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On the cover: “The Bridgewater Connection” is working at a Texas-based publishing conglomerate. From left in photo are Ralph Fletcher, ‘53, vice-president of the firm; Regina Buckley, ’92, New England sales representative; Sallie Staton-Knott, M.Ed., ’72, national sales manager; and Professor Judy Deckers of the Department of Elementary and Early Childhood Education at Bridgewater who is consulting with the company. See story beginning on page 3.

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Bridgewater is published quarterly for the information and reading pleasure of Bridgewater State College alumni, faculty, students, staff, parents and other friends of the college.
Recently I was invited to speak to the Rotary Club of Taunton, Massachusetts, and I was pleased to have that opportunity because in the fall of 1989, only months after I had begun serving as Bridgewater’s president, this organization had asked me to be its guest speaker. As I prepared the remarks for my December, 1996, address to the same group, it was interesting for me to reflect back on how much the college and the region have changed in the relatively short span of seven years.

Optimistic as I was back then, I think the future of the college and this region are even brighter today than any of us might have anticipated.

While the city of Taunton has become one of the state’s great economic success stories — attracting new business and industry and adding new jobs — during this same period the college has strengthened itself in a number of important ways by adding new academic programs, investing in educational technology, and broadening the base of private financial support from alumni and friends.

These are the key points I shared with the Rotary Club in my December address:

- Bridgewater’s enrollment today stands at more than 8,700 full-time and part-time students, with close to eighty percent of them from cities and towns in southeastern Massachusetts;
- Academically, the college offers more than 100 undergraduate and graduate degree programs, and in recent years — even as we had to tighten our fiscal belts — we have added new undergraduate majors in economics and in music, plus a new master’s degree program in public administration;
- Next fall we will open a School of Management Science and Aviation Science to join the existing School of Arts and Sciences and the School of Education and Allied Studies. Now with three major schools within the college, we will be better able to focus our resources, coordinate planning and budgets, and deliver services more efficiently to all of our students and faculty;
- We have purchased new land for future growth. In fact, the campus today encompasses 230 acres of land with plenty of open space for expansion if necessary well into the next century. To help us acquire land, we have raised well over a million dollars from alumni and friends;
- The John Joseph Moakley Center for Technological Applications — now in its second year of operation — has greatly accelerated the college’s movement into technology. The center has become the focal point for a growing number of initiatives on campus, with local and regional elementary and secondary schools, and, increasingly, with a variety of major corporate partners.
- On September 1st of this year, we officially opened the Institute for Regional Development at Bridgewater. The objective of the new Institute is to help our campus better coordinate our efforts with area businesses, chambers of commerce, public agencies and non-profit organizations to help keep southeastern Massachusetts a good place to live and work.

The above are just some examples of the multitude of projects and programs our faculty, students and staff are currently engaged in. Bridgewater remains a vigorous and exciting place to be affiliated with, and I know that you, as alumni and friends of the college, share my pride in the achievements of this college. Bridgewater’s leadership position among public colleges is well-assured, thanks to the efforts of so many dedicated and talented people.

Sincerely,

Adrian Tinsley
President
The Bridgewater Connection at a Texas-Based Publishing Company Helps Bring Strength to Catholic Education

By David Wilson, '71

More than 2,000 miles from the Bridgewater campus -- just north of Dallas in the economic boometown of Allen, Texas -- there is an outpost of people whose strong ties to the college have brought them together to work on a major project that will affect how millions of Catholics learn about their faith and share it.

At the center of this story is Ralph J. Fletcher, '53, vice president and director of marketing for Tabor Publishing, one of the nation's leading producers of religious education materials.

Among the college's 33,000+ living graduates, Ralph may well have more "Bridgewater Connections" than anyone else.

For example: Ralph, who also holds a master's degree from Bridgewater, is from a family of Bridgewater graduates. His mother, Margaret, '26 -- who recently celebrated her 90th birthday -- and brother, Dr. John J., '58, and sister Ann, '55 (Whalen) are Bridgewater graduates and his wife, Jean, (Collins), '51, is a Bridgewater graduate -- they met at the college and married while he was still a student.

In addition, Ralph served seven years as president of the alumni association (a record); he was elected and served as the alumni representative on the college's Board of Trustees; he is the only person invited to be the featured speaker both at a Fall Convocation (which officially opens each academic year) and at a Commencement Ceremony; in 1992 he was awarded the Alumni Award for Distinguished Service; and in 1988, after retiring as chairman of the board of another major publishing company in New York City, he returned to his alma mater to lend his business expertise as the college foundation's Director of Corporate Relations for four years.

Ralph's most recent "Bridgewater Connection" is unfolding right now at Tabor, which recruited him away from Bridgewater and out of retirement in 1993 to help lead one of the most significant marketing initiatives in the company's history -- the development of its "Echoes of Faith" project, among other major projects.

In turn, Ralph has turned to one of Bridgewater's best-known and most respected education professionals -- Professor Judy Deckers of the Department of Elementary and Early Childhood Education -- to assist Tabor in creating the "Echoes of Faith" books and videos which take a whole new approach to teaching catechists about sharing their faith.

As a curriculum editor at Tabor, Professor Deckers -- who is currently on a year's leave of absence from Bridgewater to work on the project -- is using her experience and expertise to make the booklets meaningful, stimulating, and useful.

And a year ago when Tabor wanted to hire an enterprising person to be its New England representative to market "Echoes of Faith" and other materials, Professor Deckers used her "Bridgewater Connection" to recommend a former student, Regina Buckley, '91, to be that person. Regina now covers the six New England states for Tabor and reports she "loves my job."

More about those aspects shortly. First, how "Echoes of Faith" came about and what the goal of the series is.

"There are 19,000 parishes in the United States, all of which offer educational programs," explains Mr. Fletcher. "There are 190 dioceses in the country overseeing these parishes and every one has a bishop who appoints a religious education director. Those people have a national association, the National Conference of Catechetical Leaders, and they have been concerned about the teaching of religion."

Out of that concern grew the idea of doing a program to help train religious educators in a more formal and systematic way, he says. "The intent was to use videos so that religious educators could take the program home and use them at their own convenience."

But when officers of the group approached foundations seeking funding for the project, they weren't successful. "When the idea was subsequently presented at a publishing conference in 1992, Tabor's president, Eileen Anderson, was interested," he continues. "She came back and spoke with Richard Leach, Tabor's owner. She told him, 'I really think this would be a major contribution to the Church.' He said, 'Tell them we'll do it.' And that's how 'Echoes of Faith' got started."

Ralph had worked with Eileen Anderson for a number of years when both were employed by Sadlier Publishing Company in New York City. He was the company's president and later chairman of the board, and she was his vice presi-
dent. One day in 1993, Eileen—now president of Tabor Publishing—called him at Bridgewater with a proposal.

“She told me about the project and said the company wanted to hire me as a marketing consultant,” he recalls. “I was intrigued by the idea because my family and I have always been closely involved with the Catholic Church and I had spent my entire publishing career in the religious education sector. I was able to work out an arrangement with the college that allowed me to take the time off necessary to go to Texas.”

The offer to be a marketing consultant soon turned to an offer to become a senior officer at Tabor. “When I was asked to become a vice president, and move to Texas, that was obviously a big decision for Jean and me,” he says. “We had moved so many times earlier in my career I wasn’t sure how Jean would feel about it. But she said, ‘Let’s go,’ and her support really made the difference.”

For Ralph, coming out of retirement to become vice president of marketing at a major catechetical publisher is the latest unexpected twist in a life that has had more than the usual number of turns and changing directions. Although “Bridgewater Connections” have been integral to his career path, he nearly never went to college at all.

“I enrolled at Bridgewater as a freshman in the fall of 1949, but going to college wasn’t something I had been planning to do, even though my mother was a Bridgewater graduate (class of 1926) and my father was a school teacher at B.M.C. Durfee High School in Fall River,” he recalls. “My older brother had gone on to college. In my own mind, however, I didn’t envision myself going to college.”

Ralph happened to be working at a pharmacy in Fall River, and the woman who owned it—Helen Corrigan, also a Bridgewater graduate—encouraged him to think otherwise. “You can do it,” she told me, ‘and I’m going to take you up to Bridgewater and have you meet the president, Dr. Kelly.’ She drove me to the college, walked me right into Dr. Kelly’s office—she was a very influential leader of the Democratic Party in the state—and said, ‘I’d like you to accept this young man as a student.’ And he did.”

He says he was impressed. “Bridgewater in 1949 was a wonderful place. Coming from the tenements of Fall River to Bridgewater was like going to heaven. I recall making a visit to the college before school started to attend an evening play, and I remember a big harvest moon shining over the campus, and how gorgeous it all looked. Of course, another big draw for me was that there were 600 students, and 500 of them were women,” he admits.

Ralph slowly became friends with Miss Pope, a formidable presence on Bridgewater’s campus, and eventually developed a warm relationship. “I recall especially how fascinated I was by a course she taught to all Bridgewater students, a course which met once a week where she would tell us all about the people who had founded Bridgewater, and she did it such a powerful way that I was taken in by the whole mystique of how these brave men and women had fought to bring education to the children of the nation.”

It was at Bridgewater that he met Jean, two years ahead of him in school.

“Jean and I married at the end of my sophomore year, which was the year she graduated from Bridgewater. Although we were the same age, the several years I had spent working before I came to college accounts for our different graduating years. Jean took a room in Bridgewater and accepted a teaching position in Plymouth. Since I was still in school, we survived on her week’s pay. Our first son, Ralph Jr., was born before I graduated.”

“When Jean got pregnant, she couldn’t work, so I did as much as I could— I drove milk trucks on weekends and worked as much as I could around the college, which made me feel even closer to the school. I washed dishes in the kitchen and painted dormitory rooms during vacations, so I got to know just about everybody.

“In fact, it was my milk truck driving that got me my first teaching position. One of my regular stops was a little breakfast shop in Marshfield, and it was a place where the superintendent of schools in Marshfield used to go for coffee every morning. During the summer after I graduated from Bridgewater I happened to get into a conversation with him, and he told me that Marshfield was overcrowded, without enough school buildings. A plan had been developed to house a fifth grade classroom in a local library, but he needed a teacher who could also drive a bus to transport the pupils to other schools for lunch and gym, and here I was driving a milk truck. So I got hired. My first contract was for $2,600 a year.”

Money was an increasing concern for a growing family. “I left Marshfield after a year—it seemed that Jean and I were becoming new parents on an annual basis—to take a better paying job in Scituate, which gave me about a thousand dollar salary increase,” he remembers.

“After four years in teaching, I was making around $4,600 a year, and we had just had welcomed our fifth baby. We just couldn’t live on what I was earning as a teacher, so I took a second job as a bartender at the Red Lion Inn in Cohasset. As a result, I’d teach from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Scituate and then drive directly to Cohasset to tend bar from 6:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. I did that for a whole year, with only one night a week off—and on that night, I’d drive to Bridgewater to study for my master’s degree. At the end of the year I was exhausted.”

Then came an unexpected opportunity. “One of my regular customers at the Inn was employed by a book company in Chicago, and one night he mentioned that his company was seeking to hire someone who could sell textbooks to Catholic schools in New England. Even though I was a public school teacher, he recommended me—and he must have told the company, ‘I know someone who works twenty-four hours a day’—and the company hired me. The year was
1957, and I was given a new car and a raise of a couple of thousand dollars. I thought this was all fantastic and so did Jean because we were in tough financial shape," he says.

"I spent the next ten years as the New England representative of the Laidlaw Brothers Company, and this was when I started to become friends with Miss Pope. I frequently traveled through Bridgewater and would often stop just to chat with her. One day she said to me, 'How would you like to be president of the Alumni Association?' and I agreed. I held the position for seven years."

But he found that selling books wasn't an easy task. "I was working the Catholic schools of New England in those years, but if you didn't have a connection in the system, a contact person, it was very difficult to sell books," he recalls. "I'd visit all of these schools and have trouble selling anything. But then I found out that the community supervisor for the Sisters of St. Joseph was a Bridgewater graduate, Sister Francis Regis, C. S. J. (Lena Trojano, '39) and we became good friends. One day I said to her, 'Sister, how does one sell books in the Archdiocese of Boston?' What I didn't know when I asked that question was that she controlled the whole process. At the time there was considerable interest in the 'modern math' movement, and Laidlaw Brothers had developed a first-rate series on that topic authored by a professor at Bowling Green State University in Ohio. She said, 'Well, let's talk about your modern math program.' Ultimately the Archdiocese adopted that book, which meant that every child in the city's Catholic schools got that book. It took me from being just an average, everyday book salesman right to the top of the sales chart."

Working with Miss Pope and with Sister Francis Regis, Ralph organized an annual conference of Catholic educators at Bridgewater that proved to be a success, further cementing his relationship both with Miss Pope and with Sister Francis Regis.

Then again the "Bridgewater Connection" came into play. Sister Francis Regis was so impressed with Ralph, and with Laidlaw, that she was planning to move another series -- this one a history series -- from Sadlier to Laidlaw. When Sadlier asked why, she told them about the dynamic young salesman. Ralph was promptly offered a position with W. H. Sadlier Publishing Company in management. He and Jean, and their then eight children, prepared to pack up and head for Chicago.

"In 1966 I joined Sadlier as Midwest sales manager, and these turned out to be for Jean and for me some of the best years of our lives."

Ralph spent three years in Chicago, and when he returned to Sadlier headquarters in New York City, he was appointed the company's national sales manager. He held that position with Sadlier for five years, traveling across the country on a regular basis. In 1974, Sadlier appointed him president, again with a boost from fellow BSC grad Sister Francis Regis.

"She was very highly regarded by Sadlier, and later when Sadlier consulted her about whom she thought would make a good president for the company, she recommended me. And literally, that's how I became president of Sadlier Publishing Company, because a fellow Bridgewater graduate gave me that recommendation. So my connections to Bridgewater are unbelievable."

In 1984 Ralph was appointed chairman of the board at Sadlier, and remained with the company until he retired in 1987.

"I thought my career in publishing had come to an appropriate and thoroughly fulfilling end," he recalls. "I was looking forward to new challenges and I was enjoying my work at Bridgewater. Then came that call from Eileen Anderson, and I was right back in the game."

It's a move that neither Ralph nor Jean have regretted, as she tells in her own words:

"We Have Lived a Lot of Life Together"

Since Jean (Collins) Fletcher, '51, and Ralph were married during school vacation in February of 1952, they have lived in eight different houses in three different parts of the country and raised nine children along the way. "We have lived a lot of life together," says Jean.

This latest move -- to Plano, Texas -- is the furthest from her native roots in Arlington, Massachusetts, that Jean has ever called home, but she wasn't hesitant when Ralph told her about the offer from Tabor Publishing. "We're a team, and if his work required us to go to Texas, I was certainly willing to start packing," she states firmly.

It was Jean's guidance counselor at Arlington High School who first suggested she consider attending what was then Bridgewater State Teachers College (although she personally wasn't familiar with the college when her guidance counselor mentioned it, she subsequently discovered that years earlier her family had actually lived in Bridgewater). When she came to the campus the summer after high school graduation -- "my mother and my aunt drove me down and we went in and actually spoke directly to the president, Dr. Kelly" -- she was very much impressed with what she saw.

"I recall thinking that the campus was so beautiful, and I said to myself, 'If I hadn't come here, I would never have known such a wonderful world existed.' My experience at Bridgewater changed my life. We had unbelievable teachers who really cared about us;"
she remembers.

That fall, 1947, she entered the college, and the next year she met Ralph for the first time. "A group of us were going in a car to a basketball game, and the only place to sit was on Ralph's lap," she says. She recalls thinking of him as "a nice person -- above average."

"I was rooming in Plymouth and Ralph was doing the same in Bridgewater, and since we didn't have a car, we had to rely on friends to get us together," she says.

Ralph and Jean announced their engagement at Christmas time, 1951, and married on February 16, 1952, at a church in Arlington. The first of their nine children, a son they named Ralph, arrived in 1953 while his dad was still an undergraduate.

By 1960, when there were six children and Ralph had already left teaching to become a book salesman, the family moved into a larger home in Marshfield. They remained there until 1966 when Ralph took on a management position with Sadlier Brothers Publishing Company.

"The new job meant we had to move to Chicago," says Jean. "At this time we had eight children. You can imagine the logistics of resettling a family of that size halfway across the country."

After three years in Chicago, Ralph was named national sales manager for Sadlier at its New York City headquarters and the family moved to West Islip, Long Island. There Ralph and Jean (now with nine children) began a twenty-year stay at a large white house on a quiet street just a few blocks from the Atlantic Ocean.

"I made wonderful friends in West Islip," says Jean.

Their subsequent return to Massachusetts proved to be only the prelude to the move to Texas.

"I never imagined I'd be living in Plano, Texas, and enjoying it so much," Jean says. "The weather is wonderful and, after raising our family, it's nice to have this time by ourselves. Ralph and I both like living here very much. Even though we hadn't planned on it, this certainly turned out to be a good opportunity for both of us," Jean says. "I think we've been very fortunate."

"Every Opportunity Gives You the Chance to Grow Professionally"

Professor Judy Deckers is a 24-year veteran of the college faculty. She is a graduate of Worcester State College and holds a master's degree in reading from Boston University. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, she served for six years as chairperson of the Department of Elementary and Early Childhood Education and is a former chairperson of the college's Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.

She has done extensive in-service work for teachers in reading and writing for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. She has also taught courses in international schools in Mexico, Santo Domingo and Costa Rica.

For ten years she coordinated the children's liturgy at the Catholic Center on campus, and to prepare for that, she attended for each of those years a special program on liturgy at the University of Notre Dame, "and that really helped me as I began to work with Tabor on its early childhood program, the 'Children of God' series."

"Ralph and I got to know each other in 1988 when we both served on the search committee that selected Dr. Tinsley as the college's new president," she recalls. "Shortly after that, Ralph left the college to return to the publishing world as a vice president of Tabor. At that point, Tabor was planning to create a program to introduce young children aged 3, 4 and 5 to their religion, and the company was seeking help from professionals in the field of early childhood education to develop the concept."

Ralph, who through his association with Judy was aware of her expertise in the area, contacted her. "Ralph invited me to Dallas to join the group creating the series which would be named 'Children of God.' I was asked to write the curriculum materials for the three-year-olds, which I did with the assistance of several of my Bridgewater colleagues, Professors Peg Joyce and Tom Wolpert. Together we composed a set of original stories and activities for the children and authored the teachers' manuals to accompany the materials the children would use."

The work began in July of 1993 and a total of 30 different lesson units were completed. The curriculum was published in early 1994.

"This was a wonderful learning experience for me," she remembers. "After years of using instructional materials myself, I was now in the position of attempting to create -- in the most developmentally-appropriate and 'user-friendly' ways possible -- similar kinds of educational materials that teachers and children would find interesting and appealing."

Judy traveled throughout New England for Tabor offering workshops at diocesan conferences on how young children grow in spirituality, which is the aim of the "Children of God" series.

"I was thrilled with the opportunity Tabor was giving me to go out and talk to teachers about how young children learn. One aspect that really pleased me is that at many of these workshops, I'd run into former students of mine from Bridgewater because many of them are catechists in dioceses in Massachusetts," she recalls.

Judy continued her consulting work with Ralph at Tabor, focusing on elementary curriculum materials.

"All of a sudden, in the first week of February, 1996, Ralph called me and asked if I would consider coming to Tabor as a curriculum editor," Judy remembers. "He said 'we'd like to use your pedagogical background to look at all the different kinds of educational
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Mr. Ralph Fletcher, '53, and Professor Judy Deckers examine page proofs at Tabor Publishing in Dallas, Texas.

materials we're developing,'” Judy asked for an appointment with President Tinsley to discuss the situation. “I really don’t want to consider giving up teaching,” Judy told the president. “But I’d like to try this. I asked her, ‘Would you grant me a year’s leave of absence so I could go to Texas.’ She told me, ‘Every opportunity gives you the chance to grow professionally. I would strongly encourage you to take the leave.’”

When Judy arrived in Texas, she joined a project team that was working on the “Echoes of Faith” series, an adult catechetical program. “Our goal is to develop a set of thirty videos and companion booklets to provide religion teachers with the skills and content needed to teach the faith,” she explains.

“My team works with authors and leading theologians – the content experts – to help create materials that convey in print and on film the educational or theological concepts we want each module to impart. Since a lot of my work in teaching at Bridgewater has been in staff development and, specifically, in the supervision of reading programs at the graduate level, this just fits right into areas where I’ve already had experience.”

Midway through Judy’s one-year leave of absence, four modules in the “Echoes of Faith” series have been produced and distributed. Even as she plans on resuming her teaching duties in September, she looks forward to being involved in the project in the future.

“This has been such a tremendous learning experience for me and that’s partly because I think the work we’re doing is so important. As an educator and a person of faith, I see such rewards for the children and for their teachers who will use what we’re doing to become more competent and confident in sharing their faith.”

“Most of All, I’m a Teacher Again”

The “Bridgewater Connection” reached out from Allen, Texas, via the college and found Regina Buckley, '92, in Avon, Massachusetts.

Regina, who originally had planned to become a teacher (her degree was in elementary education), never envisioned herself in sales, but today she travels 40,000 miles a year as the New England sales representative for Tabor Publishing.

“I love what I do and what I like most about my job is the people I meet,” she says. “I enjoy providing a service because our primary market is parish religious educators, and I enjoy supporting them in their efforts,” she says.

Not only does Regina sell educational materials, she also presents seminars and workshops which are designed to help train religion teachers in using those materials effectively.

And that, she says, is what she finds attractive about the job. “I’m a teacher again,” she says, happily. “I really enjoy that part of the job.

After graduating, Regina had held several different positions, including substitute teacher and educational researcher for a software design company.

It was a former professor of hers at Bridgewater -- Dr. John Marvelle, himself a Bridgewater graduate, class of 1972, master’s, 1976 -- who provided the first link in the “Bridgewater Connection.”

“[John] called one day and he told me that Professor Judy Deckers was working for a Catholic publishing company in Texas,” Regina recalls. “The company had asked if she knew of anyone willing to take a sales position in the New England region.” In turn, Judy had called John Marvelle, who recommended Regina.

She agreed to send a resume, and then passed an initial local interview with Sallie Staton-Knott, the head of national sales who also had a ‘Bridgewater Connection’ because she holds a master’s degree from the college. Two weeks later Regina was invited to Texas for second interview and was offered the position.

Regina started work on November 1, 1995, and she is grateful for the opportunity Tabor gave her.

As for the “Bridgewater Connection,” Regina is convinced it isn’t all accidental.

“I always believed that things happen for a reason,” she states. “I feel that having Ralph Fletcher, John Marvelle and Judy Deckers all coming into my life was probably part of some grand plan. I feel very fortunate that I was given the opportunity to meet three such wonderful people and to have the opportunity that I do with Tabor to use my talents in so many creative ways.” •
"When I Look Around, I See Physics Everywhere,"
Says Dr. George Weygand, '53,
Massachusetts Science Educator of the Year

39 years — and counting — as a college faculty member have not diminished Dr. George Weygand's enthusiasm for his profession. "I love to teach. That's what gets me going every day," says the Bridgewater State College professor of physics, who was recently named Science Educator of the Year by the Massachusetts Association of Science Teachers. The award is among many honors he has won which recognize his gift for turning an admittedly difficult subject -- physics -- into one that even math-shy students find they can handle.

"When I go to a social event of any kind, and I'm asked, 'what do you do?' and I say, 'I teach physics,' the response is often a mumbled, 'boy, I avoided that like the plague,'" Dr. Weygand says. "Once when then-governor Michael Dukakis was on campus, and he asked me the same question, he said, 'You know why I'm in politics? In college I started out to be a science major and took a course in physics. I did terribly. And the physics professor said, 'Look, if you promise never, ever to take another science course, I will pass you.' So I changed my major to political science.'"

Dr. Weygand believes that "fear of the math" is behind the attitude many people have toward his discipline. But "not all physics courses have to be mathematical," he says. "There have to be some quantitative parts to it," he explains, yet he is convinced that the subject can often be approached from a "practical rather than purely theoretical, point of view."

His philosophy on the teaching of physics has been honed over his many years in the classroom. "I don't think it's necessary to entertain students, but I do think you have to explain to students why this subject is of value to them," he explains. "Since the courses I teach are often with students who are, for example, biology majors, earth science majors, or aviation science majors, I make absolutely certain that in those courses, I think of some applications to biology, to earth sciences, to aviation so they can see the relationship."

A reporter once asked Dr. Weygand, "Is it more important to gain their interest or to work for comprehension?" He says he answered, "You can't do one without the other. You've got to get their attention first. I learned the value of that early on. So I try to start by offering some activity, and it isn't difficult because when I look around, I see physics everywhere."

The study of science has always appealed to him. "I've always liked mathematics and physics," Dr. Weygand says. After graduating from Taunton High School, he chose to attend Bridgewater because he was aware of the college's strong reputation in that field. "I knew that Bridgewater had a long tradition of preparing teachers of science and mathematics. I knew that there was a good, strong program here."

Although he wanted to become a teacher — "I like to talk to people, and in order to be a teacher you need to do this" — his original career ambition would have taken him in a different direction, had he pursued it.

"I had thought for a long time about becoming an engineer," he says. "Specifically, I was going to be a chemical engineer. And I thought, 'well, this is good, and I'd probably make a lot more money than teaching but it's not what I want to do.'"

Dr. Weygand has fond memories of his student days at Bridgewater. "We had a class that included a lot of people who had been in the armed forces, as I had been, so many of us were older," he recalls. "It was a nice, friendly school."

One professor in particular made a strong impression on him. "We had one of the most brilliant professors I have ever encountered, here or at anywhere else I've been," Dr. Weygand remembers. "He was T. Leonard Kelly. He was not only an excellent professor, he was a task-master. Several years after I graduated, and I was teaching at the high school in Dighton, Professor Kelly came to visit someone else. And when he walked into the room, I could still feel my knees shaking."

After earning his bachelor's degree from Bridgewater in 1953, and a master's degree in 1956, he enrolled -- "when I had enough money" -- at Harvard University and ultimately earned a doctorate in 1961.

The call to return to his alma mater came in 1958. "I must give credit to Dr. Frank Hilferty, class of 1942 and then director of the division of natural sciences at Bridgewater," says Dr. Weygand. "He had kept in contact with me.
Dr. George Weygand continued

and he told me, ‘When you finish your graduate work, give us a call.’ At that time there was a need for someone to teach physical sciences, so after I finished the research for doctorate, I contacted Frank and I was appointed an assistant professor at an annual salary of $5,070, which was a step up from Dighton, where I started at $2,730 a year.”

George and his wife Bea, whom he had met while still teaching in Dighton, settled into a new life. “The college was a lot different back then,” he remembers. “The faculty was so small that after one of the commencements, Bea and I invited all of them -- and most came -- to our house for a reception. We fit them all in our house, and we only have a Cape-style home, so that gives you an idea of the size of Bridgewater back then.”

Beyond his service to the college, Dr. Weygand has been active in a number of community organizations. For example, for twenty years he was a member of the Brockton Hospital Board of Directors, and for more than twenty years he was on the board at the Bridgewater Cooperative Bank.

Along the way, there have been many awards and citations, including this latest honor from the Massachusetts Association of Science Teachers.

“I have been very fortunate, and I am grateful for the recognition I’ve received,” he says. “One award that means a great deal to me is the ‘DiNardo Award’ -- the ‘Dr. V. James DiNardo Award for Excellence in Teaching’ -- which is presented annually to a professor at Bridgewater [Dr. Weygand was the 1986 recipient]. I want to be a good teacher, and that is the good teaching award. From my viewpoint, it’s the most prestigious award I could receive.”

Bridgewater students -- past, present and future -- would concur that he justly has earned that distinction.

BSC Receives Spirit of Cooperation Award

Bridgewater State College was recently awarded the Spirit of Cooperation award from the Bristol County Convention Visitors Bureau for its development and continued support of the Southeastern Massachusetts Atlantic Canada Association (SEMACA). Founded in 1993 by Dr. Anthony Cicerone, Coordinator of Canadian Studies and Chairman of Economics at BSC, SEMACA provides elected officials and business leaders from Southeastern Massachusetts and Atlantic Canada cities the opportunity to meet and explore various business opportunities. “These two regions, Atlantic Canada and Southeastern Massachusetts, are an excellent match because of their cultural and economic similarities as well as the long history of trade that exists between them,” explains Dr. Cicerone.

Political Debates Held at Moakley Center

The Brockton Enterprise hosted two political debates at Bridgewater’s Moakley Center prior to the November election.

In photo above, Congressman Barney Frank (right) debated John Raymond (left). Lou Ricciardi, ’81, BSC Board of Trustee secretary and chairman of the Bridgewater State College Foundation was moderator.

The other debate held on campus was for the Plymouth County District Attorney race with John Buckley and Michael Sullivan.
BSC Participates in MassNetDay

During NetDay, teachers from Norton High School, New Bedford Regional Vocational High School, the Arnone Community School, and Plymouth River Elementary School came to the Moakley Center for Internet training provided by Bridgewater State College. Congressmen John Joseph Moakley and Barney Frank were on hand at the Moakley Center to show their support for the goals of MassNetworks through a teleconference with Senator Ted Kennedy, co-chair of the board of directors of MassNetworks, who participated from another NetDay location. The next NetDay is scheduled for April of 1997.

Teachers at MassNetDay take advantage of internet training at the Moakley Center

Annual Fund Update

We are pleased to report that we are experiencing a terrific year thanks to you—our loyal alumni, faculty, staff, parents and friends. Your support of this year’s annual fund is critical as we are challenged to surpass our goal to qualify for the state matching grant that matches gifts $1 to $1 from alumni, up to $220,000, and $1 to $3 from faculty, staff and friends.

Please join us in making this our most successful annual fund. For further information please contact Karen Cooper at (508) 697-1290. Contributions may be forwarded with checks payable to the Bridgewater Annual Fund to:

Bridgewater State College Foundation
P.O. Box 42
Bridgewater, MA 02324-9990

Visa, Mastercard and American Express are also accepted.

Tax Alert

Congress has extended through May 31st, the period in which a donor may give appreciated stock and gain a tax deduction based upon the full appreciated value of the gift.

Gifts of stock are a very tax-smart way of contributing to Bridgewater State College. If you have any questions or would like to make a stock gift, please contact Michelle Stuart in the Development Office at 508-697-1290.
Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees

On November 1, 1996, Bridgewater State College inducted six new members to the BSC Athletic Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame was established in 1986 to recognize the contributions of the developers of and participants in the heritage of athletic excellence at Bridgewater.

Eligibility to the Hall of Fame is based primarily on the athletic prowess of the individual and includes consideration of personal integrity, high standards of sportsmanship and good character. Individuals are also eligible on the basis of outstanding contributions to the Bridgewater State College Athletics Program.

Nomination forms for the Athletic Hall of Fame are available by contacting Michael Story, Assistant Director of Athletics at (508) 697-1352 or Mary Tiernan, Director of Alumni Relations, (508) 697-1287.

Karan Parkin competed in track and field, specifically the discus, at Bridgewater State from 1980-83. Her throw of 147' 10" in the discus in 1983 still stands as the BSC discus record. That same year she was also the New England champion in the discus. During her career she qualified for NCAA Championships three times and was on the All East team for all divisions from 1980-83. She was even invited to the prestigious Penn Relays in the Open Division. A native of West Boylston, MA, Karan is now a representative for The Prudential Company and lives in Charlton, MA.

Charles Tobey was a star guard on the BSC football team from 1972-75. He was selected their team captain in 1975. He was named to the New England Football Conference all star team in 1975 as well. Since 1984, he has been the Director of Athletics at Gulliver Preparatory School in Miami, Florida. He later went on to earn his master’s degree in sports administration in 1991 from St. Thomas University in Miami. He, his wife, Donna (a 1977 BSC graduate) and two sons, Michael and Timothy, live in Miami, Florida.

Michelle Thompson competed in track and field, specifically the javelin, at Bridgewater State from 1985-88. Her event was the javelin in which she earned NCAA All American honors four consecutive years. She is BSC’s only four-time All American. She was also named BSC’s “Female Athlete of the Year” for 1987-88. Michelle graduated from Bridgewater in 1989 with a degree in Exercise Science/Health Fitness. She is presently self-employed as a licensed massage therapist in the state of Connecticut where she had the opportunity to work the SNET Women’s Tennis Classic as a massage therapist for those professional players in the tournament. Michelle is now residing in Hamden, CT.

Debra Carreiro was a four-year member of the BSC softball team from 1983-86. She was a two-time NSCA All American in 1984-85 at third base and had a lifetime batting average of .332. Deb is a native of Attleboro, MA where she graduated from Attleboro High School.

Catherine Karl was a four-year member of both the women’s volleyball (1986-89) and softball (1987-90) teams at Bridgewater State. In volleyball, she was selected to the MASCAC All Conference team in 1986, 1988, and 1989. In softball, Cathie played third base and was named to the NSCA All American (2nd team) in 1989 and 1990 as well as the MASCAC All Conference teams form 1988-90. She was BSC’s first two-time “Female Athlete of the Year” in 1989 and 1990. Her lifetime batting average was .380 which was highlighted by her batting .470 as a senior. She is a native of Fall River, MA and now resides in Tiverton, RI.

Thomas University in Miami. He, his wife, Donna (a 1977 BSC graduate) and two sons, Michael and Timothy, live in Miami, Florida.

James McKeon was a high scoring forward on the men’s ice hockey team from 1971-75. He was the team captain in both his junior and senior years. He holds numerous scoring records at BSC including most career goals (131) and points (208). In 1972-73 he scored a season high 63 points (37 goals, 26 assists) which ranked him second among all scorers in the ECAC Division II that year. Jim now resides in Northbridge, MA with his wife, Keryn, and three sons, Casey, Rory and Conor.

Debra Carreiro was a two-time NSCA All American in 1984-85 at third base and had a lifetime batting average of .332. Deb remained at BSC as an assistant softball coach from 1987-91. She then became the head coach in 1992 and led the Lady Bears (2000-02) to another MASCAC title and into the NCAA Regional Championships. In 1993 she became the full-time head softball coach at Brown University and is now in her fourth season with the Bears. Brown made their first appearance in the ECAC Division I Championships last year under her leadership. Deb is a native of Attleboro, MA where she graduated from Attleboro High School.

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The Afro-Am Alumni Association recently hosted a “surprise” party for Paul Gaines '68, pictured here with his wife, Eva Jo, and many of the citations received on the occasion of his retirement from Bridgewater State College after 28 years. Mr. Gaines most recently was Assistant to the President for Affirmative Action and Minority Affairs.

Members of the Bridgewater State College Chamber Choir under the direction of Dr. Jacob Liberles performed the Messiah at the December concert in the Catholic Center.

More than 50 alumni and friends in the Boston area enjoyed the November chocolate demonstration and tasting at the Ritz Carlton. Pictured are two attendees sampling the delicious offerings.
Career Services Offerings

Career Panel Series
Spring events include Careers in Finance on March 3 and Careers in Social Work on April 9. Panel presentations featuring alumni and other professionals are held in the Davis Alumni Center and begin at 6:00 p.m.

Career Development Workshops

Charting Your Course Saturday, March 1, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
For those interested in exploring a new career field but don’t know where or how to get information. Resources in the Career Services Office will be used.

Selling the New You: Effective Resume Writing Saturday, April 5, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Design your resume and cover letters using a step by step approach.

Getting to Work: Winning Job Search Strategies Saturday, April 12, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Develop job search strategies, learn about job hunting on the World Wide Web, goal setting, prospecting, networking, and interviewing.

For more information on the Career Development workshops, contact the BSC Office of Extension Education at (508) 697-1295.

Dr. Mary Jo Moriarty Lecture and Alumni Area Gathering
The Hyannis-Bridgewater Physical Education Alumni Association and the Bridgewater Alumni Association will co-sponsor “Sports in Literature,” on April 11, 1997 at the Fuller Museum in Brockton. The Dr. Mary Jo Moriarty lecture and presentation, which begins at 6:00 p.m., will be given by Dr. John Tobin, a member of the English department at UMass Boston. The event also will be an area gathering for alumni in southeastern Massachusetts.

BSC Job Fair
The Career Services Office will sponsor the Fifth Annual Job Fair on March 31 from noon-3:00 p.m. Held in the Rondileau Campus Center, the fair will feature employers throughout Massachusetts and the northeast.

MERC Conference
The Massachusetts Educational Recruiting Conference will be held in Boston on April 23-25, bringing together education candidates and school hiring personnel from across the country. First time alumni participants must attend an on-campus orientation session on March 26 or April 2; both at 6:00 p.m.
For information on any of the above offerings, please contact the Career Services Office at (508) 697-1328.

Football Alumni Reunion
Watch your mail for details about the Reunion for former football athletes on Friday, April 25. Tentative plans include the dinner at the Holiday Inn in Taunton.

Young Alumni Harbor Cruise
If you graduated in the classes of 1986-1996, mark June 27 on your calendars. We’ll launch the GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Program with a cruise on the Spirit of Boston. To date, other colleges participating in the event include Newbury, Endicott, Lasell, and Dean, and we hope to add more to the list.

Homecoming ’97
It isn’t too early to begin plans for Homecoming, to be held Saturday, October 18, 1997. Plan to join fellow graduates under the tent at Swenson Field as we cheer our football team on to victory against Westfield State.
In addition to the game, plans will include the now traditional Alumni Gathering at the Charlie Horse in West Bridgewater for all classes. To be part of the Homecoming Committee, contact the Alumni Office.

For up-to-date information on Alumni events, visit the Bridgewater State College website at www.bridgew.edu!

Save the date!
The 60th Anniversary Celebration of the Physical Education Major Department
Saturday, October 25, 1997 5:00 p.m.
Rondileau Campus Center, Bridgewater State College
Remember the fun you had at the 50th!
Invitations to follow in the late summer. Sponsored by the Hyannis Bridgewater Physical Education Alumni Association
Alumni Update

CareerNet Becoming a Valuable Source for Job Planning

"Since over 70 percent of jobs are found through networking, we think CareerNet is a valuable resource both for our alumni and for current students" says Laura Mills-Lewis, assistant director of career services at BSC, describing the program which matches "Alumni Career Advisors" with other alumni and students seeking career information.

"To date, more than 550 alumni have signed up to be advisors, and we're hoping to recruit many more," she says.

The CareerNet concept was developed by Mr. Brian Salvaggio, '81, director of career services, as a way to help the college utilize the career experience of Bridgewater graduates.

Working closely with Mary Tiernan, director of alumni relations, Mr. Salvaggio and Ms. Mills-Lewis began by sending letters to graduates of selected class years soliciting volunteers who would be willing to provide answers to three basic questions:

- How does one get started in your career field?
- What is it like to live in a particular geographic area?
- What is a typical career path for your field?

Those who agree to participate complete a brief questionnaire, and the results are entered into a computer data bank that can be tapped by other alumni and students. "This is really a means of career exploration," explains Ms. Mills-Lewis.

"Although contacts made through the program may lead to jobs, this is not a job placement nor referral service. Instead, the program facilitates the exchange of information, development of professional contacts, and the sharing of expertise and interests."

CareerNet advisors communicate with students and other alumni through the mail, via telephone, through informal meetings or via e-mail. A subdirectory of CareerNet -- the Minority Career Network -- has also been established to bring together advisors with minority students and alumni who have career and work-related issues specific to special populations.

Last November, the Office of Career Services hosted its first "Networking Event" on campus, and more than 50 people -- many of them CareerNet advisors -- were on hand for the event. Featured speakers were Jeff Wheeler, '92, marketing director for a Boston-area communications company, and Craig Hall, '90, chief fiscal officer with the state's Executive Office of Administration and Finance.

"This was our first opportunity to bring together in person a group of our CareerNet volunteers with those who are using the service, especially those students who were graduating in January" says Ms. Mills-Lewis. "Our next event is planned for Tuesday evening, April 8, in the Campus Center Ballroom. Here we plan to have a number of CareerNet advisors present to sit and talk with students and other alumni."

The value of career networking is catching on fast, says Ms. Mills-Lewis. "As our students move up to their upper class years, they know that there are two halves to success in the job market. The first half is what you know -- and that's where the quality education students receive at Bridgewater is paramount -- and the other half is, of course, whom you know. There's a large untapped alumni resource out there and we hope that CareerNet can help make that connection to 'whom you know,' " she says.

Alumni interested in participating can call Ms. Mills-Lewis at 508-697-1328 or write to her at the Office of Career Services, Bridgewater State College, Bridgewater MA 02325. Her e-mail address is llewis@bridgew.edu.
1924
Esther Gizzarelli wants to know if anyone else from the class of 1924 is still alive! She just turned 93 years old in November, she still drives her car and volunteers twice a week at the Quincy Visiting Nurse's Association. She says being with younger people keeps her alive and alert.

1925
Olive Emily Howard Gurney just celebrated turning 90 years old, and 20 years of healthy retirement. She is living with her daughter Patricia Gurney Baker, '63.

1927
At 90 years of age, Carol Richardson Hood still maintains her own home. She has two children, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild....Marjorie Nichols Richardson is living at the Lincoln Home in Maine, and loves it. She often thinks of her "happy days" at Bridgewater....Pearl Pettengill is "amazed to have reached 90!"

1928
Eunice Morse-Shuebruk Clark is still enjoying life by traveling, line dancing, and attending meetings of various organizations.

1929
Marjorie Burdett Carlson wants her fellow "1929ers" to know that she is writing a book called Growing Up With the Century.

1930
Enid Scribner McGirr says her Bridgewater years were filled with "fun, hard work, and rewarding results," and she is often teased by her three children and four grandchildren about her fond memories and loyalties to Bridgewater....Alma Roche Driscoll says "thank-you" to Bridgewater for making it possible for her to teach - the thing she most wanted to do in life. She is well and involved in many activities.

1931
Elizabeth Doyle Beagan has five grandchildren and says she enjoyed working in the grandparent program helping children to read, at the Devine School in Randolph, Massachusetts.

1932
Florence Cobb Stevens and her husband are still very active. They live on the Cape and "love the area very much."...Helen Winning Phalen says she has many "fond memories of life at Bridgewater that will always last."

1933
Dorothy Chatterton Carter just celebrated her 80th birthday with her two children and five grandchildren. She says they are all "a great joy" to her.

1934
Alice Donahue is retired after 33 years of employment with the Town of Norwood and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. She lives in a retirement community in Norwood and stays busy with reading, piano music, bingo, and other activities....Marcella Moran Teahan is proud to have her granddaughter, Kate Moran, in Bridgewater's Class of 1998. She says it "reinforces my wonderful memories of a great institution!"

1935
George Higgins
20 Deerfield Road
Oxenwell, MA 02556

Dorothy Beare Tilden is "82 and still going strong!" She has two sons and six grandchildren. She loves to travel and recently went to Florida, on a Caribbean cruise, and a cruise to Bermuda....Consequences to Mae Buelow Bradbury who lost her husband, John, one month shy of their 60th wedding anniversary....Bertha Ellis Pease and her husband just celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary. They have three children, eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild who is "the pride of us all."...Hazel Prescott Townsend is living with her daughter in Texas, but travels all over the country visiting her children, nine grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

1936
Barbara Albret
28 Highcrest Avenue
P. O. Box 1075
East Dennis, MA 02641

Marjory Hollenbeck Richardson and five others stayed in East Sandwich, Massachusetts, and enjoyed the Cape for a few days after their 60th Class Reunion last May....Marguerite Mahady Boyle just finished and published an autobiography written so her children and grandchildren can get to know the "whole me," and also the changes in the world from 1916-1996....Sylvia Pentikainen Patrick just returned from a trip to Germany, Austria, and Switzerland.

1937
Ruth Metcalf
104 Pleasant Street
Bridgewater, MA 02324

Wilma Quinn Fitzgerald is retired and enjoying time to do many activities with her family and friends....Marie Randall Farnham's grandniece, Alison Randall, is a member of Bridgewater's Class of 2000.

1938
Katharine Spillane Loughnan Uppling enjoys visiting her children and grandchildren in New Jersey, Virginia, and South Carolina. She, along with Helena Loughan O'Malley, are looking forward to their 60th Class Reunion in 1998....Alma Nye enjoyed traveling this year. She went to Alaska for the third time, in July, and to Turkey, for the second time, in September.

1939
Jane Austin Ward had a second cornea transplant which she says helped her sight "about 50%." She still enjoys traveling in her trailer....Ruth Maurer McGhee has been studying piano for the past 10 years and recently published a booklet titled Carols for Christmas....Mary Reposo Santos taught for 25 years at Seekonk High School and is now volunteering four times a week at the Beckwith School Library in Rehoboth, Massachusetts.

1940
Janice Brennan Sprogell
41 Linwood Drive
West Hartford, CT 06107

Elizabeth Betty Gibson worked for the Visiting Nurse Association of the North Shore in Massachusetts for more than 50 years. As a retirement gift to her, a fund in her name was established for Christmas gifts for the less fortunate. She says she "was deeply impressed."

1941
Louise Forsyth
75 Monroe Road
Quincy, MA 02169

Ina Mosher Marland is still active, doing aerobics, playing the organ in churches, nursing homes, and for special
groups. She is living in Florida...Ruth Stone Kumin is living on her own in Brockton, Massachusetts. She is confined to a wheelchair due to polio 41 years ago, but says she is managing. Lillian Warren Willinsky Blumberg has eight grandchildren. She recently reminisced with classmates Ruth Stone Kumin, Norma Wolf Pinkerton, and Fannie Zathmary Fishlyn.

1942
Loretta Kennedy Dexter
15 Buckwood Drive
South Yarmouth, MA 02664
Ursula Bartley Kelley has one daughter, one grandson, and two great-grandchildren.

1943
Luella Eaton Hartbauer and her husband, Carl, recently celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary. They recently celebrated the birth of their first great-grandchild. Ellen Mercer Diming attended the WAVES National Convention and ran into Eleanor Gannon Callahan ’42. They enjoyed reminiscing about life at Bridgewater.

1944
Evelyn Whitling Hildreth
118 Day Street
Grantsville, CT 06035
Doris Wardell Paluba writes that her youngest daughter and her husband returned from Vietnam last December with their infant son, and she says he "was the best Christmas gift ever." She also has two other foster grandchildren.

1945
Clementine Magliano Mossey retired after 40 years of serving as an assistant principal in the Brockton Public School System. She has enjoyed traveling, visiting Europe, Hawaii, Mexico, and much of the U.S. Her husband passed away this past year, but she keeps busy doing volunteer work.

1946
Phyllis Clayman Friedman
30 Washington Street #713
Brookline, MA 02146
Dorothy Brooks Church recently closed 8,000 miles driving across country. She also visited Alaska, went on a cruise, and returned home by way of British Columbia to Alberta, south to Yellowstone, and home again. Edward Kennedy taught history at Taunton High School for 30 years and was recently inducted into Taunton High School's Hall of Fame for his contributions to the school. He is also the author of several writings around the history of Taunton. Most of his writings are available at the Historical Society.
Mary Alice Carre MacLaren Acklen says “Texas is great,” and invites her classmates to “Come and see us in Buchanan Dam!” ...Florence Katwick Shearer and her husband are both retired and still living in California. She is retired from the State Department of Health Services, and he, from General Electric Medical Systems. They have four grandchildren...Grace Medeiros Cobb is retired after 20 years of teaching in Mattapoisett. She has two sons and a daughter. She enjoys foreign travel, and has taken many courses from the Bridgewater Adult Education Program...Beverly Thomas retired in 1979 after teaching sixth grade. She and her husband, Bob, now winter in Clearwater, Florida, and still maintain their home on Cape Cod. Her retirement job is teaching adult education at the University of South Florida. She has five grandchildren...Katherine Sokol Greenberg is retired from teaching in Los Angeles. She recently celebrated her 44th wedding anniversary with her husband, Morton. 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Class Notes

1958

Janet Cowe Colford and her husband have five children and three grandchildren. Their youngest, Steven, is now at Bridgewater State. Cynthia Donatelli North would like to hear from classmates at Cynthia256@aol.com, especially from Marilyn Barry, Joanne Kendall Freyermuth, Nancy Monkbeau Clapp, Evangeline Liapis, Mary Keefe Noll, Judy Hinckley Ferguson, and Beverly Blute. Cynthia works as an educational technology specialist for the Mendon-Upton regional school district. Joan Keyes Sullivan is still teaching, but is looking forward to retirement. Marcel Richard has been retired for ten years and has "enjoyed every one of them!" Jane Russell Kilmer is still supervising the residential program at the Beverly School for the Blind. She recently celebrated the birth of her first grandchild in September. Barbara Shire Magro is retired after 38 years of teaching.

1959

Joan Sullivan retired after 36 years of teaching. She had spent three years in Alaska, and the rest in East Bridgewater, Massachusetts.

1960

Ruth Dixon Schuttauf's family just finished 20 years "straight" of college. Her last daughter recently got married. She extends her thanks to Bridgewater and says "your educational background, for me, has been a great help." Robert Locatelli is an adjunct professor in the College of Education at UNLV. Alice Ricci Donley is retired after 32 years of teaching in Taunton. She enjoys traveling when she can get away, but says there "is never enough time." ... Joseph Simas is retired and "loving every minute of it!"

1961

Louise McGibbon Moline has purchased a 32' catamaran, and enjoys spending time with her granddaughter. Marjorie Mersey Cadoret is retired after 35 years in the Middletown, Rhode Island, school system. She is enjoying every minute of her "new life." John Morgan and his wife enjoyed the recent class reunion and extended the vacation by visiting their son and his family in Oregon. Priscilla Orcutt Nickerson is retired after 30 years in education. Dr. Eugene Thayer recently received an honorary doctor of laws degree. He is retiring after nine years as superintendent of Framingham Public Schools. He also served as a superintendent in Eving, Hopkinton, and Lawrence. He also served as principal in Norwood and Norton, and as a teacher in Plainville and Norwood. Cynthia Tower Huddy just received her M.S. in human services from UMass Boston.

1962

Priscilla Anderson Morrison is semi-retired and living in Clearwater, Florida, and in Orleans, Massachusetts. Her husband of 38 years recently passed away, so she is planning on coming out of retirement and working as a speech pathologist in Florida. Jane Antolini is the owner of "Lady Jane's Inn" in Provincetown, Massachusetts, and is a chairwoman on the Provincetown Board of Selectmen. Judith Boynton Stoddard Robillard is a very busy "Nana" to six grandchildren, with two more due in the near future. Reverend Jean-Pierre Dery recently celebrated his 60th birthday and the 20th anniversary of his ordination. Patricia Johnson Coombs is teaching 5th grade Language Arts/Reading in Marshfield, Massachusetts. Her daughter Jennifer, graduated from Bridgewater in 1992, and her son John, is currently a senior at the college. Janet Levesque Hildreth is pastor of a rural congregation as an ordained minister in Indiana. She recently became a grandmother. Dorothy Lopes retired in 1989 and spends her time traveling, and doing volunteer work at the VA Medical Center in Providence, Rhode Island, at schools in East Providence, and at other organizations. Jo-Anne Rothmyer Granger is teaching a multi-age primary class in Lexington, Massachusetts. She has two daughters. Frank Ryan retired in February, after 26 years as a special education teacher and administrator in southern California school districts. He works for the American Foundation for the Blind as their National Program Associate in Education. He and his wife, Diane, live in Palo Alto, California. Michael Sansone has been appointed principal of the St. Jerome School in Marshfield, Massachusetts. He and his wife have one son and a granddaughter. Diane Zona recently retired after 34 years of teaching. She says she is busier now than ever, "but with no pressures.

1963

Judith Williams Miller 10 Presidents Lane #11 Quincy, MA 02169

Avis Brown Miller retired in June, after 33 years teaching in Somerset, Massachusetts. She and her husband moved to Winter Haven, Florida, where they plan on traveling and enjoying Central Florida. Patricia Harnish-Miller Kelly is still substitute teaching and working at the Sylvan Learning Center. Ruth Parent Fitzpatrick is president-elect of Members of the Class of '62 and friends enjoyed a mini-reunion at the November chocolate demonstration and tasting at the Ritz Carlton in Boston. Standing, left to right: Pat Galvin '68, Diane Zona, Jack Jones, and Sheila Twissall McKenna. Seated left to right: Christine Kwarczinski Hill, Joan Parker Wheaton, and Jo-Anne Rothmyer Granger.
the National Association of Laboratory Schools. She will take office in February 1997. Beatrice Richardson Estes is retired from teaching after 25 years in Plymouth. She recently moved to Clearwater, Florida, and is looking for Bridgewater alumni in the area. Robert Rogers is retired after 23 years of teaching.

1964

Rena Anti Almeida works part-time in the functions department of the Sheraton Inn in Plymouth, Massachusetts, and is also working for a photographer. In July, she is always busy teaching summer school at Plymouth North High School and says, "like many people, I eagerly await a visit from Publisher's Clearinghouse!" Helen Craven Tripp is still working in two libraries, Woods Hole and Falmouth, Massachusetts. Her husband works at the Coastal Research Center in Woods Hole. Elaine Linehan MacDonald is currently teaching music in a K-5 school. She is working on her master's degree at Northern Arizona University. She has three daughters, all of whom graduated from Claremont McKenna College in California. Rochelle Massoud Kieron is still teaching math at Portsmouth High School. Gracie Ward retired after 35 years of teaching in the Weymouth Public School System.

1965

James Hanley is a project coordinator at Home Depot. He was also recently elected to the school committee in Attleboro, Massachusetts. David Matthews is retired after 27 years of teaching and being principal.

1966

Geraldine Murphy Wright 229 Windcrest Drive Camillus, NY 13031 e-mail: wrightg@goliath.sunyocc.edu Joan Ando Casabian is still teaching at Bridgewater-Raynham High School along with her husband. They have two children, a daughter who is a senior at University of Iowa, and a son who is a high school freshman. Charlotte Bloomberg Milby is a supervisory principal in Brooklyn, New York. She and her husband enjoy traveling in their spare time. Charles Crawley moved to Cape Cod and is working for Olympic Sports in Hyannis. Daniel Dodson was recently selected to serve as a member of the social studies assessment development committee in Methuen, Massachusetts. Lorraine Kalil Jonas is now the sophomore vice-principal at Durfee High School.

1968

Langlois is teaching 4th grade at A.J. Gomes School in New Bedford, Massachusetts. Bruce Palombro is the director of guidance in the Needham Public School System. Rena Zipto Shea is the assistant superintendent of the Rockland, Massachusetts, public schools.

1967

Marcia Atkins is a social worker for the Department of Social Services in Lynn, Massachusetts. She recently returned from a wonder tour of France. Barbara Byrne Hurley is in her 29th year teaching in Plymouth, Massachusetts, and is looking forward to retirement to pursue other interests. Cynthia Fernandes Gajewski is in her tenth year as a library media specialist at Nonnewaug High School in Woodbury, Connecticut. Elaine Hall Marinella was recently inducted into Cambridge school's Athletic Hall of Fame for basketball. Paul Herrlich is in partnership with his son and daughter, running a little cafe nightspot in Greenwich Village in New York. Marcia Mitchell McCarthy was recently named a finalist for the 1997 Massachusetts Teacher of the Year. She teaches eighth grade geography. Laura Parker Carley was awarded a "14 gallon certificate" from Edison Regional Blood Center. She is also active in the Lee County Women's Tennis League. William Slattery was recently appointed chairman of the social studies department at Randolph Junior-Senior High School in Massachusetts.

1969

Carol Ethier Pappas 44 Tall Timber Drive Berwick, ME 03901 Home phone: 207 698-5824 Work Fax: 603 743-4483 Class Secretary Carol Ethier Pappas hopes classmates "will send any little tidbits about yourselves, your family, your work, and more. Have you written a book or article, or received any honors? Your classmates would love to know all that is happening with you! Call or write me at the address above.

Joyce Jordan Napert received the "Frank Lips Elementary Teacher of the Year Award" in June of 1996, from the Fall River Chamber of Commerce.

1970

Dr. Raymond Calabrese is a full professor at the University of Texas at San Antonio. He had a book published in 1996 entitled, Hands-on-Leadership Tools for Principals. Barry Johnson is the executive secretary for the town of Oak Bluffs on Martha's Vineyard.

Middleton Goodwin became a proud grandfather in May of 1996. He is looking forward to his 25th wedding anniversary. Fiona Miller has been teaching elementary school in Avon, Massachusetts, for 27 years.

William Palladino has been appointed principal of the Ahern Middle School in Foxboro, Massachusetts. Previously, he was the assistant principal at Foxboro High School.

1971

Gerald Swift 3 Great Hills Drive East Sandwich, MA 02537
A group of BSC grads from the 1970s got together to celebrate the 45th birthdays of Mary Margaret O'Malley McGowan, Jean McKenzie Whalen, and the Martino twins, Janice and Elaine, all from the Class of '73. Hostess Kathy Corkery Innisini '73 reports “a good time was had by all, and considering that many of us had not seen each other in 20 years, snide comments were kept to a minimum!” Among the guests at her North Andover, Massachusetts, home were, rear: Susan Marcati Faro '74, Elaine Donahue Allard '74, Joe Faro '73, Linda Vittalino '74, Debbie Burke Thornton '73, Karen Bucklesch Rynski '73, Debbie Brown Consentino '73, Cindy Lord Reardon '73, “Wild Bill” Allard '73, and Massey O'Connor McManus '76. Middle row: Elaine Martino '73, Mary Margaret O'Malley McGowan '73, Sandy Scyzmack Avola '73, and Janice Martino '73. Front row: Kathy Corkery Innisini and Judy Bluemel Nigrelli '73.

Donatelli has been promoted to the position of vice president, national sales manager with NewsBank, Inc. He lives in Uxbridge, Massachusetts, with his wife and their two daughters. Karen Erikson is teaching art at the Brookfield Elementary School and has one daughter in college. Nancy Latini Barron is teaching fourth grade at Beechwood Knoll Elementary School in Quincy, Massachusetts. Janice Pieri-O'Shaughnessy lives in Fall River with her family, where she has written and directed plays for the past 20 years. In February she will direct a production of Noises Off for the Fall River Little Theatre. Jan would like to hear from classmates at Jan1176@aol.com especially Dennis Travers. Theodora Psilekaris is in her fifth year teaching at the Silver Lake Regional Junior High School. Dr. Susan Walektus received her doctorate in chiropractic medicine and is now practicing in Bridgewater — “just around the corner from the college!”
Members of the Class of '76 enjoyed a 20th Reunion celebration during Homecoming Weekend at the Charlie Horse Restaurant in West Bridgewater.

 honeymoons...Jane Greeno Albottelli and her husband have recently moved to Hanover, New Hampshire, and, spend their time watching their two sons play soccer and "re-discovering" New England...Karen Irving Deady is director of environmental health and safety at UMass Boston...Carolyn Smith resides in the midwest and practices law in southwestern Wisconsin...In June of 1996, Attorney Richard Staiti was admitted to the Bar of the United States Supreme Court.

1976

Nancy Kipp Florence 444 North Street Bridgewater, MA 02324 Jacqueline Sukias Wheaton P.O. Box 235 Swansea Island, ME 04685 William Abraham is now working at Electronic Data Systems in Waltham, Massachusetts, as a training manager in the area of telecommunications...Patricia Arruda Abdelal is the coordinator of the ESL in the Dennis/Yarmouth schools. She is also a part-time speech/language pathologist. She has one son, born in 1994...Cheryl Ferreira Abbott is living in Richmond, Rhode Island with her husband. She is still working in nuclear medicine in South County Hospital...Joyce Gamble Hicks and her husband, Don, own PiM Publications, Inc., which has been producing computer magazines for 11 years. They recently celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary and have one son in college...Kathleen Harwood Hutchinson has been treasurer/manager of the Walpole Municipal Employees Credit Union in Walpole for three years. She lives in Norfolk, Massachusetts, with her husband and their two children...Charles Moreira, Jr. is teaching math and religion at Saint Brendan School in Riverside, Rhode Island. He is also director of religious education at St. Margaret's Parish in Rumford, Rhode Island...Priscilla Muehlen McGuire is teaching middle school science in Collier County in southern Florida. She lives there with her husband and their two children...John Vercollone and his wife, Paula Agnew Vercollone, 77 have 10 children...Karen Scholtes Woodsum gave up her marketing job to stay home with her three sons, and says "the hardest work I've ever done."

1977

Robert Mansur 1933 Alcante Street Davis, CA 95616 Lynne Dunn Christensen is principal at the William E. Norris Elementary School in Southampton, Massachusetts...Richard Faust received his MPA from Suffolk University. He is president of Local 282 NAGE/IBPO...Susan Hackney is an assistant principal in the Lawrence School System. She received her CAGS in curriculum and leadership from Fitchburg State College...Ann Jones' novel A Country Divorce is being published by Orion...Susan Leon Ambrozavitch was appointed principal of the Smith School in Danvers, Massachusetts...Steve MacLean, alias, Gus, would like to hear from any of the "Dinks" or the "4th floor boys." He and his wife live in Greene, Maine...Robert Mansur is employed as vice president of training and development for the Money Store in California. He is married and has two daughters...Linda Wrubleswski Biela is pursuing her masters degree in special education at BSC. She is married and has four children...Annette Zimmer Roberts has been teaching special education in Connecticut for 15 years. She and her husband, Michael, have one son.

1978

Elizabeth Gallagher Danul 148 Colonial Drive Quincy, MA 02169 Russell Denver was recently selected as executive director of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce...Carol James is beginning her third year as a grade six social studies and English teacher at Dover Middle School in Dover, New Hampshire...Ernest Johnson is teaching CAPS Collaborative in Gardner, Massachusetts. He received his master's in special education from Fitchburg State College...Eloise Machado Carries is working as an ASQ advisor through the Wellesley, Massachusetts, School Age Child Care Project...Lauren Nile Harding teaches fourth grade at Stratton School. She was remarried in 1994 and now has 3 grandchildren and another on the way...Jean Sarson Cahill worked in mortgage banking for 12 years but went back to teaching in 1995. She is recently married and living in Millis, Massachusetts...Paul Tero is the dean of academic affairs at Lyndon State College in Lyndonville, Vermont...Jeffrey Tuller is the vice president of national accounts for Cardinal Health, Inc. in Ohio. He says "hello to all my friends at BSC!"
Class Notes

relations consultant supporting high-tech clients. Business has been very successful. Friends can reach her at Ljcscoty@aol.com.

1980
M. Scott McDonald
101 Highgreen Ridge
Peachtree City, GA 30269
Diane Calderone Zerafa is working in Bethesda, Maryland, for IBM Corporation as a project office manager. She and her husband have two sons. Diane Gosselin is the new principal at Tucker School in Milton, Massachusetts.

1982
Ann Dawson recently received her master's degree in business management from Lesley College. Allan Moniz travels around teaching juggling and performing to middle school children.

1983
David Robichaud
35 White Road
Wayland, MA 01778
Michael Dowd is employed by Sunguard Business Systems. He has two children. Michael "Manny" McDonald received an MBA from American University and works as a senior analyst in the Washington, D.C. real estate investment office of General American Life Insurance. He can be reached via e-mail Nogeekhere@aol.com.

1984
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Christine Openshaw Tempesta
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Tempesta@mit.edu (Please put BSC Class Notes in subject line)
Mark Dennen is an environmental scientist with the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management. He recently received the Commissioner's Award for outstanding accomplishment for his work developing generic soil cleanup standards. He was married in September 1996.

1985
David Buckley
11 Susan's Way
Franklin, MA 02038
Jill Barres received her MBA from Bentley College in 1995. She works for the LTX Corporation in Westwood, Massachusetts. Jim Guarino edits online publications for Mail Boxes Etc. at the global headquarters in San Diego, California. He'd like to hear from BSC friends Gerry Dumas '81, Jeff Cabral '82, and Mike Doyle '81.

1986
Suzanne Barrett Galvin has been teaching third grade in Walpole, Massachusetts, for the past ten years. She and her husband, Ken, have three children. Karen Emery Callahan is in her second year teaching moderate special needs children in Brockton, Massachusetts. She was married in 1994. Kevin Maunsell completed his obligation to the US Army and is now an environmental police officer living in
1989

Rene Ladurantaye Weiss
6 Nemasket Street
East Taunton, MA 02718

Amy Beckerman Reginielewicz is the assistant director of housing and residential life at UMass Dartmouth. She and her husband, Joe, recently bought a house in Lakeville, Massachusetts.... Donna Conley Waugh was recently promoted to bond system administrator at Scudder Stevens and Clark. She and her husband, David, have two children.... Sarah Coyle Lannon has been teaching fifth grade for the past seven years at St. Anthony's in Allston. She was recently married and is living with her husband in Scituate, Massachusetts.... Ellen Lennon is working on her masters degree in communication science at Simmons College.... Ron McCarthy is the new assistant principal at Duxbury Junior-Senior High School.... Jodi Scarborough has been promoted to administrative secretary of the biosafety office at MIT and has taken on the roll of network administrator for her department.

1990

Darlene Costa
9 Race Course Road
Lakeville, MA 02347

Jorge Navas
289 High Street
Holyoke, MA 01040

Brian Cote was recently appointed as principal of St. Mary's Primary School in Taunton, Massachusetts.... Ronald Harris is working towards his clinical PhD in San Francisco.... Christine Howard Ashmun is the owner of Little Adventurers Day Care Center.... Paula Karakekas is an elementary physical education teacher in New Bedford, Massachusetts.... Robert Pimental is working as a physical education/health instructor. He was recently named head coach for boys basketball at Bristol-Plymouth Technical High School.... Brian Whidden recently opened an acupuncture clinic. He is married and lives in Kingston, Massachusetts.

1996

...Michael Del Raso is the new coordinator of guidance at Georgetown middle/high school.... Andrew Gibson lives in San Jose, California, where he works as a vice principal of a small private high school.... Paul Lambert is a history instructor at Nichols College. He is working on his PhD in history at Clark University. He was married in June and lives in Worcester, Massachusetts.... Kenneth Segal recently completed the Disney Leadership Developmental Program and is now working at Disney's Yacht Club Resort. He is pursuing management opportunities within Disney World.... Thomas Zaya received his master's in school administration in 1996. He is a physical education teacher in Reading, Massachusetts. He also coaches high school baseball and soccer for Reading High School.
1992

Pamela Murphy
95 Grove Street #7
West Roxbury, MA 02132

Michael Fennimore performed in the play Shear Madness in Washington, D.C., and directed a play in Ohio. He was just re-elected New England local president of Screen Actors Guild. Janice Goddard Tripolone is working part-time at Miriam Hospital in Rhode Island. She is also working towards her master's degree. She has one daughter. Annmaria Greco recently accepted a position at Emmanuel College as the director of student activities and can be reached at Greco@emanuel.edu. Robert Kleiner has been appointed sales and operations manager of DRILEX Environmental, a Worcester, Massachusetts-based environmental drilling firm. Gary Kruskis received his master's degree in physiology from Penn State in 1996. Deborah Marshall has been working for the past year as an environmental analyst for the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. Pam Mercantante is working towards her master's degree in special needs. Sharon Proctor Lebo earned her master's degree in special needs from Simmons College in 1994. Marianne Rego Hajder is teaching third grade in Fall River, Massachusetts. She is continuing at Bridgewater for her master's in elementary education. She was married in October 1995. Sharon Proctor Lebo was married to Amy Poirier '93 last year. He received a master's degree in organizational communication from the University of Connecticut and is a consultant with IDX Systems in Boston. Karen Tierney Johnson is the assistant librarian in Avon Public Schools. She has two children attending Bridgewater. Susan Manning is a fourth grade teacher in Weymouth. She is working towards her master's degree from Boston College.

1993

Debra Gately
10 Plympton Avenue
Waltham, MA 02154

Kris Batista plans to attend the MPA program at Bridgewater. Friends can reach her at BatKris@sol.com. Christine Bayiates is working as a special needs aide. She is also continuing her education in a two-year program at Bridgewater. Congratulations to Rebecca Beard Gullack and her husband, who recently welcomed a daughter, Ryan Lyn. Rosamaria Carlotto received her master's degree from Middlebury College in Vermont. Barbara Hoy Chamberlain is working as a data analyst in performance improvement at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center of Boston. She received a certificate in healthcare management and is currently enrolled in a master's program for educational research at Northeastern University. She recently celebrated her 30th wedding anniversary, and has four children and four grandchildren. William Dreyer was recently promoted to airline captain with Northwest Airl ink, a subsidiary of Northwest Airlines. Christopher Foster is teaching eighth grade science in Fairhaven, Massachusetts. He is also boys winter and spring track coach at Fairhaven High School. Suzanne Frechet is teaching French at Winnissquam Regional High School. After a job as a marketing/sales representative for RJ Reynolds Tobacco, Jodi Grenier now teaches English at Aeon Corporation in Tokyo, Japan. She would like to hear from BSC friends via e-mail 73262.1247@compuserve.com. Virginia Mehegan Wessing received her masters in library science and information services. Kady Plante is teaching elementary health education in New Bedford. She is also the assistant athletic trainer at New Bedford High School. Amy Poirier Rondeau received a master's degree in speech language pathology at Massachusetts General Hospital and now works at Braintree Hospital. David Purdy is currently working in Newport, Rhode Island, for the Naval Undersea Warfare Center as a software engineer. Grace Rudolph is the director of social services at Forestview Nursing Home in Wareham, Massachusetts.

1994

John Bringardner was recently appointed as a police officer in Randolph, Massachusetts. Jennifer Carloino is a Peace Corps volunteer and is having a wonderful time. She may even renew for a third year. Raymond Cordeiro of Providence, Rhode Island, works as a mortgage loan officer with Fleet Mortgage Corporation. He'd like to hear from Jennifer Leedham. Kristin Cronin is working towards her master's in elementary education. Heidi Dieneen is a third grade special education teacher at the Avery School in Dedham, Massachusetts. Thomas Ross is a graduate student at UMass Amherst working towards his master's degree in regional planning.

1995

Kate McDonough
16 Verchild Street
Quincy, MA 02169

Basilio Barochi has been appointed service manager for KLM Royal Dutch Airlines in Panama. He recently earned an MBA.Amy Bowen Hurteau is a fifth grade teacher in New Bedford, Massachusetts. Christen Coen is enjoying her first year as a New England Patriots Cheerleader. Dave Fazio works as a corporate controller at Skew Products. He and his wife, Angela, recently welcomed their first child, a daughter, Adrianna. Marine 2nd Lt. Warren Matthews recently graduated from the Basic School at Marine Corps Combat Development Command in Virginia. Patrick O'Meara attends the Colorado School of Mines as a graduate student in the geocomm program. Jason Qua teaches history in Wethersfield, Connecticut, and coaches the boys varsity basketball team.

1996

Tina Michael-Straug
1010 Crossroads Drive
Dartmouth, MA 02747

Laura Clark Gerrior works for Bridgewater State College as a veteran's assistant in the Financial Aid Office. Ann Marie Dargon was appointed as principal of Ledy School in Taunton. Sarah Greene is Representative Thomas Cahill's new legislative aide. Eric Heise would like to hear from classmate Deborah Dixon. James Holland, Jr. works for Shaw's Supermarkets in the operations of distributions. Sarah McFarland is an associate project manager at KAO Infosystems Co. Doreen Sullivan is working for Contingency Management. Bernadette Tavares is teaching math at the Rivers school in Weston, Massachusetts. Noel Vigue is the new athletic trainer and science teacher at Ashland High School.
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**SUB-TOTAL**

Tax - Massachusetts residents add 5% Sales Tax - No Tax on Clothing
Shipping - For each Chair add $35; For Each Mirror Add $6; For All Other Items add $4

**TOTAL**

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Personalization:

Payment & Shipping: Check or Money Order Enclosed (Make check payable to Bridgewater Alumni Association)

MC ☐ VISA ☐ AMEX ☐ Card #: Exp. Date: Signature:

Name:
Address: Daytime Phone: 
City: State: Zip Code:

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The Bridgewater Collection

These are a sampling of the official Bridgewater clothing, furniture, and other gift items that you can purchase through Bridgewater magazine. A form with a complete list of all items available and prices for each is inserted in this issue. If you have a question, call us at 508-697-1287. We appreciate your patronage!

Bridgewater State College Woven Coverlet is red and natural white and features 10 College Buildings. 100% cotton, custom-woven. $49.95

BSC Men’s/Women’s Necktie
100% silk classic red necktie. Fits into any wardrobe for only $21.00

Bridgewater State College Woven Coverlet

This Bridgewater portable umbrella is only $15.00

A Bridgewater polo shirt can be yours for $25.00 (sizes L or XL)

This Bridgewater mirror, featuring a picture of Boyden Hall, is available for $165

Bridgewater State College Desk Clock
Hand-finished wood frame in mahogany or dark green tone with pen & ink scence of Boyden Hall — 7" x 8" x 2" quartz movement, batteries included. Looks great on a desk or wall in your office or a family room. Only $115.00 and may be personalized at no extra charge.

A handsome Bridgewater arm chair, black with college seal in gold, is $250

Laser Engraved Boston-Style Rocking Chair
Solid hardwood black chair with cherry finished crown and arms. BSC seal engraved in crown. This piece of furniture makes a wonderful graduation gift and will fit into any style home or office. Only $275.00 and may be personalized up to two lines for an additional $20.00
Celebrate Your Moment in Time at Alumni Weekend May 30-31, 1997

"...A time when our lives, in our minds, were secure and youth and good health had no bounds,
And comrades, made easily, grew into long-lasting friends,
With yesterday gone and tomorrow so far in the future beyond all our care
And college, the catalyst, being the means to our ends...
A time in our lives when each girl was a dream... each guy was a handsome young hunk,
A time when we sang, drank and danced and spent every last dime,
A time when we casually built the events and relationships deep in our hearts,
To be carried through life with a wish -- to be frozen in time.

Could it happen again? Could you roll back the pages of time to a place long ago?...
Would I know who they were?
Would they recognize me?
God, I've changed!
I've lost hair!
I've gained weight!
I've aged!
Would I fit in that
wonderful moment in time?"

Excerpt from a BSC
Reunion poem written by
David Shaw '57

Class committees are meeting and plans are underway for Reunions for classes ending in a "2" or "7.
Members of the Reunion classes will receive information pertaining to their class event in March.
For up-to-date information and lists of who's coming from your class, check out the Alumni Relations
web page at http://www.bridgew.edu/alumni. Information will be available beginning in April.
If you would like to be part of the fun, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (508) 697-1287.
On Monday, January 20th, Bridgewater State College held its tenth annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration and Breakfast. Over 400 people joined together to pay tribute to Dr. King's accomplishments and contributions.

Pictured above, Frances Kenney Moseley, CEO and President of Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston, served as keynote speaker for the morning's program.

Pictured at right Rolda Lawrence, President of the African American Society, speaks with Dana Mahler-Faria, Vice President for Administration and Finance and host for the event.