.

The renaming, which took effect Jan. 1, will be beneficial in a number of areas, Dr. Morgan said. For one thing, it will make the school’s offerings easier to market.

Mr. Gregg Meyer, director of admissions, said the name change will be beneficial to his department. “In the admissions process, often people will say, ‘I see you don’t have a business program,’” he said. “We have to tell them that we do, but we call it management. You have to take that extra step of explaining it.”

The name will open more doors to engage the school with the region’s business community, Dr. Morgan said. “The faculty has wanted to get greater visibility in the business community, and this will help,” she said.

Fears that the change drops the word “aviation” from the school’s title or that the name School of Business would downplay the college’s work with nonprofit organizations of the area have been addressed.

“The change does not represent a lesser commitment to aviation and is not a step back from nonprofits,” Dr. Morgan said, adding that her background as a vice president of enrollment services at Jacksonville University will enable her to help keep the aviation department’s numbers on the increase. She also cited the college’s commitment to the nonprofit sector.

“After much discussion with Provost Nancy Kleniewski about the process and substance of this deliberation, I am confident that adopting the proposed name would indeed benefit the school and the college,” President Mohler-Faria told the Board of Trustees, which approved the motion unanimously at its December meeting.

Providing boarding accommodations for students was a priority almost from the time the college first opened in 1840, when students who wished to live near the school could rent rooms in private homes for $2 a week, including laundry services.

But nearly 30 years passed before the Legislature granted $25,000 for the construction of the college’s first dormitory, which opened in 1869 on the site where today Tillinghast Hall stands.

A year earlier, the Board of Visitors (equivalent to today’s Board of Regents) issued a report, which read: “The increase in the number of pupils in attendance makes it all the more urgent the need for providing better boarding accommodations. A very large proportion are obliged to board themselves, to the great detriment of their health. And even suitable accommodations for self-boarding cannot be obtained. The case is so plain it does not admit of self-doubt. A hall for the students is an absolute necessity.”
BSC’s Wireless Technology Recognized Among Nation’s Best

By John Winters

A national survey ranks Bridgewater State College sixth among the most technologically savvy and well-connected colleges and universities in the nation.

Intel Corp.’s second annual “Most Unwired College Campuses” survey ranked the top 50 U.S. institutions based on their wireless network capabilities. The technology giant looked at a variety of areas, including the percentage of each campus that is wireless and the computer-to-student ratio, as well as other factors.

“We’re very pleased to be selected by Intel as one of America’s ‘most unwired’ campuses. This is a tribute to Bridgewater State College’s excellent faculty and the innovative ways they are using wireless laptops to engage our students both in and out of the classroom,” said Bill Davis, vice president for administration and chief information officer.

Since summer 2001, the college’s technology systems and networking staff has deployed remote access points to more than 350 locations to ensure wireless coverage across the campus. The points include interiors and exteriors of all buildings, classrooms, dining halls, the library and outdoors.

“As you walk about campus, you’ll see students connecting and collaborating from virtually any location on campus,” Mr. Davis said.

This past year also saw the reconstruction of a new space on the ground floor of the Maxwell Library, creating a wireless café, which features a comfortable area for students to use their notebook computers, a laptop support center and a Starbucks.

That’s just the tip of the iceberg, said Patrick Cronin, associate vice president of technology systems and networking. Several new applications of BSC’s wireless network are also emerging.

“The college is rolling out wireless to Bridgewater’s downtown area and the college’s bus routes, and work is under way to increase the speed of BSC’s wireless network by five times,” he said.

These factors all helped land BSC near the top of the Intel survey, Mr. Davis said.

Dr. Richard Beckwith, an ethnographer with Intel’s Corporate Technology People and Practices Research Group.

“The Class of 2009 will graduate to a world far more technologically-advanced than it is today,” he said. “Today’s campuses are like a living laboratory, providing a window into how tomorrow’s digital communities will define the way people work, live, learn and play as wireless infrastructure continues to advance and evolve. Wireless campus networks are dramatically changing the way students, faculty and staff learn and work, and wireless networks are connecting students and faculty to vital academic resources, providing improved efficiencies for faculty and staff, and overall creating a new and enriched social fabric on campus.”

A MOMENT IN HISTORY...

The year was 1966 . . . when Professor W. David Englund (center, wearing glasses) met with students in the basement of Boyden Hall, where the “commuter lounge” was located.

Adrian Rondileau was in his fourth year as Bridgewater’s president . . . it was a year before Shea-Durgin Hall opened, four years before the Rondileau Campus Center opened and five years before the Maxwell Library opened.

Professor Englund taught education at Bridgewater State College for 34 years (1963-1997), a time when the enrollment of the college soared from fewer than 800 full-time undergraduates to more than 5,000.
Bridgewater State College Foundation Adds Two Experienced Alumni to Board

By Clare Leschin-Hoar

Newly appointed BSC Foundation trustees, Mark D. England, ’90, and Anthony L. Sarno Jr., ’64, bring strong skills and experience to their new positions and a keen and vibrant desire to give back to their alma mater.

Mr. Sarno, interim-principal at East Bridgewater High School and former superintendent of schools for Stoughton, where he handled budgets as high as $31 million, said he’s very pleased by his new appointment. In addition to his role as foundation trustee, Mr. Sarno took a seat on the audit subcommittee, which he said is a tight match to his skills and experience.

Mr. England, a regional vice president for Enterprise Rent-A-Car, has been active with BSC’s Office of Career Services for several years — hiring interns, mentoring students, and encouraging career development with students and graduates.

Their appointments bring the number of foundation trustees to 43 members, who together manage the foundation’s $14 million endowment, and oversee the distribution of approximately $600,000 a year, which is used to support programs of distinction — including scholarships, undergraduate research opportunities, faculty development and research; and student study-abroad opportunities.

Molly Fannon Williams, vice president for institutional advancement and executive director of the Bridgewater State College Foundation welcomed the appointments.

“Tony brings a strong connection to the educational community in the region, which is important because so many of our alumni are connected to the educational community, and Mark England, who spoke at our winter commencement a few years ago is a very good role model for our students and is just inspirational,” said Ms. Williams.

Before being appointed, trustee nominees are assessed on their interest and suitability, and are then voted in by current trustees. Once appointed, they are expected to attend a minimum of two foundation meetings a year and are encouraged to support the college financially.

Agreeing to the appointment was easy, said Mr. England.

“When I look at things that influenced my life, I think of Bridgewater State College, and when I looked at my community and how I can give back, Bridgewater was high on my list,” he said.

While Mr. England has not yet joined a foundation subcommittee, he said he would like to see an increase in involvement by younger alumni.

“I’d love to bring on more recent graduates, whether that’s more involvement on the foundation or through financial contributions to the foundation,” said Mr. England. “If you look at the base of giving, we’ve got great plans in place, but the key to that is people my age – in their late 30s and 40s – to get them back involved with the school both financially and with their time.”

For Mr. Sarno, the appointment simply reflected his desire to stay connected with BSC.

“Basically, I just wanted to give back to the college that’s been so good to me. I owe my career to BSC. It was a wonderful education,” he said. “It’s quite an institution.”

Todd Audyatis
Appointed Major Gifts Officer

By Clare Leschin-Hoar

The best part of Todd Audyatis’ position as BSC’s major gifts officer, is that he’s able to witness firsthand, people at their very best – when they’re extremely generous and sincerely excited about the work going on at BSC.

Hired in September, Mr. Audyatis works closely with alumni who are financially able to make substantial donations. Garnering high-end donations isn’t the only focus of Mr. Audyatis’ new position.

“Oftentimes people graduate and you see them stay involved – we have a strong group of alumni volunteers, but the majority move and get involved within their local communities and with their families. They might not think of their alma mater on a regular basis,” said Mr. Audyatis.

“My job is to get in touch with these people, find things that interest them and get them involved again, either as a guest speaker in a classroom, talking about their real-world experiences or hosting a dinner with alumni in their area. It’s getting people to find something they feel passionate about and getting them to make an investment in the college. Everyday life can pull people in many directions, but we hope BSC can continue to add value to people’s lives as they go on to be successful.”

Clare Leschin-Hoar of Mansfield writes for magazines and newspapers, covering such topics as environmental issues, social enterprise, food, agriculture, health and business.
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Afro-American Alumni Association
The Afro-American Alumni Association gathered for its annual holiday celebration at the Davis Alumni Center to congratulate students on the end of the first semester and to wish them well as they leave for the semester break. Members of the Afro-American Alumni Association also participated in the annual Kwanza Celebration where students who graduated in January received their Kente Cloth and alumni association pins.

If you would like to become a member of this very active organization, please contact Candace Maguire, director of alumni relations, at 508.531.2695.

Crimson Ambassadors
The Crimson Ambassadors are alive and kicking. After a one-year hiatus, the spirit leaders of campus are back. The Crimson Ambassadors, a student group since 1992, are dedicated to serving the Bridgewater State College community. Their mission is to “promote pride, spirit and tradition through past, present and prospective students.”

During the fall semester, the ambassadors tackled a number of endeavors. Homecoming kicked off the semester with the ambassadors working at the alumni tent. They gave away root beer in BSC mugs and held a fundraising raffle. The ambassadors’ welcoming spirit was appreciated by those who gathered in the tent.

The ambassadors elected to support a family through My Brother’s Keeper in Easton as their group community service project.

The spring brought a multitude of projects, including an alumni basketball game in February that was followed by a ceremony honoring all of BSC’s 1,000-point scorers. In addition, the ambassadors held the first annual Crimson and White Ball, a semiformal affair to spread school spirit and pride.

ALUMNI SERVICES
ALUMNI CREDIT CARD PROGRAM
A new credit card program is available that provides many types of rewards. Bridgewater State College students benefit directly from every purchase made under this Visa card program. A percentage of the purchase is returned to the alumni association to assist students with scholarships and other academic opportunities that might otherwise be unavailable to them. To apply online, go to www.bridgew.edu, click on the Alumni/Donor link and then click on the Alumni Services link.

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Homecoming 2005

More than 300 people returned to campus to celebrate homecoming weekend. Alumni who were resident assistants and members of Kappa Delta Phi held reunion breakfasts, and *The Comment* alumni had their first reunion gathering following the annual homecoming parade. Many people returned to just walk around campus, meet at the alumni tent and to cheer on the BSC Bears as they celebrated a win against Salve Regina University.

Homecoming is a very special day for many, and attendance continues to increase yearly. We hope to see you at next year’s homecoming.
Carol Mulloy Cuttle 5K Road Race

The annual Carol Mulloy Cuttle 5K Road Race took place on the Saturday morning of homecoming weekend. Proceeds from the road race support the Carol Mulloy Cuttle Scholarship Fund. The scholarship is awarded to a student clinician who works in the Children’s Physical Developmental Clinic at BSC.

The top two finishers in each division were:

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WBIM Reunion
WBIM alumni returned the Friday afternoon of homecoming weekend for the annual DJ reunion, which continued through Saturday evening. Former DJs had a great time bringing back their old tunes to the airwaves and reconnecting with each other.

Athletic Hall of Fame Induction
The 2006 Athletic Hall of Fame Induction took place on the Friday evening of homecoming weekend. This year’s inductees were Judith Gallagher, ’94, G’98; Mark Gonsalves, ’00; Jeanette Goodwin, ’00; Bruce Higgins, ’97; Brett Murray, ’99; and Paul Stella, ’69, G’74. To nominate someone for the 2007 Athletic Hall of Fame induction, visit the Athletic Hall of Fame page at www.bridgew.edu/Alumni/Athletic_hof.cfm to submit a nomination.

Judith A. Gallagher, ’94, G’98 – Ms. Gallagher played on the softball team from 1992-1994. As a senior, she captained the team and led the Bears to a second place finish at the NCAA Division III Championships as the team’s top pitcher. The 1994 softball season was the best-ever finish in NCAA play by any BSC team. For her career, Ms. Gallagher ranks second all time at BSC in winning percentage and earned run average.

Ms. Gallagher resides in Taunton and teaches kindergarten at the Dighton Elementary School.

Mark J. Gonsalves, ’00 – Mr. Gonsalves played forward on the BSC men’s basketball team from 1995-1999. As a senior during the 1998-1999 season, Mr. Gonsalves captained the BSC hoops team, which went on to play in the NCAA championship tournament. BSC advanced to post-season play in each of his four seasons on the team as the Bears also made three ECAC tournament appearances. Mr. Gonsalves is the Bear’s all-time leading scorer with 1,907 points. He averaged 17.7 points per game and 6.7 rebounds during his career.

Mr. Gonsalves is a social worker for the Department of Social Services in Brockton and resides in East Freetown.

Jeanette Goodwin, ’00 – Ms. Goodwin played softball from 1993-1996. During her distinguished career at BSC, Ms. Goodwin was a two-time captain in the 1995 and 1996 seasons. A three-time NCAA All American, including being named to the first team in 1996, Ms. Goodwin was also the ECAC Player of the Year in 1995 and 1996. In 1995 she was named the Female Athlete of the Year. Ms. Goodwin owns numerous batting records at BSC. She also holds the single season marks for batting average and home runs. Her 38 career home runs places her fifth all time in NCAA division softball history.

Ms. Goodwin is the associate head softball coach at San Jose State University in San Jose, CA.

Bruce W. Higgins Jr., ’97 – Mr. Higgins played guard on the men’s basketball team from 1993-1997. As a senior captain during the 1996-1997 season, Mr. Higgins was selected to the All-MASCAC First
Team and was named the Bridgewater State Male Athlete of the Year. For his career, Mr. Higgins ranks first in free throws made. He is also third all time at BSC in free throw percentage. In his senior year, Mr. Higgins set both the BSC single-season and career records for steals. In his 106 games played, he finished his career ranked third all time at BSC in scoring with 1,727 points.

Mr. Higgins is a Boston police officer and resides in Hyde Park with his wife and daughter.

Brett J. Murray, ’99 – Mr. Murray competed in wrestling from 1995-1999. He was the first BSC wrestler to capture All New England honors on three separate occasions. A three-time Pilgrim Wrestling League All-Star, Mr. Murray was also the team captain of the 1998-1999 squad. Mr. Murray ranks second in career wins at BSC. His 32 wins during the 1996-1997 season and again in 1998-1999 ranks him third for the most single-season victories in school history.

Mr. Murray is a district sales manager for Alpharma and resides in Plymouth with his wife and son.

Paul F. Stella Jr., ’69, G’74 – Mr. Stella was a member of both the football and baseball teams from 1966 to 1969 at BSC. He captained both teams in 1968-1969 during his senior year. Mr. Stella was instrumental in putting BSC football back on the map after the program’s resurrection in 1960. During the 1968 season, Mr. Stella quarterbacked the Bears to a 5-3 record, which at the time was the most wins in the school’s history. His 12 touchdown passes and 883 yards passing in the 1968 season set records at the college and earned him all-conference honors in the New England Football Conference that season. Mr. Stella was also a member of the 1966 team that captured BSC’s first-ever NEFC championship.

Mr. Stella is a math teacher at Bourne High School and lives in East Falmouth with his wife, Rita, and their two children.

Boston Alumni Event
On a perfect New England fall night, a buzz was in the air as BSC alumni representing classes from 1998 to 2005 gathered at Jillian’s in Boston. This event was part of a new initiative to create and sustain programming for young alumni to help bridge the gap from students to alumni. Just as these alumni were connected while they were undergraduates, the spirit of BSC cemented their common bond on this night. They enjoyed plenty of food and laughs, but, most of all, they enjoyed reconnecting with one another and lingering late into the evening reminiscing about their days at BSC.

To learn more about upcoming alumni events like this one, or to submit class notes, post messages for friends or to contact a former classmate, please visit the BSC online community at alumni.bridgew.edu. Please note, first-time users will have to register using the constituent six-digit ID number above the name on the mailing label of this magazine.

Newport Alumni Event
BSC alumni from Rhode Island and Massachusetts gathered on Dec. 18 to celebrate the holidays in Newport, RI. More than 50 alumni from the classes of
1953 to 2002 began the day with a brunch at the Newport Officers’ Club. Following the brunch, the group moved to the historic Newport property, The Breakers, to attend an afternoon concert by the BSC Alumni Chamber Choir. The group performed for an hour to a large, admiring crowd. The concert featured holiday favorites led by choir director Dr. Carol Nicholeris. The performance included student vocalists, as well as collaboration with Dr. Salil Sachdev, Department of Music, on African drums.

Sheila Tunstall McKenna, '62; Frederick Gerstenecker, '05, the 2006 Shea Scholar recipient; and Dr. Stephen Smalley

Shea Scholar Presentations

Mr. Frederick Gerstenecker, '05, was the 2006 Shea Scholar recipient. His project focused on painting several large wall murals at the MCI alcohol and drug rehabilitation center, located in the town of Bridgewater. Mr. Gerstenecker’s theme for the murals focused on classic movies, and he chose the classics *Vertigo; From Russia with Love; King Kong; Tora! Tora! Tora!; Spider-Man;* and *War of the Worlds*. Mr. Gerstenecker thanked the Shea Scholar selection committee for allowing him to work independently and further refine his painting skills. This was his first attempt at doing wall murals, and according to MCI administrator, Ms. Joan Milch, the work that he accomplished was outstanding and has greatly enhanced the hallways of the facility.
**Upcoming Alumni Events**

**BAA Major Awards Ceremony**  
Saturday, April 8 – 6–9 PM  
Rondileau Campus Center Ballroom

**Annual Football Alumni Golf Tournament and Dinner**  
Friday, April 28  
Golf Tournament Location – To Be Determined  
Alumni Dinner – Charlie Horse Tavern

**Newman Club/ Catholic Center Activities Reunion**  
Saturday, April 29  
Were you part of the Newman Club or the Catholic Center activities during your time at BSC? Would you like to participate in an upcoming spring reunion? This year marks the 40th anniversary of this venerable institution, and we would like to celebrate its rich history, as well as reconnect with alumni who were involved with the Newman Club. This day will include a campus tour, a liturgy at the St. Basil’s Catholic Center and a dinner in the Rondileau Campus Center.  
Please e-mail Assistant Director of Alumni Relations Sally Murray at smurray@bridgew.edu if you were part of the Newman Club. Feel free to include a favorite memory or activity, and let us know if you would like to participate in the April reunion.

**Class of 1956 Reunion Dinner**  
Friday, June 1 – 6–10 PM  
East Campus Commons Dining Hall

**Alumni Weekend**  
Friday, June 2  
Saturday, June 3 – 9 AM–10 PM  
Mark your calendars for June 2 and 3. The Class of 1956 will begin their 50th reunion with a special celebration on Friday evening. All classes are invited to participate in Saturday’s festivities. If your class year ends in a 1 or 6, 2006 is the year to celebrate a special reunion. Please contact the Office of Alumni Relations if you would like to discuss planning a reunion for either the June weekend, or homecoming weekend in October.

**Saturday, June 3**  
45th Reunion Dinner  
6–11 PM  
Stoneforge Tavern, Raynham  
Cocktails, dinner and dancing to 60s music. Celebrate the 45th reunion with old friends.

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**Career Services Upcoming Events**

Alumni are welcome to participate in the following spring 2006 events. Please call Career Services at 508.531.1328 for additional information.

**Job Fair, Wednesday, April 5, 11-1:30 PM**  
Rondileau Campus Center Ballroom  
The annual Job Fair is a great way for employers to meet students and alumni to discuss full-time, professional-level opportunities available in Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

**Meet the Pros, Tuesday, April 11, 6:30–8:30 PM**  
Rondileau Campus Center Ballroom  
Co-sponsored with alumni relations, this networking evening provides students with one-on-one networking opportunities with BSC alumni.

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**A MOMENT IN HISTORY...**

**GLEE CLUB**

The Glee Club of 1883... As early as 1862 we know that music was studied at Bridgewater State Normal School for in that year Mr. O. B. Brown of Boston started coming to the campus once a week to teach the subject.

When these young men and women posed for their official picture two decades later, music was an integral part of the curriculum.

Today’s Chamber Singers and The Choral Society carry on this tradition at Bridgewater.
Forecast: Careers Ahead
Outlook for Spring Recruiting Season Bright

By Maura King Scully

As graduation nears, BSC seniors are sprucing up their resumes and building their networks to land that first job. Luckily, they're not going it alone. They have a powerful ally in the Office of Career Services, where they can take advantage of mock interviews and resume critiques, as well as on-campus job fairs and interviews.

When Jobs Come to Campus
The On-Campus Interviewing (OCI) program arranges interviews for full-time, professional positions during both the fall and spring semesters. In the fall, employers are primarily from accounting and finance, while in the spring, the pool expands to human services, sales and marketing, management, human resources, education and communications, among other fields.

Enterprising business students have already secured positions through OCI, including accounting majors Jeanne Pagnozzi, '06, and Natalie Chaves, '06. In September, Ms. Pagnozzi will become a staff accountant for Needel, Welch & Stone in Rockland, while Ms. Chaves, a January graduate, began as a mutual fund accountant at Boston Financial Data Services in Braintree.

“On-Campus Interviewing was really convenient,” said Ms. Chaves. “It was great that I could leave class and then just go over to career services. I had no idea Bridgewater offered all of this help. Now, having been through it, I don’t know how you’d do it without them.”

“The career counselors are so happy and willing to help. I felt comfortable asking them questions,” said Ms. Pagnozzi. “Career services really facilitated the interview process.”

Where Opportunities Abound
While the fall career fair is primarily for business majors, the spring job fair is open to a broad range of students looking for full-time, professional-level opportunities in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. This year's spring job fair will be held April 5.

Employers have high praise for BSC’s job fairs, as well as the quality of candidates.

“Our firm has had very good luck with BSC grads,” said Janet O'Donnell, '02, of Kevin P. Martin & Associates. “I was impressed by the number of companies that attend the fall job fair, as well as by the number of motivated students I met.”

Saré Arnold, regional recruiting manager for Enterprise Rent-A-Car in West Bridgewater, said she finds BSC students to be “refreshing and down to earth. They’re good communicators. For me, recruiting at BSC is a home run. Enterprise is looking for candidates with a strong work ethic, who are intelligent and are driven.” These are the kinds of qualities BSC students have, and “these are the kinds of employees we want,” she said.

The college relations coordinator for Staples, Dave Hubble, '05, has returned to BSC to recruit candidates for the office supply giant’s summer internship program, which rotates students among assignments in areas like finance, information technology, customer service and merchandising. As a recent graduate, Mr. Hubble said he knows BSC candidates are strong. “My BSC education was outstanding. I had a concentration in human resources, but I also got an understanding of other business units – like accounting, finance and marketing.”

This kind of broad-based education, he noted, is what makes Bridgewater State College graduates attractive to employers.

Giving Educators the Edge
But Career Services isn’t just for business and liberal arts majors. The annual Gearing up for Education Job Market event in the spring provides teacher, educational leadership and guidance candidates with the opportunity to meet, network and informally interview with hiring managers from more than 30 Southeastern Massachusetts public school districts. Candidates obtain first-hand knowledge about the current year’s job market and learn about anticipated or actual job openings. This year’s event will take place on March 13.

Surveying the Scene
All of these efforts ensure that BSC graduates continue to find employment at a robust rate. Career services conducts an annual survey of the previous year’s graduating class to determine new graduates’ job status. And the news is good: for the Class of 2004, 87 percent of students obtained employment within six months to a year following graduation. Ninety-two percent of those were working in Massachusetts, with 83 percent crediting BSC for preparing them for their current positions.

To learn more about the survey, or for more information, visit the career services Web site at www.bridgew.edu/CareerServices/careerrex.cfm.

Maura King Scully is a freelance writer from Walpole.
1935
Dorothy Tilden celebrated her 91st birthday in May. She has six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. “Living alone and (sic) still going strong,” said Dorothy.

1936
Barbara Albret
87 North Pond Drive
Brewster, MA 02631-1929

1937
Ruth Metcalf
50 Green Street, Apt. 308
Brookline, MA 02446-3399

1939
Dora Hansbury lives in a retirement community in Haverhill. Coincidentally, she resides in same retirement home as her original teaching instructor from the Haverhill school district whom she met 66 years ago. The two women have re-established their long friendship and often recount their days in the classroom.

1941
Winnifred Taylor Hodges
2219 New Bedford Drive
Sun City Center, FL 33573-5805

1942
Loretta Kennedy Dexter
15 Buckwood Drive
South Yarmouth, MA 02664-1805

1945
Constance Kennefick
9 Highland Street
Gloucester, MA 01930-3804

1954
Hazel Luke Varella
121 Center Street
North Easton, MA 02356-1801

1955
Francena Warren Smith
32 Mellen Street
Needham, MA 02494
Edna O’Reilly Cull, Greta Tyson, Betty Harrison Green and Francena Warren Smith were so enthused from reconnecting at the 50th class reunion that they met in Needham to renew their friendships during a morning of talk and laughter.

1956
Carlene Dodd Brown
35 Tam O’Shanter Way
South Yarmouth, MA 02664-2049
Eleanor Lydon Olson
R117 Shellback Way
Mashpee, MA 02649

Mark your calendar for June 2 and 3. Our 50th reunion is approaching.

1957
Beverly Tunstall Shavinsky
81 Francis Street
Fairhaven, MA 02719-3211

1958
John B. Lonergan
21 Westminster Road
East Weymouth, MA 02189-1939
Sue Dobler Getchell was elected to the Melrose High School Athletic Hall of Fame this past May. Ms. Getchell lettered in three sports: field hockey, softball and basketball. For 20 years, she was an associate professor of physical education at North Adams State College. During this time, she was the field hockey coach for 15 years, softball coach for five years and the gymnastics coach for three years.

1959
Carolyn Madden Millard retired from her ESL coordinator and teacher position in Chelmsford. She previously taught grade 3 in Littleton, CO, grade 2 in Arlington and ESL in Lowell, Westford and Chelmsford. She has two sons who live in South Carolina and Chelmsford. She volunteers at the New England Quilt Museum, sews and partakes in a book group.

1960
Virginia Jewett Hogg
194 James Otis Road
Centerville, MA 02632

1961
Dr. Joseph Nicastro, G’61, was honored by Quincy College during the unveiling of the Dr. Joseph S. Nicastro Learning Center. The center features several computer workstations for students to access self-paced learning software designed to improve skills in a variety of subjects, including English, mathematics and science. Joseph began his career as a vocational instructor at the Quincy Vocational-Technical School in 1953. Over the years, he headed up many initiatives, including leading project ABLE, where he designed and developed curriculum for the Quincy Vocational-Technical School. Before leaving in 1972 to become director of the King Philip Regional Vocational High School in Wrentham, he served as assistant to the superintendent of schools and the director of adult and community education for Quincy public schools. Joseph retired in 1982. For the past 11 years he has served as a member of Quincy College’s Board of Governors. Joseph and his wife, Josephine, have been married for 62 years and have four children and nine grandchildren. …

Louise R. Pearson received the Distinguished Faculty/Administrator award from the Prout School in Wakefield, RI. Louise has been affiliated with Prout for 29 years. She was a faculty member from 1976 to 1996. For the last nine years she has held numerous administrative positions. Louise is the assistant principal and coordinator of the international baccalaureate program.

1962
Barbara Aguiar Lombardo
53 Oakland Street
Brockton, MA 02302

George Yore was inducted into the Burlington High Athletic Hall of Fame. George’s efforts were lauded not for being a coach or athlete, but for being a scorekeeper, school supporter and volunteer. For many years, George acted as scorekeeper for the hockey team and football team. However, his longest stint was for 35 years as the official scorekeeper for the gymnastics squad. “I did what I wanted to do, and I did it because I enjoyed it,” said George, 65, who retired after 37 years of teaching in 2000. “I was able to help kids that I couldn’t help in school. I wasn’t outstanding, I was cooperative.” In addition to being a scorekeeper and teacher, George was a founding member of the Burlington Players and acted in many community plays.

1963

George Yore was inducted into the Burlington High Athletic Hall of Fame.

1964

James Nidositko
25 Coleridge Drive
Falmouth, MA 02540

The name Thomas Joseph Connors was inscribed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., on Memorial Day, May 30, 2005. Tom entered the U.S. Army after graduating from BSC and was severely wounded on Nov. 5, 1966, during a series of actions called, “Operation Attleboro,” by the U.S. military. As a result of his wounds, Tom, or “Ozzie” as he was better known by his college buddies, was paralyzed from mid-chest down. Being confined to a wheelchair didn’t stop him from leading a full life. He got married, learned to drive a car with manual controls, earned a master’s degree from Boston College and had a successful career with the Veteran’s Administration, working in various hospitals in New England. Ozzie had season tickets to the Celtics and Patriots and would invite many of his friends to accompany him to games. He was instrumental in getting the management of the Celtics and the Patriots to set aside certain areas of their facilities for handicapped seating. His loyalty to BSC never faded, and he attended Bears football games (he played from 1961-1965) and football banquets whenever he was able. His loyalty also extended to his undergraduate fraternity, Kappa Delta Phi. Eventually, the natural defenses of Ozzie’s body succumbed to disease, and on May 27, 2000, he passed away as a result of lymphoma. His wife, Elaine, sent his
medical records to the Department of the Army, and it was determined that his death was a result of wounds he sustained in combat in 1966. Because of this determination, Elaine was informed that his name, Thomas Joseph Connors, would be inscribed on “The Wall,” the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. A number of his college friends, along with his family, attended the ceremony on Memorial Day.

1967
Barbara Hurney, ’67, G’74 is in her fourth year of retirement, working part time at Curves and taking care of her 3-year-old granddaughter two days a week. In addition, she volunteers one day a week helping a family with triplets. Barbara also serves as assistant treasurer at Christ Church Parish in Plymouth.

1968
Donna Daley Brown
Box 366
779 Center Street
Bryantville, MA 02327-0366

June Liberman and John “Jack” Liberman, G’61, have been married almost 63 years, retired almost 24 and have three children, eight grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

1969
Carol Ethier Pappas
44 Tall Timbers Drive
Berwick, ME 03901-2536

Nancy Keefe is teaching foreign languages at the Harwich Middle School. Nancy has a degree in French with a minor in education; she is also a certified teacher of Spanish. … Patricia Mawn retired after 36 years in the Fairhaven public schools. She spent 29 years teaching fourth grade and was an assistant principal for the last seven years.

1970
Joseph P. Hackett
48 Ledgeview Drive
Norwood, MA 02062–5806

Terri Ciolfi embarked on a new career as a middle school math teacher at Beckwith Middle School in Rehoboth. Formerly an engineer, she worked on the design of combat systems for submarines at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center in Newport, RI. She earned her teacher certification at BSC in a program that certifies teachers in one year.

1972
Phil Conroy
Janice Indurato Conroy
85 Bridle Road
Bridgewater, MA 02324–1001

Linda Kelly, ’72, G’77, is a math teacher at Nantucket High School. Kathryn Tripp, ’72, G’78, is the assistant principal of the LaLiberte Elementary School and Merrill School in Raynham. Kathryn was a fourth grade teacher for 33 years at the LaLiberte School.

1973
Stephen Furtado is the superintendent of schools for the Freetown and Lakeville public schools. Stephen joined the Freetown–Lakeville system in 1973 where he taught social studies for 19 years. He became assistant principal in 1992 and director of instructional services for the district in 1996. He left his post in 2001 to become superintendent of schools in Somerset before returning to the Freetown and Lakeville public schools.

1974
Veronica Galanek Wainwright
4358 Bonfield Court
Oxford, MD 21654–0460

1976
Jacqueline Sylvia Wheaton
716 Atlantic Road
Swans Island, ME 04685

Michael Marcinkus, G’76, is the superintendent of School Administrative District 67, which serves Chester, Lincoln and Mattawamkeag, ME.

1977
Robert Mansur
12584 Autumn Gate Way
Carmel, IN 46033–8221

Harvey Varnet, G’77, returned from Jordan where he taught 40 Iraqis about modern techniques in library and information sciences. The two-year project is funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The purpose of the project is to provide training for Iraqi librarians and archivists and aid in modernizing Iraqi libraries. Harvey is assistant to the vice president for academic administration at Providence College. … Judy Blinstrub is the associate athletic director and has also served as interim athletic director for Babson College. She is the longtime coach of women’s soccer and basketball teams at Babson College. She did not apply for the director’s job because her first love is coaching. She has been associated with Babson College for 22 years.

1978
Elizabeth Gallagher Duval
12 Hutchinson Lane
Quincy, MA 02171

1979
Paula Money joined Foxborough High School as a guidance counselor. … Kristine Nash, G’79, is the assistant superintendent for the Dover-Sherborn school district.

1980
M. Scott McDonald
101 Highgreen Ridge
Peachtree City, GA 30269

Steve Sheppard is a part-time information aide for the Nantucket Chamber of Commerce. Steve has lived on Nantucket for the last 25 years and is editor of Nantucket Magazine. Steve spends spare time with his band, The Shep Cats, who are due to perform at the Kinsale Jazz Festival in Ireland in fall 2005. … Paul Healy became senior executive producer of the Frank Foley Show on WCRN and does the play-by-play for the Worcester Tornadoes, a professional baseball team.
1981
Cynthia Booth Ricciardi
P.O. Box 228
Taunton, MA 02780
Rob Pearl is the athletic director at Medway High School. ... Lynn Feingold, a former member of the BSC chamber choir, is still performing. She is involved with the Rockland Food Pantry Benefit Coffeehouse and performs songs from the 1700s at colonial taverns all across New England.

1982
John F. Sullivan
6 Phyllis Road
Foxboro, MA 02035

1983
Ed McDonough, a broadcasting teacher at Canton High School in Canton, OH, was elected to the executive council of the student television network.

1984
Coast Guard Lt. Cmrd. Mark J. Morin graduated from the College of Naval Command and Staff at the Naval War College in Newport, RI.

1985
June Roy Martin was featured in the fall 2005 Tufts health plan magazine. She mentored a friend to participate in the Tufts health plan 10K for women. June, an experienced runner, has been running the race for 15 years.

1986
Paula Vogel Quill
20 Goldsmith Drive
Newburyport, MA 01950–3417

1987
Kevin Kindregan
38 Tilden Commons
Quincy, MA 02170–1840

1988
Dan Darcy
42 Gas Light Drive, Apt. 1
Weymouth, MA 02190

1989
Coast Guard Lt. Cmrd. Mark J. Morin graduated from the College of Naval Command and Staff at the Naval War College in Newport, RI.

1990
Jorge Neves
16 Labrie Lane
Holyoke, MA 01040

1991
Cathy Noversa, was named one of the Coaches Who Make a Difference, by the The Herald News. Cathy is the physical education teacher at Diman Regional High School. In addition, she is the varsity volleyball and softball coach for the Bengals and serves as the junior varsity/varsity assistant for girls’ basketball. Under her leadership, the volleyball team won the state vocational championship two years ago. The softball team has benefited from her attention, climbing into the upper echelons in the Mayflower League. Cathy was nominated by the parent of one her former volleyball and basketball players. ... Dorothy Scammon Cotter directed The Woman in Black at the Woods Hole Theater Company. ... Paul Gaines Jr. was appointed director of student life at College of the Visual Arts in Saint Paul, MN. ... John (Sean) Ryan completed the MBA program, with a concentration in marketing, at Suffolk University. John is marketing director at Sky Publishing Corporation, publisher of Sky and Telescope magazine.

1992
Suzanne Christie, G’92, is the music director of Carver High School. ... Jeff Corwin hosted two shows to benefit the EcoZone exhibit at the South Shore Natural Science Center.

1993
Debra Gately–Cacciatore
439 Lexington Street
Waltham, MA 02542

1994
Matthew Maderos
12 Wickford Lane
Quincy, MA 02169–6252

1995
Michael Horvitz was awarded his MBA from Suffolk University Sawyer School of Management.

1996
Christopher Hayward is a tree warden and conservation/preservation agent in Needham. ... Brett Gall is a staff scientist for Phoenix Innovation, Inc. in Wareham. ... Tracey Russell loves her work as a graphic designer. ... Bill Leahy, a pilot in the Air National Guard, flew over his hometown during the “Weymouth Day” celebration as part of the festivities. The celebration, in its second year, includes two A–10 Thunderbolt IIs flying over the town. Bill is stationed at Barnes Municipal Airport in Westfield and has flown more than 20 combat missions in his 13-year career.
1997
Katie Banis Berry
38 Dartmouth Terrace
Brockton, MA 02301
Roger Limoges
2714 Quarry Road NW, Apt. 101
Washington, D.C. 20009–5946
Dan McHugh, 97, G’99, completed his MBA program with a concentration in marketing at Suffolk University. He is director of student activities at Suffolk University. … Jodi Roderick is the athletic trainer at Dartmouth High School.

1998
Carol Sacchetti
P.O. Box 259
Bristol, RI 02809

1999
Lee Charpentier
23 Upstone Drive
Nashua, NH 03063
Janice Lindblom, G’05, is working for Shore Shore Elder Services, a nonprofit agency in Braintree. … Jon Longley is the athletic director at Beverly High School. He oversees 23 varsity sports, including the girls’ hockey team, which is a cooperative team with Saugus and Danvers. Jon has worked at Beverly High School for four years.

2000
Lou Pacheco, G’00, is the police chief in Raynham. Lou serves as the director of the Regional Electronic and Computer Task Force. He was president of the national High Tech Crimes Consortium. He has lectured in the subject of technology. He traveled to Israel and England to study the latest in cyber-crime prevention and anti-terrorist techniques. … Michael Allen completed The Two Faces of Education: An Insiders View of School Reform.

2002
Alisa Anderson is a math instructor at Franklin’s Annie Sullivan Middle School. She has been teaching for four years. … Fred Kellogg was appointed to the board of the Farnsworth Art Museum. … Kelly Fitzpatrick has been appointed as a reserve police officer in Foxboro. In addition to her new position, Kelly works as a full-time dispatcher for the Sharon police department and is a special police officer in Sharon.

2003
Anthony Hrivnak, G’03, is the assistant principal at Hanover High School. … Derek Savas is expanding his Lakeville Subway franchise to Assonet and Portsmouth, RI.

2004
Kara McDonough was selected to fill a position at the Braintree police department. … Kevin Sullivan, G’04, is the principal at the Philips Avenue School in New Bedford. … Andrew Golden plays center for the Southern New England Rage, a Mansfield semi-pro football team. The Rage is one of the eight teams in the NEFLA-Division.
### Births

To **John Pozerski, ’86**, and **Joan Garrity Pozerski, ’88**, a son, John Timothy, on Feb. 16, 2005. John joins Lauren, 8; Andrew, 6; and Caroline, 3.

To **Elizabeth Walsh Lambert, ’90, G'94**, and **Paul E. Lambert, ’91**, a son, Matthew Edward, on June 24, 2005.

To **Teresa Ciotte Motz, ’92**, and Johnny Motz, a daughter, Mikaela Renee, on June 24, 2005.

To **Gina Collins Patete, ’95**, and **Tony Patete, ’95**, a son, Anthony James, on April 9, 2005.

To **Kerrie Comer Cook, ’96**, and **Shaun Cook, ’96**, identical twin daughters, Cora and Autumn.

To **Susan Turcotte Smolski, ’96** and David Smolski, a son, Matthew John, on Sept. 3, 2005.

To **Laurie Ford Fowles, ’97**, and **Gary Fowles, ’97**, a daughter.

To **Neamat Rebecca Rosch Adams, ’99**, and Michel J. Adams, a son, Andrew Duncan Adams, on April 8, 2005.

To **Stacy Sirosi Parisi, ’00**, and Michael Parisi, a daughter, Emily Marie, on Sept. 9, 2005.

To **Danielle Bousquet Hylander, ’01**, and Kevin Hylander, a son, Bradley Michael, on Dec. 15, 2005.

To **Chris Andersen Jacobson, ’02**, and Walter Jacobson, a son, Olyn Myles, on May 14, 2004.

### Deaths

Doris Dreher Bruce, ’28, on Sept. 4, 2005

Edith B. Smith Alger, ’29, on Aug. 15, 2005

Leo J. Chareth, ’29, on Sept. 30, 2005

Katherine M. Hem, ’31, G’56, on July 26, 2005

Katherine Foye Bellerby, ’32, on Sept. 29, 2005

Jeanette Wells Parmenter Smith Murphy, ’35, on Nov. 2, 2005

Marie E. Bromley-Orcutt Pezzoli, ’37, on Aug. 26, 2005

Lawrence B. Westgate, ’37, on July 17, 2005

Philip W. Wilber, ’37, on Aug. 12, 2005

Kathleen L. Graham Fox, ’38, on Sept. 5, 2005

Ruth A. Penley McNeal, ’39, on July 24, 2005

Louise Osuch Patys, ’39, G’65, on July 24, 2005

Mynette M. Briody Dewhurst, ’40, on July 28, 2005

Phyllis M. Johnson, ’41, on Sept. 26, 2005

Dorothy Giddings Staknis, ’41, on Oct. 1, 2005

Elizabeth A. White Moran, ’43, on Sept. 20, 2005

Ann E. McNamara Bouchard, ’47, on Aug. 21, 2005

Dale Eugene Allberry, ’49, on Oct. 26, 2005

Albert E. Kiernan, ’50, on Aug. 8, 2005

Rose-Marie Welch Briand, ’51, on Aug. 15, 2005

Mary Eileen Bernier Hart, ’51, on July 23, 2005

Robert Spencer Danstedt, G’52, on Aug. 3, 2005

Ellen C. Cantwell Healy, ’52, on Nov. 14, 2005

John R. Motha, ’53, G’56, on Aug. 10, 2005

Helen M. Brady, G’53, on July 28, 2005

Robert E. Millett, G’53, on Sept. 11, 2005

Lorraine W. Wiklund Olson, ’56, on Oct. 2, 2005

Lloyd A. Sears, G’56, on Sept. 26, 2005

Theresa Dufresne Smith, ’56, on Sept. 11, 2005

Edna Ruth Appleby Desjeunes, ’57, on Aug. 8, 2005

Dorothy M. Cardoza Ellis, ’58, on Oct. 13, 2005

James Q. Calista, ’60, on Sept. 5, 2005

John J. Laffey, G’60, on July 21, 2005

Arthur S. Auger, G’61, on Aug. 3, 2005

Linda Anne Jacobson Griggs, ’64, on Sept. 25, 2005

Raymond F. Scott, G’64, on Sept. 19, 2005

Paul O. Schofield, ’64, on Sept. 20, 2005

Rita Thievierge Blake, ’65, on Oct. 7, 2005

Jean V. Bingle Sematore, ’66, on Aug. 3, 2005

Manuel Narciso, G’67, on Aug. 17, 2005

Muriel P. Franz Quaglieri, G’71, on Sept. 2, 2005

Russell McCann, G’72, on July 15, 2005

Anne M. Mitchell Francis, ’73, on Aug. 31, 2005

Dorothy R. Houl, G’74, on Nov. 10, 2005

Gary E. Bouley, ’76, on Aug. 7, 2005

Regina Elaine Carbone, ’77, on Sept. 20, 2005

John J. Grant, G’78, on Aug. 15, 2005

Lee T. Russell, ’85, on Aug. 29, 2005

Lydia L. Riker, ’87, on Oct. 30, 2005

Mary Elizabeth Clavin, G’91, on Oct. 19, 2005

Cherie P. Fafard, ’93, on Aug. 8, 2005

David G. Peterson, G’95, on Oct. 14, 2005
A MOMENT IN HISTORY...

Mary Hudson Onley, Class of 1912, was the first African-American to graduate from the college, and she stands above at far left with other members of the senior class at Bridgewater State Normal School.

In the middle of the photograph sits Albert G. Boyd, Class of 1849, president from 1860 to 1906, and directly behind him is Arthur Clarke Boyden, Class of 1849, president from 1860 to 1906, and directly behind him is Arthur Clarke Boyden, Class of 1849, president from 1860 to 1906, and directly behind him is Arthur Clarke Boyden, Class of 1849, president from 1860 to 1906, and directly behind him is Arthur Clarke Boyden, Class of 1849, president from 1860 to 1906, and directly behind him is Arthur Clarke Boyden, Class of 1849, president from 1860 to 1906, and directly behind him is Arthur Clarke Boyden, Class of 1849, president from 1860 to 1906, and directly behind him is Arthur Clarke Boyden, Class of 1849, president from 1860 to 1906. In the middle is Arthur Clarke Boyden, Class of 1849, president from 1860 to 1906.

Born in 1889 in New Bedford, the daughter of Lavania F. Powell of Boston and William G. Onley of New Bedford, Mary Hudson Onley graduated from New Bedford High School in 1908 and entered Bridgewater that September.

While a student here, Ms. Onley was a member of the women’s basketball team in 1910 and 1911 and performed in school plays in both of those years.

After graduation, she became an elementary teacher in the New Bedford public schools.

According to biographical material prepared by the Hall of Black Achievement, The untimely death of her parents put her in the role of caring for her younger siblings.

She later married Rev. Arthur J. Spratley, pastor of the Union Baptist Church in New Bedford. At this point, Mrs. Spratley became very active in church work.

She held the post of president of the Women’s Auxiliary of the United Baptist Convention of Massachusetts and Rhode Island for many years. She also was one of the founders of the Martha Briggs Literary Club and a member of the Martha Briggs Educational Club of New Bedford.

In addition, Mrs. Spratley was a charter member of the NAACP of New Bedford and Past Worthy Matron of the J.W. Hood Chapter of the Eastern Stars.

After several years in New Bedford, the Spratley’s moved to Boston, where Reverend Spratley became one of the founders of Concord Baptist Church.

Mrs. Spratley resumed teaching in the Boston Public School system. While in Boston, she was very active in numerous civic groups such as the League of Women for Community Service, Boston Teacher’s Alliance, Boston Elementary Teachers Club and the Delta Omicron Chapter of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority.

After the death of her husband in the early 1960s, Mrs. Spratley returned to New Bedford, the home of her grandparent who were active in the underground railroad and the abolitionist movement.

Mrs. Spratley has been stamped as a woman of many accomplishments and one who possessed energy, foresight, and determination. She died in 1980 at the age of 91. She had one daughter, Joan M. Spratley Fisher of St. Louis, who was formerly a Commissioner of the Hall of Black Achievement.

Below is the Mary Hudson Onley Medallion, which is presented each year "to a living individual who best represents the mission of the Hall of Black Achievement and who has made a significant contribution to the quality of life or whose personal or professional achievements merit special recognition."
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Bridgewater State College was home to several key winter events. (From top) Dr. Dana Mohler-Faria, president of the college delivers his address during the 19th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast and Celebration held in Flynn Dining Commons; Hall of Black Achievement Student Achiever Award recipients were honored at the college’s 18th Annual Heritage Celebration of the Massachusetts Hall of Black Achievement; Nearly 700 graduates were presented their degrees during winter commencement. Pictured is the platform party (from left) Dr. Judith Gill, chancellor of public higher education; Franklin Ollivierre, chairman of the college’s Board of Trustees; President Dana Mohler-Faria; student speaker Amy Goldstein; and State Rep. Stephen R. Canessa, ’02, who delivered the keynote address.