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Bridgewater's Beautiful Campus – A True Reflection of Passion and Dedication

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Dear friends,

Recently I had the opportunity to spend some time with Phyllis Wells Klock, a graduate of the Class of 1967 who was on campus to deliver the keynote address at this year’s Senior Convocation. Phyllis, a charter member of the Board of Trustees at the University of Central Florida following very successful careers in business and educational administration, hadn’t been back to Bridgewater in nearly 40 years. Obviously, the institution has grown in so many ways during that time. One of things that most impressed her, though, was not how big the campus had become but how beautiful.

I share this story because in this issue of Bridgewater magazine we focus on our ongoing efforts to beautify the campus and make it an idyllic learning environment for our students. Countless members of our grounds crew, facilities managers, administrators and faculty have worked tirelessly to transform ours into one of the most beautiful campuses in all of New England – and that certainly puts us in some very select company.

At the heart of this institutional effort, and underscoring the daily activities of all those who make the campus such an inviting place, is unparalleled attention to detail. Everything from the layout of walkways to the choosing of perennials is planned meticulously. The result is not only a handsome environment but also a true reflection of our people’s passion and dedication.

Throughout the fall months, groups of parents and prospective students will gather for tours on the steps of Boyden Hall beneath my office window. I’ll admit that I occasionally eavesdrop on what new visitors to our campus have to say. Consistently (and happily), they tell the tour guides how surprised they are to find a state institution with such “curb appeal.”

While I’m delighted with their observations, campus beautification is about so much more than marketing. It reflects our deep commitment to quality in all of its forms, and reminds our hard-working students, faculty and employees that they deserve the very best.

In the pages that follow, you’ll gain a glimpse into how the campus looks and feels today. If you’re like Phyllis Wells Klock, however, and it’s been a few years since you’ve been back, consider this a personal invitation to come home. You’ll be glad you did… and be amazed by what you see.

Sincerely,

Dana Mohler-Faria
President
Dr. Wayne Phillips likes to joke that he’s been the chairman of a temporary committee for 14 years.

What started out as a request in 1993 by then-President Adrian Tinsley to improve the outward appearance of the campus has perpetuated and flourished – transforming Bridgewater State College into, arguably, the most beautiful public college campus in the state.

“We had no budget, but we got together four or five volunteers, and started to look at what we could do over the course of time to improve the campus,” said Dr. Phillips.

“When we started to look closer at the campus from this new perspective, I almost came down with an anxiety attack – there was so much to do.”

President Dana Mohler-Faria is generous in his praise of what the group has accomplished in a relatively short period of time, believing strongly that an enhanced campus environment helps to foster academic excellence. “Our students deserve the very best,” said Dr. Mohler-Faria. “The best not only includes a high caliber faculty and a rigorous curriculum, but also an environment conducive to study. Thanks to the efforts of many very dedicated people, we have it all, including the most beautiful campus in the commonwealth.”

Dr. Phillips and his cohorts on the Campus Beautification Committee have

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Keith Macdonald
made myriad changes to the campus exterior over the years. Improvements that many students and faculty very likely take for granted include everything from strategically placed park benches, to sheltered bus stops, to beautifully lit walkways and well-positioned signage.

But not all the projects are small scale. The committee comprised of faculty, administrators and staff is just as adept at thinking big. Take, for instance, the area behind the Campus Center.

“It was an awful mess before. The tennis courts were in disrepair, and it had an unpleasant looking fountain. We had a landscape architect come in and redesign the whole thing. We tore it all out, replanted it and put in a new fountain system,” said Dr. Phillips. “That’s one of my favorite spots because I see it in comparison to what it was.”

To many, showcase improvement projects like the Campus Center are a tangible reflection of overall quality at BSC. But the beautification projects also shine a well-deserved spotlight on this small, but committed group’s attention to even the tiniest of items. The group’s work has consistently improved the campus experience for everyone – students, faculty and visitors.

“You always notice the work that’s being done on campus,” said current student Mohamed Barakat, ’08. “On the first warm day, you can see students flocking to the...
Boyden quad, getting sun or playing Frisbee. Even at night, the building is lit up, and there are lights on the field. It just looks amazing.”

Keith Macdonald, director of facilities and 13-year member of the beautification committee, said accentuating the college’s architectural gems, and showing off the hidden beauty of the campus – all 270 acres of it – is something he takes to heart.

“When someone visits for the first time, the first thing they see are the grounds, not a classroom or an individual. We get visitors 12 months of the year. The campus can’t just look good on opening day and commencement,” said Mr. Macdonald.

As facilities director, Mr. Macdonald is really the working arm of the group, and helps synchronize projects and implement the ideas the committee hatches. With a staff of 118, coordination on that scale is no small task. And he can rattle off a list of improvements that are no small feat – including the creation of a handicap accessible route on campus, regular tree trimming and planting, maintenance of flower beds and perennial gardens, creation of sitting walls and distribution of outdoor furniture throughout the campus grounds.

“We never rest on our laurels. It’s never done, and we’re always trying to improve. I know the work our department does and the effort they put into it. It’s a pretty campus, but when you hear unsolicited remarks from people – they know budgets aren’t thick – and they say, ‘How do you do it?’ I say, ‘It’s the people.’ It simply is,” said Mr. Macdonald.

Key ingredients to BSC’s campus beautification efforts often revolve around horticulture.

The grounds crew, headed by foreman Cathy Chuckran, creates color appeal through seasonality. Spring’s abundance of BSC’s signature red geraniums and autumn’s display of colorful mums are no...
**Cathy Chuckran’s Touch is Evident Throughout the BSC Campus**

By Clare Leschin-Hoar

When Cathy Chuckran came to Bridgewater State College 20 years ago, the campus was not yet warmly dotted with bright-colored perennials. Spring saw few flowering trees, and nothing was landscaped with a manicurist’s touch. And while the tradition of bright red geraniums have long been part of BSC graduation ceremonies, the numbers have gone from the low hundreds to a thousand-plus that shout out in celebration today.

So when Ms. Chuckran took over as head of grounds and services 12 years ago, she was eager to make changes. The first place she planted her spade was the ground near Boyden Hall.

“I thought it needed something, and it did,” said Ms. Chuckran. “It needed color.”

Today, the area outside Boyden Hall is home to a color-splashed butterfly garden, filled with asters, black-eyed Susans and loads of hostas, and proudly remains one of her favorite spots on campus.

“Also, to the right of Horace Mann Auditorium is a bench around the beech tree that’s dedicated to President Emerita Adrian Tinsley. It has coleus, lobelia, geraniums, Dusty Millers and impatiens planted there, and is just a lovely place to sit,” she said.

All that beauty doesn’t happen by accident. It takes much planning, a good eye for color and a strong knowledge base of plants that do well in the often-harsh New England climate. It also takes year-round hard work, both from Ms. Chuckran and her dedicated crew.

Today the BSC campus is home to much more than a few juniper bushes and U-shaped hedges. Specimen trees abound – weeping cherries, weeping beeches, a variety of magnolias, Japanese maples, flowering crabapples, eastern redbuds and more. A broad range of flowers are planted throughout the campus grounds as well, including daylilies, hydrangeas, many varieties of ilex, primrose and sedums.

While autumn brings back a crush of excited students, armed with Frisbees that are flung regularly over the lush green grass of the quadrangle, it’s also the signal Ms. Chuckran looks for to begin pulling out summer geraniums, replacing them with hundreds of maroon, gold and orange blossomed mums.

“Like the graduation geraniums, the mums are a signature plant here,” she said.

That’s in addition to maintaining athletic fields, designing and landscaping flower beds in new areas, and maintaining trees, shrubs and grassy areas. By the time spring arrives, BSC is fitted for a whole new floral outfit.

“The minute the snow is gone – the second or third week of March – we start turning beds, mulching, moving perennials around, dividing plants, trimming trees and bushes. Come gradua-

BSC is home to several sculptures that contribute an element of art to the landscape as well. One notable piece, titled *The Bather*, by artist Michael Steiner, is fairly abstract with pieces of intertwined greenish-gray metal and is located just outside of Scott Hall.

“It doesn’t look like a bather, but gives the illusion of someone lounging, and it’s located in an appropriate context, because that’s an area where people are in a relaxed setting. They’re exposed to it if they’re eating in the cafeteria or outside playing basketball,” said Dr. Brenda Molife, assistant professor and chairperson of art.

Also near the cafeteria is another abstract piece that rates among Dr. Molife’s favorites. It’s a vertical sculpture that resembles an abstract feather. Made out of steel, it’s been allowed to weather and has a reddish, rustic patina to it, which was the intent.

“That piece is also in a prime location, exposing students to art. No matter what
FEATURE STORY

Students in the New Crimson Hall Have Many Amenities
By Clare Leschin-Hoar

For the fourth time that warm afternoon, Stephanie Kos, ‘08, led the way through the open glass doors and up the stairwell, toting the last of her things. Her parents trailed just a few steps behind. Stephanie’s father lugged a bright blue, upright vacuum cleaner, and her mother’s arms were loaded with a roll of foam for her daughter’s new bed and several bulging white shopping bags from Target.

It was Labor Day, and like Ms. Kos, hundreds of students moved into the sparkling new Crimson Hall.

The new $38 million, 408-bed residence hall is divided into 95 suites, with living room areas, their own showers, room for storage and more. While the majority of suites house four students, other combinations of three- or six-student arrangements are an option as well.

A senior this year, Ms. Kos ranked high on the lottery system, securing her place in the new facility, and moved into a four-person suite with three of her friends. Handwritten in looping cursive, the whiteboard next to their door read, “Welcome Back! Steph, Ashley, Amanda and Jen.”

“A lot of seniors get off-campus housing, but I wanted to stay on campus. I didn’t want to look for an apartment, plus I don’t have a car,” said Ms. Kos.

Sculpture graces outdoor dining area behind the Rondileau Campus Center.

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She was especially pleased with the room and its layout – two rooms for sleeping and studying and a shared area with bathroom, shower and a living space where the women can socialize together.

The new residence hall’s amenities are enough to make any newly-launched-from-the-nest student feel less ruffled. The interior of the building is decorated in tones of tan, black and cream. There are several different lounge and study areas from which to choose. Flat-screen televisions outfit viewing areas that are furnished in a contemporary style, and include a game room, pool table, ping-pong, foosball, and full washers and dryers for residents to use.

President Dana Mohler-Faria has been known to refer to Crimson Hall as a five-star hotel, and though he speaks somewhat humorously, it’s clear he is very proud of BSC’s newest residence hall. “This is a state-of-the-art facility,” said the president. “It is not only architecturally beautiful, but it was also built for maximum energy efficiency.” The building is, in fact, the first on-campus structure to be LEED-certified (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Green Building Rating System).

“A lot of thought was put into it,” said Karen Jason, BSC’s director of planning and construction. “And the views from the fourth and fifth floors are quite impressive. There’s so much glass. That’s unique to this residence hall and during the autumn will be beautiful.”

Located on the East Campus near the majority of the school’s residence facilities, Crimson Hall’s exterior design blends well with existing campus buildings. It incorporates the red brick found on many of the older BSC buildings; slate, which is used in some of the oldest West Campus buildings; and traditional limestone – all of which allow the design of Crimson Hall to meld well with both the newer and more vintage campus buildings.

Good planning was applied to the hall’s new dining facility as well. Serving lunch and dinner, it’s designed with an eye more towards contemporary food-court than old-time cafeteria. It is equipped with beverage and ice cream stations; every college-kid’s favorite – a pizzeria; a global kitchen with an emphasis on Asian cuisine; and a traditional grill serving items like hamburgers and hotdogs. The dining facility can seat 320, and like the rest of the campus, is wi-fi compatible. The dining hall was planned to provide multiple uses – from poetry readings to open mic nights – with state-of-the-art technology.

“Within the same complex is a 2,800-square-foot conference area that can seat 150. There are tables, rather than fixed seats, and the room can be divided into two. It’s predominately for campus use, but after the first year, it can be used by the outside community as well,” said Miguel Gomes Jr., associate vice president of facilities management and planning.

For Ms. Kos and her suite-mate, Ashley Morse, ’08, dinner was still hours away, and the rest of the afternoon was spent catching up with friends and unpacking mounds of boxes, bags and suitcases, and rearranging their new room.

So who gets which bed?

“Uh, we haven’t decided that yet,” laughed Ms. Kos.
College’s Focused Green Efforts Net Results

By Clare Leschin-Hoar

Increased energy efficiency, carbon emissions reduction, conservation – all piping-hot buzzwords in today’s modern lexicon, but Bridgewater State College is doing far more than simply providing lip service to these ideas. The college’s focused green efforts have netted substantial, measurable results.

An arms-length list of 28 energy conservation measures that began at BSC four years ago, has produced a 27 percent savings in real energy usage this year. Put into dollars, that’s a savings of $956,000 annually. Impressive, too, is that the figure far surpasses Gov. Patrick’s mandate for state agencies to cut back energy use 20 percent by 2012.

This is an achievement of which President Dana Mohler-Faria is particularly proud. “As a public institution, we have an obligation to spend public money wisely,” he said. “Nothing could be wiser than putting into practice measures that not only save money but also are environmentally friendly.”

Miguel Gomes Jr., associate vice president of facilities management and planning, echoes the president. “Not only is it good from an economic standpoint, but we are actually reducing our carbon emissions, and that’s good for everyone,” he said.

However, it’s unlikely you’ll be able to spy many of the improvements with your own eyes.

Hundreds of motors in the bowels of campus buildings are humming to an improved efficiency tune. Things such as air handling units and intake and exhaust systems have been upgraded or replaced. And thousands of compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs) have replaced aging, energy-consuming filament bulbs over the entire 1.5 million square feet of campus.

“For example, in the power plant, we had an aging control system,” said Mr. Gomes. “By upgrading that, we now have the ability to operate the boiler more efficiently. And since that system has a dual function – it is used for heating and air conditioning, greater control means real energy savings.”

The facilities management department was also able to replace 600 feet of aging steam and condensation lines that were decades past their 30-year life expectancy.

“A lot of the energy conservation measures we undertook also addressed some of our deferred maintenance. We were able to rectify some of the infrastructure problems we had, and that’s a win-win situation,” said Mr. Gomes.

While improvements in energy efficiency were implemented in existing buildings, the newest campus addition, Crimson Hall, is also a shining example of innovation. The building is the first on campus to be LEED-certified (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Green Building Rating System), snagging a coveted LEED silver rating.

While the new building cost approximately three percent more to build, said Mr. Gomes, it will recoup far more than the added initial cost because it’s far more efficient to operate.

Energy consumption was an important component in the design and maintenance of the new residence hall, ranging from the low end – installation of additional bicycle racks to encourage students to use pedal-power – to high-efficiency appliances in the building’s kitchen.

Though Crimson Hall is the first LEED-certified building on campus, it won’t remain that way for long. Renovation of the Campus Center next, likely followed by Pope and Scott Halls, means more campus buildings will be certified soon.

Karen Jason, director of planning and construction, is pleased with the college’s progress and the work of Ameresco, an energy management firm based in Framingham with which the college has partnered to undertake this effort.

“I think the energy conservation project was a huge challenge, and was successful because so many people touched it, cared about it and paid attention to the details. At one given time, we had 20 different subcontractors in 10 different buildings, and all the coordination that goes along with that,” she said.

“It was a testament to the work force and the building users. Everyone was inconvenienced at one point, but it all got done, and the results will improve not just the college, but the reduction in carbon emissions will be far reaching,” said Ms. Jason.
Some people are born to make a difference. For Frederick W. Clark Jr., ’83, the difference he is meant to make benefits students served by public higher education in Massachusetts.

His career in state public higher education – beginning as a political science major at Bridgewater State College, becoming a college trustee, foundation board member and statewide executive for the state college system – has culminated with a gubernatorial appointment to lead the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education (BHE).

“Fred’s understanding of and commitment to the vision of a public education system that is built on a bedrock of coordination, cooperation and collaboration distinguish him as the right person to help usher in a new era of education improvement in the commonwealth,” said Gov. Deval Patrick when he announced the appointment in August.

As its chairman, Mr. Clark will lead a positive transition in the focus of the BHE from a governing group to a coordinating body by bringing together education leaders, businesses and organizations to work in the best interests of public higher education.

“I was very excited to hear about the appointment,” Mr. Clark said. “I have worked in various capacities as a trustee (at Bridgewater State College) and the (Massachusetts State College) Council of Presidents with the Board of Higher Education. The BHE has proven to be a supportive partner and advocate for higher education.”

He said he is looking forward to tackling issues that cut across all public higher education segments – from campus safety to financial aid. He also sees an opportunity for the BHE to address concerns of PreK–12 school districts as well as those of business and industry in the commonwealth.

While a major component of the BHE’s work remains academic program approval for both public and independent colleges and universities as well as granting university status, Mr. Clark said he looks forward to developing statewide partnerships between the public and independent college sectors.

“The governor has issued a challenge for public institutions at every level to work with the private sector,” Mr. Clark said. Toward that end, he plans to convene a higher education roundtable in Massachusetts which he envisions meeting twice a year to discuss issues of common concern such as work-force development; teacher preparation and graduation rates; as well as share best practices in both sectors.

“In my memory, there never has been a time when public and private education leaders have come together to discuss major issues,” said Mr. Clark, citing successful collaborations with regional public–private partnerships across the commonwealth, such as those in Worcester and the Berkshires.

Developing partnerships throughout his career did not go unnoticed by the governor. “Fred Clark is well-known for his collaborative leadership style and his consensus-building approach,” said Gov. Patrick. “His experience in higher education, business and public service makes him an excellent fit to lead the Board of Higher Education.”

Mr. Clark is vice president of Mirrione Realty Corp. of South Easton. Previously, he was the executive officer of the Council of Presidents for four years and had served for 10 years as district chief of staff to the late U.S. Congressman J. Joseph Moakley.

The affiliation with Bridgewater State College continued well after Mr. Clark’s graduation when, with Congressman Moakley, he played a pivotal role in the 1990 awarding of a $10 million federal grant to build the John Joseph Moakley Center for Technological Applications. He is a former member of the college’s Board of Trustees. He served as chairman of that board and until recently served as a trustee of the Bridgewater State College Foundation.

The Bridgewater Alumni Association in 2004 presented Mr. Clark with the Dr. Adrian Rondileau Award for Professional Achievement and Community Service in recognition of his service on behalf of his alma mater.

Two years later, President Dana Mohler-Faria presented him with a Distinguished Service Award at spring commencement, describing Mr. Clark as a “champion of public higher education” – a passion that he will continue on a statewide level in his new position as chairman of the Board of Higher Education.
Family, Education and Football
The Florence Family BSC Football Tradition

By Lori Kershner

Of course, family comes first to the Florences, but it appears that football runs a close second – a Florence has either coached or played football at Bridgewater State College 29 out of the past 37 years.

Bridgewater State College football has become a Florence family tradition. Two generations, following in the footsteps of Rich Florence, ’74, have excelled at playing the Division III sport. Mr. Florence coached football at BSC for 16 years after his playing days ended. Although sports were always an important part of his life, Mr. Florence gives credit to his parents for encouraging their children to be “students first and athletes second.” This philosophy was reinforced by his BSC football coach and mentor, Peter Mazzaferro.

Mr. Florence and his brothers, Johnny and Billy, were the first generation in his family to go to college; the Florence boys were always encouraged to participate in athletics in high school with the ultimate goal of earning a college degree.

Mr. Florence’s nephews, Johnny, ’00, and Billy, ’06, and sons, Casey, ’11, and Richie, were all elected captains by their teammates on their high school teams. During their BSC football careers, both Mr. Florence and his nephew Johnny were elected by their teammates to the position. Now Mr. Florence’s son, Casey, is passing along the Florence’s football baton. Casey distinguished himself as a two-year starter by the time he became a sophomore and as a student by making the dean’s list.

His oldest son, Richie, who played during his four-year football career at Bowdoin College, teaches at the Hingham middle school. His son Collin played football in high school and is a senior at Emerson College.

Women fare just as well in this family. Mr. Florence’s daughter, Elizabeth, ’12, is a freshman at BSC and was an accomplished soccer and basketball player in high school.

“She grew up with sports and football,” said her father. “The family has always participated in sports. She accepts it as part of life and has always played some sport.”

“A passion for education is paramount,” said Mr. Florence when speaking about his love for the profession and pursuing his degree in the field. He is an administrator who went on to earn his master’s degree and now works as an assistant principal at Raynham Middle School.

What does Mr. Florence’s wife think about family life with a long lineage of football players, coaches and educators?

You can imagine that she is pretty comfortable with it, according to her husband. She is a teacher herself in Hanson at Indian Head School. Also a BSC graduate, Nancy Kipp (“Kipper”), ’77, met her husband while attending college.

“It takes a special wife to support a husband in a coaching career. She accepts football as a way of life. It has always been a family affair for us to attend games and support our teams,” he said.

An avid football fan, she not only enjoys attending games to watch her sons and daughter play their respective sports, but also has made a tradition of her own hosting coaches and football players at her family’s holiday dinners over the years. Coach Mazzaferro has remained a close family friend who visits the Florences every Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.

“I am indebted to Coach Mazzaferro for recruiting me to come to Bridgewater State College. We have been close friends for 36 years. I feel very fortunate to have had him and other coaches, players and professors as friends.

“It has been a great experience for me and my family; I am very proud of ‘The Florence Football Tradition’ at Bridgewater State College. I am very fortunate that my Bridgewater State College undergraduate years playing football have afforded me the opportunity to form friendships and meet truly wonderful people.”

Coach Florence recently resigned from coaching so that he could spend more time watching his sons and daughter play sports. Now it is time for his children to carry on the tradition while he takes a seat in the bleachers cheering them on.

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The History of Bridgewater State College Football

By Peter Mazzaferro

Among organized athletics at Bridgewater State College, football clearly has a very long history. Albert Gardner Boyden, Class of 1849 (and later the third principal of the school), mentioned in his memoirs that he played a game when he was a student here 160 years ago that much resembled our concept of football.

Historians tell us that what is recognized officially as the first college football game in America took place in 1869, recognized officially as the first college football of football.

A game when he was a student here 160 years ago that much resembled our concept of football.

I came to Bridgewater in 1966 and was an assistant coach under Coach Swenson. I took over as head coach in 1968, a position I held for the next 36 years.

The 1974 team, captained by Rich Florence, ’74 and Tom Giusti, ’75, had a 6-4 record and among the victories was an impressive 13-9 win over Bates College which was coached by former Harvard star Vic Gatto.

The Cranberry Bowl game was established in 1979 as a tradition between Bridgewater State College and Massachusetts Maritime Academy. Edaville Railroad purchased an antique cranberry scoop, which it donated to the victor to keep in its trophy case.

In 1980, the BSC football alumni organization was established, and for the past 27 years, its members have helped sponsor the football program.

In 1982, the Bears won their first Cranberry Bowl, 23-14, on the passing of Kevin Cobban, ’84, and receiving of Ron McCarthy, ’84. Jim Hachey, ’84, led the nation in kickoff returns for Division III.

In 1986, the Bears posted a 6-1-2 record and captured the MASCAC Championship. The Bears had an outstanding kicker/punter in Gary Camarillo, ’87, who was selected on many all-star teams.

An undefeated season came in fall 1989 as the Bears ended their regular season undefeated. The season ended with a playoff game against UMass Lowell before 4,500 fans at Swenson Field. The Bears won the NEFC Championship, 14-10, led by quarterback Ripp Charters, ’91, and Captain Tom Egan, ’90.

In 1999, the Bears opened the season with a big win at Springfield College, 36-29.

The Bears went on to have an 18-0 season and their first NCAA bid against Ursinus College. They were led by quarter-back Dan Maurer, ’01, who threw for 27 touchdowns and ran for 15 touchdowns.

In 2000, the Bears defeated Salve Regina for the NEFC Championship, televised by NESN.

In 2003, the Bears ranked third in the nation in total offense with 481.1 yards per game with a 37.9 points average.

In the 2005 season, Chuck Denuve, ’01, who worked for me for eight years, was hired as the fourth head football coach in BSC history.

In 2005, the Bears posted a 9-1 season, but lost to Fitchburg State College, knocking them out of the playoffs. The Bears later defeated Fitchburg in the ECAC post-season game.

Over the past 47 years, the Bears have posted a record of 229 wins, 178 losses and seven ties for a percentage of .562. This ranks Bridgewater State College with Williams College, Trinity College, Amherst College and Springfield College as the outstanding Division III Football teams in New England.

Peter Mazzaferro, associate professor emeritus of physical education, was a member of the Bridgewater State College faculty for 36 years and was the head football coach at the college from 1968 to 2004. His record was 195 wins, 137 losses and seven ties. In 1989 and 1999, he received the highest coaching honor in New England when he was named the New England Football Writer’s Coach of the Year for Division II-III. In 1996, he was awarded the George C. Carens Award for outstanding contributions to college football in New England, and he was honored by the All American Football Foundation with a Lifetime Achievement Award in 1999. He was inducted into the Bridgewater State College Athletic Hall of Fame in 1994.
Despite Adversity, Kevin Flanagan, ’96, Excelled – Never Missing Out On Anything Life Has to Offer

By Lori Kershner

“Really inspirational!” is how Dr. Stephen Smalley, professor emeritus, would describe Kevin Flanagan, ’96.

Dr. Smalley, former chairperson of the Department of Art, has watched as his student’s career flourished as a gifted art teacher, an accomplished artist and a popular middle school baseball coach.

“I admire and respect Kevin a great deal,” said Dr. Smalley, who supervised his student teaching back in the ’90s. “I have been following his life ‘from the bleachers’ so to speak,” he said. Dr. Smalley has attended Mr. Flanagan’s art shows and seen his work blossom. He explained that Mr. Flanagan has managed not only to balance his professional life with the demands of a family but also with the difficulties posed by the challenges of being a paraplegic confined to a wheelchair.

Mr. Flanagan distinguished himself throughout college, and upon graduation, was honored with the prestigious Art Key Award, which recognizes an outstanding college senior.

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What Dr. Smalley doesn’t know is that Mr. Flanagan sought him out and selected him as his mentor and role model.

Reflecting upon his education at BSC, Mr. Flanagan said, “As far as getting me prepared for my profession – what a college education should do – my Bridgewater State College education was excellent.”

Mr. Flanagan was a serious, full-time competitive athlete during college. He obtained numerous sponsorships over the years and competed in 24 marathons, including six Boston Marathons.

“I guess you could say that my wife, Tricia, was the inspiration for my work, Pieces of a Perfect Swing. She told me that I had to do something with the old wooden baseball bats I was saving in my garage,” he said. “That’s how I came to assemble a sculpture of Ted Williams using broken pieces of baseball bats, capturing him in the swing from his famous homerun. It took 40 baseball bats.”

The Perfect Swing was the first work that the artist sold. It was purchased by a baseball fan who works at Campanelli Stadium, home of The Brockton Rox, and was put on exhibit in the middle of the main lobby entrance. Now, all the baseball teams pass by it heading to the field for each game.

“My family, avid baseball fans and players, will go in and affectionately adjust Ted’s hat or his bat when they go to a baseball game.”

He told The Brockton Rox that he would do another assemblage if they gave him any leftover wooden baseball bats. When they did, he had to keep his promise and create another assemblage. Thus, the sequel to The Perfect Swing was born, called, The Catcher. Now on display at Campanelli Stadium, along with its counterpart, Mr. Flanagan admits that he won’t part with this one.

“I’ve grown fond of The Catcher because of the memories of my whole family helping me assemble it,” he said.

He chose this art form because it is three dimensional. While in the BSC art gallery, Mr. Flanagan pointed out that of all the art forms, people’s eyes are naturally drawn to sculptures over the one-dimensional paintings.

He also is passionate about drawing charcoal portraits because he feels that the art form captures emotions really well. And, he readily admits that he will never sell these works – only give them away as gifts to friends and family.

He prefers to draw babies and the elderly.

“I like to draw babies because their faces show what’s in store, and the elderly because their faces show what has been done, especially around the eyes.”

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Alumni Profile

Theresa Byington Carmichael, ’82
Uncovering Art Treasures Is All in a Day’s Work

By Lori Kershner

Most artists want to create great work of their own, not uncover someone else’s.

But painting conservator Theresa Byington Carmichael, ’82, like a CSI of the art world, relishes uncovering the true identity of valuable artwork hidden under layers upon layers of paint and old mildewed varnish.

In her line of work, things are not always what they appear. An artist perfecting her art for 19 years in her own successful private practice working as a conservator of paintings, she has discovered and brought back to life many a lost or unknown master’s work, as well as resuscitated memorable family portraits that were believed destroyed beyond repair due to natural disasters and accidents.

One of her most intriguing restorations was when she attempted to conserve what she described as “a horrendous picture depicting a celebratory scene of a toast during a birthday that looked truly awful, like it could’ve been painted by a 7-year-old child.”

“A client of mine, an art dealer, had found the painting tossed in a trash dumpster. He brought it to me for conservation,” said Ms. Carmichael. “What made me suspect that something else lie underneath it was a simple inscription on the back that didn’t match up with the painting. It read, ‘The View of Thorn Hill, Jackson, New Hampshire’.”

After patiently and painstakingly peeling back layers of paint and varnish, the artist uncovered a wondrous landscape.

“It turned out to be not only the work of a well-known New England artist, F. H. Shapleigh (Frank Shapleigh),” said Ms. Carmichael, “but one of his best works, according to an expert who specialized in his art. The painting ended up being valued at auction between $6,000 and $25,000.”

Ms. Carmichael has worked on a Salvador Dali painting as well as works by numerous famous masters such as John Singer Sargent, and renowned English artists Sir Godfrey Kneller and John Constable.

Clientele include individuals, businesses and institutions. During her illustrious career, she has worked for a wide range of clients, including the United States Supreme Court, the Peabody Essex Museum, and the Friends of French Arts in Sciez, France, to name just a few.

The 2006 recipient of the prestigious Bridgewater State College Dr. Tinsley Award for Achievement in the Arts, Ms. Carmichael has returned to where she first began her fine arts education, to pursue her dreams of being a conservator. The artist has graciously offered to volunteer her professional expertise to work for her alma mater conserving one painting every year for five years and has allowed the college to select the works. Last year, she worked on President Boyden’s portrait. Currently, she is preserving a seascape, which hung in the campus art gallery.

Ms. Carmichael credits much of her success as a conservator to the excellent education she received at BSC.

“I received a well-rounded fine arts education in all facets of studio arts and art history at Bridgewater State College,” she said, “which is essential, even crucial, to a conservator.”

Due to her BSC education, followed by a year of study in Florence, Italy, studying the conservation of fine art, Ms. Carmichael was granted acceptance at The Courtauld Institute of Art at the University of London, which allows just one foreign student each year to enroll.

“The art department professors, Dr. Stephen Smalley and Professor John Heller, gave me a lot of encouragement and a strong arts education. It was absolutely critical in pursuing my dream and succeeding in this field.”

Theresa Byington Carmichael, ’82

“Find something that you love to do, and do it with a passion.”

After graduating from BSC, she went on to receive her diploma from L’Università Internazionale dell’Arte in Florence, Italy. She also received diplomas in the conservation of easel paintings from The Courtauld Institute of Art at the University of London, and the Center for Conservation and Technical Studies at the Fogg Art Museum, Harvard University.

If she had to give one piece of advice to aspiring undergraduate art majors, it would be, “Find something that you love to do, and do it with a passion.”

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BSC Alumni Find Successful Careers in TV Media … Internships Pave the Way

By Lori Kershner

Elizabeth (Liz) Meagher, ’01, a segment producer for the Fox25 Morning News Show (WFXT-TV, Dedham), encourages BSC communications students to intern at Fox25 to gain valuable experience crucial to breaking into the field – and the station also benefits.

Interning at WBZ-TV is how she got her start in television six years ago before landing her present dream job. Ms. Meagher, who grew up in a small town where the high school didn’t have even a student newspaper never mind TV production classes – feels that the on-the-job technical training she received as an intern helped prepare her for her career.

After graduation, Ms. Meagher worked at WBZ-TV (Boston) and WPRI (Providence) before being offered a job at Fox25 as an assignment editor. She is quick to point out that her college internship faculty adviser, Dr. Joel Litvin, acting chairperson of the Department of Communication Studies, had a lot to do with her success. Other faculty in the department provided a strong academic background in public relations writing, photography and TV production skills.

Dr. Litvin said, “I am very proud of the students in this department who have established an excellent rapport and relationships with their employers. I am always getting more and more requests for our interns because of the reputation they have amongst employers. “They do tasks beyond the expectations of the employer,” said Dr. Litvin.

Now the process has come full circle with Dr. Litvin’s former student interns calling him to request BSC communication interns.

Christine Bren, ’03, an operations technician at WCVB-TV Channel 5, like Liz Meagher, personifies Dr. Litvin’s model student.

Ms. Bren seized the opportunity during her internship and short tenure at Channel 5 to try out just about every behind-the-scenes job she could.

“As an operations technician, what I do can vary on a day-to-day basis – that is the life of a rover. Most of the people I work with have set hours, set days off and certain responsibilities that they must do each day,” said Ms. Bren.

“Personally, I like what I do better. The more I rove, the more I know about the different aspects of what keeps the station working. For example, this week I’m editing for our investigative unit, running the robotic cameras, working with the graphics department and then doing a day of ‘utility,’ where I’ll show up and go wherever I am needed,” she said. “Last week was very different. I did news editing and worked on producing the technical aspects of the Muscular Dystrophy Association Telethon, as well as assist with directing the Patriots All-Access show live from Gillette Stadium.”

Working at Channel 5 since May 2003, Ms. Bren began as a summer relief technician/freelancer, filling in for full-time staff when they went on vacation. By the fall, Ms. Bren was working full time. She had been a news editor and assistant director before starting her current position in December 2006.

“I first chose an internship at Channel 5 because it offered hands-on engineering training. I was adamant about starting at a place where I could have hands-on training, all while getting an education. I have always loved being behind the scenes and running the camera,” she said.

Ms. Bren would advise students embarking on an internship or starting out in their careers to “take in all the advice you can get, absorb it, learn from it and teach it to others. You can never stop learning.”

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Elizabeth (Liz) Meagher, ’01

Christine Bren, ’03
It is safe to say that Dr. Adrian Tinsley, whose presidency coincided with one of the most dramatic transformations in the college’s history, knows a thing or two about academic turnarounds. When she arrived at Bridgewater State College in 1989, the college was plagued by monumental financial challenges, a crumbling infrastructure and noticeably low morale. Thirteen years later, as she readied to pass the proverbial baton to her successor, Dr. Dana Mohler-Faria, much of the administrative apparatus had been rebuilt from the ground up and a culture of optimism had firmly taken root.

Thus, when a longtime friend and colleague asked her to contribute to a new book on the topic of institutional revitalization, it seemed like a perfect fit.

Dr. Terrance MacTaggart, past chancellor of the University of Maine and University of Minnesota systems, sought out Dr. Tinsley and a host of other national experts to collaborate on a new text titled, Academic Turnarounds: Restoring Vitality to Challenged American College and Universities. Dr. Tinsley served with Dr. MacTaggart during her time in the Minnesota State University system. Both also took turns as chair of the Higher Education Commission of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), the nation’s oldest regional accrediting organization.

Aimed specifically at an audience of contemporary college and university leaders, the book was released this past year by the American Council on Education through the Greenwood Publishing Group. Though ripe with invaluable case studies and anecdotes from insiders, Dr. Tinsley insists, “There is nothing mysterious about the turnaround process. At their most basic level, all turnarounds begin with college and university leaders making sure that everyone is moving in the same direction.”

For her chapter, Dr. Tinsley delved deeply into the academic turnarounds of three institutions which are now flourishing:

the College of New Jersey, the University of Denver and Northeastern University.

“Transformation is a three-step process,” said Dr. Tinsley. “The first thing an institution needs to do is move out of crisis mode by reengineering and modernizing its financial systems. It’s only after this happens that a leader can begin to focus on other pressing problems and move down the path of long-term stabilization.”

Dr. Tinsley drew strong parallels between the three institutions profiled in the book and her own experience at BSC.

“I’ve always believed that you have to begin with your base,” said the president emerita in recalling that much of her early presidency was spent improving the college’s financial position. “Only after we did that could we begin to ask ourselves what kind of institution did we wish to become and to work towards strengthening our academic programs.”

Just as the mode of revitalization should be transparent and straightforward, so too should the pursuit of academic excellence. Dr. Tinsley explained, “if you are really seeking academic excellence, you need to have the right leaders who both care about and truly understand the need for it. You need to have the right model for the institution and its people. And you have to put in place the right communication channels and work collaboratively – you can’t be too autocratic.”

Now five years removed from the presidency, Dr. Tinsley insists that the institution has benefited tremendously from having two presidents in a row who share a common vision.

“I am absolutely thrilled with what is happening,” she said. “I feel lucky and proud to have been followed by Dana. It has given BSC a number of years to move in a positive direction and truly become all that it can be.”

Though now retired, Dr. Tinsley remains very active within the BSC community. Early on, she and fellow President Emerita Eileen Farley of Bristol Community College provided professional counsel to Connect, President Mohler-Faria’s higher education partnership between the six public institutions of higher learning in Southeastern Massachusetts. Dr. Tinsley also remains active with the BSC Foundation and serves on the Board of Directors of Beacon Bancorp/Bristol County Savings Bank.

At the same time, Dr. Tinsley continues to be an asset for a new generation of higher education leaders by serving on the Board of Directors for Higher Education Resource Services (HERS), a nonprofit organization providing leadership and management development for women in higher education.

Though she maintains a home in Bridgewater, Dr. Tinsley has established a second home in Denver where she spends a good part of her time. But while she may eventually substitute the mile-high city for Southeastern Massachusetts, she insists it won’t erode some of her most important allegiances.

“No matter where I am, I have no intention of giving up either the Red Sox or the Patriots.”

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Student Leader Sets Sail to Study
Mohamed Barakat, a senior majoring in management, signed up to study abroad for a semester, but rather than attending another institution in a distant land, Mohamed is spending his fall semester aboard a ship.

The BSC student leader shipped out with the Semester at Sea program. He will study under professors from around the United States and will earn academic credits from the University of Virginia for the classes he’s taking, which include international business, political theater, global studies and world art.

Adding to his learning experience are stops in more than a dozen countries, including Mexico, Japan, China, Hong Kong, Vietnam, India, Egypt and Spain. To keep posted on Mohamed’s travels, visit his blog at www.travelpod.com/members/moho.

Dr. Ellyn Robinson Earns Gold
Dr. Ellyn Robinson, ’92, associate professor of exercise science in the Department of Movement Arts, Health Promotion and Leisure Studies, brought home the gold medal in weightlifting from the World Master’s Weightlifting Championships. The eight-day competition drew more than 469 athletes from 42 nations.

This medal capped off a tremendous summer for Dr. Robinson. In early July she earned a gold medal in Olympic weightlifting at the Pan-American Games in Texas, and the same week was named Educator of the Year by the National Strength and Conditioning Association.

“It is an honor to represent Team USA and BSC at the same time,” said Dr. Robinson.

Three New Trustees Welcomed
President Dana Mohler-Faria hosted the college’s newest trustees, Peter R. Chase, Dane Bedward and Susan E. Szachowicz, ’75, G ’81, all of whom were appointed to the board during the summer. Richard Lucier was also reappointed to the board.

The new trustees bring a wide range of experience to the institution, the president said. “This is an absolutely extraordinary group of individuals, and I am very excited to begin working with them,” he said.

“Their expertise – in private industry, the sciences and K-12 education – will be a tremendous asset to Bridgewater,” he said.

Mr. Bedward is the senior vice president of international affairs for Genzyme Americas and has 24 years of experience in the international medical and pharmaceutical industry.

Ms. Szachowicz is a Brockton native who rose through the ranks of her city’s school system to become the first female principal of Brockton High School. The BSC alumna is an award-winning educator, who is active at the state level with various organizations.

Mr. Chase is the chairman, president and chief executive officer of Chase Corp., a manufacturing company that provides products and services to the construction industry. He lives in Bridgewater with his wife Kathy, is a director of Bridgewater Savings Bank and a trustee of the college’s Foundation.

Dr. Dana Mohler-Faria, president; Peter Chase; Susan Szachowicz, ’75, G ’81; Dane Bedward; and Louis Ricciardi, ’81, chairman of the Board of Trustees

Dr. Ellyn Robinson, ’92, competing at the World Master’s Weightlifting Championships (left); and in the weight room (right)
Old Political Rivals Reunite

Former Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis and Rep. John Sears recently reunited once again to appear on the award-winning Commonwealth Politics show to provide a 25-year reflection on their governor’s race and to discuss the current state of the commonwealth.

The show is taped at the Moakley Center television studio and is hosted by the staff of the Center for Legislative Studies at Bridgewater State College.

Counselor Education Earns Accreditation

The Department of Counselor Education became the first program of its kind in the commonwealth to be accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). With this accomplishment, the department becomes one of only six New England institutions to have earned this national accreditation.

Dr. Michael Kocet, department chair, said it was an important step for both the college and the state, since, historically, mental health-related programs in Massachusetts and much of New England have been geared toward psychiatry rather than counseling.

The accreditation process included many steps over several years. Accreditation demonstrates to future employers or doctoral admissions boards that students in the Bridgewater State College program have taken the required course work and are ready to work in the field or continue in their studies, Dr. Kocet said.

Accreditation Renewed for Children’s Center

The Bridgewater State College Children’s Center was reaccredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. This prestigious recognition, which has been awarded to only 8 percent of the early childhood programs nationwide, is the result of a rigorous process undertaken by the Children’s Center staff.

The center went through an extensive self study and was measured against 10 new program standards and more than 400 related performance criteria that reflect the latest research and best practice in early childhood education.

“NAEYC accreditation is a sign that they are leaders in national efforts to invest in high quality early childhood education and to give all children a better start,” said Dr. Mark Ginsberg, executive director of NAEYC.

Good Neighbors Day Brings Out the Best

More than 330 members of the BSC community volunteered on Good Neighbors Day, visiting nearly a dozen sites throughout the region to lend a hand.

The volunteers worked at Franklin Park Zoo, Stone Zoo, the Bridgewater Office of Elder Affairs, Children’s Museum of Easton, Sachem Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Cradles to Crayons, Boston Rescue Mission, Natural Resources Trust, Drumlin Farm, Cape Cod Canal and here on campus with the Department of Social Services in conjunction with Old Colony YMCA.

Volunteers did everything from harvesting potatoes to helping with a Meals-on-Wheels program to creating fanciful pillow cases for foster children. Diane Bell, director of Bridgewater State College’s Community Service Center, said Good Neighbors Day not only helps the less fortunate across the region, it also fosters a bond between students and administrators.

“It’s a wonderful way for new students to get to know staff in a different light, rather than seeing them behind a desk in a suit,” she said. “On this day, administrators and staff were just like the students, dressed in T-shirts, jeans or shorts and sneakers and getting dirty as they, too, set aside time to give back to local community agencies. New students got a chance to see and feel the family atmosphere here at BSC.”
Sharpening Your Competitive Edge
Internships Pay Dividends in Experience and Jobs

By Maura King Scully

When Jeff Fowler, ’03, was interning at Bridgewater Television, the news producer left and the station offered him the job. Dianna Sacco, ’07, was interning at Genzyme when the corporate communications department announced it was adding a position. She applied, and today is a corporate communications associate at the Cambridge-based biotech company.

Welcome to the reality of internships in the 21st century. No longer just for experience, many companies use them to identify and vet potential employees. According to the 2007 Recruiting Benchmarks Survey by the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE), companies are hiring more new college graduates directly from their own internship programs. This year, the conversion rate of turning interns into employees was 47 percent, up from 36 percent in 2006.

It’s a trend that promises to continue, noted John Paganelli, associate director for internships and experiential learning in the Office of Career Services. “Internships allow you to position yourself well. You can test drive the field – and the company – and employers can see how you work and fit in,” he said.

Experience Matters
Even if internships don’t lead directly to a job at that company, “they’re still invaluable,” Mr. Paganelli continued. “To make your resume stand out, you have to convince an employer that you want that particular field and you have the background. An internship does that for you. And if you prove to be a good intern, you’ll gain contacts who may connect you with other opportunities,” he noted.

This was the case for Ms. Sacco who interned at State Street Corporation during her junior year. “I knew I wanted to try another internship, and someone at State Street knew someone at Genzyme and made a phone call for me,” she said. “That’s how I ended up here.”

Mr. Paganelli noted that BSC is mirroring national trends, with an increasing number of students completing internships. “Last year, 388 students did internships, compared to 321 in 2001. Our goal is to keep that number growing and growing,” he said.

Professional Start
As a communications major, Mr. Fowler expected he would complete at least one internship. “I knew if I wanted a job in communications, I needed experience,” he said. Mr. Fowler started volunteering at Bridgewater Television as a sophomore and landed an internship for credit the next year.

“I had an idea I wanted TV production, but the internship gave me a much better understanding of what’s involved,” he said. “It helped me confirm that this was what I wanted to do.” So when the news producer job came along, Mr. Fowler took it. Today, he’s station manager and still works with BSc interns. “We average four to six interns per semester, which benefits both us and the students. We get production help, and they get experience. Our interns move on to production jobs in Boston and Los Angeles – and then they become colleagues,” he explained. “That’s neat.”

Ms. Sacco also credits her internships as “the key to my professional world.”

“When I was a sophomore, I was babysitting and working at Brooks Pharmacy, and I just decided I wanted to do some-thing different, something career related,” she said. Hunting on the Web, she discovered the opportunity at State Street, which eventually led to Genzyme.

“My internships were my first exposure to anything professional in my major. It was awesome to put what I learned in the classroom to work,” she said. “I also learned the value of time management, which I find to be an extremely important lesson now that I’m working full time. It was sometimes difficult to balance my class schedule with my work schedule, as well as my social life. However, the professional experience I had as an intern before I even graduated proved to be invaluable.”

Ms. Sacco’s advice for current students? “Internships are totally necessary for career growth,” she said. “Be proactive and take advantage of the opportunities offered by Career Services. You’re truly going to benefit.”

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**ALUMNI UPDATE**

**Afro-American Alumni Association**

Ann Ulett, ’92, and her husband, Carl, once again hosted the annual Afro-American Alumni Association barbecue. Alumni gathered to share good food and company on a gorgeous summer day in Plymouth.

Ann has just completed her second term as president of this active organization. The new officers include Jacquelyn Tucker, ’90, president; Bruce Wayne Gaines, ’73, vice president; and Christian Gonsalves, ’96, secretary.

The Afro-American Alumni Association is always looking for new members to serve on its board of directors. To help this organization, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 508.531.2695. More information is available on the Afro-American Alumni Association’s Web page, www.bridgew.edu/AfroAmAlum/.

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**Career Survey Report for The Class of 2006**

The Career Services Office conducts an annual survey of the previous year’s graduating class to determine the career and employment status of the new graduates. The following are some of the results from the Class of 2006:

- Eighty-eight percent of respondents from the Class of 2006 were employed six months to a year after graduation.
- Approximately 90 percent are employed in Massachusetts. Five percent have jobs in other New England states and another five percent are working outside the region.
- Eighty-four percent strongly agreed or agreed that their academic programs at BSC prepared them for their current positions.

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**Career Services**

**Upcoming Events**

- **Women in the Workplace**
  Thursday, March 6, 2008, Noon-2 PM
  Campus Center Ballroom

- **Gearing Up for the Education Job Market**
  Wednesday, March 26, 2008, 4-6:30 PM
  Campus Center Ballroom

Visit www.bridgew.edu/careerservices for a complete list of ongoing workshops and programs.

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**Hire an Intern**

Interested in hosting a BSC intern at your company? It’s easy to do. “Our internship database lists more than 300 internship sites with over 700 positions,” said John Paganelli, associate director for internships and experiential learning. “Of those 300 businesses, 51 are alumni employers. We’d love to see that number increase.”

To advertise an internship opportunity at your organization, visit www.bridgew.edu/careerservices and click “Host an Internship.”
The Alumni Chamber Choir

The new executive board of the alumni chamber choir includes John Goulart Jr., president; Maureen Sullivan, vice president; Kathy Cotton, ’92, treasurer (acting); Mary Domer, ’95, secretary; Joan Delano, ’71, G’78, librarian; Jane Clemons, ’73, publicity director and Ian Hudson, social director.

The choir is looking forward to this new concert season and, under the direction of Dr. Carol Nicholeris, will be presenting a concert program of varied musical styles that is sure to have something for everyone. The fall season includes holiday concerts at the Breaker’s Mansion in Newport, RI, on Saturday, Nov. 24, at 6 PM and at the Central Square Congregational Church in Bridgewater on Sunday, Dec. 2, at 3 PM.

The Alumni Chamber Choir rehearses every Wednesday night from 7:30-9:30 PM in the band room in the Rondileau Campus Center. If you are vocally talented and want to be part of a high-quality, challenging, committed choral group, contact John Goulart at john.goulart.jr@comcast.net.

Alumni Weekend 2007

Glorious sunshine greeted alumni who returned to campus in early June. The weekend was very special for many returning graduates because some had not been back to campus in nearly 50 years. The Class of 1957 began its celebration on Friday evening with a cocktail reception and reunion dinner held just for their class. It was wonderful to see old friends reunited after many years. The celebration continued throughout the day on Saturday, and on Sunday morning, some class members had brunch in a private hospitality suite at the Marriott before returning home.

The Class of 1957 presented the college with a gift of $67,000. This group effort was led by a hard-working and dedicated reunion committee under the leadership of Gary Getchell. The money raised will be placed into the newly established Alumni Legacy Fund, and the earnings from the fund will support a student who has demonstrated academic excellence as well as financial need. The Class of 1957 is the first class to designate the class gift to this fund.

The Class of 1962 also celebrated a milestone reunion that began on Friday evening at the Davis Alumni Center and continued throughout the day on Saturday, culminating at the all-alumni dinner held at the Stoneforge restaurant in Raynham.
Members of the Class of 1957 gather near Tillinghast Hall.

Members of the Class of 1947 attending alumni weekend include, from left, Lenore Kelly Hennessey, Virginia Perkins Bramhall, Katherine Rogers, Janice Burchard McNamara and Rita Custeau.

During the alumni association’s annual meeting on Saturday morning, class representatives presented President Mohler-Faria with a check for $117,000 designated to the Jordan D. Fiore, ’40, Endowment for Social Justice Fund, which supports faculty research in the areas of history, sociology, psychology, social work or criminal justice. Fundraising efforts for this fund began in 1987 with a goal of $100,000.

Members of the Class of 1962 present President Dana Mohler-Faria with a check for the Jordan D. Fiore, ’40, Endowment for Social Justice Fund. Pictured from left are Micheal Lombardo, ’62; President Mohler-Faria; Judy Murphy DeVittello, ’62; and Carolyn Van Buskirk Turckbon, ’62.

Members of the Class of 1942, from left, Harriet Noel Blanchard, Juliet Noel Carlson, Phyllis Simon Keith, M. Patricia Royal, Charlotte James Prochnow, Loretta Dupre Ring and Ann Kobowska Winsor
Robert P. Ryan, ’55, retired from his treasurer’s position after serving two three-year terms, and David Messaline, '65, was elected the new treasurer. Kathleen Moore Flaherty, '91, was elected secretary, and Tara Auciello, '05, was elected to a three-year term as a member-at-large. Prior to being elected to the board, Ms. Auciello served as a founding member of the Recent Graduate Association.

GLBTA Alumni Association Forming

In October 2006, the GLBTA Pride Center opened its doors at Bridgewater State College. The center, which supports BSC’s gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender population and their allies, strives to promote a more inclusive and affirming campus climate through education, programming and advocacy.

The center is forming the new GLBTA alumni association. Membership is free, and members will get all the benefits associated with being a BSC graduate, plus the added benefits as a GLBTA alumni association member. Resources will include an online community; social networking programs, such as the GLBTA homecoming reception; and members will be among the first to learn of the center’s happenings on campus. Plus, the involvement will help support current students and strengthen the center’s efforts to make BSC increasingly more GLBTA-affirming.

To join, call Lisa Forest, coordinator of the GLBTA Pride Center, at 508.531.1408 or e-mail her at glbta@bridgew.edu. Visit www.bridgew.edu/GLBTA/alumni.cfm, for more information.
Major Awards

The Bridgewater State College Alumni Association presents awards annually to outstanding alumni, faculty and staff.

To nominate someone, please visit www.bridgew.edu/alumni and complete a nomination form. Please print the completed nomination form and send it with supporting documents to the Office of Alumni Relations, 25 Park Terrace, Bridgewater, MA 02325, no later than Feb. 1, 2008.

The Major Awards Committee met in the spring, and after reviewing many nominations, chose the following as the 2007 recipients of alumni association awards.

Barbara Aguiar Lombardo, '62
Dr. George A. Weygand Award for Outstanding Service to the Alumni Association

Barbara Aguiar Lombardo received her bachelor’s degree in elementary education from BSC in 1962. She accepted a teaching position with the New Bedford public schools where she spent most of her teaching career, with the exception of a few years in the neighboring school system of Dartmouth. Ms. Lombardo retired from teaching in 1997 after a career that spanned 35 years teaching kindergarten through grade four.

She is an active member of the Alumni Association and sits on the BAA Board of Directors where she held the office of secretary. She and her husband, Micheal Lombardo, also a member of the Class of 1962, live in Brockton. Their family, several of whom are BSC alumni, includes Ms. Lombardo’s three children, Mr. Lombardo’s two children and six grandchildren.

Thomas S. Woods, ’79
Dr. Catherine E. Comeau Award for Outstanding Leadership in the Fields of Physical Education, Athletics and Administration

Thomas Woods graduated from BSC in 1979 earning a degree in physical education with a specialization in athletic training and a Master of Science in Physical Education degree with a specialization in athletic training at Indiana State University in 1980. He moved to Texas to begin his career as a licensed and certified athletic trainer and earned a Master of Education in Educational Administration degree from the University of Houston in 1989.

Mr. Woods is the head athletic trainer at Kingwood Park High School near Houston and resides in Katy, TX, with his family.

Mark Johnson
Martha D. Jones Award for Exceptional Dedication to Students

Mark Johnson resides in Bridgewater with his wife and is an assistant director of the Campus Center and technical director of the auditorium. In spring 2007 Mr. Johnson celebrated 20 years

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WEB PAGE

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

DISCOUNTED INSURANCE PROGRAM

The Bridgewater Alumni Association offers discounted car, home and recreational vehicle insurance.

For more information about the programs, contact Candace Maguire at cmaguire@bridgew.edu or visit www.bridgew.edu/Alumni/Alumnservices.cfm.
of employment at BSC. He said that the most rewarding aspect of his 20 years at the college has been his relationship with the students, and he is quite proud that former members of his crew have gone on to successful careers in theatre as technical directors, master carpenters, set designers, lighting and sound designers, scenic artists and event managers. Mr. Johnson often goes beyond his assigned duties, and the students look up to him as a leader and mentor.

Mr. Marvelli is professor and program director at Smith College’s Clark School for the Deaf Graduate Teacher Education Program.

Arthur Svensen, ’65, G’74
Nicholas P. Tillinghast Award for Achievement in the Field of Education
Arthur Svensen has dedicated his life to teaching and has been recognized locally, as well as nationally, for his outstanding work in the field. He earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Bridgewater State College and taught geography and history in the Quincy public schools from 1967-2004.

As a testament to Mr. Svensen’s lasting influence and commitment to his students, he received a letter from William Fitzsimmons, dean of admission at Harvard University. In that letter, Dean Fitzsimmons stated that two students who applied to Harvard University cited what a difference Mr. Svensen’s classes made in their lives. It is clear that he has applied the Bridgewater State College motto, “Not to be ministered unto, but to minister,” to his career.

Recent Graduate Association
The Recent Graduate Association had a very productive second year. Events included a cooking class at Homecoming, a tent in reunion village at the Head of the Charles, and a seminar called New Year, New You, where everyone was afforded the opportunity to get free financial planning advice and resume/interviewing tips. The RGA also helped sponsor the Senior Ball.

ALUMNI ONLINE COMMUNITY
WANT TO RECONNECT WITH CLASSMATES with whom you have lost touch? Then visit Bridgewater State College’s 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.

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Jamie McGonnigal, ’97
Dr. Adrian Tinsley Award for Achievement in the Arts
Jamie McGonnigal is an actor, director, producer and activist who calls New York City home. As a theatrical producer and director, he has been responsible for many of New York’s most acclaimed concerts. This is Mr. McGonnigal’s second trip to BSC in recent months, as he was invited back to campus to speak to BSC’s theater students and to see the student production of Our Town.

Alan Marvelli, ’64
Dr. Adrian Rondileau Award for Professional Achievement
Alan Marvelli graduated in 1964 with a Bachelor of Science in Education. He continued his educational path at Smith College where he received his Master of Education in Education of the Deaf and then went on to receive his Doctor of Education in Educational Administration in 1974 from the University of Massachusetts Amherst.
Be on the lookout for information regarding upcoming events. The RGA will have a wine tasting event at Homecoming; another New Year, New You session this winter, with an additional programming track for those who attended last year’s workshop; as well as an event in the spring.

**Upcoming Events**

**Sunday Brunch and Theater Event in New Bedford**

More than 60 alumni, faculty and friends of BSC met for Sunday brunch at the Wamsutta Club. The group traveled to the New Bedford Festival Theater for a production of 42nd Street, where Producer Armand Marchand, ’66, and Director George Charbonneau, ’66, welcomed the BSC graduates to New Bedford.

**Alumni Chamber Choir Concerts**

- **November 24, 6 PM**
  Breaker’s Mansion, Newport, RI
- **December 2, 3 PM**
  Central Square Congregational Church
  Bridgewater
- **March 2, 2008, 11 AM-1 PM**
  IMG Academies Golf and Country Club
  Bradenton, FL

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**CELEBRATE A LIFELONG CONNECTION TO YOUR ALMA MATER WITH THE GIFT OF A LIFETIME**

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

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

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

All proceeds will benefit BSC students through enhanced scholarship funds.

**Place your order today**, and become a part of Bridgewater State College’s legacy. You may order online at [http://alumni.bridgew.edu](http://alumni.bridgew.edu) or call 508.531.2682.
**ADVANCEMENT UPDATE**

**Time is Running Out**

A temporary provision in the tax law provides a window of opportunity for owners of IRAs. The provision expires at the end of 2007, so you must act soon to realize any benefits.

In short, if you are age 70 1⁄2 or older, you can make a direct transfer of any amount up to $100,000 from your IRA to Bridgewater State College without having to include the transfer in your taxable income for 2007. The amount you transfer also counts toward your required minimum withdrawal for 2007.

This option is an efficient way of providing financial support for BSC, because your taxable income is not increased by the amount you transfer. This could result in larger medical and miscellaneous itemized deductions and a lower tax on capital gain income, as well as other state and local tax savings.

Dr. Theresa Corcoran, ’50, is a member of the Bridgewater Foundation Board and an enthusiastic proponent of this giving option. “It’s a wonderful opportunity to assist your alma mater and at the same time give your own financial condition a boost,” she said.

Several BSC alumni and former faculty members took advantage of this provision last year when it was first introduced. Dr. Mary Lou Thornburg, emerita faculty and chair of the Foundation Board Membership Committee, is one who seized the opportunity. Dr. Thornburg created a fund for professional development for graduate students in health and physical education. “Students can use the money for travel and research. Unless IRA funds are needed for a person’s general living expenses, this tax exemption is a great way to benefit a charitable foundation.”

Another tax-efficient strategy for IRAs or other qualified retirement plans is to name BSC as a beneficiary. If you or your heirs withdraw funds from these plans, the amount withdrawn is subject to income tax on the state and federal levels. Instead, if some or all of your remaining account is a bequest to BSC, no dollars will be lost to income taxes when BSC receives your gift.

This, too, is an easy and inexpensive way to name BSC as one of your beneficiaries – simply complete a change of beneficiary form, which you can get from your plan administrator.

To learn more about these or other giving opportunities, contact Molly Fannon Williams, vice president of institutional advancement by phone at 508.531.1287 or by e-mail, m4williams@bridgew.edu. Those interested in the IRA option can obtain sample instructions to send to your plan administrator.

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**Alumni Legacy Fund Seeds the Future of Excellence**

*By Karen Booth*

The beauty of an endowed scholarship is its enduring value because the principal is never spent: it’s invested. Scholarship monies are generated from a portion of the interest from the initial investment – the larger the principal, the greater the interest; the greater the interest, the more money available for scholarships.

It’s a simple equation and one that the Bridgewater Alumni Association (BAA) fully appreciates. In fact, ever mindful of the importance of the growing need for financial aid for deserving students, the BAA established the Alumni Legacy Fund, seeded with the 50th class reunion gift of $67,000 from the Class of 1957. Future class gifts will be added to this fund, income from which will be used to present a deserving student with an annual Alumni Legacy Scholar Award.

Students from all disciplines will be eligible to receive this prestigious award, based on financial need and merit. Unlike many other scholarships, this one may be renewed annually, pending committee review. This means that the Alumni Legacy Scholar Award can actually follow a student through his or her career at Bridgewater State College.

Mr. Gary Getchell presented the seed money to President Dana Mohler-Faria at the annual meeting of the BAA in June. Speaking on behalf of the Class of 1957, Mr. Getchell emphasized that “as subsequent 50th reunion class gifts are added to the fund and pooled resources grow, the college will award this prestigious scholarship to even more students each year.”

Ms. Candace Maguire, director of the alumni and development programs, is excited with this new development. “Our alumni are leading the way with this progressive, truly altruistic philanthropic scholarship fund. It’s an innovative, collaborative effort that will inspire generations of alumni to give to this worthy cause.”

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*President Dana-Mohler-Faria accepts Class of 1957 gift from Gary Getchell, ’57.*
Submissions for class notes are due by Nov. 30 for inclusion in the Winter 2008 edition of Bridgewater. E-mail class notes to cregan@bridgew.edu or mail to Christine Regan, 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 Christine Regan (see above). We are not able to use digital images printed on home printers because it is generally not of the quality necessary for print reproduction.

1933
Phyllis Stewart Anderson sent a wonderful note to the alumni office. She is 93 years old and taught in the Barre school system for 27 years before retiring in June 1976. She remembers Miss Pope as her dean and the four years on the third floor of Woodward Hall as “enjoyable and paving the way for an enjoyable and lucrative life.” She was happily married for 65 years and is now a widow. She is physically well and enjoying life with nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

1939
Helen Lutted Hansen, G’50, was recognized on her 90th birthday by the town of Stoughton.

1943
Class of 1943 Scholarship Recipient
Sarah Amaral, a sophomore majoring in mathematics and secondary education, aspires to become a high school math teacher. She has been on the dean’s list every semester and has received a 4.0 in two of those semesters. Ms. Amaral keeps busy with a full-time course load and helping her single mother with her disabled brother whenever she gets the chance to go home. She has a work study job in BSC health services and takes part in food and toy drives on campus. She also helps out with her local youth group and participates in the Project Bread Walk for Hunger each year. After graduation, Ms. Amaral hopes to receive her master’s degree while working as a full-time teacher.

1947
Class of 1947 Endowed Scholarship Fund Recipient
Anthony D’Amico is a junior physical education major with a concentration in exercise science. He has been on the dean’s list all five of his semesters at BSC and was named a 2005-2006 NCAA Academic All American and BSC male scholar athlete of the year. Mr. D’Amico is a member of the Bear’s wrestling team and was named wrestler of the year in 2004-2005. His goal is to work as a certified strength and conditioning coach in a college or high school setting.

1948
Anna Gloster McGovern, ’48, would enjoy hearing from classmates. She can be reached by mail at 2050 Herringbrook Road, Eastham, MA 02642.

1951
Submitted by Harry Ohan,’51, .

Our classmate, Wally Gleekman, passed away on Nov. 23, 2006, after a bout with pancreatic cancer. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, their daughter, Dr. Hillary Gleekman-Greeberg, and three grandsons. He was predeceased by his older daughter, Nina.

Mr. Gleekman earned his master’s degree and then served in the U.S. Army in Korea. After the armistice, on his own initiative, he taught reading and writing to groups of illiterate American soldiers sitting on “Coke” boxes in the open air and using the blank backs of maps for their writing paper. He earned his PhD from Walden University while teaching at Brookline High School. Mr. Gleekman took a sabbatical to teach at the American International School in Israel where he introduced the study of Oceanography. He later toured the United States presenting lectures of his experiences in the Sinai.

Worry-free Adventures
Whether you fancy swimming with fresh water pink dolphins in the Amazon, rapelling down waterfalls in Brazil, ziplining through treetops or hang gliding off hilltops, you’ll find your dream adventure at TeacherTreks, a travel agency created by teachers for teachers. As a travel business, it began for BSC graduate Judy Azevedo Burgess, ’63, in 1996. But as a way of life, adventure has defined her every choice following her graduation.

“Bridgewater showed me there was so much more to life,” said Mrs. Burgess with characteristic enthusiasm. “It was a very broadening experience, and I took full advantage of it.”

Right after graduation, Mrs. Burgess joined the Peace Corps, teaching for two years in a small village school in East Africa. Wanderlust thus ignited, years of personal travel ensued. You name it, Mrs. Burgess’s probably been there – which is why she and her business partner husband, Mr. Burgess, who joined the business in 1998, make such good tour guides. Every adventure planned through TeacherTreks is personally arranged by the Burgesses. They visit the location, stay at the hotels, meet and choose the perfect local guide, eat at the local restaurants, take the side tours, soak up the local culture and, generally, live every detail of every trip – before the trip. Then, it’s back to the states to negotiate with vendors – airline, hotels, car rental agencies and the like.

Planned 2008 trips include Hong Kong/ Chinese New Year in February, Chile/Agentina Wine and Food tour in March, Galapagos and Ecuador in June. If you want to learn more, visit: http://ttreks.com.
Desert. After his retirement from Brookline High School, he continued to be active in the public schools until his illness interfered. Teaching chemistry was his passion; coaching the sailing team was his great pleasure (there is even a sailing trophy awarded annually in his name). He was a longtime member of the American Chemical Society, which honored him several times as the Chemistry Teacher of the Year, both regionally and nationally. Shortly after completing his Army service, Mr. Gleekman earned a commission in the Naval Reserve and subsequently advanced to the grade of lieutenant. His annual periods of active duty put him on the decks of some “real” ships, which he also enjoyed greatly. Mr. Gleekman will be missed by his family, his students, his colleagues, and us, his classmates.

Class of 1951 Scholarship Recipients

Maria Pauline came here with her associate’s degree at the age of 45 and has worked diligently to earn her bachelor’s degree while raising her children. Her Brockton roots and her belief that she could make a difference in a child’s life, sparked her desire to become an elementary school teacher in a public school system. A former hairdresser and owner of two salons, she has always remained active in children’s programs, such as summer theaters and camps, as well as working as a classroom volunteer. After graduation, Ms. Pauline would like to earn her master’s degree while working as a teacher in the Brockton public schools.

Kathryn McSurdy is a peer tutor for the Academic Achievement Center and a tutor for various classes within the Department of Special Education and Communication Disorders. She has been an involved member of BSC’s Honor’s Program since 2004 and a member of the BSC chapter of Psi Chi, a national honor society for psychology. During the summer, she volunteers in the Department of Speech-Language-Hearing at the Franciscan Hospital for Children in Brighton where she puts together therapy materials, observes therapy sessions and does general office work. She also works as a part-time office assistant at the Davis Alumni Center at the college. Ms. McSurdy would like to obtain a master’s degree and become a speech-language pathologist working with children in a school or hospital setting.

Mollie White has been on the dean’s list throughout her BSC career. She was inducted into the Order of Omega, a Greek honors society, in recognition of her involvement in the Theta Phi Alpha sorority and her academic achievements. Other campus activities include student government, theater productions and BSC’s Wind Ensemble. Ms. White is a substitute teacher in special needs classrooms at the North River Collaborative Schools. During the summer she is a lifeguard and swim instructor. After graduation, Ms. White would like to attend an occupational master’s degree program and use this additional degree to continue to work with children with severe special needs.

Fun in the sun

Mark, ’95, and Terry, ’92, Hayward love the outdoors, clear blue waters, white sandy beaches and a laid-back lifestyle. So it is no wonder that these adventurous Bridgewater State College graduates found their little piece of heaven on earth on the Caribbean island of Culebra off the coast of Puerto Rico. Shangri-La is the Palmetto, a charming little guesthouse that the couple recently purchased. Congratulations to the Haywards. If you want to learn more, visit http://www.palmettoculebra.com.

1953

Class of 1953 Scholarship in Memory of J. Leo Mulready Recipients

Abby Sherwood, a senior English and secondary education major from Merrimac, has been enrolled in honor’s programs throughout her years at BSC. She is a member and vice president of the International English Honors Society, Sigma Tau Delta. Ms. Sherwood was involved with the BSC Jumpstart Program as a tutor and team leader and completed 400 hours of community service with low income families. She is a peer adviser, orientation leader, senator for the Student Government Association and president of Omicron Delta Kappa, BSC’s newly reinstated Leadership Honors Society. Ms. Sherwood will pursue a career as an English teacher while continuing her English studies at the graduate level.

Samantha Arena, a senior history and secondary education major from Marlborough, has made dean’s list every semester with a cumulative 3.81 GPA. A tutorial at Oxford University during a semester abroad this year greatly enhanced her educational abilities, and she was named to Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Ms. Arena is the secretary of the Class of 2007 and Phi Alpha Theta, the history honor’s society. She is a volunteer tutor at a homeless shelter in Middleboro and is involved with BSC’s Children’s Physical Developmental Clinic (CPDC). Ms. Arena completed her student teaching practicum at Middleboro High School and plans to become a high school history teacher in a South Shore community.

1955

Mary Ellen O’Grady Phelps and her husband, Bill, spent several weeks traveling with friends from Moscow to St. Petersburg, Russia, in May. They also traveled to Peru in August to celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary.

Class of 1955 Scholarship Recipient

Tess Heller wrote the following note to the class and asked that it to be published in the magazine. “I want to thank you for...
the scholarship I have been awarded. It is with your contribution that I will be able to continue my dream of pursuing a career in elementary and special education. This contribution is very much appreciated, and it is my hope that I will someday be able to do the same for future students."

Ms. Heller will be receiving her master’s degree in special education. Her other passion, besides education, is dance. She is a member of the BSC Dance Company and has been chosen to dance in performances each semester. At BSC she works with children on a daily basis by teaching at a Leaps and Bounds Learning Center and substituting at Freetown Elementary School and Rochester Memorial School. Ms. Heller aspires to work in a first or second grade inclusion classroom or as a special education teacher.

1958

Plans are well underway for the Class of 1958 50th reunion in 2008. More information pertaining to the reunion will be mailed in the fall. Mark your calendars for the weekend of June 6 and 7, and come back to enjoy great fun and reunite with old friends.

1959

The reunion committee continues to meet on a regular basis to discuss plans for the 50th reunion in 2009. Those serving on the committee are Robert Rosenblatt, Leon Long, Jane Tuttle Powers, Ernest Cardoza, Carol Tweedie Markey, Paul Giberti, Jean O’Brien, Audrey Perkins Anderson, William Bruno, Richard Lombardi, Monica Silvia Ragonesi, Donald Smith and Jane Foote Melvin.

1961

James G. “Lou” Gorman, G’61, gave the commencement address to the 2007 graduates of Stonehill College.

1962

The 45th reunion was a huge success. Please refer to the information regarding the reunion in the alumni update section of the magazine.

1964

**Ann Cameron** retired as principal of the John F. Kennedy School in Brockton after more than four decades of service in education.

1969

Several classmates met at York Beach for a reunion and celebration of their 60th birthdays (pictured below). … **Richard Kozik** retired after 38 years of service as an educator in the Fall River public school system. He spent 23 years as a classroom teacher and the last 15 years as the vice principal of the Henry Lord Middle School.

1970

**Natalia Lebra** retired from teaching music in Tiverton, RI, after 28 years of service. She and her husband, Gary, are teaching at the Locke Elementary School in Elfers, Pasco County, FL. In October 2005, Ms. Lebra was chosen as a participant in the Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program. As an invitee, she traveled to Japan as a guest of the Japanese government. During her three-week stay, she visited schools interacting with Japanese teachers and students and sharing cultural and educational experiences. Instead of staying in hotels, Ms. Lebra had the opportunity to live in Japanese homes. In December 2006, she became a National Board Certified Teacher in Early and Middle Childhood Music. For the past two years, she has been a delegation leader with People to People Student Ambassador Programs. Through this association, she and her students have traveled not only to Washington, D.C., but also to Australia and New Zealand.

1971

**Sister Martha Mulligan**, G’71, was named principal of Mercymount Country Day School in Cumberland, RI.

1973

**Kevin Harrington** joined Neves & Cashman Realty.

1974

**Betty A. Chemlow**, G’74, was awarded the Dr. Richard J. Elkort Citizen of the Year award given by the Blue Hills Civic Association for her achievements and service to the Canton community.
Richard Kozik, G’74, G’81, has retired after 38 years of service as an educator in the Fall River public school system. He spent 23 years as a classroom teacher, and for the last 15 years, he was the vice principal of the Henry Lord Middle School.

Joan Howard is the head field hockey coach at the University of New England. Dr. Frances Reddington was awarded the 2006–2007 University Excellence in Teaching award from the University of Central Missouri. Susan Szachowicz was honored at the 2007 Athena Award ceremony sponsored by Sovereign Bank. The Athena Award is presented to honor excellence, community service and to recognize those who assist women in achieving professional excellence and leadership skills. “Creative Collections,” the art of Judith Murray Smith and Erin Crowley, ’93, was displayed in the art gallery of the Stoughton Public Library.

William Mansfield, G’80, retired from teaching after 35 years at the Bryantville Elementary School in Pembroke. Michael Young, Plymouth Fire Department battalion chief, was honored as Cape Cod Community College’s Alumnus of the Year during commencement ceremonies held in May. After graduating from BSC, he worked many years as a firefighter, paramedic and emergency medical technician. To further advance his career, Mr. Young enrolled in the Fire Service Program at Cape Cod Community College and graduated in 1994 with a 4.0 grade point average. Mr. Young has also received the Medal of Heroism Award from Legion Post 40, as well as Firehouse Magazine.

Steven P. Cadorette has joined Gordon R. Archibald Inc. as a manager and supervisor of environmental services. James Hickey received his PhD degree from Dartmouth College in June and is entering his fifth year of teaching at Northwest Missouri State University. After reading about BSC students going into top graduate school programs, Mr. Hickey sent a note to the alumni office stating that he received an excellent education at BSC that was the solid foundation he needed to arrive where he is today.

Peg Alexander Campbell is president of the Andover Youth Foundation.

Robert Walnista and his wife, Tina, recently returned from China with their 6-year-old son, Zachary, and their newly adopted 11-month-old daughter, Isabella. All are doing well and living in Mansfield. Mr. Walnista would love to hear from old college friends at rtwalnista@comcast.net.

Corrine Brennan was named 2007 Teacher of the Year by the Falmouth Wal-Mart. Ms. Brennan has been teaching in Falmouth for 19 years. Keith Bourdon, G’88, received the 2007 Probation Employee Recognition Award at a Statehouse ceremony.

Ellen Lennon had 25 oil, watercolor, acrylic and pastel paintings displayed at the Ballymeade Country Club. Mary Mortensen, G’05, is the principal at Plymouth North High School in Plymouth. Shawn Spencer earned a master of education degree in higher education administration from Suffolk University in May. Susan E. McCurry Wilkinson, G’94, G’05, is the principal of the Macomber School in Westport.
1992
Jeff Proudler is a project manager at Capital Construction.

1993
Bobbi Lutoff Meloro has opened the law office of Bobbi L. Meloro, PA, in Fort Lauderdale. Ms. Meloro practices in the areas of business and commercial litigation, employment law, and contract and real estate disputes in Florida state and federal courts. Her e-mail address is bobbi@melorolaw.com. … Lawrence M. Pushard has received the Massachusetts state police superintendent’s commendation … “Creative Collections,” the art of Judith Murray Smith, ’77, and Erin Crowley was recently displayed in the art gallery of the Stoughton Public Library.

1995
Eric Easterday is the new owner of Read-more Books in Taunton. … Sheila Haskins, ’95, G’03, is the principal of Old Rochester Regional High School in Mattapoisett. … Bob DeSaulniers, G’95, is the interim athletic director at Weston High School for the 2007-2008 academic year.

1997
Scott Deeter was promoted to an air traffic controller specialist at Orlando International Airport. … Gary Fowles is a contractor for Eli Lilli in the Diabetes Care division. Gary’s wife, Laurie Ford Fowles, has started her own law practice and is enjoying being a mom to their daughter, Sarah. … Troy Hopkins, G’96, is principal at Coventry High School in Coventry, CT. … M. Lynn Bastoni, G’97, is the principal of the Carver Middle School. … Jamie McGonnigal was selected by the United Nations Association HERO campaign to serve as an ambassador, traveling to Africa to provide support to school-age children who live in remote AIDS/HIV-affected communities.

1999
Philip Klotzbach successfully defended his doctoral dissertation at Colorado State University where he is a research associate in the Atmospheric Science Department.

2000
Heather Gibeault Hayes is a senior loan officer for Rockland Trust.

2002
Kerrie Blake is the new president and CEO of the Taunton Area Chamber of Commerce.

2003
Erica Mack Flemming passed the CPA exam. … Wareham Middle School teacher Jessica Frazier was named Teacher of the Year by Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. … Pamela Gould, G’03, is the principal at Franklin High School. … Christopher Haskins, G’03, is the principal at Springbrook Elementary School in Westerly, RI. … David M. Lentini III received his Juris Doctor from Roger Williams University in 2006 and is an attorney with the law firm of Morgan & Murphy in New Bedford. … Bill O’Connell has opened his own mortgage brokerage company, Boston Elite Mortgage Company.

2004
Nanette Baines, G’04, received a creative works award at President Mohler-Faria’s Awards for Excellence ceremony. She is the assistant director of admissions at BSC. … Patrick J. Lucier, G’04, is the principal at the H.H. Richardson Intermediate School in Easton.

2005
Somerset Middle School teacher Jill Pansera Dyl received the Educator of the Month Award, which is sponsored by Waring-Sullivan Funeral Homes and WSAR Radio. … Tess M. Ferreira joined EXIT Realty Advisors of New Bedford in the listing and sales of real estate department. … Staff Sergeant Shawn O’Leary, serving with the 102nd Fighter Wing at Otis, was selected as the Massachusetts Air National Guard’s Outstanding Airman of the Year 2006. Mr. O’Leary was selected to represent the Massachusetts Air National Guard at a national-level competition for the best of best. … Adam Stoddard is living in Maryland and is district asset manager for the corporate office of The Sports Authority.

2006
Heidi Charlebois has completed one year in the Peace Corps in Kenya, Africa, working to improve the health conditions there. … Craig Consigli, G’06, is principal at Middle School East in Milford. … Meghan Donnelly starred in the Walpole Footlighters production of Red Hot and Cole. … Nathan Goldrick is the track and field head coach at Wareham High School. … Shannon Kelley received her master’s degree in social work from Wheelock College. … Ashley Pacheco is a community resource specialist in the Intake Department at Bristol Elder Service, Inc. … Sarah Richards Papajohn is a branch manager in Braintree for South Shore Savings Bank.

2007
Michael Mullen has joined the office of State Representative Christine E. Canavan, RN, D-Brockton, as an administrative aide.
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Marriages
Jennifer Scott Allen to Glenn Roland Bryant Jr., ‘90, on Aug. 19, 2006
Karen Armstrong, ‘98, to Najib El Messadi
Alison Drumm, ‘98, to Steve Babineau on March 10, 2007
Susanne Faith Dosenberg to Paul Anthony Kelly, ‘99, on Nov. 18, 2007
Kristen Nicole Viveiros, ‘99, to Andrew Thomas Kaufman on Sept. 3, 2006
Gina M. Dever, ‘00, to Robert S. Todd on Nov. 18, 2006
Andrea Marie Grew to Brian James Pattison, ‘00, on Nov. 11, 2006
Christine Pacheco, ‘01, to Jeffrey Coelho on Sept. 30, 2006
Kristin Danker, ‘02, G’07, to Paul Bateman Jr. on Aug. 17, 2006
Erica Mack, ‘03, to Joseph Flemming, ‘03, G’05, on Oct. 21, 2006
Michael E. Sweeney Jr., G’03, to Steven Amaral on June 21, 2006
Diana Elizabeth Bellucci, ‘04, to Stewart Franklin Prue on Dec. 16, 2006
Kristine Anne Golenski, ‘04, to Christopher S. Benvie, ‘04, on Oct. 8, 2006
Stacy Tomase, ‘04, to Andrew Kvilhaug on June 23, 2007
Jessica S. Kruczowski, G’05, to John E. McComish on April 14, 2007
Christine Jayne Cepetelli to Garran Justin Peterson, ‘05, on Oct. 7, 2006

Deaths
Catherine L. Cahill Ferguson, ‘25, on April 5, 2007
Phyllis M. Stewart Anderson, ‘33, on April 20, 2007
Wilmar C. Harlow Armer, ‘35, G’46, on April 19, 2007
Myrtle Elizabeth Pray Turner, ‘35, on April 14, 2007
Ida C. Cardoza Baptiste, ‘40, on April 19, 2007
Professor Edward Swenson, athletic director and coach, for whom Swenson Field is named, and who reintroduced varsity football to BSC in 1960, poses in this 1969 photograph with the officers of the Men’s Athletic Association (MAA), who are, from left, George Sullivan; Brian Gilligan, president; Don Ward, corresponding secretary; and Barry Fitzpatrick.
Members of the Class of 2008 gathered in the Rondileau Campus Center Auditorium along with faculty, staff and guests to usher in Bridgewater State College’s 168th academic year during Senior Convocation.

The annual September event fore-shadows commencement in many ways, and this year was no different. Dr. Janice Harris, college marshal, congratulated students on “making it to the home stretch.” Meanwhile, Louis M. Ricciardi, ’81, chairman of the Board of Trustees, extolled students to “seek positive role models” as they move through life.

Prior to introducing the keynote speaker, President Mohler-Faria announced a $250,000 gift to the college’s upcoming multi-year capital campaign from the Bristol County Savings Bank Charitable Foundation. “Private philanthropy helps keep the doors open for all students who seek a college education,” the president said.

E. Dennis Kelly Jr., president and CEO of Bristol County Savings Bank and chairman of the Bridgewater State College Foundation, spoke directly to the students. “This (donation) is not about us. It’s about you, the difference you make in our community, in our region. We do this for what you have done for our region and in anticipation of what future students will do for the region.”

Keynote speaker Phyllis Wells Klock, ’67, retired president and CEO of CompBenefits Corp., is serving her second term as a charter member of the University of Central Florida’s Board of Trustees. She was straightforward in her advice to students: “When opportunities present themselves, be open to them,” she said, adding that a college education is “the only risk-free investment” they’ll ever come across.

President Mohler-Faria implored students as they spend their final year at BSC to “reflect on your interactions at college, the difficult times, the wonderful and inspiring times, and ask yourself, have you taken advantage of every opportunity here at Bridgewater? Then, focus on your future. Think about what really matters to you. Commit yourselves to things that really matter, remembering that if you give more than you get, you will ultimately get more than you give.”

The program concluded with remarks by Mario Pires, ’08, Student Government Association president. “Get involved. Create lasting relationships, and get the most out of your college experience. Enjoy every moment. Make connections, have fun, because soon it will all be in the past,” he said.
Crimson Hall Dedicated

More than 120 members and friends of the Bridgewater State College community gathered outside Crimson Hall at the beginning of the new academic year for a celebratory ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the opening of the college’s newest residence hall.

The ceremony gave college officials a chance to thank those involved in making the $38.3 million, 400-bed facility a reality, including contractors, architects, engineers and administrators of the college, as well as members of the College Board of Trustees, the Massachusetts State College Building Authority and the Board of Higher Education.

Dr. David Ostroth, vice president of student affairs, read a statement on behalf of President Dana Mohler-Faria. The president said the college is very proud to house “the crown jewel of residence halls in Massachusetts.” Also recognized during the ceremony was the college’s Office of Facilities Management and Planning, which oversaw the project.

Speakers also included Louis Ricciardi, ’81, chairman of the college’s Board of Trustees; Frederick W. Clark Jr., ’83, chairman of the state’s Board of Higher Education; and Joshua Maus, a current student.