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Massachusetts State legislators share the bond of a Bridgewater State College degree. Pictured from left to right are: Robert Correia, '68; David Sullivan, '90; Kathleen Teahan, '69; James Fagan, '69; Peter Koutoujian, '83; and Patricia Haddad, '72. See story pages 3-9.
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Dear Alumni, Parents and Friends,

"Class of 2001, as this is a time of transition for you, it begins, as well, a time of transition for me." With these words at this year's Spring Commencement, I let members of the Bridgewater State College community know that the next academic year, 2001-2002, will be my last year as Bridgewater's president.

As I said to the graduates, this decision was difficult to make because I feel such a close attachment to this college and to all of the people who are part of this community.

But I believe that the time is right - for me and for the college - to begin to plan for a smooth and effective presidential transition for the college. So much of what I had hoped we would accomplish when I became Bridgewater's 10th president in July 1989 will, in fact, be realized when I leave the presidency in the summer of 2002. I am extremely proud of what we have accomplished during the past 12 years. Together, we have made Bridgewater the undisputed leader among the Massachusetts state colleges and one of the finest institutions in our mission class. For example:

- With a student enrollment of nearly 9,000 students, Bridgewater has become the largest of the state colleges and the fourth largest of 29 public colleges and universities in Massachusetts.
- We have an excellent inventory of high quality academic programs and are developing new programs to meet regional needs. Next fall, for example, Bridgewater will add new undergraduate and graduate programs in criminal justice.
- Bridgewater now leads all of the Massachusetts state colleges, and some of the university campuses, in the application of information technology to teaching and learning. Last spring Yahoo Internet Life magazine listed Bridgewater among the 100 "most wired" colleges and universities in America. The John Joseph Moakley Center for Technological Applications, built with a $10 million federal grant, is the hub of the college's ever-expanding network of technology resources.
- We are in the midst of a $56 million new construction and building renovation program, the largest in the college's history. Four new buildings are now under construction and major renovations are about to begin on Harrington Hall to become the new home of the School of Management and Aviation Science.

- With an endowment of more than $7 million, Bridgewater has the fastest growing endowment among the Massachusetts state colleges.

Looking ahead to next year, one of my highest personal priorities is to complete the Campaign for Bridgewater by June 2002 and reach our $10 million endowment goal. An endowment of this magnitude will enable us to provide more scholarship funds for our students and increased funds for the research and professional activities of our faculty. I am grateful to Bridgewater's alumni, parents and friends for the support you have already provided, and ask for your continued help as we redouble our efforts next year to reach the $10 million goal.

I anticipate that Bridgewater's Board of Trustees will move quickly to begin the national search for the college's next president. The Board's first step will be to form a search committee representing all of the major groups on our campus: faculty, staff, students, alumni, trustees and foundation members. I expect that the chair and members of the search committee will be appointed by the end of June. Preliminary organizational work will be completed over the summer, and the search will begin in earnest as soon as classes resume in September. I will keep you fully informed of developments with the presidential search as they occur.

In December 1988, when the college's Board of Trustees offered me the opportunity to become the Bridgewater's 10th president, I read a statement that said, in part, "I feel very privileged to accept this offer because not only do I want the challenge of a college presidency, I want to be the president of Bridgewater. There is a great sense of hope and promise here, and the people I've met are clearly ready and anxious to move forward. Working together, I believe we can accomplish a great deal. I'm very optimistic about the college's future."

It has indeed been both a privilege and pleasure to lead Bridgewater State College for the past 12 years, and I thank you for all you have contributed to moving the college forward. As I begin my 13th and final year as Bridgewater's president, I know I can count on your continued support for the college we love.

Sincerely,

Adrian Tinsley, President
Bridgewater Graduates Dedicate Their Lives to Public Service

The alumni who recently returned to Bridgewater State College to be honored for their contributions to public service came to school here for the same reasons many other students did and still do - because it had a reputation for excellence, because it was close to home, because it was a welcoming place for first-generation college students of working-class families, because it was convenient, or just because it was what they had always planned to do.

They recall the same memories many of their classmates do: of commuting in old cars with several friends, of working part-time or full-time while attending school, of participating in study sessions and of adhering to dormitory curfews unheard of by today's students.

And when they graduated, many of them did what so many Bridgewater graduates have done - they taught. They taught in their hometowns and in bigger cities, in middle schools, high schools and in law schools. Many pursued post-graduate education and some became administrators.

And, eventually, they all became legislators in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

When the Center for Legislative Studies and the Davis Alumni Center cohosted a reception this winter to honor them for their dedication to public service, many of the legislators were surprised to see how many of their colleagues had attended their own alma mater. During the evening, they informally nicknamed themselves "the Bridgewater delegation," and reveled in their shared memories and special camaraderie.

Their paths to public service were all different. Some came to state office without any prior political experience, while others spent years serving on local boards before making the jump. Some decided to run because they thought the incumbent was not doing a good job. Some were lawyers and businessmen whose decision to run for the state legislature seemed the next logical step in the progression of their careers.

What they all have in common, however, is the reason that they ran. Quite simply, they wanted to help. They wanted to make life better for the people in their districts and in the entire Commonwealth, and they knew that they could do that as legislators. And that is just what they have been doing, whether they are working on important legislation or making some calls for a constituent who needs help dealing with an agency's red tape.

In short, what they are doing is exemplifying the motto of Bridgewater State College: Not to be ministered unto, but to minister.

Choosing to attend Bridgewater State College seemed a foregone conclusion for Rep. David Flynn, '58, Dean of the Massachusetts House of Representatives. He was following in the footsteps of a long line of relatives on both sides of his family when he began taking classes at BSC in 1954. A lifelong resident of Bridgewater, he had spent a lot of time as a teen hanging around the college gym, even serving as mascot for the basketball team. After serving in the U.S. Navy, he used the G.I. Bill to fund his college education. He concedes he wasn't an outstanding student in his high school years.

"I didn't pay as close attention as I probably should have," he said. "But once I was in the service, I knew the only way I could advance was to get an education. I had always been aware of the outstanding reputation of Bridgewater State College."

Like many BSC students, Rep. Flynn was planning to teach. He majored in elementary education and had a minor in history.

Rep. James Fagan, '69, also planned to teach and majored in English with a minor in history as well as one in secondary education. A lifelong resident of Taunton, he was the first person in his family to go to college.

"I think part of the reason for my choice was clearly economics: It was an affordable education," Rep. Fagan said. "It also had such outstanding credentials in the field of teaching. I had been accepted to several other colleges, but, as I looked at them, they certainly didn't seem to offer anything more advanced or at a more reasonable cost."
Another future teacher and legislator who graduated in 1969 was Rep. Kathleen Teahan. The oldest of eight children, Rep. Teahan said cost was definitely a factor in her decision to attend Bridgewater, as was its reputation for teacher education. Her parents purchased a car – the first one the family ever owned – for the express purpose of getting her back and forth to school from her hometown of Whitman. Like Rep. Fagan, she chose to major in English and minored in secondary education.

Rep. Patricia Haddad, '72, also a first-generation college student, remembers that her parents did not want her to venture too far from her Somerset home, so Bridgewater seemed an obvious choice. Her parents wanted her to live at home, but she was able to get a room on campus and lived at the college instead.

"Although it [BSC] started out being the only choice that was given to me, it ended up being the best choice for me," Rep. Haddad said.

Rep. Peter Koutoujian, '83, had more choices before him, but it was easy for him to decide that Bridgewater was the best place for him.

"I had been accepted to a number of schools and traveled throughout New England to visit some excellent institutions," he said. "But when I came to visit Bridgewater, I remember feeling like I belonged here. People greeted me in the hallways and said hello."

Sen. Joan Menard, '67, G '71, of Somerset and Representatives David Sullivan, G '90, and Robert Correia, G '68, both of Fall River, chose Bridgewater for reasons different than most of their colleagues. Sen. Menard had a full-time job, a small child and a husband when she pursued her degree, which she did entirely through the continuing education program at BSC. It took her seven or eight years to earn her bachelor's degree in elementary education, and she later earned a master's degree in education with a concentration in counseling.

"It was the only way I could do it," Sen. Menard said. Evening courses were the only way for Representatives David Sullivan and Robert Correia as well. They both chose Bridgewater because they felt it was the best local institution for what they both wanted: master's degrees in education. Both were working full-time; Mr. Sullivan as a psychiatric social worker for the Department of Mental Health and Mr. Correia as a teacher and as the treasurer of Our Lady of Angels Federal Credit Union in Fall River.

As students in the continuing education program, their experiences were markedly different from those of their colleagues who were traditional undergraduate students.

"Ninety percent of the time I was at Bridgewater, I was beat," Rep. Correia said. "I was teaching junior high school, which at the time had classes of 40 and 44 students, carrying five classes a day. There were no free periods. I was leaving that and going to Bridgewater for courses at night – it was like another job that you were paying for."

Rep. Sullivan had an intensive work schedule with the DMH and recalls that “there was some hard work that had to be done” to complete his degree. Overall, though, his experience was a positive one.

"I certainly found the experience fulfilling," he said. It was a fulfilling experience for Sen. Menard as well, but it was also a very busy time in her life.

"I went two evenings a week and Saturdays for almost eight years. I went in the summer also," Sen. Menard said. "It was hard work, and I felt sort of isolated because there really were no social activities [for evening students] and I had a full-time job and a small child at home. It was very hard."

Rep. Correia said he appreciated the award presented to him from the college at the reception for legislative alumni held this winter because it finally gave him a sense of connection with BSC.

"It wasn't until this year that the realization came that I'm part of the Bridgewater family," Rep. Correia said. "I never felt that sense before."

Rep. Correia's colleagues who were BSC undergraduate students had that sense of connection to their alma mater a lot sooner. Though they worked hard at academics and at part-time jobs, most of the legislative alumni who were undergraduates at BSC had a more typical college experience with many fond memories.

"What I really remember most about it was the camaraderie," Rep. Flynn said. "I remember how, in my class – though we were outnumbered by the girls at
that time – that many of us were veterans, and we really helped each other out. We had study sessions together. We were really determined to make it. It was a wonderful opportunity that had been provided to us with money from the government.”

He also remembers some of the people at the college who had a great influence on him, including Dr. Frederick Meier, ’34, then dean of men who went on to become president of Salem State College; Dean Ellen Shea, ’35, dean of women; and history professor Dr. Annabelle Melville.

Rep. Koutoujian, who graduated in 1983, the same year as Chairman of the Board of Trustees Frederick Clark Jr., said some of his fondest memories were of attending the student Masses with Father Joe McNamara on Sunday evenings.

“I remember seeing the Catholic Center jammed with people, and they always took something from Father Joe’s sermons. These were the same people who wouldn’t attend Mass at home,” Rep. Koutoujian said. “It was because it was a campus ministry. He would speak on issues so current and so revealing; he’d force students to take a look at themselves, at what they were doing with their lives.”

An avid tennis player to this day, Rep. Koutoujian also enjoyed the two seasons he played tennis at Bridgewater. It’s interesting to note that Rep. Koutoujian began his college career as a political science major, but that he ended up switching to psychology.

“My memories of Bridgewater are extremely positive,” Rep. Fagan said. “I think the strongest memories I have are of the wonderful friends I had, and of the truly warm, family-type of atmosphere. It was a very tightly knit community.”

Rep. Fagan was a commuter student, but spent so much time with his on-campus friends (who managed to help him gain entrance to Tillinghast Hall for a meal at least once a day) that his experiences were very similar to those of resident students. He played football for the college in his sophomore year, was active in the fraternity Alpha Epsilon and worked as an assistant swimming instructor at the pool for two years.

Social life was a bit more regimented during his college years than it is today.

“Back then, there were still curfews for underclassmen, which presented a whole new set of challenges to us that students today don’t have,” Rep. Fagan said.

Some of the college people he remembers best are Dean David Deep; Dr. Barbara Chellis, English; and Dr. Jane Herrick, history. He also got to work with Pete Mazzaferro, the assistant coach of the football team, and Coach Ed Swenson.

Representative Kathleen Teahan, ’69

Rep. Teahan also spent a lot of time at the college even though she didn’t live on campus. She carpooled with a group of about five other women, and, to accommodate everyone’s schedule, they were usually on campus from the beginning of the first class of the day to the end of the last.

“It was challenging,” she said. “I spent a lot of time studying with my best friend from Whitman who was also an English major. Then I’d go home and work nights and weekends. I made a lot of great friends in the Fall River-New Bedford area and in Brockton.”

Rep. Haddad also made a lot of friends at Bridgewater, and also met some very important women mentors. A physical education major, Rep. Haddad said the faculty in that area, Dr. Mary Jo Moriarty, Dr. Catherine Comeau and Professor Johanne Smith, were the best part of her experience at Bridgewater.

“They were extremely gentle women but very strong individuals and excellent role models,” Rep. Haddad said.

She had always enjoyed physical education, but went to a Catholic girls’ school where offerings in that area were limited. BSC opened up a whole new world for her.

“Being a physical education major gave me a real renewed drive to crusade for women’s rights to have all of the sports that men have,” Rep. Haddad said.

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When their years at Bridgewater were over, all but two of the legislators, Representatives Sullivan and Koutoujian, worked as teachers for varying amounts of time. Rep. Koutoujian, who attended New England School of Law after graduation, eventually taught as well, first at the Massachusetts School of Law and later at Bentley College.
For Rep. Sullivan, his new master's degree helped him gain some upward mobility within the Department of Mental Health. In the early 1990s, he ran for and was elected to city council in Fall River. He has served on the council since 1992, and ran for the State House of Representatives for the first time in 1996. He's in his third term now and plans to continue to serve. He currently sits on the House Science and Technology Committee as well as the Human Services and Elderly Affairs Committee, which accounts for a little less than half of the entire state budget. He said his degree from Bridgewater, which he earned while raising two children and working full-time, has served him well.

"Bridgewater gave me the opportunity to pursue my master's degree, and that built up an awful lot of confidence in me. It's opened many doors," he said. "I'm very proud to say that I have a master's degree, and I speak very highly of Bridgewater - it affords the opportunity for education to people who have potential obstacles. That's a very important thing to offer."

Rep. Koutoujian began his career at the State House right after graduation - but not as a legislator. He worked in the Office of the Secretary of State under Michael Connolly for 1 1/2 years, and then spent the same amount of time with the House Government Regulations Committee. Then he decided the State House wasn't the place for him - at least, not at the time.

"I found that I wasn't happy in the State House," he said. "People weren't as committed as I'd hoped they would be."

He left the State House, went to New England School of Law, graduated in 1989 and started his own practice in an 8 x 8-foot office in Waltham. After doing work as a court appointed public defender, he became a prosecutor for the Middlesex County District Attorney's Office. It was during this time that he started teaching at the Massachusetts School of Law, which made for a grueling but rewarding schedule. He also eventually taught an American government class at Bentley College.

He had been at the D.A.'s office for four years when he decided to leave that position and "before I knew it I was running for state rep." His father, who is city clerk in Waltham, had first planted the seed of the idea in his son's head, but remained noncommittal about whether he should do it. He knew it had to be Peter's decision. Rep. Koutoujian decided he wasn't pleased with the incumbent, and thought he could do better.

He began his first term in 1997. He is now vice-chair of the Committee on Health Care, which he said has been the most "high-profile and crucial committee with regards to legislation of policy this term."

He continues to practice law, but is no longer teaching because the rigorous demands of being both a lawyer and a legislator forced him to cut back on his schedule where he could. He said he learned some important lessons at BSC that have helped him in many aspects of his life.

"Bridgewater gave me the chance to grow - to grow up, really, and it allowed me to do it in a nurturing sort of atmosphere. I learned how to deal with people, how to treat people, and how to get along with people in general," he said. "There were a lot of lessons that I took in but didn't realize what they were until a few years later, and they served me well."

Like most of the legislators who graduated from Bridgewater, Rep. Correia was a teacher. In fact, he was a teacher before he came to BSC to pursue a master's degree in education. When he was in his last year of what was then Southeastern Massachusetts University, the principal of a local junior high school called him and said he was in desperate need of a substitute math teacher.

"It was temporary - I only stayed 14 years," Rep. Correia said.
A business administration major in college, Rep. Correia had a strong math background, so he had a lot of knowledge to impart to his students. What he didn’t have was any training in how to teach.

“It was obvious to me that there was a lot I didn’t know,” he said.

He decided to enter the master’s in education program at Bridgewater while working both as a teacher and at the Our Lady of Angels Federal Credit Union.

“It made me a better teacher. It gave me the tools I didn’t have and made me more effective,” Rep. Correia said.

It was while he was teaching math and science to junior high school students that Rep. Correia first considered running for state office. He volunteered as a Catholic youth counselor, and was beginning to notice the beginnings of drug problems in the community.

“I felt I needed to be in an area where I could make more of a difference, and I realized the state legislature was a place you could absolutely make a difference,” Rep. Correia said.

Rep. Correia was elected in 1977 and will soon celebrate his 24th anniversary in the House. For just about all of those years, he has been the ranking member on the committees on which he has served or has been a member of the House leadership. He’s currently the House floor division chairperson and sits on the House Rules and Joint Rules Committees.

During his years in office, he’s worked to secure funding for education and other programs aimed at assisting the people of Fall River.

“I knew that I could make a difference in people’s lives,” Rep. Correia said, adding, “It’s a never-ending process.”

He said that he and the other members of the “Bridgewater delegation” have all worked hard to support education, and that their own education has played an important role in their work.

“As a group, education has absolutely been the foundation, the key to helping us move along this ladder,” Rep. Correia said.

Her Bridgewater education, and, more importantly, the women who helped her earn it, was key to Patricia Haddad’s success. When she graduated in 1972, she brought with her the lessons of caring and leadership she’d learned from the women on the faculty of the physical education department.

“I really do credit Bridgewater and the physical education program for a lot of the self-confidence that I have,” Rep. Haddad said.

It was self-confidence she’d be in need of after graduation. She was entering the field of physical education instruction before Title IX mandated equal funding for women’s sports in comparison to men’s. In addition to teaching physical education at Somerset Middle School, Rep. Haddad coached the girls’ gymnastics team – despite the fact that male coaches were paid more – and was an advocate for the girls she taught and coached.

She taught for 13 years, marrying and having two children along the way, before she decided to leave the profession to spend more time with her family. She went to work for her husband, who owns a small business, but said she never could quite detach herself from education. She was involved with the PTA and was elected to the school committee in 1993. She recently finished serving her last term.

Rep. Haddad became friendly with Joan Menard when she was serving in the House of Representatives. She worked on campaigns to get then-Rep. Menard elected to the House, and when she decided to run for the Senate, Rep. Haddad helped her again.

Then she started working on her own campaign.

With her children in college, she thought it would be the right time to take on a new challenge. In 1999, she successfully ran to take the seat in the House formerly occupied by Sen. Menard.

Not surprisingly, education is an issue that’s very important to Rep. Haddad, and she hopes to continue being an education advocate in her capacity as a legislator. She sits on two committees, the Committee for Human Resources and Elderly Affairs and Natural Resources and Agriculture. She said her relatively new career as a legislator has been very rewarding and challenging.

“Naturally, you think that you can immediately affect change, and that bubble gets burst quite soon after arriving here,” she said. “But I do have to say that there isn’t a person up here, whether they be veterans or new people, who is not willing to sit and discuss your views about anything. It’s a wonderful camaraderie.”

Kathleen Teahan’s husband experienced the camaraderie of the House before she did – he had been a state representative in the 1970s. When she graduated from BSC, Rep. Teahan taught English for four years at Whitman-Hanson High School, where she also served as the cheerleading coach. She then married and stayed home raising her children for 12 years. She later returned to work, first as CCD coordinator for the Holy Ghost Parish in Whitman, and then as a teacher in East Bridgewater Middle School for nine years.
"It was kind of a fluke, the way the seat in my district opened up," Rep. Teahan said. "District Attorney O'Malley passed away, and then (Rep.) Michael Sullivan was appointed by the governor to replace him."

Her husband said it would be a good time for someone in the community to take advantage of the open seat, to which she replied, "If anybody in this family runs, it's going to be me. It was nothing I had planned to do. I decided on Mother's Day that I would do it."

Her first run for the seat was not successful, at least partially because of her desire to run a totally positive campaign.

"I had told all my supporters that we were never going to say anything against my opponent. I believed politics was too dirty, and that I could win just by stating my views," she said. "But it didn't work out that way."

Things were different the next time around. Rep. Teahan still focused on her own views, but also addressed the differences between herself and her opponent when it was necessary. She won by a wide margin.

"I heard that I was too nice the first time," she said. "But the second election showed that you can be nice, but you can be strong at the same time."

She has served in the House since 1997, and currently sits on the Committees on Health Care and State Administration.

"I had no idea what it was going to be like, and it just surpasses all of my imaginings because there are so many interesting learning experiences here," Rep. Teahan said.

In addition to the work that is done on the floor of the House, Rep. Teahan said that legislators do a great deal of behind-the-scenes work for constituents who need help "breaking through the bureaucracy" of public agencies.

"It's incredibly demanding work we do with our constituents and our towns," she said. "But it's very fulfilling when you see that what you do does help."

Rep. Fagan has been helping his home community of Taunton since he began serving in the State House in 1993. Like many of his colleagues in the Bridgewater delegation, Rep. Fagan taught after graduation. He taught English in a Taunton middle school for a year before attending law school at Suffolk University.


"We were just coming out from the dark times of failure of the Massachusetts Miracle. It was a very active time in politics, there was great political upheaval," Rep. Fagan said. "I was somewhat outspoken about the fact that some of the people looking to represent the city had views greatly different from my own."

People in the community encouraged him to run, and he did so. He continues to practice law and is chair of the Post Audit and Oversight Committee and is a member of the Ethics Committee. He said he feels a strong connection to the college both for what it has done for him and his family (wife Christine and son Michael are both BSC alums), and for what it continues to do for his constituents.

"Bridgewater State College serves so many young people, who, like myself, probably would not have been otherwise able to afford a quality education," Rep. Fagan said.

The college's commitment to serving others was not lost on Rep. Fagan and other members of the Bridgewater delegation.

"The whole philosophy of public service was always a very strong thread in the fabric of college life at Bridgewater," he said. "All of my colleagues who went there shared that common experience."

Rep. Flynn was one of the first members of the Bridgewater delegation to share in the BSC experience. A 1958 graduate, he was elected parks commissioner in 1957, with the help of many fellow students knocking on doors in his behalf. After graduation, he taught in Woodbury, Conn., for two years. In addition to teaching classes, he also coached soccer and baseball.

He returned to Bridgewater in 1960 and pursued a career in public service that has continued to this day. In the Town of Bridgewater, he has served as park commissioner, selectman, assessor, overseer of public welfare and town moderator. He was first elected to the House in 1964, and served until 1972. During the 1970s, he returned to his alma mater as director of planning and development, a position he eventually held for the entire state college system.

He has served in two governor's cabinets, first in the Executive Office of Administration and Finance under Gov. Michael Dukakis, and later in the Office of Administration and Finance under Gov. Edward King. In 1980, he chaired President Jimmy Carter's campaign in Massachusetts. After serving several terms on the board of selectmen in Bridgewater, he returned to the State House in 1999.
Although he hasn’t been a classroom teacher since 1960, Rep. Flynn continues to work with young people. He founded Student Government Day at the State House, an event that gives students the chance to see their government in action.

“I try to spend as much time as I can with young people,” Rep. Flynn said. “I always tell kids that next to their families, and next to their religion, there’s nothing more challenging, exciting or important than public service.”

In his capacity as a legislator, Rep. Flynn has been a great friend to the college. He’s helped secure funding for many, many projects, including the initial funds for the Maxwell Library, the Burnell School and the Swenson Athletic Complex.

“I’m glad I’ve been able to do things like that, and I hope to be able to continue to do it,” Rep. Flynn said.

He called Bridgewater State College the “flagship of the fleet of the state college system,” and said it continues to serve the region by offering an affordable education to children in working class families.

“We’ve got to continue to provide an education that matches the private institutions, but meets the needs, as far as tuition, for working families,” Rep. Flynn said. “We owe it to the lunch-bucket brigade.”

Sen. Menard would certainly agree that there’s nothing more challenging than serving in government. She served in the House for 20 years (1979-1999) and was elected to the Senate two years ago.

She began teaching when she was about three-quarters finished with her bachelor’s degree. She enjoyed both teaching and learning, and earned a master’s degree from Bridgewater as well. She completed all of the coursework for a doctorate from Boston College, but decided to run for the legislature before she wrote her dissertation.

She ran for the first time in 1978, when she was director of special education for Somerset schools.

“I ran because I wasn’t really satisfied with the kind of representation we had,” she said.

Then-Rep. Menard broke new ground in the House of Representatives. She became the first woman majority whip in 1984, served as assistant majority whip in 1991 and again as majority whip in 1992-96. In 1993, she was elected chair of the Democratic National Party in Massachusetts.

“Can you believe that I was the first woman in both of those positions in almost 200 years?” she asked bemusedly. “But we fixed that.”

During her 20 years in the House, she served as a member and chair on many committees. A relatively new member of the Senate, she is now chair of the Rules Committee, Vice Chair of the Election Laws Committee, and also serves on the Bills in Third Reading Committee and the Federal Financial Assistance Committee.

“I loved the House, too, but this is different,” she said. “It’s a smaller body, we each get a bigger staff, and we get to do more things for our districts.”

Doing more, of course, means working even harder for the people who elected her. Important pieces of legislation gain notice in the press, but like most legislators, Sen. Menard’s office does a great deal of work helping constituents deal with specific concerns.

“Every single day we do something in my office for someone,” Sen. Menard said. “We help people all the time.”

And when she says “all the time,” she really means it.

“Last night I came home at 10:30 and left the house this morning at 7:45 – it’s a job you do seven days a week,” she said. “You have to have a very special desire to do this.”

But desire alone didn’t get Sen. Menard where she is today. She credits her Bridgewater education with opening many doors for her along the way.

“What Bridgewater did for me was to open up the opportunities to do what I wanted to do,” she said. “I’ve had more fun than I’ve ever deserved and if I can come back in another life, I want to be me.”

Bridgewater’s legislative alumni so enjoy the work they do it seems unlikely any of them would change places with anyone else – even though, like most students past and present at Bridgewater, the road to college, through it, and beyond, was not an easy one. It was that hard road, however, that helped them learn about the importance of helping others, whether as a teacher, as a lawyer or as a legislator. It also helped Rep. Flynn forge a personal outlook on life that echoes the college motto.

“I try to put a little more into each day than I take out of it,” he said. “That’s my philosophy.”

Senator Joan Menard, ’67, G’71
Without passion, it has been said, a man is nothing. And if nothing else, Doug Fayle (Class of 2000) is a man of passion. Well, a man of passion delayed.

Mr. Fayle, now 49, until a year ago never had a college degree, and didn’t really need one in his line of work. He had a good job as a self-employed computer consultant in a career he always liked; he branched off on his own after a company he was with for many years downsized and laid off many at his supervisory level. Although he liked working for himself, he wasn’t keen about the travel it entailed and being away from home, so he started thinking about hooking up with another company. But never having gone to college, he knew lacking the degree necessary to find secure employment would have him competing with people armed with MBAs — and losing.

Then something inside him clicked and fired up a new passion: To get a degree in history and impart what he’d learned — and his passion for it — to young people. So at an age when many people are looking more toward retirement than college, Mr. Fayle turned his academic attention toward Bridgewater State College and earning the degree he never had. He graduated in 2000 and is enrolled at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland, where he’s working toward his master’s degree in medieval history.

“I’m passionate about history,” Mr. Fayle said. “It’s what I love.”

Mr. Fayle is nearing completion on a dissertation involving the general history of two medieval cantreds (Iverk and Ida — cantreds later became Baronies) in the southern part of what is now County Kilkenny. He is examining the origins of the cantred and the people involved in its development as well as population trends and the church, politics and economics of the time from 1169 (the Norman invasion of Ireland) to 1319 (when the Butler family extended their power to include these two cantreds). The cantred of Ida is where Mr. Fayle’s family lived at the time of their emigration to America in 1844.

Part of Mr. Fayle’s program includes a weekly tutorial, one on one, with a major medievalist, Dr. Sean Duffy. “This is one of the highlights of my program and has been invaluable to me in learning the investigative techniques of a leading medieval historian,” Mr. Fayle said.

Mr. Fayle, a native of Manchester, Conn., completed tour of duty with the Marines in 1971 and went to the Computer Processing Institute in East Hartford. That training led to a string of great jobs, including being one company’s director of financial software systems with 81 people under him, but he never went to college, something he said always bugged him.

“I was doing pretty well, but felt like something of a charlatan for achieving so much without a degree,” Mr. Fayle said, adding that after extensive discussions with his wife, it was at her urging that he returned to school to earn a degree and teach. “I was reluctant, but she pushed me; she’s a very, very special wife. And Bridgewater was my number one goal because of its reputation.”

Mr. Fayle is a big man, tall and with the solid build of a football player, but even with his size, combined with a head of gray hair, he did not stick out in the collegiate crowd because, he said, BSC is home to many nontraditional students.

“A lot of us gravitated toward our own age group,” said Mr. Fayle, father of two daughters, ages 30 and 23, and a son, 19. “But I also really enjoyed the traditional age college kids. The older you get, the more cynical you get, but they’re not and it’s refreshing to be around them. A very large part of my experience was enjoying their company. And they weren’t shy, asking why I was there, what I was taking. They were very comfortable talking to me.”

He majored in history at Bridgewater State College, and took a minor in secondary education. Dr. Philip Silvia, professor of history, was a key influence on Mr. Fayle. He was “always extremely encouraging, and he was a very enthusiastic teacher, making interesting some subjects you might consider boring.”

Another key instructor in his BSC career was Dr. Harold Delisle who teaches British literature: “He taught me, at 44, to look deeper into everything. I used to just skim over things before I had him, but not anymore.”

Dr. Charles Nickerson, professor of English and director of the BSC honors program, was also a mentor to Mr. Fayle, and is responsible for his wanting to learn outside the country.

“He introduced me to Oxford (through the Bridgewater-at-Oxford program, that allows students from all over the country to attend the legendary British university), and I went there during the summer of 1997,” Mr. Fayle said.

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When Women Played Ball
BSC Alumna Fondly Remembers Time in Girls' Professional Baseball League

It all happened more than 50 years ago, but people still want to hear about the days when women stole bases and swung for the fences before cheering crowds who came to see short skirts but stayed for the great ball playing. Rhoda Linehan, '50, of Norwood, who played in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League, is constantly amazed by the interest.

"After all these years, it’s incredible they still remember," said Mrs. Linehan, mailing off an autographed baseball card to a female fan in Oregon. "It’s unbelievable."

Mrs. Linehan was “Nicky” Leonard in '46 when a scout for the women’s league traveled to her hometown of Somerset on a search for softball talent. Nicky had played with the St. Patrick’s Girls Softball Team from 6th grade through high school, and was deemed good enough to sign with the Fort Wayne Daisies.

The league constitutes a short-lived but memorable chapter in the history of American sports, and Mrs. Linehan’s two-month participation is good enough to make jaws drop and stop conversations cold.

Her name is listed on a plaque in the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, with more than 500 others in a permanent display dedicated to the women’s league in 1988. “It’s an honor to be in the same company as players like Ted Williams and Babe Ruth,” she said.

Once Cooperstown officially recognized the league, sports fans began to take notice. Yet it was the 1992 hit movie “A League of Their Own” that truly captured the public’s attention. Although exaggerated for Hollywood, the movie remained faithful in many aspects, she said – from the skirted uniforms to the charm school lessons to the chaperones who reminded the girls to apply fresh lipstick before heading to the plate.

After the movie, suddenly everyone wanted Mrs. Linehan to recount her adventures in the big leagues. She tells them about playing second base and right field for the then-impressive sum of $55 a week. When in Fort Wayne, Ind., she stayed in the home of a “wonderful” German family who took her to see Notre Dame University and came to all her games. Every other week the team climbed aboard the bus and went on the road, staying in the best hotels at the team’s expense and playing before crowds of up to 3,000 fans.

“It was kind of exciting, being from a small town, to be traveling the mid-west and playing ball,” Mrs. Linehan said. “It was mind boggling getting paid for something I really liked to do.”

At 18, she was by far the youngest of the mid-20 something team. On her first trip to the plate “Nicky” struck out on pitches that whizzed by her, then later made an error in the outfield. “I thought I’d be on a bus back to Somerset the next morning,” she said. Her teammates graciously chalked up her fumbles to first-day jitters, but this was a whole new level of competitiveness. The teams, from the Muskegon Lassies to the Grand Rapid Chicks, might have been made up of models, secretaries, factory workers and housewives, but all were absolutely serious about the game, she said.

After starting 21 games, Mrs. Linehan headed back to Massachusetts to begin classes at Bridgewater State College. She graduated from BSC in '50, became a teacher, got married and raised a family, never giving much thought to her days running the bases – that is, not until the movie was released.

Today she fields several requests a year for autographs and has talked about her baseball adventures at schools and social organizations, once sharing a stage with the Red Sox’s own Joe Morgan. She hung up her glove years ago in favor of golf, and is active with the Women’s Golf Association of Massachusetts, this year serving as tournament chair.

She’s constantly amazed by the interest people still show in the league. Chewing gum magnate Philip C. Wrigley founded the league in 1943, imagining the women’s teams would slide into the major league parks as the men’s teams struggled with players shortages caused by the war. Although the men’s teams never faltered, the intense competition and genuine athletic talent of the women won over the Midwest fans, and the league grew to 10 teams and over a million paid attendances at its peak in 1948.

Discontent and money squabbles within the league’s ownership, coupled with the advent of television and the end of the war, all contributed to the league’s demise in 1954. Two attempts were made in the ‘90s to resurrect women’s ball, but both met a quick end. The 12-seasons of the All-American’s Girls Professional Baseball League represents the entry of women into the man’s world of pro ball.

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In His Political Element
Roger Limoges Finds Exciting Career on Capitol Hill

Two years ago, if someone told Roger Limoges, '97, he'd be lobbying senators and writing Congressional testimony on behalf of a political organization that opposes religious extremism, he'd have replied, "You're crazy." But as senior public policy associate for The Interfaith Alliance, that's exactly what he does.

Founded in 1994 in response to the Christian Coalition, American Family Association and other right-wing religious groups, The Interfaith Alliance works "to promote the positive and healing role of religion in public life" and to "challenge religion's political extremism." The organization seeks to challenge the perception of legislators who might believe that the loud and powerful religious extremist groups represent the beliefs and desires of all religious Americans.

"I like to move people, to take their perception and either reinforce it or change it," he said. "The line between religion and politics is strong. We are choking the messages of manipulation and stereotyping around religion. We are strong First Amendment supporters. We pounce on assaults on religious liberty, on bills that establish one religion over another."

Last year, Mr. Limoges and other Interfaith staffers lobbied for four months for the inclusion of gays and lesbians in the Hate Crimes Prevention Act. This spring they have aggressively sought to derail President George W. Bush's White House Faith-Based Initiative. The group continues to urge campaign finance reform, opposes initiatives to provide direct funding to churches for social programs, opposes public school vouchers and supports affirmative action and civil rights for gays and lesbians.

Through his job, Mr. Limoges is getting a first-rate introduction into the machinations and complications of Washington politics -- and he's loving it. On his third day with Interfaith, Mr. Limoges convinced candidates Gov. George Bush and Sen. John McCain to sign a clean election pledge, which in his eyes legitimized the organization with Republicans. He meets with senators and representatives to discuss hot issues, and has been to the White House on official business.

"It's an honor. When I'm meeting with a senator, I still get nervous. I spend half a day getting ready," he said. "During the John Ashcroft nomination battle, I thought to myself, 'I can't believe I'm writing testimony for the Senate Judiciary Committee.'"

Mr. Limoges' interest in politics runs deep. He was introduced to Southern politics and learned how to run a political campaign while working for a candidate in the Georgia's governor race. He mastered how to take a complicated message and whittle it down to a 30-second commercial while working for a national Democratic media firm.

Mr. Limoges, a Grafton native and a 1997 graduate of Bridgewater State College, received his master's degree in political management from George Washington University in 1999. One of Mr. Limoges' professors from George Washington University asked him to take over his position at Interfaith from December of 1999 through the Super Tuesday primaries. Mr. Limoges agreed, became swept up in the organization's political mission, and has yet to leave.

His job involves lobbying members of Congress, writing Congressional testimony on important issues such as Attorney General John Ashcroft's nomination, and meeting with Congressional staffers to help spread Interfaith's position on pending legislation. The organization seeks to challenge the perception of legislators who might believe that the loud and powerful religious extremist groups represent the beliefs and desires of all religious Americans.

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Pictured above: Lee Stanford, '89, program director, and Russ Sherman, '88, program director, with his son, Grant.

WBIM Taken by Alumni

Alumni who used to work at college radio station WB1M reigned over the airwaves again during the fourth annual alumni takeover of the station during Homecoming Weekend.

"It's just a lot of fun being on the radio, especially on a college station, and to go back to your roots," said takeover participant Christopher Smalley, '89, a communication studies major who was manager of the station in 1988-89. Mr. Smalley, now associate director of corporate communications at the Boston University Medical Campus, has returned for three of the four takeover events.

He credited Peter George, '84, technical engineer for WB1M, with being the "mastermind" behind the takeovers.

"About 15 years ago, they were celebrating the 15th anniversary of the station and wanted to bring back some of the old jocks," Mr. George said.

He and many others returned. They held another reunion five years later and then decided to make it an annual event. The annual alumni takeover was born, and Mr. George said "it's been getting better every year."

Participants in the takeover included Mr. Smalley, Mr. George, Hugh Harrison, Leslie Scott-Lysan, Mark "The Master of Metal" Avery, "Doc Rock," Lee Stanford, Scott "Scooter Livingston" Levison, Dan Boutchie and Russ Benoit.

Mr. Smalley said his experience at WB1M has played an important role in his professional career, from his work in commercial radio on Cape Cod and in Marshfield to his present role at the BU Medical Campus. His experience at WB1M helped him learn how to make decisions, and how to deal with all the different personalities of the students who worked at the station.

"We learned far more than just how to play records up there," he said.

"A lot of people learned a lot from the station, and they haven't forgotten where they came from," Mr. George said. "A lot of people have gone on into bigger and better things as a result of their experience at WB1M, and I'm glad that I'm very much still a part of it."
Appointments

BSC Welcomes New Dean of Graduate and Continuing Education

Dr. Edward Minnock, Bridgewater State College's new dean of Graduate and Continuing Education since January, was attracted to the college because it meant returning to his roots.

By Linda Balzoni

A native of Onset, Dr. Minnock has had a long career in the field of continuing education, beginning in 1976 when he was director of the Criminal Justice Training Center in Topeka, Kan. The training center, a federally funded program, provided continuing education programs for law enforcement and corrections personnel.

He became director of continuing education at Washburn University in 1983, and in 1991 became the director of continuing and distance education at Penn State University's Harrisburg campus. He comes to Bridgewater from Saginaw Valley State University in Saginaw, Mich., where he established the continuing education program in 1995 and served as its executive director for five years.

Dr. Minnock has been impressed with graduate and continuing education programs offered at BSC and said it's important for his office to reach out to those interested in furthering their education.

"If you look at our enrollment figures, it is obvious we are addressing a definite need for graduate education programs," he said. "We need to do an effective needs assessment to determine what other educational needs exist in the region and develop the appropriate programs to meet those needs."

In the fall of 2000, the School of Management and Aviation Science launched a new Master of Science in Management degree. A master's degree in psychology has been updated, a master's degree in criminal justice has been approved for Fall 2001, and a new graduate program is being considered in social work.

Dr. Minnock views the Moakley Center and its distance learning technology as a convenient method to deliver these services to the community.

"The college is committed to the development of high quality graduate programs and through distance learning and onsite training programs we can make these programs accessible to the community," he said.

He has a bachelor's degree in criminology from the University of Tampa, a master's degree in sociology from Emporia State University and a doctorate in adult and continuing education from Kansas State University.
Mark Silva

"I did not have your typical four-year undergraduate college experience. I can identify with our students who are working, going to school and juggling a host of other responsibilities," said Mr. Silva.

It is his understanding of their hectic schedules that will help him in the position that he began in late February. Mr. Silva will oversee the college's purchasing and procurement procedures, printing and mailing facilities and the auxiliary service agreements, such as those with Sodexho Corporation and Follet bookstore.

He brings a business perspective to the college from his 3 years at Liberty Mutual Insurance, where he worked as a senior business analyst. Quality customer service is an important part of his new role.

"The students are our customers and it is important that we make things as convenient and efficient as possible for them," said Mr. Silva. "To that end we will be looking at and evaluating certain procedures, for example the Connect Card process, to streamline them for our students."

The most pressing issue he faces presently is the creation of a business continuity plan for the college.

"The college needs to have a written plan so it can continue to operate if the unexpected, such as a power failure, occurs," said Mr. Silva. "We are working to put the plan and the necessary arrangements associated with the plan in place."

Visitors

BSC Hosts Legislative Committee

BSC President Adrian Tinsley had the chance to speak directly to state legislators during a House Ways and Means Committee hearing on public education held at Bridgewater State College. University of Massachusetts President William Bulger was one of several other leaders of higher and K-12 education systems who came to Bridgewater to discuss budget concerns for the next fiscal year.

The meeting was chaired by Rep. David Flynn (D-Bridgewater), an alumnu of Bridgewater State College. He said the upcoming fiscal year's budget would be cut by millions of dollars, adding that he had concerns about the amount of federal money the state would receive under the administration of a new president, and that he was uncertain of how new state tax cuts would affect the budget.
Graduates Urged to Build a More Civil Society

More than 500 students earned undergraduate or graduate degrees during winter commencement exercises at Bridgewater State College.

Frederick W. Clark Jr., chairman of the BSC Board of Trustees, told the students that the college had provided them with the tools to build an education, and that "you have all been excellent carpenters."

In her message to the Class of 2001, President Adrian Tinsley thanked the students, faculty and staff of Bridgewater State College for the many contributions they have made to the college and to society at large.

"Bridgewater graduates, I hope that you will continue this great tradition of service, that you will use your new degrees not only for your own benefit but also for the benefit of others," she said.

Dr. Donald Imig, president and chief executive officer of the American Association for Colleges for Teacher Education (AECTE), was the keynote speaker. He spoke to the graduates of the challenges they would face living a society too often divided along lines of race, religion and economic status. He said that the future teachers in the Class of 2001 could help bring the nation's diverse population together.

Honorary degrees were awarded to Dr. Imig (honorary doctor of education), as well as to Dr. Zelda Gamson (honorary doctor of education) and former U.S. Sen. Edward Brooke (honorary doctor of public service). Dr. Gamson, professor emerita of UMass-Boston, was the founder and director of the New England Resource Center for Higher Education (NERCHE). The center is dedicated to strengthening collaboration among New England's colleges and universities.
Sen. Brooke and President Tinsley (front) pose for a photo before processing to winter commencement. In the back, from left are Dr. David Imig, Janine Smeedy, Dr. Zelda Gamson and Frederick W. Clark Jr., '83.

Janine Smeedy, a student from South Yarmouth, addressed her classmates at commencement. She asked her fellow graduates to reflect upon what a privilege it is to have had an education.

"Don't get me wrong, it is not that we did not all work for and earn our degree," she said. "But simply, that we had that chance available to us is more than many others can say." She urged her classmates to use the opportunities that now await them to make a difference in the lives of others.

HOBA Honors
Former U.S. Senator Edward Brooke

The Hall of Black Achievement's 13th Annual Heritage Celebration honored former U.S. Sen. Edward Brooke with the Mary Hudson Onley Award.

The Mary Hudson Onley Award, named after Bridgewater's first graduate of color, is presented to an individual who has had outstanding success in his or her field.

Sen. Brooke, in 1962, was the first African-American in the United States to be elected a state's attorney general. Another historic moment was reached in 1966 when Sen. Brooke became the first African-American popularly elected to the United States Senate to serve since Reconstruction.

Sen. Brooke was unable to attend the evening's festivities, but in taped remarks expressed to the audience his appreciation for the recognition bestowed upon him.

"Having worked with Mary Hudson Onley and her husband, the Reverend Arthur Spratley, at the Concord Baptist Church in Boston, I am truly privileged, honored, and humbled to receive this award," said Sen. Brooke. "I accept with great humility and deep appreciation."

WCVB's Rhondella Richardson hosted the event, which attracted an audience of more than 250 people. She discussed the importance of the annual celebration.

"We revisit the past through the HOBA inductees, honor the present by recognizing the accomplishments of Sen. Edward Brooke, and envision the future through our student achievers," said Ms. Richardson. "All of this validates the sustaining importance of this celebration."

President Adrian Tinsley, attending her 12th HOBA Celebration, noted HOBA's importance to the entire community. "This evening honors role models for all citizens everywhere," said President Tinsley. "HOBA is important to Bridgewater State College, but its reach extends far beyond the college."

President Tinsley introduced each of the Massachusetts State College Student Achievers for 2001. The Hall of Black Achievement Student Achiever Award recognizes up to two students of African descent from each of the nine Massachusetts state colleges. The award celebrates the culmination of an undergraduate career that exemplifies academic achievement, strong leadership skills, and good citizenship both on campus and within the community.

Nicole Moseley, a senior majoring in special education with a minor in communications, and Jose Dos Anjos, a senior majoring in history with minors in Canadian Studies and English, were this year's Bridgewater State College Student Achievers.

In addition to presenting the Mary Hudson Onley Award, HOBA annually honors two historic figures posthumously for their achievements. This year's inductees into the Hall were researcher Dr. Charles Drew and author Ann Lane Petry.
Dr. Janice Harris Honored at Award Ceremony

Dr. Janice Harris, a professor in the Movement Arts, Health Promotion and Leisure Studies Department, was presented the Joseph McKenney Award for Distinguished Service and Leadership.

The award is the highest honor that the Massachusetts Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance can bestow on a member. She accepted the award in March at a ceremony held in Worcester.

"I am filled with unbridled pride and joy," Dr. Harris said. "Joseph M. McKenney was incredible! It is most humbling to receive an award named after a man of such dignity and intelligence."

A professor at Bridgewater State College since 1978, Dr. Harris has dedicated her life to teaching and her students. She is a former MAHPERD president, and has also served as vice president for recreation, chair of the membership committee, chair of the nominating committee and as the Eastern District Association of American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Council for Services Representative. Dr. Harris said that she considers this organization the cornerstone of her professional service.

Dr. Harris has a distinguished list of major presentations, research and publications. At BSC, she has been chairperson and a member of numerous committees. She serves as chair of the MAHPLS undergraduate curriculum committee, is faculty athletics representative for the National Collegiate Athletic Association, is the adviser of the Student Athletic Council and serves on the peer evaluation review committee.

Dr. Harris earned her B.S. from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and went on to receive her M.Ed. and Ed.D. from Boston University.

Professor John Heller Had Profound Effect on the BSC Campus Community

The news came to most of the BSC community through an e-mail titled simply "sad news." And sad it certainly was — John Heller, a professor of art at the college since 1968, had died in his Halifax home on Saturday, Feb. 17, at the age of 56. His many friends at the college knew he had suffered from heart problems, but his death was still an unexpected blow.

At the time of his death, an exhibit featuring the work of six art faculty members who have taught at Bridgewater State College for at least 25 years was on display in the Wallace L. Anderson Gallery. A reception for the "Then and Now" exhibit, planned months in advance, was to be held just a few days after Professor Heller's death. The art department went ahead with the reception, which became a tribute to their deceased colleague's life and work. The BSC community turned out to see his art, and to celebrate his life.

Reflections from his colleagues and friends indicate that there is much to celebrate about Professor Heller's life. His art. His wit. His dedication to Bridgewater. And, perhaps most importantly, his unique knack for introducing people to enriching new experiences and to new people who would become good friends.

"His spirit was very important to this college," said President Adrian Tinsley. "More than most of us, John made connections with all the people that form this college community; with students, with faculty, with administrators, with trustees ... he just had the gift of extending his friendship regardless of the kind of category that person belonged to."

Every person on campus who was close to Professor Heller can easily name several others who were his good friends. Dr. Leslie Angell, professor of English, had known him for 33 years. It was John, an expert on antique homes, who declared sound the 1804 house she and her husband, Charles, had been considering purchasing back in 1973. It was John who took her to see her first opera when her son, Franklin, was just a baby. It was John who made the wedding rings for Franklin and his bride when they married last year.
A whimsical soup tureen in the shape of a pig's head can be seen nearby a sculpture of its creator, Professor John Heller, which was made by BSC graduate Joanne Walsh.

Dr. Dorothy Oppenheim, acting associate dean of the School of Management and Aviation Science, had been friends with John since 1973. The two were both members of the Halifax Historical Society and often discussed the “joys and woes” of owning and restoring their antique homes. “He was just a rare human being,” she said.

His colleagues and students in the art department were certainly among those John influenced during his life.

“His death sent shockwaves through the department. We feel a tremendous void here,” said Dr. Roger Dunn, chairman of the Department of Art. “It was quite emotional that first day, and the students took it very hard. Some of them said he was the very best teacher they had ever had.”

Professor Heller was involved in all aspects of the art program and was an integral force in building the graphic design and crafts programs. He served as chair of the department for five years. He earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in fine arts from the Pratt Institute. He was trained in metals and ceramics, but was also very knowledgeable about architecture and sculpture.

When Dr. Stephen Smalley joined the Department of Art in 1972, Professor Heller had already been here for four years. Dr. Smalley was chairman of the department and early on in his tenure began working with his colleagues on finalizing a program for an art major. As chair of the department, Dr. Smalley traveled to state colleges near and far to examine their art programs. Professor Heller “quite optionally” went right along with him. It was during those trips that Dr. Smalley first got to know John.

His love for Bridgewater State College was something all his friends spoke about in remembering Professor Heller. He participated actively in all phases of campus life, serving on many committees and as adviser to student organizations. Most recently, he was chair of the All-College Committee. “I found him to be a very gentle and thoughtful person who cared about people and certainly about the college,” said Dr. Laurence Richards, acting vice president of academic affairs.

Professor Heller has left his mark on the college in many tangible ways. He designed the college mace, the presidential medallion, the 25-year service recognition medallions and the Mary Hudson Onley Award Medallion awarded by the Hall of Black Achievement.

“Those are used every year in the most important traditional ceremonies of the college,” Dr. Tinsley said. “They are going to keep his memory green at the college.”

He will also be remembered, of course, by the students he taught here at Bridgewater State College. Joanne Walsh came to study art at BSC as a nontraditional student and earned her bachelor's degree in 1990 and her master's in 1992. It was her sculpture of John that greeted guests at the “Then and Now” reception held just after his death.

“John was my mentor,” Ms. Walsh said. “He gave me opportunities that otherwise would not have been given to me ... he was always willing to give more than you would expect from one of your professors.”

Today, Ms. Walsh does freelance three-dimensional work for a bronzing company, Colonial Brass, in Middleboro. Professor Heller, she said, helped her to realize her own artistic goals. “I have a lot to thank John for,” she said.

Friends and family gathered to remember Professor Heller at a memorial service held on campus on April 7. A memorial service was also held in Florida, where John's mother, Evelyn Heller Cain, lives.

John Heller Memorial Scholarship Fund

To honor John Heller, the BSC College Foundation has established a memorial fund in his memory. Gifts to this fund will eventually establish a scholarship fund in his name. If you would like to participate in this effort, please make your check payable to The Bridgewater State College Foundation for the John Heller Memorial Fund. Donations may be left at the Davis Alumni Center or mailed to BSC Foundation, P.O. Box 42, Bridgewater, MA 02324.
Major Gift Benefits
BSC's Canadian-Related Programs

Bridgewater State College has become the first public college to receive a substantial donation from two charitable trusts earmarked for its Canadian-related activities.

"This is wonderful news for the college as this grant represents a gift which will assist one of our fine academic programs. I offer my heartfelt thanks to the trustees of the fund," said BSC President Adrian Tinsley.

These trusts do not accept applications and make grants to institutions selected by the trustees of the fund. Bridgewater State College joins an elite group of more than a dozen higher education institutions including Cornell, Harvard University, MIT and Smith College, which have previously received funding from the trusts.

"This gift acknowledges the outstanding Canadian Studies program here at Bridgewater, and also the academic excellence of the college itself," said Dr. Richard Cost, vice president for institutional advancement. "The grant will help us to achieve our goal of raising the endowment of the college to $10 million by June of 2002. For all of these reasons, we are extremely grateful for this extraordinary grant."

The funds, which over time may reach $500,000, will establish the Killam Canadian Fund at Bridgewater State College and may be used to support Canadian-related undergraduate activities such as instruction in Canadian studies, scholarships for Canadian students at Bridgewater, Year-in-Canada Scholarships for American Bridgewater students, and acquisition and maintenance of Canadian materials in libraries, museums and other collections at Bridgewater as the college determines.

"I am well aware how long and how hard Professor Anthony Cicerone has worked to advance our Canadian Studies Program through countless business and civic contacts and through his leadership of many organizations involved in promoting business ventures of mutual benefit to both the United States and Canada," said President Tinsley. "My enthusiastic congratulations to Professor Cicerone and all of the faculty involved in this excellent program."

Professors John Myers, Robert Larson and Harold Ridlon founded the Canadian Studies Program at BSC 30 years ago in response to faculty, student and regional interest.

"This is an honor to be recognized by the trusts as one of the premier Canadian Studies program in the country," said Dr. Anthony Cicerone, director of Canadian Studies at Bridgewater State College. "President Tinsley's unwavering support for the program, the dedication and hard work of the Canadian Studies faculty and the tremendous support of the Canadian Government, especially the Canadian Consulate in Boston, have made this program a tremendous success."

Since taking over the program in 1989, Dr. Cicerone, professor of economics, expanded the program to include outreach to business representatives and government officials. He established the Southeastern Massachusetts Atlanta Canada Association, an international mayors' organization, and works closely with the New England-Canada Business Council and the Canadian Consulate.

Bridgewater State College has maintained a number of close ties with Canada, including hosting a Fulbright Scholar last semester, Dr. Louis Balthazar, professor emeritus at Laval University, a French-speaking university in Quebec City.

Also last fall, the college hosted the regional meeting of the Middle Atlantic New England Conference on Canadian Studies representing all of the Northeast's colleges and universities with U.S.-Canadian studies programs.
reception was held to mark the opening of the Albert F. Hunt School as a college building. The school, which had been vacant for two years, was purchased from the town by the college last year.

BSC President Adrian Tinsley noted that many of the guests who attended the reception had themselves been students or teachers at the school. She said the reopening of the building made for a "red-letter day" for both the college and the town.

The college paid the town $225,000 for the building, and will provide the town with computer services worth another $600,000. The building will retain the name of Dr. Albert F. Hunt, a physician who served on the local school committee for 35 years. The building now houses college classrooms and offices.

Bridgewater Selectmen James Nihan, chairman, and Gerald Chipman both spoke at the reception. Mr. Chipman called the college purchase of the Hunt School a "win-win" situation for both parties. The $225,000 in cash that the college paid for the school will be used for the renovation of and addition to the Bridgewater Senior Center.

Dr. Dana Mohler-Faria to Participate in Oxford Round Table

Dr. Dana Mohler-Faria, vice president for administration and finance, has been selected to participate in the Oxford Round Table planned for August at St. Antony’s College, Oxford University.

The Round Table is an annual forum during which a small and prestigious group of leaders in higher education gathers to discuss important issues. It provides an opportunity to discuss policy questions over a five-day period in a collegial, “think-tank” atmosphere. All participants are invited by virtue of their current leadership positions and for their potential to make significant contributions to the Round Table discussions.

Dr. Mohler-Faria was nominated for inclusion in this year’s Round Table and was notified of his selection this winter.

“I was pleasantly surprised, and pleased that I would have an opportunity to have discussions with people in the field from different areas of the country and from around the world on financing and other public education issues,” he said.

Round Table 2001 will concentrate on policy issues in higher education that will affect institutions in the first decade of the new millennium. Some of the topics to be addressed include assessing institutional performance and efficiency, implementing education technology for higher education and government financing.

To prepare for the conference, Dr. Mohler-Faria has been reading about higher education issues and will intensify his research as the conference draws closer. He has also been having discussions with other public higher education officials throughout Massachusetts and the nation.

“My real hope is that in some meaningful way, I will make a contribution to the group,” Dr. Mohler-Faria said. “The other real hope I have is to come away from it with a better perspective and a broader perspective on these issues.”

Former participants in Round Tables include ministers of education, governors from the U.S., members of parliaments in the U.K. and other countries, chief executive officers from international corporations and university leaders from institutions throughout the world.
Friends gather at the Long Boat Key Alumni reception in March.

**Florida Alumni Reception – West Palm Beach – March 14, 2001**

Alumni from the West Palm Beach and Ft. Lauderdale area met at the famous Mortons of Chicago restaurant for the second annual Florida East Coast alumni reception. Those in attendance were: Holly Antonelli, '98; Stephen Antonelli; Deidre D'Egidio, '99; Michael D'Egidio; Dr. Al D'Errico, '87; Marilyn Federico, '57; Chuck Federico; Joseph Gregg, '51; Marge Gregg, '51; Theo Lukas, '44; Ann Morris, '54; Chuck Morris; David Sousa, '60; Gloria Bragi Turgiss, '49; Wallace Turgiss. Holly Antonelli was the winner for the evening's raffle that included a BSC baseball cap and tote bag.

**Florida Alumni Reception – Long Boat Key – March 18, 2001**

Fifty-five alumni, friends and former faculty enjoyed a marvelous Sunday brunch at the Chart House on Long Boat Key. President Adrian Tinsley addressed the group and demonstrated to them, through a PowerPoint presentation, the vision she has for Bridgewater State College's future. The presentation was well received and those in attendance were amazed at the progress that is being made at their alma mater.

**Can You Name The Faculty – Contest Winner**

We had a great response to our quiz “Can You Name the Faculty.” The winner was Paul Kelly, '51. Paul received a Bridgewater State College fleece pullover. Paul's name was drawn from all the correct entries. The correct names are listed below the photo.

**Can You Name The Faculty - Contest Winner**

More than 200 people gathered at the Catholic Center to hear four gospel choirs perform on February 17th. All proceeds from this event went to the Dr. Paul Gaines Scholarship Fund.


Friends gather at the Long Boat Key Alumni reception in March.
Golden Bridge Society Attends Art Exhibit – October 25, 2000

The Golden Bridge Society traveled by motorcoach to the Worcester Art Museum on October 25th to view the art exhibit "Lost City of Antioch."

Golden Bridge Society Meets for Luncheon and Poetry Reading – March 29, 2001

Members of the Golden Bridge Society met at the Davis Alumni Center for a luncheon prior to adjourning to the Maxwell Library for a poetry reading. Members of the college community, as well as the alumni from the Golden Bridge Society gathered to hear author and poet Dr. Marjorie Agosin share her poetry entitled "Writings of Hope."

Habitat for Humanity Alumni Brunch and Reunion – February 11, 2001

Twenty-five alumni and students met for a Sunday Brunch on February 11th. All of the alumni present had participated in the Habitat for Humanity program at BSC while they were students. They shared their stories and gave advice to the students who were about to depart for this year's program. Plans are being made for alumni to become involved with the Plymouth County Habitat for Humanity program. A meeting was held on June 2nd to discuss how BSC alumni can become involved in helping build a home in Middleboro.

Upcoming Events

Bridgewater State College Travel Program

The Office of Alumni Relations currently has two trips available to alumni and friends. Seats are limited. It is necessary to book early.

October 9-17, 2001 – The Best of Ireland
$1429/per person for payment by credit card; $1399/per person discounted prices for payment by cash or check.
Price includes round-trip air from Boston, hotel accommodations and taxes (twin occupancy), two lunches and six dinners, as well as gratuities. $100 deposit due at time of reservation and balance is due August 5, 2001.

November 10-16, 2001 – Paris, France
$899/per person for payment by money order or check.
Price includes round-trip air from Boston, hotel accommodations (twin occupancy) and continental breakfast each morning. $100 deposit due upon reserving. Balance due September 6, 2001.
To receive more information, please call the Office of Alumni Relations at 1-888-BSC-9555

Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet – October 26, 2001
6–9 pm – Campus Center Ballroom
The Athletic Hall of Fame Committee met in the spring to select the 2001-2002 Hall of Fame inductees. The Hall of Fame dinner will be held on Friday, October 26, in conjunction with Homecoming Weekend.

Homecoming – October 27, 2001
Want to plan a special reunion for Homecoming? Just call the Office of Alumni Relations and we will help you plan a most memorable day. The alumni tent will be set up on the football field with lots of goodies and surprises awaiting everyone. Please be sure you stop by and say hello to the alumni staff.

Carol Mulloy Cuttle Aloha Classic Road Race
The Carol Mulloy Cuttle 5K Road Race will be run again on homecoming morning. We need volunteers to help with the race, as well as more runners. Please call the Alumni Office if you are interested in helping to make this a very successful annual event. All proceeds from the race benefit the Carol Mulloy Cuttle Memorial Scholarship Fund.
Participants at Mock Interview Night gather in the campus center.

Mock Interview Night

Mock Interview Night, cosponsored by Career Services and Alumni Relations, was held on Thursday, April 5 in the Campus Center Ballroom. Professionals and alumni in a variety of fields provided mock interviews for seniors. The evening concluded with a networking reception to give students the opportunity to meet and network. Students had the wonderful opportunity to gain valuable interview experience and receive priceless advice/input prior to their "real" job interviews. All enjoyed the evening! Thank you to all our alumni and employers who volunteered their time for this valuable event.

Careers in Writing Panel

The Careers in Writing Panel was held on February 12 in the new Writing Center. Dr. D'Ann George and Dr. Lee Torda of the Department of English moderated the event, which drew more than 45 students. The seven alumni who served as panelists were: Don Hicks, managing director/consultant at SCMAcom, Inc.; Joyce Hicks, '76, president/founder of SCMAcom, Inc.; Ann Jones, '77, self-employed novelist/author; Joseph Reardon, '87, sport stringer for the Patriot Ledger; John Shanahan, '96, associate editor/Web editor at AJM Magazine; Stephen Sheppard, '80, editor for Nantucket Magazine; and Jamie White, '00, peer consultant/graduate assistant at the Bridgewater State College Writing Center.

We would like to extend sincere thanks to our alumni participants and faculty moderators.

Afro-Am Alumni Council Mentor Program

Career Services and the Afro-Am Alumni Council cosponsor the Afro-Am Alumni Council Mentor Program. This program was developed to connect current Bridgewater State College students of color with BSC alumni of color within their fields of interest. The program was designed to help prepare first and second year students for the career planning process and to provide them with contacts within their potential career field. The first annual Afro-Am Alumni Council Mentor Program began on February 1 with a Kick-off Dinner and has continued throughout the Spring 2001 semester. The program has been of extreme benefit to our students and is hoped to continue in the years ahead. A special thanks to all of the alumni mentors! We couldn't have done it with out you.

Spotlight Panel Series

Every semester, the offices of Career Services and Alumni Relations cosponsor alumni panel discussions. These events have been created in an effort to bring BSC students and our valued alumni together, offering a forum for obtaining career information and an opportunity to share ideas and make contacts within the field. 
Annual Phonathon
Fund-raising Drive
Proves a Ringing Success

The Annual Fund phonathon, one of the main sources of unrestricted gifts for Bridgewater State College, has raised more than $128,000 in pledges over the past academic year.

Unrestricted gifts are directed towards the greatest needs of the college, as identified by the president and the college board of trustees.

This past academic year, the Foundation provided $100,000 for faculty research grants and an additional $50,000 for student research grants. Both of these grant programs keep the college competitive and enhance the value of a Bridgewater State College degree.

Thirty-two Bridgewater State College students worked as phonathon associates and made phone calls to alumni, parents, faculty and friends of the college.

In addition to securing pledges, the student phonathon associates made thousands of thank-you calls, updated hundreds of alumni records, and secured many new friends for Bridgewater.

The Development Office at Bridgewater State College offers its heartfelt thanks to all who have donated and to those students who helped make it all happen.

We Want To Include You

Will you see your name in the Honor Roll of Donors in the Fall 2001 issue of Bridgewater? You will if you have fulfilled your phonathon pledge or responded to one of our direct mail appeals! But, don’t worry and don’t despair. There is still time to contribute to your alma mater.

All donations received by June 30, 2001, will be recognized in our annual Honor Roll. So please mail that check today or call 508-531-1290 or 888-272-9555 (toll free) to use your credit card. As always, we appreciate all gifts, and thank each and every one of you for your continued support. We couldn’t do it without you.

The Annual Fund .......This Year and Every Year!
Scholarship Offered to Support Gay Students at BSC

The Safe Colleges Task Force at Bridgewater State College has initiated a fund-raising effort to provide financial assistance to students who have lost financial support from their families as a result of their identification as gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered.

The Frank-Tremblay Safe Colleges Scholarship recognizes two individuals who have been outspoken advocates of the rights of all people – Congressman Barney Frank and French Canadian singer/songwriter Lucie Blue Tremblay.

Because of their efforts to not only bring awareness of diversity, but also to live their lives in public advocacy, the Safe Colleges Task Force of Bridgewater State College has named this endowed scholarship the Frank-Tremblay Scholarship. Both have worked tirelessly for equality for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people.

Seed money for the scholarship came through the generosity of Ms. Tremblay who gave a concert at the college and in Boston last spring that generated $1,400 for the scholarship. Prior to going public, the generosity of a few college friends and staff has generated almost $5,000 for the fund.

The campus community, alumni and friends are invited to become part of this fund-raising effort that will make a difference in the lives of Bridgewater State College students.

Dr. Susan Holton, professor of communication studies, is chairperson of the Safe Colleges Scholarship Committee.

"We, at Bridgewater, are all educators. And as such, we have a responsibility to provide leadership in this area," she said. "You, as alumni and friends of the college, are invited to give generously to fund this endowed scholarship. Your support can help make BSC safe for all students by making a tax-deductible contribution to the scholarship fund."

Interested donors to the fund can make their checks payable to the Bridgewater State College Foundation and on the memo line designate that the contribution is for the Safe Colleges Fund. Checks can be sent to the Bridgewater State College Foundation, Davis Alumni Center, Bridgewater State College, Bridgewater, MA 02325. The donation will support the Bridgewater State College Foundation and, if you wish, you will be listed as a donor to the Foundation.

The Safe Colleges Task Force, in its third year, is a group comprised of students, faculty, staff and administrators who are committed to raising the awareness of the campus community about gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people and their communities.

The task force urges individuals who are contemplating a donation to the scholarship fund to think of the students whose lives this may impact. "It is of concern to everyone who cares about students," Dr. Holton said. "It is our responsibility, as members of the Bridgewater State College community, to respond."

Bridgewater State College strives to be a safe zone for all of its students. On doors all across the campus, circular stickers with a black and pink triangle spell out "BSC Safe Zone." The sticker symbolizes that the individual, office or room provides a "safe" place and the people in it are allies for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered students.

For further information about the Frank-Tremblay Scholarship, contact Dr. Holton at 508-531-1750 or email her at sholton@bridgew.edu. For information regarding the Safe Colleges Task Force, contact Bob Haynor, chairman of the Safe Colleges Task Force, at 508-531-1331 or email him at rhaynor@bridgew.edu.

You can visit the Safe Colleges Task Force website at www.bridgew.edu/depts/counseling/SCTF.htm for updated information.
1921
Florence McGillicuddy Curran writes that she enjoyed her years at Bridgewater State College. Since graduation, she attended Boston University, Harvard and received her master’s in education from Columbia University. Florence resides in Bronxville, NY.

1936
Barbara Albret
PO Box 1075
East Dennis, MA 02641
Phyllis Esau
45 Bryant Avenue
Milton, MA 02186
Regretfully, we must add two more names to those who have left us: Peggy Gilliatt Raymond and Ann Cruise Shanahan. Peggy, a staunch supporter of Bridgewater, taught elementary grades before her marriage to Robert Raymond. She led an active life as a Girl Scout director, an outdoor sportswoman, and a proficient square dancer. Ann Cruise Shanahan was a remedial teacher in Chelmsford, and participated in church activities and was a hospital volunteer. ... Carol Farr has been teaching continuously for 65 years, and there is no sign that she will be stopping anytime soon. At age 85, she teaches one-on-one with Belmont students of all grades and ages who need outside tutoring. Her first teaching job was in Hanson where she earned $900 her first year. Her life’s work has been dedicated to helping students with learning disabilities, and her nurturing manner seems to motivate students to try to do their very best.

1937
Ruth Metcalf
104 Pleasant Street
Bridgewater, MA 02324

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

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

1943
Dr. Leah T. Hearn traveled to Ecuador, South America, where she worked with the International Schools Service and U.S. Aid. She now volunteers teaching English at a local high school.

1946
Phyllis Clayman Friedman
30 Washington Street #713
Brighton, MA 02135

1949
Jacqueline Kellen Weyand
34-10 94th Street, Apt 1C
Jackson Heights
Long Island, NY 11372

1950
Burnham Miller
21 Sunset Drive
Whitinsville, MA 01588

1951
Jean Collins Fletcher
91 Riverboat Village Road
South Hadley, MA 01705

The Class of 1951 Reunion Committee worked diligently during the last several years planning a wonderful 50th reunion. The fall issue of the magazine will include written details and photos of the entire weekend.

1952
Helen O’Connor Keegan
53 Sadys Lane
East Falmouth, MA 02536
The reunion committee continues to meet on a regular basis in order to plan for the 50th reunion in 2002. We are in need of a few people with computer skills to work on our reunion booklet. If you would like to assist with this project, please contact Amelia Leconte at 12 Forster Road, Rochester, MA 02770.

1953
Ralph J. Fletcher
91 Riverboat Village Road
South Hadley, MA 01705

1954

1955
Francena Warren Smith
32 Mellen Street
Needham, MA 02494
Paul Sprague
PO Box 521
Hinsdale, NH 03451

The Class of 1954 has met several times on campus to discuss reunion plans. If you wish to become part of this committee, please contact Hazel Luke Varella at the above address.
Helen Wolski Braithwaite bicycled across Canada from Martinique Beach in Nova Scotia to the Pacific Rim National Park in British Columbia. The trip began on June 19, and she arrived at the Pacific Ocean on Sept. 27th. She covered 3,860 miles averaging 45 miles per day for 84 days of actual cycling. Her husband, Jack, followed her in the camper van for support. On the way back home, they visited with the children and grandchildren... Dimitra Colas Cobleigh and her husband are retired. They are traveling, playing tennis and enjoying life!... Ann Keddie Morrow and her husband, Jim, have sold their home in Gambier, Ohio, and moved to nearby Mount Vernon... Roberta Silva Van Dyke has retired and takes care of her grandson two days a week. She had a family reunion with her brothers and sister in Maine in last June... Francena Warren Smith and her husband, Ralph, have both retired from teaching. They are enjoying time spent with their family that includes two grandchildren, ages 8 and 5 1/2.

1957

Beverly Tunstall Shavinsky
81 Francis Street
Fairhaven, MA 02719

1958

John B. Lonegran
21 Westminster Road
East Weymouth, MA 02189

1960

Ginny Jewett Haag
840 Willow Court
Marco Island, FL 33937

1963

Judith Williams Millar
212 Franklin Street
Whitman, MA 02382

1964

James Nidositko
54 Lakeview Avenue
Falmouth, MA 02540

Bernadette Reid will be retiring from the Boston Public Schools in June. She writes that after 37 years of teaching she is proud of two very special highlights in her career. She received the Genevieve Grass Ford Award from the Bank of New England Fellowship in 1990 and in 1998 she was one of 15 teachers honored by the Boston City Wide Education Coalition with the Golden Apple Award for being an outstanding teacher. She is a past president and current vice president of Upsilon Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International.

1956

Carlene Dodd Brown
35 Tom O’Shanter Way
South Yarmouth, MA 02664

Eugene A. Kennedy
5 Kaybeyun Road, Converse Point
Marian, MA 02738

1965

Terri Stolarz Geribo is a staff therapist for Old Colony and South Bay Mental Health Clinic. She and her husband, Danny, reside in Mansfield and are the proud grandparents of Kayla, Kassie and new grandson, Dean. ... Arleen Roche Trufan is enjoying retirement in Palm Springs. Her e-mail address is trufie@aol.com. She would love to hear from old friends.

1966

Geraldine Murphy Wright
229 Windcrest Drive
Camillus, NY 13031

1968

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

1969

Carol Ethier Pappas
44 Tall Timbers
Berwick, ME 03901

Henry Danis is Westboro’s town coordinator. After graduating from Bridgewater with a bachelor of arts degree in history and political science, he went on to receive a master’s degree in government and history from the University of Connecticut.

1970

Joseph Hackett
Ledgeview Drive
Norwood, MA 02062

1972

Phil Conroy, Jr. and Janice Indorato Conroy
85 Bridle Road
Bridgewater, MA 02324
Sister Ella Jane Bruen recently had her first book published. The book entitled *Through Ordinary Eyes* is a look at letters that a Union army soldier serving with the Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry wrote home to his South Abington family. The book is a product of Sr. Ella Jane's work at Harvard where she earned a master's degree in history.

1973
Patricia Wall and her husband, Richard, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They reside in Mantee County, Florida, and are both retired. Patricia was a learning disabilities teacher in Plainville and Richard was an electronic technician for the Christian Science Monitor in Boston. They recently attended a Bridgewater alumni reception in Longboat Key, Fl.

1974
Veronica Galanek Wainwright
4358 Bonfield Court
Oxford, MD 21654

1976
Jacqueline Sylvia Wheaton
PO Box 235
Swans Island, ME 04865

1977
Robert Mansur
2425 SE 5th Street
Lees Summit, MO 64063

Richard Brodeu, G'77, is the principal of Rogers Elementary School in Fairhaven. Richard Pacheco is the director of the American School of Bilboa in northern Spain. After graduation, Richard taught chemistry and theater in Massachusetts, Madrid, Tokyo and Zurich. He sends a fond "Hola" to all of his former classmates and friends.

1978
Elizabeth Gallagher Duvall
148 Colonial Drive
Quincy, MA 02169

Karen Szczepaniak Castagno, Ph.D. has been promoted to associate professor and granted tenure at Rhode Island College in Providence. Dr. Castagno has taught in the Department of Health and Physical Education at Rhode Island College since 1995. She received both her master's in education and her doctorate in education from the University of Connecticut.

1979
Margaret Linehan Szostek
26 Woodhaven Street
Carver, MA 02330

Emmett C. Sullivan is living in Houston, Tex., with his wife and two children. He started a new position as the manager of chemical and biological safety at the University of Houston.

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

1981
Cynthia Booth Ricciardi
PO Box 228
Taunton, MA 02780

Louise Burke Cote was elected to the board of directors of the Downtown Associates of North Attleborough (DANA), a community group dedicated to continuing the revitalization of downtown North Attleboro.

1982
John F. Sullivan
26 Bradford Avenue
Sharon, MA 02067

Celebrating Kathy (Howe) and Tom Stewart's 20th Anniversary – Kate (McGrath) Babitts, '73; Kathy (Howe) Stewart, '74; Jane (McKewon) Woods, '74; Paula (Brophy) Pike, '75

1983
David Robichaud
35 White Road
Wayland, MA 01778

Scott Borstel is principal of the Cedar Elementary School in Hanover. He received a master's degree in education from Suffolk University. He is married and has two daughters.

1984
Christine Openshaw Tempesta
40 Columbus Avenue
Braintree, MA 02184

1985
Jill Fields Lazzeri
46 Elm Street
Franklin, MA 02038

David Buckley
11 Susan's Way
Franklin, MA 02039

Kelly Sullivan Kramer
32 Highland Avenue
Keene, NH 03431

Michael Zelandi resides in Melrose with his wife, Christina, and two daughters, Michaela and Grace. He is an outside salesman for an independent electric supply in Somerville. Michael sends his
Small reunion of the classes of 1985 and 1986 at the home of Joe Holden '85 - Starting far left (in white): Eric Alwardt, '85; Joe Holden, '85; Tom Quill, '85; Paula (Vogel) Quill, '86; Jeff Brigham, '85; Mark Derochers, '86; Lenny Mihalovich, '86; Chery Mihalovich; Tricia (Donovan) Holden, '85; Sharon Alwardt; Sean O'Malley, '85; Donna (Veinot) O'Malley, '86, and all their children.

regards to his classmates, particularly Chuck Arvanitis, John Montana, Michael Lamando, Steve Aronis and Tim Ball. He would love to hear from the rest of the gang.

1986
Paul Vogel Quill
20 Goldsmith Drive
Newburyport, MA 01950

Robin Gustafson Wilson is the assistant principal at Pentucket Regional Middle School. She has taught special education and fifth grade in Georgetown; taught sixth, seventh and eighth grade science in Fremont, New Hampshire; worked in a juvenile crime prevention center in Salem and served as teacher and assistant principal at the Marblehead Charter Middle School. ... Paul Putnam resides in Nashville, Tenn., with his new bride and works as an accounting manager for a retirement community.

1988
Daniel Darcy
PO Box 446
Bridgewater, MA 02324

Susan Sullivan
200-F Poplar Forest Road
Farmville, VA 23909

Jo Ann Runge is working as a registered nurse in the emergency room at Central Florida Regional Hospital. She would love to hear from former classmates and teammates. Her e-mail address is johannah15@aol.com. ... Hannah Cracover is coordinator of regulatory counseling for Pfizer Canada. She is married with two daughters and lives in a suburb of Montreal.

1989
Christopher Smalley is pursuing a screenwriting degree at Emerson College where he received a graduate degree eight years ago. He sends his regards to all of the BIMers who attended last year’s WBIM reunion and hopes to see more people at the next reunion in October. ... James and Robyn (Humphrey) Dunphy live in Spofford, New Hampshire. Robyn is obtaining her master’s degree in education from Keene State College and Jim is senior vice president of the mortgage department at Granite Bank in Keene. He will be completing his MBA at Franklin Pierce College in March 2001. ... Mark Pino works as a quality assurance tester in Business Projects Services for State Street Corporation. He is married to Cheryl Lynn Wood, '92.

1990
Jorge Neves
289 High Street
Holyoke, MA 01040

Ann Morrill is an editor in the biochemistry department of Chemical Abstracts Service in Columbus, Ohio. She would like to hear from school chums, especially Mario Oliveria and Mary (James) Beers. Her e-mail address is amorrill@cas.org. ... Paulajo Gaines Mays was recently recognized as one of 17 Rhode Island nationally board certified teachers. Paulajo lives in Newport, with her husband, Don, and their two children, Zachary and Nicola. ... Kimberly Trotter and her husband, Richard, are the proud parents of twin boys, Luke Trotter and Dylan Edward. She would love to hear from former classmates at rkggeiger@ mindspring.com.

1991
Jeff Gorton was named assistant general manager for the Boston Bruins. After graduating from Bridgewater, Jeff received his master’s degree in sports management from Springfield College. He has worked for the Bruins for nine years. ... Brian Hanley is the branch sales manager for Abington Savings in Whitman. He lives in Stoughton and serves as the treasurer of the Easton Jaycees. ... James McPhee and his brother, Stephen McPhee, '92, ran in the Boston Marathon for the first time with the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge Team. They ran in memory of family and friends who have battled cancer.
1992

Rene Ladurantaye
6 Nesmasket Street
East Taunton, MA 02718

Elsa Ascenso spent three years in Portugal teaching English as a foreign language. She is pursuing a master's degree in speech/language pathology at Northeastern University. She would like to hear from her former classmates at aelsa@hotmail.com. ... John Hall is living in Pawtucket and working at O.P.S. Printing Services in North Attleboro. He continues to have a successful writing career and his book reviews and author/celebrity interviews are published in newspapers across the country. He is a regular contributor to Dream Watch and Starlog magazines. John's e-mail address is JohnH10337@aol.com. ... Dan Kwash was appointed the academic skills/program coordinator in the Office of Academic Services at Providence College in Rhode Island. Prior to his appointment at Providence College, Dan was the assistant director of academic services at Newbury College. ... Cheryl Lynn Wood Pino works as an account manager in mutual funds for State Street Corporation. Her husband, Mark Pino, '89, also works for State Street Corporation as a quality assurance tester in business project services.

1994

Matt Maderos
181 Thompson Street
Middleboro, MA 02452

Jennifer Adams was married on May 27th to Derrin Texada of Houston, Tex.

1995

Lori Buxton established the Speech, Language and Learning Center in Spencer last September. Lori is a speech-language pathologist licensed in Massachusetts and is also nationally accredited by the American Speech Language-Hearing Association. ... Christopher Allen married Allison Campbell on Oct. 16, 1999. They are building a home in Norfolk. ... Matt Debrocke married Allison Golec and they are expecting their first child this summer. Chris, Candice Jones and Matt want to say hello to classmate Kelly Komar and all of the other members of the Crystal Cafe gang 1993-1995.

1996

Tina Michael-Savage
1010 Crossroad Drive
North Dartmouth, MA 02747

International School of Brussels. She can be reached at staboulis@tiscalinet.be. ... Brian McCarthy is a paratrooper in the Army's 82nd Airborne Division. He is stationed at Camp Comanche, Bosnia, in support of peacekeeping operations in the Balkans. His wife, and his two-year-old daughter, Logan Rose, remain home at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. He would like to hear from former classmates or football teammates. He can be reached at bravo_mike71@hotmail.com.

1997

Roger Limoges
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Wendy Malone works for State Street Corporation as a portfolio administrator. She also teaches dance at In Sync Dance Company. ... Jamie McGonnigal has been living in New York City as an actor for two years. He has recorded two albums for Original Cast Records: Journey to the Center of the Earth; The Musical and Something's Bound to Begin. Jamie's voice can be heard as the title character in the scifi.com's cartoon "Barbarian Moron" and Media Blaster's "Demon Fighter Kocho." He has also been working regionally in theaters across the country.

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Jan Griffin is the director of nutrition services at Milton Hospital. She is responsible for maintaining both quality and safety standards throughout the entire operation of the department. Prior to this position, Jane held the position of chief clinical dietitian at Milton.

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Brian Kelley is a registered representative for a portfolio management group at Salomon Smith Barney in Boston.

2000

Kate Norton is an instructional assistant at B-County Collaborative in Wrentham. ... Jason Merrill is teaching Wellness at Saugus High.
Deaths
Verna L. Powell, '19, on Jan. 17, 2001
Gertrude Hornby Chatterton, '20, on Sept. 21, 2000
Gladys Burgess, '24, Dec. 24, 2000
Eleanor Lyons, '24
Lois Staples, '24, on Feb. 2, 2000
James Austin, '93, to Melissa Munroe on Sept. 30, 2000
Donna Irwin, '93, to Doug Goyette on Aug. 26, 2000
Janice M. Salvatore, '93, to Christopher Walsh, '93, on May 8, 1999
Sarah Thomas, '93, to Nigel Hitchings on Sept. 9, 2000
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Jill Teramagra, '95, to Andrew Wilmot, '95, on July 8, 2000
Michelle Larriee, '96, to Sean Patrick Kennedy, '96, on Sept. 17, 2000
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Marc Atkin, '97, to Amy Crisostomo
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Andrew Stout, '99, to Elizabeth Anne Caravan on Oct. 1, 2000
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To Scott and Amnmaria Greco-Bonos Tierno, '92, a daughter, Emma Rose, on Dec. 18, 2000
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Births
To David and Ellen Cuttle Oliver, '82, twins, Maggie and Lizzie born on Oct. 10, 2000
To Paul and Catherine Cloutier Charpentier, '90, a daughter, Abby, on Feb. 2, 2000
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Family and friends gathered to celebrate the achievements of the almost 900 graduates who received bachelor's and master's degrees at BSC's 160th spring commencement on May 19.

President Adrian Tinsley, in her remarks to the Class of 2001, announced she will be concluding her tenure as president in the summer of 2002. She will complete 13 years as president of the largest state college in Massachusetts. (See page 2.)

The commencement address was delivered by the Right Honourable Beverley McLachlin P.C., chief justice of the Supreme Court of Canada. Chief Justice McLachlin, who was awarded an honorary degree, is the first woman to hold her country's highest legal position.

An honorary degree was also awarded to Retired Massachusetts Justice Baron H. Martin, and Mr. Daniel Crane, retired executive director of the Old Colony Planning Council, received the Bridgewater State College Board of Trustees' Distinguished Service Award.