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Dear Friends,

One hundred and sixty-seven years ago this summer, in August 1846, the college’s first permanent home was built and dedicated. A simple, two-story, wooden building, it was just large enough to accommodate the school’s 40 students and two faculty members. One of Bridgewater State College’s principal founders, Horace Mann, was the keynote speaker for the celebration. For many years prior, his had been a lonely voice persuading the Massachusetts legislature to make (at least at the time) radical changes concerning the preparation of teachers.

Prior to the establishment of the first normal schools, anyone and everyone could choose to teach in a public school – no training or education whatsoever was required. Just show up with a book in your hand at the schoolhouse door.

Horace Mann took a much longer view of education and realized that the successful development of the nation was inextricably linked to the preparation of quality teachers. His was certainly an uphill battle, and he faced great scrutiny, cynicism and skepticism. So precarious did the legislature find this novelty that it insisted the word state be omitted from the names of the first normal schools. They also gave our fledgling college just three years to prove itself. If it erred in any way – which they presumed it would – it would be gone forever.

Horace Mann was vindicated on that August day in 1846, and his great experiment has not only survived but thrived. And while much has changed for the institution we now know as Bridgewater State College over the past 167 years, some things never will. As the oldest permanently sited teacher preparation institution in the United States, Bridgewater State College has a proud heritage of instilling in its graduates a profound appreciation for the value of public education.

In this issue, we celebrate the contributions of alumni who continue to blaze the path begun by Horace Mann. Chief among them is Warren Phillips, ’75, G’88, G’02, whose creativity and commitment as a science teacher for Plymouth public schools places him at the very apex of public educators in the United States.

Over the years we’ve developed quite the reputation for our countless contributions to the noble cause of improving the quality of public education in Massachusetts. When our new governor asked me to serve as his special adviser for education, I have no doubt he did so with that reputation in mind – a reputation that’s been built on the backs of our 45,000 living alumni and all of those who preceded them.

As we pause to honor some of our best and brightest educators who got their start here, we do so with a keen attention to history, a deep sense of pride and an enduring commitment to excellence in teacher preparation.

Bridgewater State College.
First in Education. Second to None.

Sincerely,

Dana Mohler-Faria
President
In 2006, Warren Phillips made Bridgewater State College history. A 32-year veteran science teacher in the Plymouth public middle schools, Mr. Phillips became the first BSC educator to be named to the coveted USA Today All-USA Teaching Team. One of only 20 nationally so honored, he received a trophy and $2,500 for his school. He was also profiled in USA Today in January.

The ninth annual All-USA Teacher Team members were selected from a nationally nominated pool of kindergarten through grade 12 teachers. In a two-step judging process, education professionals considered how well nominees defined and met their students’ needs and, most importantly, the impact they’ve had on student learning.

And there’s no doubt that Mr. Phillips has had big impact. “Warren is one of the most remarkable science educators I’ve ever known,” said Nicola Micozzi Jr., ’71, Plymouth public schools science coordinator and Mr. Phillips’ supervisor for the past 27 years. “He wins the hearts and minds of his students, engaging all their senses, pulling every trick in the book to get them to stretch and apply their knowledge in different settings. There’s no doubt the science program in the Plymouth public schools would not be what it is today without Warren Phillips.”
Secret of Success

“Work hard, work hard, work hard.” It’s a sign emblazoned on the wall in Mr. Phillips’ classroom, meant to inspire his seventh graders. But it’s also a fitting motto for the man himself.

Outside his work as a classroom teacher, Mr. Phillips advises the garden club, produces a student cable TV news show and coordinates a three-day outdoor education field trip each year for 700 plus students. In a quest to reinforce science concepts with young students, the accomplished amateur musician composed and produced three CDs: “Sing-A-Long Science,” “Sing-A-Long Science: The Sequel” and “Sing-A-Long Science: The Second Sequel.” He’s also a contributing writer for the Prentice-Hall Science Explorer textbook series and NSTA’s Exemplary Science in Grades 5-8.

Married for 31 years to his high-school sweetheart, Karen Friberg Phillips, ’75, he’s the father of two, successful children, Jeffrey and Kristin. He also plays in a band on Wednesday nights, a basketball league on Tuesday nights, is an avid gardener, rollerblades and plays soccer.

“I’m just one of those people who sets a goal and does it,” said Mr. Phillips. He credits his relentless determination in part to his stature. Growing up in Weymouth, he said, “I was the smallest guy in junior high. They used to line us up for gym by height, and I was always first. I think it drove me to be competitive.”

Mr. Phillips commuted to Bridgewater State College, earning a BA in earth sciences while working full time. He chose earth sciences at the urging of some of his professors including Ira Furlong and Paul Blackford. “They just encouraged me and took me under their wing,” he noted. “I was lucky.”

When Mr. Phillips graduated in 1975, teaching jobs were hard to come by. In late August, Mr. Phillips spotted an ad for a middle school science teacher in Plymouth and applied. “They called, and I went in for what I thought was an interview,” he recalled. “It was actually a tour – I already had the job. They had just built a new middle school – Plymouth Community Intermediate School (PCIS) – and hired 120 new teachers. It was two days before school started, and they were short one science teacher.”

That happy accident of fate turned into a 30-year love affair between Mr. Phillips and PCIS. “Warren is one of the most enthusiastic teachers you could ever have,” raved Mr. Micozzi. “He literally lives the job.” Always looking to push the envelope, “he’s mastered the profession. He’s added to his skill set with two more Bridgewater degrees: an MAT in teaching physical sciences in 1988 and an MEd in instructional technology in 2002, and has brought that all back to bear on his classroom,” noted Mr. Micozzi.

Along the way, Mr. Phillips has also become a nationally recognized educator, tapped regularly for his expertise. He served on the advisory board of Docutek, a Web portal for school-parent-teacher communication; he’s a teacher-leader for the Massachusetts Department of Education Partnership Advancing the Learning of Mathematics and Science (PALMS); a certified teacher-trainer for the JASON Project, a program designed to inspire life-long passion for science, math and technology through real-world scientific discovery; and in 2000 passed the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) test. He’s written curriculum for Northeastern University’s Project SEED (Science Education through Experiments and Demonstrations), an enhancement program for sixth–tenth grade science teachers, as well as the Plymouth public schools online science curriculum. He also serves as science Web master for the Plymouth public schools.

An Entrepreneur at Heart

Though he’s a consummate educator, the true secret of Mr. Phillips’ success, said Mr. Micozzi, is that “he’s really an entrepreneur.” In the late 1990s when the...
Massachusetts economy spiraled into recession, school budgets were stretched thin. There were barely funds for basic instruction, never mind the kind of forward-thinking teaching Mr. Phillips had in mind. An empty television studio at PCIS had sparked his creative juices: It had been left—full of equipment—when Aldephia Cable moved off school property, and Mr. Phillips envisioned producing a Bill Nye the Science Guy type of show with his students. He became a man on a mission, taking courses on TV production and applying for grants to upgrade the studio’s outdated equipment.

“Video-editing software is very expensive. It retails around $5,000 to $6,000,” he explained. Even with educational discounts, “You could spend $50,000 and not be extravagant.”

In searching around for funding, Mr. Phillips discovered a number of awards for outstanding teachers that came with cash prizes. “Let’s see if we can’t win some of these,” Mr. Micozzi remembers Mr. Phillips saying. So Mr. Phillips started applying, and the honors began piling in. He was selected as a finalist for the Massachusetts Presidential Award in 2001, 2002 and 2003. In 2002, he was chosen as Teacher of the Year in Time For Kids/Chevrolet Teaching Excellence Award, winning a Chevy Malibu and $2,000 for his classroom. He won the Massachusetts Software and Internet Council’s Above and Beyond Award in 2002 and 2003, and in 2003 was a semifinalist in Technology and Learning’s Ed Tech Leader of the Year. In 2004, Mr. Phillips was selected for a DisneyHand Teaching Award, honoring creativity in teaching. Among the 39 DisneyHand teachers, he was singled out as Middle School Teacher of the Year. In 2006, in addition to the USA Today award, Mr. Phillips was also named Massachusetts Science Teacher of the Year for Plymouth County and has won a Presidential Volunteer Service Award.

“Everything he’s gotten from these awards, he’s dumped right back into the school to benefit the children of Plymouth,” said Mr. Micozzi.

H.O.W.L.ing Success

In 2005, after 30 years of teaching seventh grade science, Mr. Phillips took on a new challenge: launching Helping Others While Learning (H.O.W.L.). “It started because my principal asked if I’d be interested in starting a gifted and talented program. I told him I didn’t believe in gifted and talented programs, and if I had my way, I’d turn those programs into service-learning courses so that kids who excelled could give back to the school and help others,” he recounted. “Two days later, my principal came back and said, ‘We want you to do it.’ Now I have H.O.W.L. at two schools – PCIS and at Plymouth South Middle School. But I like to try new things. I love a challenge.”

And H.O.W.L. is just that. Mr. Phillips puts students through their paces, working on projects that advance their learning and serve the community. Students develop PowerPoint presentations for teachers on specific units—like a Jeopardy-style PowerPoint to teach the American Revolution or the finer points of grammar. H.O.W.L.ers collaborate on projects with developmentally disabled students in the Plymouth Life Skills program, helping them grow plants this year to sell for a fundraiser, for example. “H.O.W.L. students used Excel to actually graph the

**Grants received at Plymouth Community Intermediate School have allowed television production to convert to a digital format. Here, Mr. Phillips works with his students, from front, Riley Stefano, Nick O’Sadcia, Shannon Rakee, Hannah Comley and Ashley Gallagher, on Adobe Premier to produce graphics for their next show.**
Words of Wisdom

After more than three decades in the classroom, Mr. Phillips reports that he’s still continually challenged by his work. “I tell student teachers and young teachers. ‘This job isn’t easy. It’s the hardest thing you’ll ever do.’ I’ve been doing it for 31 years, and it’s still hard,” he said.

Part of the challenge comes from the ever-changing educational environment. “Today’s teachers have much greater responsibility, with harder and longer days,” he observed. “Student loads are increasing. It used to be that you had 80 to 85 kids each year; now you can have up to 145.” Mr. Phillips also sees “a lot more unstable homes—that’s a big thing to overcome,” and noted that today’s parents question what you’re doing more. Growing up, my word against the teachers’ word would not have held up. More often now, parents question you, fighting for their kids even when they’re stretching the truth."

On the positive side, “teaching is better now,” he pointed out. “Teachers know strategies for brain-based and style-based learning.” And at the core, kids haven’t changed. “They were teenagers then, and they’re teenagers now. They’re naturally curious and enthusiastic.”

How has he survived for 32 years in middle school, widely considered the most difficult ages to teach? “I think in large part, you make your own environment,” Mr. Phillips said. “You need to figure out what you need to make yourself happy, and then do it.” Besides, Mr. Phillips confessed, “I wouldn’t want to teach any other grade level. The most influence you can have on a kid’s life is in these years. In seventh grade, they’re just starting to form goals, looking for role models—though they won’t tell you that. It’s a very important stage. You can really see the effects of what you’re doing.”

Every day, in fact, Mr. Phillips looks around and can see those effects, even beyond the current crop of youngsters in his classroom. “My current vice principal? I had him as a student,” he noted. “I also taught five of the current teachers at the middle school level. The other day, I received an e-mail from a former student who told me he became a science teacher because of me. What better motivation is there than that?”

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Singing Science

They say necessity is the mother of invention. In Warren Phillips’ case, necessity gave birth to his wildly popular CDs, “Sing-A-Long Science.” In the late 1990s, “I was trying to teach the kids the first 30 elements on the periodic table and was discouraged when most of them flunked the test,” he explained. “Driving home, I had a brainstorm that I could set it to music and teach it that way. When I got home, I wrote ‘The Element Song’ came back in and taught it to them over two days. When I retested them, they all got As. That’s when I knew I was on to something.’

That initial success led to a 31-song, three-CD set that’s become an international hit, with thousands of copies sold to school systems throughout the United States and as far away as Brazil, China and New Zealand. “I just got an order today for 100 for a school system in Louisiana,” Mr. Phillips noted.

For more on “Sing-A-Long Science,” or to listen to a sample, visit www.wphillips.com.

The Volcano Song

(sung to the tune of “She’ll be Comin’ Round the Mountain”)

Refrain:
Before the earth creates a vol-ca-no
The heat that’s in the magma down below
Expands the rock which makes the pressure
’till the magma finds a fissure
And the lava will erupt and start to flow.

If the pressure down below is really high
Then the lava will shoot way up in the sky
Making pumice full of bubbles
Forming cinder cones with troubles
‘cause the living things below are going to die.

If the pressure down below is really low
Then the lava that emerges comes out slow.
The volcano it will yield
Is what geologists call “shield”
And it’s kinda flat when it begins to grow.

Now the continents are moving not too swift
But it’s what they’re calling “continental drift”
When the plates begin colliding
One of them begins subsiding
And the friction heats up magma where they lift.

Refrain
Words by Warren Phillips
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By David K. Wilson, ’71

In 1921, Katharine Turner McWilliam, the woman who is today the college’s oldest living graduate (Class of 1924, age 102), enrolled at Bridgewater State College to prepare for a career in teaching that would ultimately last until state law required her to retire at age 70.

“Bridgewater was so different in those days,” she said in an interview last June. “It was all country. Our only recreation was to walk uptown to Cole’s drugstore for an ice cream soda.”

“Isabel DeWitt was my closest friend. Isabel was a two-year student – those days, students who wanted to teach kindergarten attended for two years, those who wanted to teach junior high school attended for three years and the four-year program was for those who planned to teach at the high school level,” she explained.

“I don’t recall how Isabel and I met at Bridgewater, but I do remember we weren’t assigned to the same room in Woodward Hall, so we talked each of our roommates into switching so she and I could room together.

“We got the smaller room on the third floor of Woodward, and they got a larger room on the second floor of Woodward. We remained friends through the years after Bridgewater as we both became wives and then mothers. Isabel is gone now. I miss her a lot,” she said.

“I knew I wanted to become a teacher, and Bridgewater was ideal for that. After I graduated, I taught in Winthrop for 10 years, until I got married.”

As marriage did for all women in that era, it ended – temporarily at least – Mrs. McWilliam’s career as a teacher.

“In those days, women who were married could not be teachers. I was married in April 1934, and I had to ask the state teachers’ board for permission to stay until the year finished in June,” she said.

She met her husband, William, who was from Dorchester, about five years after she had graduated from Bridgewater State College.

“I got married the same year as my father died. My husband was making $22.50 a week when we got married. He was a machine designer. We had a nice apartment for $30 a month; we had a car and $7 a week for groceries. We had everything we wanted.”

She stayed at home to raise her children.

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Katharine Turner McWilliam, ’24

“William and I became the parents of two daughters, Wendy and Nancy, and once our daughters were in elementary school, I returned as a substitute teacher, working in Braintree teaching math.

“Then, later on, Rockland offered me a full-time teaching position, and since I had two girls who were going to go to college, I accepted a position there and stayed 19 years.”

Today, daughter Wendy, a retired school teacher like her mother, lives in New Hampshire. Nancy went to business school and lives in Arizona.

“I’m a grandmother of four, one granddaughter and three grandsons, and I’m a great-grandmother of four more children, all boys,” she said with pride. “I’ve lived in this house in South Weymouth for 66 years. In those days, this area was just woods. When we moved here, our first daughter was just a year old.”

A MOMENT IN HISTORY...

Pictured at left is the Bridgewater State Normal School football team of 1892.

How old is the sport at Bridgewater? Albert Gardner Boyden, class of 1849, recalled in his memoirs that “Physical exercise was not neglected, though we had no gymnasium,” harking back to his student days at Bridgewater in the 1840’s.

“… Round baseball was a regular game in the spring, and genuine football, without any toggery or rooting, was a vigorous fall game in which the ball was kicked ‘sky-high.’”
all 2006 was one sweet season for Brian O'Reilly, ’75. The longtime football coach at Pinkerton Academy in Derry, NH, logged his 200th win, a record surpassed by only two other coaches in state history, and his Astros went undefeated and captured the state championship for the eighth time, setting a new Division 1 record.

Though pleased with the results, Mr. O'Reilly was not a man watching the clock. “I didn’t even know the 200th win was coming up this season until someone told me,” he said. “I see this as a program achievement; it’s a tribute to all the terrific assistant coaches and players over the years.”

Besides, this isn’t the first time Mr. O’Reilly has set records. In 2004, he posted his 300th win as head coach of boy’s lacrosse. “You play more games in lacrosse per season than you do in football,” he explained. “And in lacrosse, we actually have 11 state championships.”

From the Beginning
Growing up in New Bedford, “I always knew I wanted to be a teacher,” he said. “Everyone knew that Bridgewater State College was the teacher’s school. It was the only college I applied to.” He majored in history and ran track and cross-country. A starting tight end for Bishop Stang High School in North Dartmouth, Mr. O’Reilly figured a collegiate football career wasn’t in the cards, however. “I was 6’1” and 150 pounds,” he explained.

After graduation from BSC, a glut of baby-boom teachers necessitated moving to New Hampshire where Mr. O’Reilly landed a job teaching history and coaching track at Pinkerton Academy, a semi-private school in Derry. “We’re a public school in the sense that we have to accept everyone in our enrollment area. But the towns pay tuition, and we don’t have a school board. We’re one of the largest high schools in New England with more than 3,400 students,” he noted.

Two months into the job, an opening came up on the football coaching staff. A gridiron starter in high school, Mr. O’Reilly jumped at the chance and became Pinkerton’s freshman coach. The rest, as they say, is history. A couple years later, he added boy’s lacrosse to his coaching resume. “I had never seen lacrosse before, but I watched a game one afternoon and fell in love with it in five minutes,” he said. Lacrosse, in fact, became a family endeavor: Mr. O’Reilly coached; his wife, Ina Nickerson O’Reilly, ’75, a fourth grade teacher in Derry, cheered; and two of their three children played for Pinkerton. His daughter Megan, now 22, was a two-time high school All-American, and his son Patrick, now 26, was a high school All-American who went on to play for the Middlebury College national championship team. Mr. O’Reilly’s eldest daughter, Erin, received her law degree from Georgetown University and practices in New York City.

Playing Favorites
Mr. O’Reilly has coached as long as he’s taught – 32 years – and says he truly enjoys both. “I can’t choose one over the other,” he said. Coaching, he points out, however, does have one advantage over classroom teaching. “You have a captive audience that you just don’t have in the classroom. Even in AP history, if there’s a snow day, the kids rejoice. In athletics, if there’s a big game coming up, the kids are mad about a snow day because they want the extra day of work. That kind of dedication never gets old.”

Now that he’s achieved 200 wins in football and 300 plus in lacrosse, what’s the game plan for Coach O’Reilly? “I don’t have a goal to bypass anyone else,” he said. “But I can say that I’m 52 and have no intention of retiring. When teaching or coaching starts to feel like a burden, I’ll step down. But I don’t see that happening anytime soon.”

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Dr. Margaret Strojny, ’72, G’88, G’93, Found Her Niche in Education

By David K. Wilson, ’71

Dr. Margaret Hanna Strojny, the superintendent of schools in East Bridgewater, belongs to a select group of Bridgewater State College graduates: she has three degrees from BSC – a bachelor’s degree in 1972, master’s degree in 1988, and certificate of advanced graduate study in 1993.

But the path she took that led her first to Bridgewater State College in 1968 and then, following her graduation in 1972, to a 30-plus-year career in public education was one she almost didn’t take.

“My mother was a wonderful role model for me working outside of the home,” she said. Dr. Strojny’s father, the deputy fire chief in Taunton, became very ill as a result of his work, which necessitated her mother becoming the family breadwinner. “Subconsciously, I must have begun to realize how important it is for women to be able to make their own way in the world,” she said.

“As I wish I could say I had wanted to be a teacher since I held my first crayon, the truth is, I entered into teaching quite by accident,” she said. Just after beginning Southeastern Massachusetts Technological Institute (now University of Massachusetts Dartmouth) in 1967, Dr. Strojny was injured in a very serious automobile accident and couldn’t go back to school.

“The summer of the following year, I took a job as a secretary at the Cohannet School in Taunton. I worked for the principal, Buck Mahoney. He told me, ‘You have to go back to school. You must go back.’ I’ve seen you with young children and you’re a natural teacher. You’ve got a gift,” he said. He took Dr. Strojny to BSC and introduced her to Dr. Henry Fanning, the director of admissions. Dr. Fanning said, ‘Well, you’ve got the recommendation of Buck Mahoney. You can start as a freshman,’ which she did in 1968.

“I had nothing – no books, no schedule. Dr. Fanning met me and took me around, and he got me a schedule and brought me to the bookstore. I had no money, but the bookstore manager, John Zwicker, offered me a job so I could pay for my books, and I worked there all four years while I was at Bridgewater,” she said.

After bartering her way into a part-time job, she settled into the academic life and even secured a dorm room. “But, two weeks after I moved in, my father died, and I had to move back home to help my mother take care of my younger brother and sister,” she said.

Because she had no car to commute back and forth to the campus, she had to rely on friends and relatives to get from Taunton to Bridgewater.

The challenge of those experiences helped to convince her she was heading in the right direction. “I’m grateful that I was tested at such a young age. It made me be resourceful and independent,” she said.

Professor Judy Deckers and Dr. Isabelle King were “the linchpins of my education. Those two women defined teaching for me,” she said.

Dr. Strojny began teaching third grade at the Walker School in Taunton. She took time off when her two children were young and earned her master’s degree. Later, after returning to the classroom and ultimately deciding to pursue a career in school administration, she returned to BSC to earn a certificate of advanced graduate study.

Back in the classroom in Taunton again, Dr. Strojny had a succession of teaching assignments in the ensuing years, spanning kindergarten through grade eight, before serving as assistant principal and principal at schools in Taunton. Next, she became a principal in Pembroke, where she remained for seven years, 1993 to 2000.

In 1997, she began her doctoral studies at Boston College and graduated in May 2002.

Meanwhile, Dr. Strojny had moved to the central office of the Silver Lake Regional School District as assistant superintendent for secondary education. She was chosen to be East Bridgewater’s superintendent of schools in 2002.

“I enjoy what I do tremendously. I look forward to every day with the greatest enthusiasm. And I remain always grateful to Bridgewater State College for providing me an excellent education… It opened every door for me that I needed.”

Dr. Margaret Strojny, ’72, G’88, G’93
Dr. Owen B. Kiernan: 50 Years of Stellar Service to American Education

By David K. Wilson, '71

Dr. Owen B. Kiernan, '35, is among the most illustrious of Bridgewater State College graduates. In 1985, the former Commissioner of Education for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts – and education adviser to seven U.S. presidents – received the National Recognition Medal from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, PA, in recognition of his lifelong dedication to the field of education (other recipients of that award for distinguished national service include Walter Cronkite and former congresswoman Barbara Jordan).

At the age of 93, his wit and intellect are as sharp and keen as they were when he returned to his alma mater in September 1964 as the state's senior education official to deliver the convocation address.

During a conversation in his home, he talked of his youth – he grew up in Randolph, where he and his brother were raised by their father after the death of Dr. Kiernan's mother when he was only 7 years old – and of his student years at Bridgewater State College. And, of course, he spoke tenderly and lovingly of his deceased wife, Esther, '36, to whom he was married for 60 years.

Excerpts of his story, told in his own words:

“I had two or three friends who were attending Bridgewater at the time I graduated from high school. They spoke so highly of the college that I became interested in applying.

“The cost was right – only $75 a semester – and I knew I’d get a superb education. I entered in September 1931.

“This was, of course during the Great Depression of the 1930s, so money was tight for all of us. My dad worked in the Diamond Shoe Company in Brockton, and he was laid off several times.

“As a result he didn’t want me to even consider working in a factory, and I recall asking him one time if he could help get me a summer job where he worked. He gave me a strong ‘thumbs down’ on that idea. ‘You’ll never enter a shoe factory. You’re going into education and you’re going to stay there,’ he said.

“I worked part time all through college, mostly playing the piano at night in various places.

“Miss Pope, the dean of women, was a good friend of mine. ... In fact my future wife, Esther, ’36, was working for Miss Pope the very first time I ever met her.

“I was president of the men’s club at the time, and Esther was Miss Pope’s student secretary. I went over to the office one day to introduce myself to Miss Pope, and that’s when Esther caught my eye.

“Later, when Esther and I became engaged in 1937, Miss Pope told me, ‘Owen, if you went around the world, you couldn’t possibly find a better lady than Esther Thorley.’

“Esther was originally from Hanover. I was smitten from the first moment I saw her. We married on July 13, 1940, which was Esther’s birthday. We went on to raise three beautiful and wonderful children, two daughters and a son, and we spent nearly 60 glorious years together as husband and wife. We had a very happy marriage. As I moved from job-to-job over the following years, Esther, without complaint, would pack up the family, and off we’d go.

“After graduating from Bridgewater in 1935, I was hired by James Peebles, the superintendent of schools in what was then the Bourne-Mashpee-Sandwich school district.

“Within a year, I was the principal of Sandwich High School. And that was the beginning of my 50 or so years in education.

“After serving as superintendent of schools in Milton, Governor Foster Furcolo appointed me Commissioner of Education for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and later I spent a number of years in Washington, D.C., where I was an education adviser to a total of seven U.S. presidents, Dwight Eisenhower to Ronald Reagan. Esther and I had good times there.

“The Good Lord has been very, very good to me. I’ve led a very satisfying life,” he said. “And I’m still ‘selling Bridgewater’ – every chance I get, I tell everyone I meet what a wonderful college it is. All of the best experiences of my life started there.”
Bill Nye, scientist, engineer, comedian, author and inventor, is a man with a mission: to help foster a scientifically literate society, to help people everywhere understand and appreciate the science that makes our world work.

After earning a degree in mechanical engineering at Cornell University, Mr. Nye worked as an engineer at Boeing in Seattle. There he began to blend his love of science with his flair for comedy, winning a Steve Martin look-alike contest, and working as an engineer by day and stand-up comic by night.

Mr. Nye quit his engineering job to become a writer and performer on Seattle’s ensemble comedy show Almost Live, where Bill Nye the Science Guy was born. The Science Guy show won 28 Emmy Awards in five years, and Mr. Nye won seven Emmys for writing, performing on and producing the series.

Mr. Nye is the author of many children’s books on various science topics and has two patents on educational products – a magnifier made of water and an abacus that does arithmetic like a computer. He has worked extensively on the EarthDial Project, a set of sundials around the world linked together on a Web site that people living anywhere can explore.

He is a member of the Planetary Society Board of Directors and serves as the Frank H.T. Rhodes Visiting Professor at Cornell University.

This event is sponsored by BSC’s Office of the President and Center for Advancement of Science Exploration.

Admission is free, but tickets are required. To reserve tickets, call the President’s Office Events Line at 508.531.6123.
Coming to a Computer, PDA or iPod Near You: The Energy, Vibrancy and Diversity of BSC

By John Winters

The voices of the Bridgewater State College community have been ringing out like never before, thanks to the introduction of bPod.

bPod, launched in November, is the college’s weekly podcast and features the voices of students, faculty members, administrators, alumni, trustees and others, each telling a part of the BSC story. From interviews with students and professors engaged in exciting research, to coverage of many of the college’s annual events, to unique stories about the individuals who make the institution a place where teaching, learning and innovation come together, bPod captures the essence of what defines BSC in the 21st century.

“Bridgewater has built a reputation for itself and our technological prowess is well known,” said Bryan Baldwin, assistant to the president for communications and public affairs, noting that BSC was ranked the sixth most wireless campus in the nation in a 2004 study conducted by Intel Corporation. “It’s that kind of tech-savvy environment which ultimately fuels the development of something like the bPod.”

The BSC podcast is modeled after an NPR-style radio program, and each 25-30 minute episode contains in-depth conversations with BSC newsmakers, recaps of news and sports, important announcements, commentaries by students and faculty, and historical anecdotes.

While an internet-ready computer is all that is needed to enjoy each episode, Mr. Baldwin insists that the easiest way to tap into the bPod is through a so-called ‘pod-catching’ subscription service. bPod is currently listed, for example, on Apple’s popular iTunes server, and general subscription information – as well as a complete archive of past episodes – is available at www.bridgew.edu/bpod.

“You subscribe to a podcast much like you’d subscribe to Time magazine or your daily newspaper,” Mr. Baldwin explained. “Whenever a new episode becomes available, your podcatcher automatically downloads it to your home computer. From there, you can listen to it at your desktop or take it with you on an iPod, personal digital assistant (PDA) or any mp3 player.”

“I think there are two things that have really made this such an overnight success,” said Mr. Baldwin. “First, people always love to hear from the students and faculty directly. It makes for a very realistic listening experience. Second, many have told me that they like to listen to the podcast in their car or while doing paperwork in their offices. It’s on in the background and doesn’t take up any additional time to enjoy.”

The intended audience includes all members of the BSC community and public at large, with a special focus on allowing alumni from far and wide to stay connected to the college in a way that’s more direct and personal than the more traditional methods of print and e-mail.

More than a dozen faculty members and two dozen students have already been the subject of podcast segments. Mr. Baldwin functions as the executive producer and narrator of the show, while John Winters, staff associate in the Office of Public Affairs, offers regular news and feature segments. Michael Holbrook, the college’s staff assistant for sports information, offers a regular, high-energy sports update, and Eric LePage, director of the Teaching and Technology Center, provides technical assistance and guidance.

The bPod team is always on the lookout for new ideas, and listener feedback has become an essential feature of the show.

“We not only respond to feedback, but also read comments on the air and even make production decisions around what our listeners would like to hear more about,” said Mr. Baldwin. “Ultimately, we want the bPod to become a bona fide form of conversation between all members of the extended Bridgewater family, even if they’re separated by considerable time and space.”

More information on listening and/or subscribing to the podcast is available at www.bridgew.edu/bpod. Feedback on the show should be sent to bbaldwin@bridgew.edu.

bPod is produced by, from left, John Winters, staff associate in the Office of Public Affairs; Eric LePage, director, Teaching and Technology Center; Bryan Baldwin, assistant to the president for communications and public affairs; and Michael Holbrook, staff assistant for sports information.
20th MLK Celebration Inspires Many

For two decades, the place to be on Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday has been Bridgewater State College. This year was no exception. Once again, the college’s Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast and Celebration brought to life the spirit of the late civil rights leader, thanks to the inspirational words and music shared with the audience of more than 400.

This year’s theme was taken from the words of Dr. King himself: “Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. Hate multiplies hate, violence multiplies violence, and toughness multiplies toughness in a descending spiral of destruction.”

Another theme that dominated the event was that much work remains to be done. BSC President Dana Mohler-Faria listed statistics showing how far African-Americans have come over the years, before reminding those in attendance that “We’ve made progress, but, we have a long road to travel.”

With passionate words, keynote speaker Charles E. Walker Jr. drove home the same message, adding that everyone has an obligation to finish the work of those who suffered, were tortured or died in battle for civil rights.

This year’s Martin Luther King Jr. Distinguished Service Award was presented to the Honorable Emogene Johnson Smith. Judge Johnson Smith, in March 2001, became the first African-American female appointed to the district court from Southeastern Massachusetts.

BSC Students See the World

The ever-expanding number of study abroad opportunities at BSC included three international trips over winter break. Student groups traveled to India, Nicaragua and Belize, where they learned about different people and cultures. Each study tour was led by a BSC faculty member, and students received credit for their courses.

Participating students did everything from picking coffee beans in Nicaragua, to working with orphans and the homeless in India, and even spending a few days in a Mayan village in Belize.

Lessons were also learned by 15 other students who traveled to Mississippi to work with a local chapter of Habitat for Humanity. They helped rebuild homes in a section of the state still recovering from the effects of Hurricane Katrina. They did their work, while encountering poverty and devastation unlike anything they’d seen before.

“It was definitely life changing,” said student Shannon Oliver.

BSC President Dana Mohler-Faria presents the MLK Distinguished Service Award to Judge Emogene Johnson Smith.

Keynote speaker Charles E. Walker Jr. inspired those at the MLK celebration to continue the work of Dr. King.
BSC Gets Endowed Professorship
The first endowed chair at any Massachusetts state college was established at BSC. Thanks to a donation of more than $1 million, the Killam Professorship in Canadian Studies will bring a visiting scholar to the institution for up to a year.

The professorship is funded principally by the Constance Killam Trust and the Elizabeth Killam Rodgers Trust, the enduring legacies of two women who resided in Marshfield. The Killams were the sisters of Izaak Walton Killam, a Canadian financier who ultimately became one of the country’s richest men and greatest philanthropists of the early 20th century.

Mr. John Newhall, trustee of the Constance Killam and Elizabeth Rodgers Trusts, expressed his delight in being able to help the college on the sisters’ behalf, noting that BSC was the first institution to use the gift to create an endowed professorship. Moreover, the college was the first public institution to receive funds from the trusts.

Other benefactors included the Federal Government of Canada and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Endowment Incentive Program.

Business School Students Capture Top Awards
BSC swept two of the top awards at the Information Systems Education Conference held in Dallas. Senior Michael DeGagne captured the Best Paper Award for his research paper, “Unwired: Student Use of Technology in the Ubiquitous Computing World.” Timothy Hebert, a graduate student, earned the Meritorious Writing Award for his paper, “Back to the Maxwell Library’s Future: Students Library and Information Resource Usage.”

The BSC students primarily competed against doctorate students, said Robert Wolk, assistant professor of management, who mentored Mr. DeGagne and Mr. Hebert. He said the success at the Dallas conference proves BSC students can confidently compete at any academic level.

BSC Hires Its First-Ever GLBT Coordinator
Lisa Forest was hired in the fall as the college’s first GLBT coordinator. She will work with BSC’s gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students. Additionally, BSC has created the GLBT Resource Center, which is a designated “safe zone,” in room 009 of the Campus Center, where students can find the help and resources they need.

An open house held at the center on Jan. 30 was well attended. The new center is open Monday through Friday, from 8:30 AM-4:30 PM, with evening hours Thursdays, until 7 PM. For more information log on to www.bridgew.edu/glbt.

Thinking Globally: BSC Enters Agreements with Jordanian Institutions
A trip to Jordan, led by Bridgewater State College Professor Jabbar Al-Obaidi, has opened the door for talks with four institutions in the Middle Eastern country. The discussions paved the way for future cooperation between BSC and the institutions regarding student and faculty exchanges, as well as other initiatives.

Talks were held with Amman Private University, Al-Hussein Bin Talal University, Al-Ahliyya Amman University and Yarmouk University. Also representing BSC on the trip were Edward Minnock, vice president of external affairs, and William Smith, interim dean of the graduate school.

The talks have already resulted in the appointment of a visiting lecturer from Jordan, who is teaching a class on Arabic during the spring semester.

Jordan joins Brazil and Japan as future BSC partners.

Conference Held to Help Cape Verde
BSC continued its close relationship with Cape Verde with a conference held in the fall that sought ways to make the most of the island’s resources, location and other advantages. Presenters at the conference, titled “Transforming Cape Verde into a Cyber-Island,” included administrators of the nation’s Operational Center for the Information Society, a World Bank representative, a senior principal for the Intel Corp., and President Mohler-Faria.

“We have to connect all of these islands and take advantage of different capacities and expertise in the world to advance Cape Verde technology,” said Cape Verde Prime Minister Jose Maria Neves. “New information technologies will allow us to integrate all island bridges to connect and expedite economic growth and ensure access to new technologies.”

BSC students pose with Cape Verde Prime Minister Jose Maria Neves.
Public Service: The Next Generation

By Maura King Scully

Those who fear the younger generation is politically apathetic need look no further than BSC for hope. At least two students, Joe Pacheco, ’07, and Bill Buckley, ’08, have stepped up to the public service plate, holding elected offices in their hometowns.

Joe Pacheco

Mr. Pacheco has served on the Town of Raynham’s economic and business development committee and capital planning committee since 2005. In March 2006, he was asked to chair the Route 138 zoning study subcommittee, and in the fall, was elected to the public library’s board of trustees.

“My family’s been active in Raynham for four generations,” said the criminal justice major. His father is a career Raynham police officer, as was his great-grandfather; his grandfather served as the town’s first parks and recreation commissioner. “I figure this is my way of giving back to a town that’s been so good to me,” he said.

Now, Mr. Pacheco is taking “giving back” to the next level, vying for one of three seats on the Raynham board of selectmen. If he wins the late-spring election, he’ll become the youngest person in town history to hold the post.

Regardless of the outcome, Mr. Pacheco hopes the race sends the message to his peers that local politics concerns everyone. “Most of my age group don’t vote; that’s a challenge,” he said. “We’re the future. It’s so important to know what the town is facing, to be involved.”

He reports that despite his youth, townspeople of all ages have been very supportive of his candidacy. “It’s very humbling,” he said. “But I think they know I have the best interests of the town at heart.”

Even if he becomes a selectman, Mr. Pacheco expects to be job-hunting in May like every other college graduate. “Selectmen do get a stipend, but it comes out to about a quarter an hour,” he explained. “I’ll definitely need to work.”

Bill Buckley

Walpole native Bill Buckley voted for the first time in 2004 and was surprised to see “so many town contests on the ballot were either unopposed or no one was running at all,” he recounted. “Town government didn’t seem to me to be as democratic as it ought to be, so I took the initiative and put my name on the ballot.”

That was spring 2005, when Mr. Buckley filed papers to become a representative to town meeting (RTM). “There are about 20 RTMs for each of eight precincts,” explained the philosophy and history major. “I thought I would get creamed, but I only lost by two votes. Then I said, ‘well, now I have to do it again.’” He did just that in 2006 and won, now serving the first year of a three-year term.

As an RTM, Mr. Buckley is part of an elected body that approves town policy, everything from erecting new stop signs to passing the municipal budget. So far, he’s completed the first of six town meetings and reports he didn’t find the preparation too onerous.

“A lot of it is general knowledge – things I know from reading the Walpole Times,” he explained. Out of 20 articles presented, only two or three generated extensive discussion. “It was a very eye-opening experience to see how the town is run. It’s fascinating.”

Looking around town meeting, Mr. Buckley points out, “there wasn’t much representation of people in their 20s or 30s, and there was no one my age.” He hopes his election will start a trend among his peers. “I’m new at this, and yet at the same time, I feel strongly about being involved. Democracy is anyone’s game. We need candidates of integrity from every walk of life.”

Maura King Scully is a freelance writer from Walpole specializing in higher education.
BSC Shaping Students at Colleges and Universities Across the Country

By John Winters

When he was on the campus of Bridgewater State College, everyone, it seemed, knew Luis Rosa, ’05. He was a familiar face at college events, in the residence halls where he worked and throughout campus.

The same can be said for the other recent BSC graduates featured below. They represent that group of students that is part of every class, who go above and beyond when it comes to being involved with their college. They enjoyed the time they spent at BSC and, in return, made a real impact on the college while they were here. Now as alumni, they continue to carry a true love for their alma mater.

Consequently, it should come as no surprise that often these special students leave BSC and seek careers in the field of student affairs. That’s what Mr. Rosa has done.

Today, he is an area coordinator for three residence halls at Stonehill College and working on his master’s degree in higher education administration at Suffolk University. His time at BSC just naturally led him in this direction, he said.

“One of the major reasons I want to work in higher education is because of my experiences at Bridgewater,” he said. “I feel that I can make a difference in the lives of students that need help the most. I have a passion for helping others, and I feel that working in higher education is the best way to help me do this.”

At the heart of any career in the area of student affairs is a desire to help young people find their way in the complicated world that is college life, said Dr. David Ostroth, BSC’s vice president for student affairs.

“It’s all about supporting student learning – not only in the classroom, but in every part of student life,” he said. “Our goal in the student affairs profession is to meet students’ basic needs, remove the roadblocks to their academic success, and offer them a wide variety of co-curricular activities that challenge and support them in their growth.”

Typically, those interested in a student affairs career catch the bug while undergraduates. Such as was the case with Laura Flynn, ’03, who is assistant director for student activities for programming at Merrimack College in North Andover.

“I found that as I became involved in co-curricular activities at BSC and spent time behind the scenes with student affairs professionals, I started to see the mentoring relationship they had with me and my peers,” she said. “That was something I was seeking in my career. I leaned on these professionals a lot during my four years at Bridgewater, and the relationships I formed with them are irreplaceable.

I decided I wanted to be able to help college students the way these professionals had helped me.”

BSC’s Office of Student Affairs is a busy place. Falling under its purview are athletics, the Campus Center, campus police, career services, community service, conferences and events, counseling, the GLBT center, health services, multicultural and international student affairs, student orientation, residence life and housing, student involvement and leadership and the Children’s Center. The staff also oversees major events, such as commencement and family weekends.

It’s understandable that under the rubric of “student affairs” is a host of careers, from residence hall staff to dean of students, and positions in student- and campus-involvement divisions.

The chance to play an important role in the lives of students is what attracted Justin McCauley to the field. He’s BSC’s resident director for Pope and Scott halls and will soon graduate from the college’s counselor education program.

“I really cherish the opportunities that I have to work with college students and assist them at such a pivotal time in their lives,” he said. “It is so easy to get invested in your work when you enjoy what you do and know that there are people depending on you to do your job, so that they can be as successful as possible in college. It is really exciting and humbling to be part of these students’ learning process while they are here.”

Maribeth Johnson, ’01, was an early childhood education major. However, once she entered BSC, she discovered there are other ways to shape young minds. She became involved with co-curricular life at her alma mater, and today she is the coordinator of fraternity and sorority life at New York University.

“Providing opportunities for undergraduates to develop their leadership skills and discover their potential is what makes me love going to work each day,” she said. “There is a lot of satisfaction in watching students discover who they are and what they want to be.”

It’s clear these BSC alumni will be helping and inspiring thousands of future students in the coming years. Seeing graduates go on to work in the field of student affairs is one of the most rewarding aspects of his job, Dr. Ostroth said.

“It’s always gratifying to see students who have benefited from our programs want to enter the profession and carry on this important work,” he said.
Charitable Gift Annuities
By Clare Leschin-Hoar

Charitable gift annuities are being considered by more and more alumni and friends who are interested in giving back to Bridgewater State College, while still retaining the financial security that those assets provide.

The first charitable gift annuity was established at Bridgewater State College in 1999 by Frank, ’49, G’51, and Dorothy (Szafer), ’51, Dunn, who have since gone on to establish four more. Earmarking their bequests in a way they felt would benefit a wide variety of BSC students, the Dunns have chosen to use their gift annuities to assist with undergraduate research, study abroad programs and scholarship funds for students who transfer to BSC.

“What we like about it is that we’re going to profit from it, and eventually the students would profit from it too, which is important. A lot of people don’t realize that state funds are at a bare minimum, and this type of giving allows so many more advantages for the students,” said Mrs. Dunn.

The Dunns are not alone in their generosity. Today, BSC manages more than a dozen annuities, ranging in size from $10,000 to $130,000, and donor interest in this giving vehicle is growing rapidly, said Todd Audyatis, BSC gifts officer.

For gift annuities between $10,000 and $50,000, the remainder value will be incorporated into the college’s endowment fund or may be designated to an existing named fund. If the annuity value is above $50,000, the donor can establish a newly named endowed fund and may designate the fund for certain philanthropic priorities.

Patricia (Butler) Park, ’55, G’76, purchased a charitable gift annuity with BSC in 2002 as a contribution towards her 50th class reunion gift.

“I am what I am, and have what I have because I went to Bridgewater,” said Ms. Park. “I had been toying with the idea of leaving money to BSC in my will. Instead, I chose to do it in the form of an annuity – that way the school has it, because you never know what’s going to happen, or how your estate might be eaten up.”

Ms. Park says she’s very pleased with the decision.

“I’m getting 7.4 percent interest on $10,000 for the rest of my life. Every three months I get a check for $177. It’s not a lot of money – it’s not even enough for dinner in Boston – but I have a grandson. In five years, he’ll be a sophomore in college, so I’ve been putting it away for him,” she said.

For Boston philanthropist John Sears, H’06, former chairman of the Republican State Committee and prior gubernatorial candidate, BSC simply struck a chord. After becoming an alumnus, receiving an honorary BSC degree in spring 2006, Mr. Sears established a generous gift annuity with the college.

“I’m a passionate believer of education on every level,” said Mr. Sears. “It begins and ends with education. Bridgewater was a teaching school from the very beginning, and I enormously liked the people I met there. I certainly would encourage people to try hard to support the college.”

While private colleges and universities have been offering charitable gift annuities for some time, many public universities are getting increasingly sophisticated, said BSC graduate, Attorney David Correira, ’80, whose law firm specializes in estate planning and elder law.

“And charitable gift annuities offer many benefits, including fairly significant income tax, capital gains and estate tax deductions.

“It provides an immediate tax benefit to the donor and assures assets are protected from any possible estate predators because the bequest is made in advance,” said Atty. Correira. “While you don’t have to be a certain age to do this, typically, someone making this type of bequest would be at or near retirement, but it’s not limited to that.”

Mr. Audyatis agreed. “While the financial benefits can be appealing, most donors are attracted by the opportunity to make larger gifts during their lifetimes than they may have otherwise thought possible. In the final analysis, it’s a sound philanthropic investment for the future of BSC.”

Clare Leschin-Hoar of Mansfield writes for magazines and newspapers covering such topics as environmental issues, social enterprise, food, agriculture, health and business.
President and Mrs. Dana Mohler-Faria welcomed more than 40 alumni and friends of Bridgewater State College to Barry House last fall for the second annual gathering of the S. Elizabeth Pope Society. Members of the 1840 Society had also been invited to attend the reception at the presidential residence.

The Pope Society recognizes those individuals who make an annual gift of $1,000 or more to Bridgewater State College. The 1840 Society was created to recognize those who have established planned gifts such as trusts, gift annuities and bequests, to benefit the college.

Louis M. Ricciardi, ‘81, chairman, brought greetings from the college board of trustees. Dr. Isabelle Bragg King, ’51, G’54, national chairperson of the Pope Society, related her own personal memories of S. Elizabeth Pope who served the college for almost 60 years – as an educator, dean of women and executive secretary of the Bridgewater Alumni Association.

President Mohler-Faria thanked the attendees for their gifts and shared stories of current students who had benefited from their generosity. In particular, he acknowledged the assistance given to a junior with a 3.9 GPA who would have been forced to terminate her education were it not for the availability of emergency scholarship aid.
Turning a Gift to BSC Into Current Income

Financial advisers often recommend annuitizing a portion of your retirement assets in order to avoid having to sell stocks when the market is in a major retreat. The theory is that a steady income will help you ride out market lows and liquidate assets only when the price is right. It’s a strategy that makes good sense. Your financial adviser probably has a commercial annuity in mind as the vehicle to provide that steady income. But there is another option for you to consider.

In order to purchase a commercial annuity, you have to have cash. Insurance companies don’t accept appreciated securities in exchange for a commercial annuity. That might mean you have to sell something that will produce a taxable capital gain before you can purchase your annuity. The dollars you lose to capital gains taxes will reduce the advantages of this strategy.

For supporters of Bridgewater State College who want to provide important financial support, but don’t wish to reduce their annual income, there is a wonderful opportunity to combine charitable desires with the advice offered by financial advisers. The solution is to purchase a BSC charitable gift annuity, which can be funded with cash or appreciated securities. A charitable gift annuity pays you income for life in a manner similar to a commercial annuity. BSC offers attractive rates based on the ages of the income beneficiaries, as can be seen in the chart above. When purchasing a BSC charitable gift annuity with appreciated property, there are no immediate capital gains taxes to pay. Plus, donors receive a charitable deduction that may save them significant current dollars on their federal and state income tax returns.

Charitable gift annuities are simple to understand, easy to arrange, safe, and can be purchased in any amount above the minimum gift level of $10,000. Income to the beneficiary lasts for life and is guaranteed by all the assets of the Bridgewater State College Foundation. In addition, some of your annual income is not subject to income tax. The real benefit, though, is the ability to support BSC now, with no negative impact on your current income. As a matter of fact, many of our gift annuitants have actually increased their retirement income by using this strategy.

If you would like to learn more about BSC charitable gift annuities, contact me for a personalized illustration of the potential benefits. E-mail me at taudyatis@bridgew.edu, or call me at 508.531.2286.

Todd Audyatis, major gifts officer, works with BSC alumni and friends interested in making current or planned gifts to the college.

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Carolyn Van Buskirk Turchon, ’62, Bridgewater Alumni Association President
By Clare Leschin-Hoar

It’s easy to see why Carolyn Van Buskirk Turchon, ’62, is enthusiastic about her new role as president of the Bridgewater Alumni Association. Her passion for Bridgewater State College runs deep, and time spent with her proves the feeling contagious.

“My feeling is that Bridgewater is a wonderful place and has given so many of us opportunities, both educationally and culturally. Bridgewater is a hidden gem,” she said.

Her role as alumni association president means that much of Ms. Turchon’s work is that of a goodwill ambassador. Regularly reaching out to alumni, Ms. Turchon and other board members encourage them to rekindle their BSC roots by becoming active with the college again. She’s especially focused on building pride and involvement in the college with the school’s recent graduates. The board has been busy nurturing an active Young Alumni Council that strives to build community among undergraduates and new graduates by planning social events in and around Boston.

With approximately 46,000 alumni spread worldwide, reaching out to each one and making a connection is important to both Ms. Turchon and the alumni association and is a goal that drives her work.

“As graduates, every one of us should represent the college with pride and dignity, because our college is simply a fantastic place. Some might not have that spirit, but they should look at their lives and see how they were influenced by BSC. It helped make us who we are and left an indelible mark on us. In turn, our strong and positive experience at Bridgewater should be returned to make the college a strong place,” said Ms. Turchon.

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ALUMNI SERVICES

Alumni Credit Card Program
A new credit card program that provides many types of rewards is available. Bridgewater State College students benefit directly from every purchase made under this 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.

Alumni Association Web Page
Visit the alumni association’s Web site at www.bridgew.edu/alumni to learn more about alumni events and services.

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For more information or if you have questions about these programs, contact Candace Maguire at cmaguire@bridgew.edu or visit www.bridgew.edu/Alumni/Alumniservices.cfm.
Afro-American Alumni Association
This organization continues to attract members who have great ideas on how to keep students connected after graduating from BSC.

The organization’s board is planning a dinner on March 31 at 7 PM which will highlight the history of the founding of the Afro-American Society in 1970 and the Afro-American Alumni Association in 1990, describing how and why these two organizations were formed.

Association members attended the December Kwanzaa/Kente Cloth celebration to congratulate and welcome students graduating at winter commencement.

Alumni Chamber Choir
The Breakers mansion in Newport was the setting for a special holiday performance by the BSC Alumni Chamber Choir, led by Dr. Carol Nicholeris of the Department of Music.

The Alumni Chamber Choir also performed a holiday concert on campus in St. Basil’s Chapel to a standing-room-only audience of alumni, retired faculty and residents of the Town of Bridgewater. The Office of Alumni Relations hosted a pre-concert luncheon for past BAA presidents, alumni association board members and emeriti faculty who live in the area.

The chamber choir is looking for new members to join and perform in its spring 2007 concert. If you are vocally talented and want to belong to a high-quality, challenging and committed choral group, contact Jack Kenny at jtkenny@comcast.net.

Alumni Weekend
June 1–3
Please mark your calendars for the first weekend in June. The Class of 1957 will begin its 50th reunion festivities on Friday evening with special events planned just for that class.

All classes are invited to take part in Saturday’s activities. More information will be mailed in early spring. You can also find reunion information on the BSC alumni online community at alumni.bridgew.edu.

Aquabrytes Reunion in June
This is the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Bridgewater State College Aquabrytes Synchronized Swim Club. A committee led by Mary Hoyle Mahan, ’60, and Barbara Tappan Mahar, ’61, are trying to gather as much information as they can to make this a memorable occasion.

Were you a member of the aquabrytes from 1957-1983? Do you have memorabilia from when you were an aquabryte? If you were a member, please e-mail Candace Maguire, director of alumni and development programs, at cmaguire@bridgew.edu with your information. We want to be sure to include everyone in the 50th anniversary festivities.

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, June 2. More details will follow in early April.

Crimson Ambassadors
As another successful year kicked off, the Crimson Ambassadors, a student alumni organization, returned to campus as a larger and more seasoned group. They began the year with their homecoming tradition, welcoming back the alumni with root beer and alumni glasses at the alumni tent.

The ambassadors worked on a community service project in the fall. They selected a family to support for the holidays through My Brother’s Keeper in Brockton. This effort was combined with the Recent Graduate Association, which also supported a family for the holidays. Both groups came together, wrapping gifts, sharing career and post-graduation tips, and celebrating their BSC spirit.

The second annual Crimson Ambassador Ball was held in February with a tropical theme to help chase away the New England winter blues. The ball is the ambassador’s way to spread school spirit and educate fellow students about the ambassadors and the alumni association.

The ambassadors are hosting a tea in the spring to thank the BSC faculty who work tirelessly on behalf of BSC students.

Greek Life Update
Kappa Delta Phi, Alpha Chapter
Christopher Keefe, president, Alpha Chapter, reports that the fraternity has four new brothers: Daniel Allen, Peter Balboni, Bryan Candito and Andrew Fortin.

The Kappa brothers are extremely grateful for the generous support the alumni have given to the organization and would also like to thank their national board for choosing Bridgewater State College as the site for the 2006 President and Treasurer Convention.

Theta Phi Alpha
Theta Phi Alpha had a very busy fall semester. The sorority initiated four new sisters into the chapter, held the biggest alumnae event to date, raised more than $900 on the annual calendar raffle and helped raise awareness for Domestic Violence Month. At the end of the fall
semester, they sponsored soldiers in Iraq for Christmas, helped out at the annual holiday festival at the Children’s Museum and held their annual Parents’ Brunch.

**Phi Pi Delta**

Phi Pi Delta worked on many community service projects. In October, members donated platelets to the Red Cross in Braintree. They also collected money and supplies for Rosie’s Place and Brockton’s women’s shelter. Several members were involved with the Children’s Physical Developmental Clinic on campus every Saturday for eight weeks.

**Phi Sigma Sigma**

Phi Sigma Sigma had a successful recruitment effort and initiated 16 new sisters. Members were involved in many philanthropies and community service events, including Freshmen Move in Day, Making Strides against Breast Cancer, National Kidney Foundation Walk, volunteering in the locker room and making sandwiches on Saturdays for the Children’s Physical Developmental Clinic and making Christmas baskets to donate to Rosie’s Place, a homeless shelter in Boston.

**Homecoming**

The campus center was alive with early morning activity as Kappa Delta Phi hosted its annual alumni/student homecoming breakfast. This year, however, the event included families. There was a special children’s area fully supplied with coloring books, crayons, activity books and balloons. Everyone had a great time catching up with one another, as well as proudly showing off their young families.

Sigma Pi, orientation leaders, and the BAA Board and Alumni Council also sponsored reunion breakfasts. This seems to be a growing trend, and next year we are hoping to host an SGA reunion.

Of course the parade was, once again, a huge success. Mr. Frank Dunn, ’49, G’51, led the parade route by driving the 2006 homecoming king and queen in his 1967 Mustang convertible. The students did an outstanding job creating floats that revolved around the theme “Hello Hollywood.” The best float prize, $1,000, was awarded to the Ensemble Theater.
5K Carol Mulloy Cuttle Road Race

The Hyannis-Bridgewater Physical Education Alumni Association hosted the 5K Carol Mulloy Cuttle Road Race on homecoming morning. The board of directors for this organization has energetically taken on this project for the last several years. Their goal for 2007 is to increase the number of runners for the road race. If you have ideas and suggestions on how to help them reach this goal, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations. The money raised from the road race helps support the Carol Mulloy Cuttle Scholarship Fund from which an annual scholarship is awarded to a student clinician working in the Children's Physical Developmental Clinic at the college. The more runners that participate, the more significant the award.

The 2006 road race winners were:

- **Best Overall Runner:** Marc Blandin - 18:05
- **Male 18-29:** Allen Bernier - 22:23
- **Male 30-39:** Jeff Visser - 21:23
- **Male 40-49:** Douglas Mildram - 19:52
- **Male 50-59:** Scott Newkirk - 18:50
- **Male 60-98:** Samuel Baumgarten - 21:11

The Recent Graduate Association sponsored the Everyday Gourmet session, where those in attendance were able to observe a gourmet chef demonstrate how to make a fabulous tailgating feast. Homemade salsa, guacamole and traditional and southwestern chili were all part of the menu. Participants received a complimentary insulated mug to hold their chili, as well as a cookbook that included recipes for the foods prepared at the session.

WBIM alumni had their annual “trip back in time” and played tunes across the airwaves Friday night through Saturday. The alumni tent was very busy with activities prior to the football game. This year’s highlight was the “build-a-bear” project. People of all ages were eager to take part in this unique homecoming activity where they built and then dressed their teddy bear in cargo shorts and a BSC T-shirt.
Recent Graduate Association – Get Involved and Stay Connected

Established in 2005, this group of recent graduates plans and coordinates alumni programming geared towards younger graduates. This year’s events included a VIP tent at the Head of Charles Regatta in Boston and educational sessions at homecoming on personal finance and cooking tips. Log on to the online community at alumni.bridgew.edu to see more of this year’s activities and upcoming events.

Shea Scholar Presentation

Ms. Bethany Masten, ‘07, presented her Shea Scholar, research titled “Surge of Green: A Sustainable Approach to Conductive Plastics,” to the campus community. Ms. Masten has been accepted into a chemistry doctoral program at Carnegie Mellon University where she will be working with one of the world leaders in green chemistry.

The Shea Scholar program was established during the 1987-1988 academic year in honor of Dr. Ellen M. Shea, dean of students emerita. The award is funded through a generous bequest left by Dr. Shea to the college for the purpose of scholarly assistance.

Study Tours

The Office of International Programs offers study tours to a variety of locations each year. This summer, the office, in conjunction with various faculty members, is offering tours to Italy, Peru, Japan and England/France. All study tours are open to the public and are a great opportunity to travel with a Bridgewater State College faculty member and an expert tour guide.

Many alumni have participated in the past. The combination of students, alumni and faculty makes for a wonderful learning experience. Please visit the international programs Web site at www.bridgew.edu/international for more information.

If you are interested in traveling with BSC on any of these tours, please contact the Office of International Programs by calling 508.531.6183 or e-mailing bcusick@bridgew.edu.

Upcoming Events

Afro-American Alumni Association Dinner
March 31
Rondileau Campus Center Ballroom

BAA Major Awards Ceremony
April 14
Rondileau Campus Center Ballroom

Annual Football Alumni Golf Tournament and Dinner
April 27
Golf Tournament
Easton Country Club
12 PM shotgun start
Football Alumni Dinner
Easton Country Club
6 PM

ALUMNI ONLINE COMMUNITY

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

THERE IS SO MUCH WAITING FOR YOU, and there is no fee to join. Take the time to register and see what awaits you. To join, simply log in using the six-digit constituent identification number that appears above the name on the mailing label of this magazine.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, please feel free to contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 888.272.9555 and ask for Candace.

alumni.bridgew.edu
Work ‘N’ Serve Expo Offers One-Stop-Shopping

Combination career/community service fair offers students job, internship and volunteer prospects

By Maura King Scully

Something for everyone: that’s what students found at the first annual Work ‘N’ Serve Expo, an October event that brought together internship, job and volunteer opportunities under one roof in the ballroom of the Campus Center. The Expo, a joint effort between the offices of Career Services and Community Service, attracted more than 200 students and 90 recruiters from 60 different organizations throughout eastern Massachusetts. The event drew praise from participants on both sides of the table – students and recruiters alike.

“This is great,” said Ann Ulett, ’92, from PricewaterhouseCoopers, surveying the crowded ballroom. “PWC comes to Bridgewater to recruit whenever we can because we know there’s terrific talent here.” Ms. Ulett was actually the reason accounting major Emmanuel Isabwa, ’07, attended the Expo. “I did an interview with Ann yesterday at career services and she urged me to come,” said Mr. Isabwa. “I am looking for an internship in the spring, but I am also open to full-time opportunities starting in the fall.” Tim Murphy, ’07, a management major, was also on the hunt for a spring-semester internship. “I figured this event was the best way for me to get a look at a number of companies and for them to get a look at me,” he said, noting he was investigating management-training programs at places like Shaw’s Supermarkets and Enterprise Rent-a-Car.

Opportunities were not limited to just business majors, however. Boston Sports Club advertised positions for personal trainers and exercise physiologists, while Sentient Jet was on the lookout for aviation majors, among others. “We’re a private jet membership company and a cool place to work,” explained Matt Regan, ’04, who started working for Sentient right after graduation. Mr. Regan pointed out that the company hires many BSC graduates, counting 20 alumni among 180 employees.

“Our chief safety officer is a BSC graduate,” he noted proudly.

Nonprofit organizations also found fertile ground for interns and volunteers. Steven Hill, ’94, from the Children’s Museum in Easton chatted with prospective candidates for development and communication internships, while Sean McCaul from the Fuller Crafts Museum recruited volunteer docents. Jane Pariseau from Handi Kids in Bridgewater called the Expo a “win-win” for her organization, which provides recreational facilities for children and young adults with physical and cognitive challenges, as well as for BSC’s outstanding special education program. “We have so much to offer each other,” she said.

Prior to the Expo, recruiters and employers learned more about exactly what the college has to offer at a special luncheon. There, the group heard from BSC faculty and program directors, including Dr. Patricia Bancroft, chair of the Department of Accounting and Finance; Dr. Lee Torda, director of undergraduate research; and Dr. Nancy Moses, a theater and dance professor. Adjacent to the Expo, BSC Service-Learning set up a showcase, allowing students to investigate the many courses incorporating hands-on service as part of the academic experience.

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Pamela Maloney and Bill Mullen, recruiters from Shaw’s Supermarkets/Star Market, speak with an interested student.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- FOURTH ANNUAL WOMEN IN THE WORKPLACE LUNCHEON
  March 7, 12:15-2 PM
  Campus Center Ballroom

- GEARING UP FOR THE EDUCATION JOB MARKET
  (Panel discussion and job fair for teacher candidates)
  March 21, 3:30-6 PM
  Campus Center Ballroom

- ANNUAL JOB FAIR
  April 4, 11 AM-1:30 PM
  Campus Center Ballroom
  Visit www.bridgew.edu/careerservices for a complete list of ongoing workshops and programs.
Submissions for class notes are due by March 30 for inclusion in the Summer 2007 edition of Bridgewater. E-mail class notes to smurray@bridgew.edu or mail to Sally Murray, Davis Alumni Center, Bridgewater State College, Bridgewater, MA 02325.

The Editorial Board makes every effort to publish photo submissions to the magazine. Original prints from film photography or high resolution digital images can be sent to Sally Murray (see above). We are not able to use digital images printed on home printers because they are not generally of the quality necessary for print reproduction.

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**1924**
Candace Maguire, director of alumni and development programs, and **Sheila Tunstall McKenna, ’62**, visited BSC’s most senior graduate, **Katharine Turner McWilliam**, age 102, at her home in South Weymouth. She was presented with a plaque and photograph of the Bridgewater cane, which is permanently housed in the Davis Alumni Center. The cane project was undertaken by the Class of 1962 to honor BSC’s oldest alumnus for his or her longevity and history with the college.

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

**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

**1946**
Priscilla Randall Drake closed her antique store in New London, NH, after 34 years of business. She intends to devote more time to volunteer work, playing tennis and bridge.

**1947**
Plan to attend the 60th reunion celebration on Saturday, June 2. More details will be mailed to you in April.

**1954**
Hazel Lake Varella
121 Center Street
North Easton, MA 02356–1801

**1955**
Francena Warren Smith
32 Mellen Street
Needham, MA 02494

**1956**
Carlene Dodd Brown
35 Tam O’Shanter Way
South Yarmouth, MA 02664–2049

Eleanor Lydon Olson
R117 Shellback Way
Mashpee, MA 02649

**1957**
Mary Ann Pedone Hunt sent a note to catch us up on her busy life. After a few years teaching elementary physical education in East Boston and Winthrop, she left teaching to pursue women’s fitness and religious education. She is involved in computer design embroidery, kayaking and ice skating. She and her husband, Eddie, still go camping every summer. Though **Jan Phelps Parker** was unable to attend our reunion, she sent a letter, which her classmates shared and thoroughly enjoyed. After a career in public schools, she taught at a college in Vermont. She has served as a guardian ad litem in family courts. We were all pleased to hear from her.
1957
Beverly Tunstall Shavinsky
81 Francis Street
Fairhaven, MA 02719–3211

Mark June 1, 2 and 3 on your calendars. The 50th reunion is only a few months away.

1958
John B. Lonergan
21 Westminster Road
East Weymouth, MA 02189–1939

Earl Mills Sr., G’58, Chief Flying Eagle of the Mashpee Wampanoag tribe, addressed the annual meeting of the Chatham Historical Society on the topic of Wampanoag customs and culture. Mr. Mills has written a memoir, Son of Mashpee, as well as The Cape Cod Wampanoag Cookbook. He taught physical education at Lawrence High School in Falmouth until retiring in 1984. He is still cooking at the Siena Italian restaurant in Mashpee Commons between writing books and speaking engagements. … Dr. Bob MacLauchlin, G’58, was inducted into the Broadcast Professionals of Colorado Hall of Fame. Dr. MacLauchlin was a professor of speech communication and director of television-radio instruction (undergraduate and graduate programs) at Colorado State University from 1969–1997.

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

Plans have begun for the 50th reunion in 2010. The reunion committee met at Davis Alumni Center in the fall. You will be receiving more information as plans develop.

1961
Following up on a fabulous 45th reunion, Jim Argir and Lana Steele Argir, ’62, hosted a Class of 1961 event, welcoming many classmates into their home. The event was enjoyed by returning classmates and many new faces. Thank you to all who attended, and thank you to the Argirs for being such gracious hosts. … Howard La Mountain, G’61, and Joyce Winifred Pacheco celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

1962
Barbara Aguiar Lombardo
53 Oakland Street
Brockton, MA 02302

Joan Leclair Cotter hosted an event for the Class of 1962 at her home in Mattapoisett. Sheila Tunstall McKenna received the Bert Hill Award at the Massachusetts Senior Games this past June. The award is presented annually to “a participant who exemplifies the spirit of the games through sportsmanship, effort, humility and posi-
votive energy.” Ms. McKenna attended a unique basketball camp held on the campus of Southern Maine Community College. Fifty-three women attended, ranging in age from 50 to 70, representing 11 states. Ms. McKenna and two of her CT High Five teammates joined with two women from North Carolina and one from Illinois to compile a 7–1 record over the four-day camp to win their division. The high school and college coaches who directed the camp were impressed with the enthusiasm, energy and skills of these senior women. … The Class of 1962 initiated a new tradition, the Bridgewater cane project that honors BSC’s oldest living graduate. Please refer to the Class of 1924 to learn of the first recipient of this new tradition. … Steve Almeida, ’62, G’66, and his wife, Gail, hosted a Class of 1962 event, sharing his knowledge and vast collection of Christmas memorabilia. It was the most well attended Class of 1962 event to date, and a good time was had by all.

1963
Carol Kenney was honored by the Falmouth Chamber of Commerce for her community service.

1964
James Nidositko
25 Coleridge Drive
Falmouth, MA 02540

Charles Thibodeau Jr. has accepted a one-year appointment as interim executive director of North Country Educational Services. … Susan (Libby) Thevenin wishes to thank everyone who responded to the Class of 1964 gift-fund mailing. … Sandra Greene retired this past June after 42 years of teaching. She taught sixth grade in Lynnfield for 39 years. In addition, she taught in the Berkshires for one year and in Osterville for two. She found teaching to be a wonderful career filled with rewarding moments, terrific colleagues and enjoyable students. She spent some time with two other BSC alumni, Kathy Dolliver Roberts and Carol Esoian Mooradian at Ms. Mooradian’s house in Hampton Beach, NH. Ms. Mooradian retired a few years ago from Haverhill, where she worked in special education. She is now trying her hand at selling real estate.

1965
William P. Coan retired as superintendent of Lenox Public Schools after six years in the position.

1967
Jim Hunt is a principal at Mountain View Middle School.

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

Paul L. Gaines Sr. was a teacher and coach in Newport, top administrator at Bridgewater State College, mayor of Newport and leader on Aquidneck Island. His latest accomplishment was to establish a substantial monument in Portsmouth, RI, to honor the African Americans who gave their lives during the Revolutionary War.

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

Susan Carney, ’69, G’77, after a brief retirement, decided to return to her passion, education. She is the assistant superintendent of schools in Cumberland, RI.

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

Four BSC alumni, who worked side by side for 30 plus years, celebrated at a party in honor of Pat Capone Souza’s retirement. Those remaining will now be working at different schools, so it was definitely a bittersweet moment for them. … Margaret “Peggy” Pruitt appeared on the game show Jeopardy, winning one game and placing second in the next game. She

1972
Phil Conroy
Janice Indorato Conroy
85 Bridle Road
Bridgewater, MA 02324-1001

Kathryn Davis Tripp is the principal at Merrill School in Raynham. … Greg Campbell is the director of grocery sales for Brigham’s, Inc., the ice cream and frozen yogurt maker.

1973
Jeffrey E. Riley, G’73, was connected with Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical School for more than 20 years. The GNB Voc-Tech school committee voted 7–0 to name the school’s football stadium in honor of Mr. Riley. Mr. Riley was the driving force behind the school’s $22 million addition and renovation project. … Michelle Cormier Langa is the School Administrative Unit 61 superintendent in Farmington, NH. She has written several books dealing with education and special needs subjects. Her latest work is Curriculum Mapping for Differentiated Instruction K–8. … Vin Hickey was awarded the Patriots High School Coach of the Week Award for his 33-year coaching career at Blue Hills Regional Technical High School. … Donald Uvanitte was promoted to senior vice president at Eastern Insurance Group LLC.
1974
Veronica Galanek Wainwright
4358 Bonfield Court
Oxford, MD 21654-0460

Michelle Macder Mott Callinan is the director of PAL, the Program for After School Learning and Recreation, at South School in Weymouth. … Rev. Edmund Fitzgerald, G’74, the new pastor of St. Thomas More Church, works with the elderly, nursing homes and hospitals. Rev. Fitzgerald believes it is a very important mission of the Catholic Church to be advocates for the elderly. After 20 years at St. John the Baptist Church in Westport, he is excited about the change and new opportunity.

1975
Donna Deyeso Schleicher is an eighth-grade teacher in Franklin. … The fourth annual “Tennis for Tony” event was held in Marion at the Sippican Tennis Club. The event is in honor of Tony Garafalo, a standout tennis player at Middleboro High School and Bridgewater State College. All funds were donated to the Tony Garafalo Foundation and used to support grassroots tennis programs for the young people of Middleboro and Lakeville. … Warren Phillips, ’75, G’88, G’02, was the only Massachusetts teacher to be selected to the USA Today 2006 All-USA Teacher Team. Mr. Phillips is a past recipient of the Time magazine Teacher of the Year Award, General Motors Teacher of the Year Award and Disney Middle School Teacher of the Year Award.

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

Nancy Kipp Florence’s son, Casey, is playing football for the Bridgewater State College Bears. The photo at right shows some ’76ers standing with Casey at Homecoming. … Roy M. Seitsinger Jr., superintendent of the Exeter-West Greenwich Regional School District in Rhode Island, was selected as the director of the Office of Middle School and High School reform.

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

After a brief retirement from the Somerset school system, Donald Rebello, G’77, G’85, returned to education as the principal of Burrillville High School in Rhode Island. … Genie Stack is the guidance counselor at Douglas High School.

1978
Elizabeth Gallagher Duval
12 Hutchinson Lane
Quincy, MA 02171

Carole Smith Gerien is president of the Board of Education for the town of Smithtown, NY, a school district with approximately 11,000 students in nine elementary schools, three middle schools and two high schools. The district employs more than 700 teachers. Ms. Gerien has entered her sixth year of service on the board, to which she has been twice elected to three-year terms.

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

John Salerno, G’80, performed at the Eyes of Love Concert to benefit the Audible Local Ledger, a reading service for the blind and neurologically impaired serving Southeastern Massachusetts, Cape Cod and the Islands.

1981
Cynthia Booth Ricciardi
P.O. Box 228
Taunton, MA 02780

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

Terry Riley is Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School’s new athletic director. … Al Moniz performs a one-man ‘Mr. Suspenders’ show at Mashpee Commons. His act includes hat tricks, juggling balls and flaming torches. … Michael Halpin is an assistant principal at Ludlow High School. … Michael E. Nickey is a senior vice president for the residential mortgage division at Rockland Trust Company.

From left are, Al and Patti Pietrantonio, Bill Giordano, Mary “Soupy” Tegan, Casey Florence (#18), Kip Florence, Jeannie Giordano, Mark Poierer, Matt and Marty Miller, and Marie ‘TBow’ Jerome.
1983

DeeDee Enabenter-Omidiji is leading Brown University's softball team. Ms. Enabenter-Omidiji is a former coach at BSC and San Jose State University in California. In her 16 seasons as head coach at BSC, the Lady Bears compiled a 432-153-3 record and advanced to the NCAA Tournament 13 times. In 2006, she won the Western Athletic Conference Coach of the Year honors after the San Jose Spartans finished second in the conference.

1984

Melissa Simpson teaches fourth grade at the Bartlett Community Partnership School in Lowell.

1985

Paul D’Angelo, G’85, G’90, performed with the Marion Band during the Young People’s Concert series. Mr. D’Angelo has also written arrangements for the Cape Cod Conservatory Jazz Ensemble. … Andrew Maylor is town administrator in Swampscott. … Kevin Farrell is housemaster at Plymouth North High School. Plymouth North started Freshman Academies, where ninth graders are divided into teams. Each team has assigned teachers, guidance counselors and administrators.

1986

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

At right are two pictures of the Bridgewater State College China study tour that took place in late June and early July of 2006. Photo at the immediate right is the Shanghai Normal University, where Dr. Martin Grossman (wearing a dark shirt), management professor at BSC, and Bill Crampton (wearing a long-sleeved blue shirt) were photographed with students from BSC and the international office staff at Shanghai Normal University. Mr. Crampton went to China as an exchange student in 1986. The photo to the far right is of the students in front of the Temple of Heaven.

1987

Kevin Kindregan
38 Tilden Commons
Quincy, MA 02170-1840

John Carchio is celebrating 10-year anniversaries of the businesses owned and operated by him and his wife in Lakeville. The Kalia Karr Dance studio and the Kalia Day Care Center operate successfully under their business acumen. … Catherine Oliveira Zinni is the new principal of South School in Weymouth. … Lt. Col. John Lee assumed command of the 164th Transportation Battalion in the Massachusetts Army National Guard. Lt. Col. Lee has been a member of the National Guard for 23 years. When not working with the Guard, he is an environmental technology teacher in Norfolk County Agricultural High School in Walpole.

1988

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

Edward R. Levesque was elected to Sigma Pi Fraternities International Board of Directors. … Christopher Clark is the town administrator in Vernon, CT.

1989

Edward R. Levesque, ’88

James Loonie joined the Bridgewater office of Jack Conway Realtors. … Tim Carey is athletic director at Hoover High School in Fresno, CA. He has also been head athletic trainer, independent study teacher, girls' golf and soccer coach, and assistant athletic director at Hoover High School.
1990
Jorge Neves
16 Labrie Lane
Holyoke, MA 01040

John Dillon III is the vice principal at Minuteman Regional Vocational School in Lexington. … Terry Contrino, G’90, is a member of the International Mission Board missionary.

1991
Dorothy Scammon Cotter performed in “Steel Magnolias” at the Woods Hole Theater Company. For many years she was a costumer for various productions, and was a founding member and president of the now disbanded Theater on the Bay. … David Thomas, G’91, received a foundation for Child Development Principals Fellowship in early elementary education. Mr. Thomas was chosen as one of 11 fellows statewide. … William Conrad is the principal at Randolph High School, after having been a principal in Chicago. … Carolyn Haskell is a program coordinator at The College Connection in Belfast, ME. She has a rather large “family” consisting of nine cats, a boxer, two horses and a miniature donkey (most from rescues). … Andrea Ayer Cafferty is the assistant vice president of client support at Evergreen Investment in Boston. She has served as national adviser to BSC’s Phi Sigma Sigma chapter for more than 10 years.

1992
A golf tournament was held in honor of William C. Hunt, who died tragically in the World Trade Center attacks. Proceeds from the fund benefited the William C. Hunt Scholarship at Sacred Heart School in Kingston.

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

Dr. John Casey joined Charles Street Family Chiropractic and Physical Therapy. Dr. Casey owned and administered several practices on the South Shore before joining the Beacon Hill practice. … Rosamaria Carlozzi is an adjunct professor at Community College of Rhode Island. She was awarded a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study from Salve Regina University, and she is a candidate for a PhD in humanities at the university. … Gail M. Fortes, ’93, G’01, was appointed executive director of the YWCA Southeastern Massachusetts by its board of directors.

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

James Joly is a managing partner and owner of United Security, Inc. He believes “Attitude is everything; be positive, be professional and be persistent.” … Meika Passaretti Davis is a certified athletic trainer at the Fay School in Southborough. She’s an active member of the Massachusetts Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (MAHPERD). Ms. Davis first got involved with MAHPERD while a student at BSC. She integrates MAHPERD ideals into both her professional and personal life. Through her position at the Fay School, she educates students and parents about the importance of quality physical education as a crucial component to overall wellness. … Matt D’Andrea, G’94, is the assistant principal at Sippican Elementary School. … Lauren Abramsky Comando, G’94, opened the Neponset Winery in Walpole. The winery is open weekends and provides small batches of white wines. Learn more at NeponsetWinery.com. Ms. Comando continues her weekday job teaching fourth grade in Newton.

1995
Andy Tuite, G’95, is acting principal at Grover Cleveland Middle School.

1996
Jennifer Wilson Murray
2 Clinton Terrace
Kingston, MA 02364

Kevin Keeney, who is at the University of Otago in New Zealand as a post-doctoral research fellow, has welcomed a son, Jack William, born on April 16 in Dunedin, New Zealand. … Shaun P. Cook earned his PhD in cognitive neuropsychology from the University of Arizona and began a research fellowship at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. He and his wife, Kerrie Comer Cook, are getting acquainted with the city and look forward to updates from old BSC friends.

1997
Katie Banis Berry
38 Dartmouth Terrace
Brockton, MA 02301

Roger Limoges
2714 Quarry Road NW, Apt. 101
Washington, DC 20009–5946

Jodie Childs is a teaching assistant at Nantucket Elementary School. … Norman Hayes is the vice president/commercial lending officer at Mansfield Bank. … James McGonnigal was the regional award winner for the 2006 New England Theatre Conference (NETC). Mr. McGonnigal, based in New York City, is a theatrical producer and director. He has been responsible for many of the city’s most acclaimed concerts of recent years. Named an “impresario” by Time Out New York, he produced and/or directed more than 50 events in just three years for the Matthew Sheppard Foundation, God’s Love We Deliver, Broadway Cares/Equity Fight Aids, Parkinson's Resource Organization, The National AIDS Fund, Opening Act and The Pied Piper Children's Theatre. As an actor he has appeared in dozens of New York productions, as well as being a celebrated voice actor. … Lt. Ryan Dill completed a two and one-half years instructor tour, flying the T-6A Texan II at NAS Pensacola, FL, with Training Squadron Four. He is a full-time Navy reservist stationed at NASJRB Willow Grove, PA and is flying C-130’s with Fleet Logistics Squadron Sixty Four. … Lisa Tuohey Hutchison is a licensed mental health counselor and provides therapy at the Whitman Counseling Center.
1998
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Air Force Captain April Pontz was deployed overseas to a forward-operating location in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Captain Pontz was chief of maintenance assigned to the 726th Air Control Squadron, Mountain Home Air Force Base, ID.

1999
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Brendan Ellis, ’99, G’04, was honored by the Massachusetts State Police. Mr. Ellis was presented with the state police Medal of Valor for performing specific acts of bravery and exhibiting outstanding courage. He was recognized with a plaque and a commendation in his personnel file. … Lee Charpentier participated in the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer 3-day annual walk.

2000
Michael Allen, G’00, is the chief administrative officer at Charlestown High School. … Jason Merrill is the athletic director at Saugus High School. Mr. Merrill was a wide receiver while at BSC and a member of the team that won the MASCAC three times. He also ran 100 and 200 in spring track during his sophomore and junior years. … Denise Dion Giblin performed in the Star Players of Bristol County’s 20th anniversary production of Anything Goes. … Kelly Albanese is acting in a series called Desire, featured on WZMY. While at BSC, Ms. Albanese taught gymnastics and participated in the Children’s Physical Developmental Clinic.

2001
Shayne King is a branch manager and director of recruiting at Sunset Mortgage in Plymouth. … Robin Leal Craver, G’01, is the town administrator in Charlton. … Nancy J. Tetreault Lally, G’01, G’05, is assistant principal at DeMello School.

2002
Ron Griffin completed his master’s degree in education administration at the University of New South Wales in Sydney, where he has been living for more than a year. He was married in June to Kristin Gleason. He is looking forward to returning to his job as a science teacher at Bellingham High School.

2003
Jennifer Ellis is a character actor, playing a young bride, in the Lyric Stage Company’s performance of 1776. … Second Lieutenant Christopher Sharon graduated from the Air Force Officer School Training School. He majored in aviation science with a concentration in flight training while an undergraduate at BSC.

2004
Bryan Sweeney is a physical education teacher in Wakefield. … Nicholas Davidson is a police officer in Somerset. … Brendan Duffy graduated from the Air National Guard Academy of Military Science and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Air National Guard.

2005
Maureen Kemmet is the housemaster of the John T. Nichols Middle School in Middleboro. … Rosie Carey reprised her original role, The Countess Hilton of Paris, at King Richard’s Faire. … Cristina Aguiar is a case manager for Bristol Elder Services, Inc. Her responsibilities include needs assessment, advocacy, coordination of services and providing ongoing case management. … Wendy Weidenfeller, G’05, is assistant principal at Quinn

2006
Ruth Perry Dionne, G’06, is teaching at Somerset Middle School. “It was career change. I was in banking and finance but always felt I wanted to teach children.” … Kelly M. Berthiaume signed up for 10 months with AmeriCorps. She is working to help rebuild ravaged New Orleans. … Diana Freitas is teaching fourth grade at the Berkeley Community School.
Deaths
Victoria Smith Martin, '26, on Oct. 3, 2006
Barbara L. Libbey Cleaves, '33, on Aug. 23, 2006
Yvonne T. Kelsey Forbush, '33, on July 17, 2006
Helen Rafkin Gold, '33, on Sept. 13, 2006
Maureen Shea Blais, '34, on Nov. 12, 2006
Esther Lindberg Nisula, '34, on Sept. 19, 2006
Rose Perry Sylvia, '35, on Sept. 27, 2006
Alma E. Foley, '35, on Oct. 7, 2006
Celia Smith Humphrey Reimels, '35, on Oct. 3, 2006
Dorothy Lipman Salk, '38, on Aug. 2, 2006
Jane B. Tysver Remington, '37, on June 25, 2006
Helen C. McGovern, '36, G'58, on Sept. 29, 2006
Celia Smith Humphrey Reimels, '35, on Oct. 3, 2006
Doris Elizabeth Lantz Montgomery, '39, on Oct. 13, 2006
Vernon W. Nickerson, '40, on Nov. 16, 2006
Jean Whiting Pateraude, '40, on Sept. 1, 2006
Mary G. Glover MacReynolds, '42, on July 20, 2006
Jean Whiting Pateraude, '40, on Sept. 1, 2006
Mary Julia Magina Perry, '42, on Aug. 16, 2006
Marguerite C. Harding Tuttle, '43, on Aug. 1, 2006
M. Elinor Lenon David, '50, on March 17, 2006
Virginia C. Smith MacLeay, '51, on May 31, 2006
Albert H. Walsh Jr., '51, on July 29, 2006
Joan Meade Shaughnessy Bruno, '52, on Oct. 28, 2006
Leona A. Peterson Donovan, '52, on Nov. 2, 2006
Frank Gilbert Ventura Jr., '53, G'57, on Sept. 3, 2006
Abel N. Gonsalves, G'56, on Sept. 29, 2006
John P. Harrington, G'56, on Nov. 24, 2006
Robert E. Dwyer, G'58, on Oct. 3, 2006
Phyllis F. Fimental Scanlon, '60, on Aug. 31, 2006
Philip W. Silva III, '60, on Nov. 12, 2006
Edward F. Barry, G'60, on Sept. 29, 2006
Helen F. Nolan Hoye, G'61, on Oct. 22, 2006
Maureen Connors, '63, on Oct. 14, 2006
JoAnn Frame, '63, on Sept. 10, 2006
Charles A. Frascatore, G'65, on Aug. 28, 2006
Helyn T. Turski Delano, '67, on Aug. 16, 2006
William T. Turpin Jr., G'69, on Aug. 4, 2006
Marion Buxton Harrington, G'70, on Sept. 13, 2006
Charles N. Fay Jr., G'71, on Sept. 4, 2006
Betty Stringer Reardon, G'71, on Aug. 14, 2006
Kathleen G. Conroy Entwistle, '72, on July 26, 2006
Eugene F. McCarthy, G'72, on Nov. 9, 2006
Constance C. Egan-Rock, '73, on Aug. 29, 2006
Joseph B. McDonough, G'74, on Sept. 15, 2006
Gene V. Clinton, '75, on Nov. 2, 2006
Diane M. Metthe, '75, G'04, on July 17, 2006
John Henry Oakes, '75, on Aug. 11, 2006
Richard S. Hvoslef, '80, '80, on Sept. 12, 2006
Louise M. Dunphy, G'90, on July 21, 2006
Joanna Burke, '94, on July 11, 2006
Arthur Cox, '98, on Oct. 6, 2006
Donna Grzegorzewski Taylor, '01, on Nov. 3, 2006
Courtney J. Woodward Greene, G'04, on Oct. 21, 2006

Marriages
Tracy L. Fontaine to William B. Cheney, '84, on April 29, 2006
Alice Coyle to Gregory Mathis, '85, on July 29, 2006
Nora V. Petritus to Michael R. Ashley, '85
Amy Parker, '94, to Michael Batts
Melissa A. Gravel, '97, to Matthew T. VanHynigen, on July 1, 2006
Jennifer M. DelPozzo to Kostas P. Giannacopulos, '98, on July 1, 2006
Lauren Soper to Michael R. Ashley, '85
Amy Parker, '94, to Michael Batts
Melissa A. Gravel, '97, to Matthew T. VanHynigen, on July 1, 2006
Jennifer M. DelPozzo to Kostas P. Giannacopulos, '98, on July 1, 2006
Lauren Soper, '98, G'03, to Fred Mahoney on July 14, 2006
Mary Elizabeth (Molly) Sullivan, '99, to Jonathan K. Mazanez on Dec. 31, 2005
Alison Laura Angers to Gregg Michael Burke, '99, on July 30, 2006
Lisa A. Silvani, '99, to David G. Boucher on July 22, 2006
Melanie Ann Pagliaro to Mark Daniel Dextras, '00, on April 22, 2006
Julie Marie Russo to Daniel William LeFavor, '00, on July 29, 2006
Rebecca J. Shulenburg, '00, to Michael H. McIntyre
Megan Jean Varni to Luke Ezzy Watt, '00, on May 6, 2006
Erlin Elizabeth Dore to Todd Andrew Babola, '01, on Aug. 6, 2006
Kathleen Gill, '01, to Jonathan Paine
Lakshmi Jagannath, '01, to Boyd Hobson on July 8, 2006
Tracy Marie Pendergast, '01, to John M. Kontos Jr. on May 20, 2006
Leanne Lynne DeMarco to Brad Thomas Flannery, '02, on May 13, 2006
Vanessa Rae Zauner, '02, to Paul Joseph Miller on Oct. 15, 2005
Kerry Lynn O’Hara, '02, to Jason Albert Cadete on June 17, 2006
Colleen M. Armstrong, '02, to Christopher J. Foster, '93, on July 8, 2006
Jessica Madeline Renna, '02, to Michael S. Iannino on July 30, 2006
Danielle Boucher, '02, to Christopher Baldwin, '02, G'06, on Aug. 28, 2006
Leanne DeMarco to Brad Flannery, '02, on May 13, 2006
Jennifer Elizabeth Thorell, G'03, to Michael Edward Monteiro on Aug. 18, 2006
Laura J. Trail, G'03, to Sean P. Magee on Aug. 11, 2006
Michelle Lyn Fortier, '04, to Daniel DaCosta, on Dec. 31, 2005
Michelle Lapointe, '04, to Matthew Lake on June 17, 2006
Allison Mary Evangeline Surette, '05, to Joel Matthew Patton on May 6, 2006
Laurie Langton, '06, to Gerard Sommer on July 8, 2006
Lisa Duquette, G’06, to Jared Procopio on July 15, 2006

Births
To Katherine and Devon Keeney, '96, a son, Jack William, on April 14, 2006
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Clockwise from top left: Dr. Dana Mohler-Faria, president (from left); Ms. Amanda Hoffman, '07, student speaker; Mr. Louis Ricciardi, '81, chairman, Board of Trustees; Mr. David Robichaud, '83, commencement speaker, gather prior to commencement.

President Mohler-Faria addresses the graduates.

Ms. Amanda Hoffman, '07, delivers message to her fellow graduates.

Luis Marquez, a social work major, receives his degree.

Mr. David Robichaud, '83, a reporter for CBS4 News, gives the commencement address.