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To The Class Of 1997

Dear Graduates:

When this class entered as freshmen in the fall of 1993, which was the start of my fifth year as president, there was a strong sense of anticipation at Bridgewater because so many changes were taking place. Undergraduate majors were being introduced, land for future expansion was being acquired, money for new recreational facilities (specifically, new baseball and softball fields) was being raised and construction on the John Joseph Moakley Center for Technological Applications was well underway. When this facility opened at the beginning of your junior year, we all knew it would have a significant impact on teaching and learning at the college and benefit the entire community. I am particularly pleased that the class of 1997 was among the first to have full access to the resources of the Moakley Center.

Events such as these are chronicled in this yearbook, but so too are those that have special meaning to you because they reflect the friends you have made here, the activities you were part of, and the experiences both inside the classroom and outside that were part of your education at Bridgewater. I hope that in the years to come this yearbook will be a link for you to Bridgewater, a way to remember and recall the people and the institution which helped shape your plans and your future.

Please be assured you are always welcome at your alma mater, and let this yearbook serve as a reminder of the connection you will always have with Bridgewater.

Sincerely,

Adrian Tinsley
President
The Bridgewater State College Yearbook would like to thank Carolyn B. Carey for all her hard work and dedication to the Bridgewater students and campus.
Carolyn Carey, a Bridgewater State College graduate, has dedicated herself to bettering the Bridgewater College community. She worked as the Assistant Director of Student Activities for three years before becoming the Acting Director. She provides leadership and encouragement for over 60 clubs and organization and is responsible for managing and directing the entire Student Activities program. Without her continuous hard work and dedication to the BSC community, many students would be without extracurricular activities, educational programs and fun-filled events to participate in. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Carolyn Carey for all she has done for the Bridgewater State College students and especially for helping the yearbook staff make it through a difficult year. We couldn’t have done it without you!
Bridgewater State College, one of the oldest public colleges in America, is rich in history and tradition. The college first opened its doors in September, 1840, when the United States was still a young nation. Nicholas Tillinghast, a graduate of West Point and a former instructor at the Academy, was the school's first principal. There were seven men and twenty-one women in that initial class.

The first floor in the former Town Hall was the school's home from 1840 to 1846, when a permanate building was constructed on the present quadrangle. This was the first building in America erected for the preparation of teachers.

In 1921, Bridgewater was one of five state normal schools empowered to award the Bachelor of Science in Education degree. In 1932, the school became Bridgewater State Teachers College and in 1937 the college began offering graduate courses. A full-fledged, multipurpose liberal arts curriculum was introduced in 1960 and the degree of Bachelor of Arts was added.

Today the college has grown to more than 8,000 full and part time students, and the undergraduate program has expanded to 29 majors. The Graduate School offers 38 Master's and Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study (CAGS) programs. The number of faculty has also grown in recent decades; now approximately 260 men and women comprise the full time faculty at Bridgewater.

While maintaining a strong liberal arts emphasis and historical strength in teachers education, Bridgewater State College has expanded significantly into several professional fields, such as social work, computer science, aviation science, and management science.

Dr. Adrian Tinsley, president of the college, speaking at the 150th Anniversary Convocation at Bridgewater State College, held on October 26, 1990, said, “When the chronicle of these challenging and uncertain times if finally completed, I believe it will be said that we at Bridgewater remained committed to preserving the strength of our academic program; that every Bridgewater student had the opportunity to develop sensitivity and wisdom; and that the quality of the learning experience remained consistently high. Given our history and heritage, we have no other choice.”

Bridgewater State College is an institution with a distinguished history and an exciting future.
Convocation
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Congratulations graduates!
TV studio at Moakley Center

The new studio has two studio rooms, a control booth and brand new top of the line equipment. It is available not only to BSC students but to different community groups in South Eastern Mass. Media instructor James Moore stated that “classes being taught in production now will be in the studio this [fall] semester.” The tv studio is used on a daily basis and the college has its own local access channel on television.

Coach of the Year Award to Rick Smith

The 1996 season for the Bridgewater State College baseball team was one to remember. The team qualified for the NCAA Divison III College World Series and their coach received the highest award possible. Smith received the award from the American Baseball Coaches Association for leading his team to 31-10 season, the most successful in the programs history. Congradulations to the team and to coach Smith on a job well done.

BSC Professors Honored

Two professors from Bridgewater State College were selected for the 1996 “Who’s Who Among American Teachers.” Dr. John D. Marvelle, associate professor and chairperson of Elementary and Early Childhood Education and Dr. Luci Fortunato-Delisle of the history department we honored with this award. President Tinsley told a Comment reporter that “I’m pleased and proud to see that tge excellent work Dr. Marvelle and Dr. Fortunato-Delisle do received national recognition, and I encourage the campus community to join me in congradulating them.”
Internet Available to Res. Students

Students who live on campus will be able to log on to the internet from their dorm rooms thanks to RESnet. However, there is a $30 fee associated with the service and students must possess their own modem. The Servicenter, which is owned by Digital, will help to set up and maintain the system.

Kennedy Speaks at BSC

Robert F. Kennedy Jr. spoke to over 80 members of the BSC community in early February in the Horace Mann Auditorium. He spoke about nature and the environment and how America is forever connected to the two. Kennedy holds several positions of authority in different environmental organizations and has dedicated his life to environmental reform.

President Tinsley Visits Japan

President Adrian Tinsley traveled to Japan on May 3rd after she was invited by the National College Network to address 270 students who will be attending American Colleges in the fall. Of those 270 she addressed, sixteen students will be attending Bridgewater State College in the fall.

Trustees Eliminate 4 Degree Programs

Over the next two years, four degree programs will be eliminated here at BSC under the recommendation of the Board of Higher Education. The Bachelor of Arts in French; Bachelor of Science in Professional Chemistry; Master of Science in Biology; and Master of Science in Chemistry will all be eliminated as of May 1999.
BSC Honors Day 1997

Held in the Campus Center Ballroom, just under sixty students received awards from the college. Two faculty members were also recognized. Dorie AuCoin received the Award for Exceptional Dedication to Students and Dr. Walter M. Hewitson of the science department received the Dr. V. James DiNardo Award for Excellence in Teaching.

1st Annual Student Leadership Awards

The theme of the night was the importance of student leadership in the lives of the BSC community. After several speakers, awards were given to individuals and to organizations here on campus. The award for BSC’s Best was shared by Paul Shinney, Sarah Earle, Roger Ligmos, Dan Lee, Melissa French and Dean Healey. Congradulations to all!

Student Activites Has a New Director

Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Lynn Willett announced on May 7th that Carolyn Carey will be the new Director of Student Activites at BSC. After receiving the phone call, Carey stated that she was going to implement a “strategic plan for the office” and work with the students to discuss ideas and goals for the new semester and to guarentee quality services for the students of BSC.
flash

In November, a hijacked Ethiopian airliner crashes after running out of fuel. The crash occurs near a resort beach in the Comoros Islands in the Indian Ocean. At least 123 of the 175 people on board die, including the hijackers.

After 36 years, Central America’s longest civil war ends when Indian rebels and military leftists sign a truce in Guatemala.

British Telecommunications agrees to purchase MCI Communications for up to $21 billion in November. The deal is the biggest foreign purchase of a U.S. company ever concluded.

A U.N.-negotiated treaty banning chemical weapons worldwide is set to take effect in the spring. The treaty prohibits the development, production, stockpiling or use of chemical weapons, and calls for the destruction of existing supplies. The treaty is signed by 160 nations, including the U.S.

King Hussein of Jordan (right) visits the West Bank of the Jordan River in October to show support for the Palestinian-Israeli peace talks and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state. It is Hussein’s first visit since Jordan lost the territory to Israel in the 1967 Arab-Israeli War.

Demonstrators gather in Toronto, Canada on October 25 to protest cutbacks in social services by the Ontario government. Thousands of people march through the city during “Metro Days of Action,” organized by labor and social activists.

Russian President Boris Yeltsin wins reelection in July, despite persistent health problems. After successful heart surgery in November he returns to work.

A pipe bomb explodes in Centennial Olympic Park after the first day of competition at the Summer Olympics in Atlanta. Flags fly at half-mast to mourn the one person killed and more than 100 injured.

Pope John Paul II undergoes surgery for an inflamed appendix in October. His chief surgeon, Dr. Francesco Crucetti, announces that the 78-year-old leader of the Roman Catholic Church is free from “previously undiscovered serious ailments.”
On July 17, Trans World Airlines Flight 800 explodes 13,700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean, killing all 230 passengers and crew members. The Boeing 747-100 was en route to Paris from New York. The cause of the explosion remains a mystery.

Anti-American Saudi terrorists are blamed for a truck bomb that kills 19 U.S. service people on June 25 in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. Mourners grieve at a memorial service held in Khobar, Saudi Arabia.

More than 300 Tutsi refugees in the African country of Burundi are slain by Hutus, a rival ethnic group. The covered bodies, mostly women and children, illustrate the ferocity of the conflict.

A lone gunman kills 16 kindergartners, their teacher, and then himself, at a Dunblane, Scotland school in March 1996. A month after the tragedy, officials tear down the school gymnasium in which the shootings occurred.

Mass graves containing the bodies of Muslims, allegedly murdered by Serbs in 1992 during the Bosnian civil war, are excavated in Bosnia-Herzegovina throughout the year as a shaky peace negotiated in 1995 continues.

In a group so large it could be tracked by satellite, hundreds of thousands of refugees abandon camps in Zaire in November and begin a journey home to Rwanda, which they had fled to escape a civil war. Closing of the camps forces the refugees to flee.

Prince Charles, heir to the British throne, and Diana, Princess of Wales, are divorced on August 28. According to one observer, "The most spectacularly miserable marriage of the century is over."

Israeli right-wing leader Benjamin Netanyahu wins the May 1996 election for Prime Minister, defeating Prime Minister Shimon Peres, whom many Israelis think is making too many concessions to Israel's Arab neighbors.
The U.S. Army issues strict new policies for drill instructors and female trainees, as hundreds of complaints of sexual harassment are revealed in November. Drill instructors are now required to leave their doors open if a female is inside, and women must travel in pairs.

After thousands of veterans complain of illnesses since the 1991 Persian Gulf War, the Pentagon warns they may have been exposed to chemical weapons. The Pentagon reveals that up to two tons of sarin nerve gas may have been released.

Six-year-old beauty pageant queen JonBenet Ramsey is found murdered in the basement of her parents' Colorado home the day after Christmas. Her death raises a nationwide awareness of controversial youth beauty pageants.

Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (R-Georgia) is fined $300,000 in a bi-partisan vote after the House Ethics Committee's year-long investigation into alleged financial improprieties.

Former U.N. ambassador Madeleine Albright is nominated for Secretary of State by President Clinton on December 5. Confirmed in office in January 1997, Albright is the first woman to head the State Department.

Seven-year-old pilot Jessica Dubroff is killed when her Cessna airplane crashes shortly after take-off in bad weather from the Cheyenne, Wyoming airport. Her flying instructor and her father, the plane's two passengers, are also killed in the April 1996 crash.

On August 11, a boater rescues 10-year-old Taylor Touchstone from the snake- and alligator-infested waters of a Florida swamp 14 miles away from where he disappeared August 7. Although exhausted and badly scratched, the autistic boy recovers fully.

Theodore Kaczynski, alleged to be the "Unabomber," who killed 3 people and wounded more than 20 others with mail bombs since 1978, is arrested in Montana in April 1996. Information provided by Kaczynski's brother leads to the arrest.
William Jefferson Clinton defeats Republican Bob Dole and Independent H. Ross Perot to become the 42nd president of the U.S. and the last president of the 20th century. Clinton is the first Democrat since Franklin Roosevelt to be reelected to a second term.

A civil jury finds former football star O.J. Simpson liable for the June 12, 1994 wrongful deaths of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman. In a unanimous verdict, the jury awards $8.5 million in compensatory damages to Goldman's parents. The Brown and Goldman families are each awarded $12.5 million in punitive damages.

Days of abnormally heavy rains in November undermine the roadbed of Oregon's Interstate 5, creating a 40-foot-deep sinkhole, into which two semitrailer trucks tumble.

The Citadel, South Carolina's traditionally all-male military academy, admits four women, including Petra Loventinska (left) and Jeanie Montavlos. Montavlos and another female cadet later drop out, citing harassment and "sadistic" hazing.

All 110 people aboard a ValuJet DC-9 are killed in May 1996 when a fire breaks out in the cargo hold. The plane, en route from Miami to Atlanta, crashes and disappears almost completely into the Florida Everglades, making it difficult for workers to retrieve wreckage.

Six-year-old first-grader Johnathan Prevette is suspended from his Lexington, North Carolina elementary school for violating the city schools' sexual conduct guidelines—he kissed a female classmate. Prevette is quickly reinstated after a nationwide controversy over the suspension.
A 9,300-year-old skeleton discovered in July near Richland, Washington is the oldest and most intact set of human bones ever discovered in North America. Research is suspended, however, as the tribes from the Native American grounds where it is found claim the skeleton as an ancestor and want the bones buried.

Trauma Seal, a new medical adhesive that is applied like a lip-balm stick, is in clinical trials at 10 hospitals and health care institutions nationwide. The biodegradable adhesive could eliminate stitches and return visits.

New York Police Department canines begin wearing three-pound, infrared cameras, scouting out potentially dangerous areas before police officers enter the scene. Handlers are developing bullet-proof vests for the dogs to wear.

A new category of animal is discovered in the form of bacteria that live on the lips of lobsters. Symbion pandora, which lives on food scraps from lobster lips, is called “the zoological highlight of the decade.”

Videogame giant Nintendo releases its long-awaited Nintendo 64, a new hardware system that draws players into the game and moves three times faster than any existing system.

An expedition to raise the Titanic, the legendary “unsinkable” ocean liner that sank on its maiden voyage in 1912, from its North Atlantic grave more than two miles deep, ends in failure in August due to rough seas.

In August, scientists discover evidence of bacteria-like life on a meteorite found in 1984 and believed to be part of the crust of Mars 4.5 billion years ago. It is the first possible proof that life is not unique to Earth.

Satellite dishes become one of the year’s hottest selling electronic consumer products. Owners find the savings of not paying for cable services cover the cost within a few months.

American astronaut Shannon Lucid (right) spends 188 days in space, breaking American space endurance records after joining the crew of the Russian space station Mir.

The Mars Surveyor Trolley, named Sojourner, is carried on-board Mars Pathfinder, an unmanned spacecraft launched in December. Sojourner, a free-roving probe the size of a child’s wagon, will photograph the Martian surface and determine the composition of rocks on Mars.
California's Monterey Bay Aquarium opens a new wing in March 1996. The million-gallon indoor ocean showcases the marine life of the outer reaches of Monterey Bay, 5 to 60 miles offshore.

The Hubble Space Telescope captures new images of quasars, the universe's most powerful and baffling phenomena. Previously thought only to exist in colliding galaxies, new pictures indicate quasars can also exist in undisturbed galaxies—causing astronomers to revisit their theories.

An "oxygen bar" in Toronto, Canada allows patrons to pay $16 to spend 20 minutes breathing pure oxygen. The owners of the O2 Spa Bar claim the treatment is a healthy way to reinvigorate the body and offer fruit "flavors" to liven up the experience.

The Smithsonian Institution celebrates the 150th anniversary of its founding with a nationwide tour of prize exhibits, including this stovepipe hat worn by Abraham Lincoln.

The world's largest flower, the Titan Arum, also known as the "corpse flower," blooms in London's Kew Gardens for the first time since 1983. The flower is nicknamed for its strong stench when in bloom.

New research suggests that hormone therapies can keep middle-aged men stronger and more youthful. A testosterone-releasing skin patch called Androderm is prescribed by many doctors to supplement the natural hormone.

Paleoanthropologist Mary Leakey, shown with husband Louis Leakey in a 1959 photograph, dies in December. Discoveries by the Leakeys throughout their careers are some of the most important in paleoanthropological history. Her greatest discovery was a trail of 3.7-million-year-old footprints, which proved that hominids walked upright far earlier than previously believed.
Former NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle dies on December 6. Rozelle is credited with transforming professional football into America's top spectator sport, and with inventing the Super Bowl.

Basketball megastar Michael Jordan launches his own cologne: Michael Jordan Cologne. Demand for the fragrance is so high that manufacturer Bijan Fragrances limits sales to 12 bottles per customer.


The National Women's Hall of Fame opens in Seneca Falls, New York, inducting 11 women, including author Louisa May Alcott, and Oveta Culp Hobby, the nation's first female colonel.

Archbishop of Chicago, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin dies of pancreatic cancer in November. Bernardin was known for being a reconciler in churches torn between tradition and modern culture, as well as for speaking out against physician-assisted suicide.

Music megastar Madonna gives birth to Lourdes Maria Ciccone Leon, a 6-pound, 9-ounce girl, on October 14. Madonna's big year continues when she wins a Golden Globe for her role in Andrew Lloyd Webber's on-screen rendition of the musical Evita.

In October, TV talk-show host Jenny Jones testifies during the Michigan murder trial of Jonathan Schmitz. Schmitz was accused of killing Scott Amedure, who revealed romantic feelings for Schmitz during a March 1995 taping of a "Jenny Jones Show."
In a small, secret ceremony on an island off the coast of Georgia, John F. Kennedy Jr. marries Carolyn Bessette, a Calvin Klein publicist, in September. Kennedy, who dated Bessette for two years, had long been considered one of the world’s most eligible bachelors.

New York Yankees fan Jeffrey Maier interferes with a fly ball during game one of the American League Championship Series on October 9. The hit is ruled a home run, tying the game 4 to 4 in the eighth inning and making Maier New York’s hero for a day.

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Legendary heavyweight boxer Muhammad Ali is the final athlete to bear the Olympic torch, lighting the Olympic flame at the opening of the Centennial Summer Olympics in Atlanta on July 19.

More than 4,000 items owned by former First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and President John F. Kennedy are auctioned off in April 1996, including a necklace of simulated pearls shown in this 1962 photograph. The fake pearls, valued at $500 to $700, sell for $211,500, bringing the auction total to $34.5 million.

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Angela Lansbury appears in her final season as mystery writer Jessica Fletcher on CBS’s “Murder, She Wrote.” The hugely successful show ran for 12 seasons.

Basketball player Kobe Bryant joins the Los Angeles Lakers straight out of high school, signing a multi-million dollar contract during the team’s 1996-1997 season.
ENTERTAINMENT

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Tom Cruise stars in Jerry Maguire, a romantic comedy about a sports agent who decides to change his shallow ways, and spends the rest of the movie trying to regain his success. It is a breakthrough role for Cruise, who is normally depicted as a cocky winner.

To honor the 20th anniversary of its release, producer George Lucas issues a "remade" Star Wars, with new scenes, computerized special effects and souped-up animation. Lucas' grand plan calls for a nine-film cycle, including prequels.

English actor/director Kenneth Branagh plays Hamlet in his star-studded remake of Shakespeare's classic. Despite running four hours, the movie is a critical and box-office success.

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Model Brooke Shields (center) moves to television in NBC's Suddenly Susan, a sit-com premiering in September. Shields plays a columnist, opposite magazine editor Judd Nelson (far right).

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Scott Adams' Dilbert, the comic strip about office politics, captures the nation's imagination. In book form, The Dilbert Principle becomes a national best-seller.

Drew Carey (left) finds TV stardom during the second season of ABC's The Drew Carey Show, a zany sit-com about working-class characters in Cleveland, Ohio.

Academy Award-winning actor Tom Hanks' first effort at directing receives critical praise when That Thing You Do!, a movie about the meteoric rise and fall of a 1960s rock band, opens in October.

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Explosive special effects rivet audiences to their seats as they watch Independence Day, one of summer's blockbuster movies.

Bugs Bunny and Chicago Bulls basketball star Michael Jordan share top billing in Space Jam, a partially animated feature film that opens in late November.

In September, Leonardo DiCaprio and Claire Danes star as the classic star-crossed lovers in the film Romeo and Juliet.

Actors Brad Pitt (left) and Jason Patric star in Sleepers, a film about four men and their extraordinary scheme to revenge the abuse they experienced as boys. The controversial movie also stars Dustin Hoffman, Robert De Niro and Kevin Bacon.

Tom Cruise stars in Mission: Impossible, based on the 1960s and '70s television series of the same name. Despite critical put-downs, the movie is a huge box-office hit.

John Lithgow (front right) earns both an Emmy and a Golden Globe Award for Best Actor in a Comedy Series in NBC's "3rd Rock From the Sun," a sit-com about a family of aliens living in contemporary America.

Stars Bill Paxton and Helen Hunt flee a tornado of awesome proportions in Twister, another summer blockbuster, which tells the story of stormchasers highly devoted to studying the inner workings of tornados.

America's favorite sit-com father, Bill Cosby, enjoys the success of his new CBS show, "Cosby." In January 1997, however, tragedy strikes as Cosby's son Ennis is killed in Los Angeles in an apparent random robbery.

Michael J. Fox returns to television in September as a deputy mayor in ABC's "Spin City," a sit-com about the inner workings of New York's City Hall.
British pop superstars Liam (left) and Noel Gallagher cancel the remainder of a U.S. concert tour in September amid rumors that their band, Oasis, is breaking up. Denying the reports, the brothers announce they will release a new album in the summer of 1997.

Bush, a British rock group with an American “grunge” sound, tours the U.S. to promote their album Sixteen Stone. They release another chart-topping album, Razorblade Suitcase, in the winter.

Heavy metal band Metallica is the headlining act for the summer concert Lollapalooza, traditionally an alternative-rock show. Metallica remains high-profile, winning an MTV award for the year’s Best Hard Rock Video in September.

After 10 years of separation, members of the band Van Halen are reunited with their former lead singer, David Lee Roth (right), at the MTV Video Music Awards in September. Roth later claims he thought he was rejoining the band, who chose a different lead singer.

The Beatles’ Anthology 3, the third and final album from the reunited remaining members of the band, is released in November. Following the example of their two previous anthologies, Anthology 3 sells in record numbers.

Kiss bass guitarist Gene Simmons strikes a familiar pose as the band kicks off a reunion tour with a June 28 concert in Detroit. The tour marks the first time the original members of the band perform together since 1979.

Canadian pop artist Celine Dion tops the charts in 1996 with the album Falling Into You, which sells more than 16 million copies worldwide.

Folk and blues artist Tracy Chapman returns to the scene in 1996 with the single “Give Me One Reason.” Chapman receives five Grammy nominations in January 1997.

The artist formerly known as Prince releases Emancipation, a three-hour, three-CD album, in honor of his release from his Warner Bros. recording contract.

Guitarist Slash of Guns N’ Roses forms his own band. His new group, Slash’s Blues Ball, is a six-man blues band grounded in the blues-based hard rock of the 1970s.

Rocker Sheryl Crow joins the ranks of musicians who have had their albums banned from Wal-Mart. The retail giant objects to a lyric alleging that kids kill each other with guns they obtained from the store.

Alternative-rock band Nirvana releases a new album, From the Muddy Banks of the Wishkah, in October. The album contains 17 live tracks recorded between 1988 and the 1994 suicide of singer Kurt Cobain (right).
The hit single "Where It's At" kicks off the new Beck album Odelay, which is released to popular and critical acclaim. Spin magazine awards Beck Artist of the Year.

No Doubt, fronted by lead singer Gwen Stefani, releases Tragic Kingdom, which includes such chart-toppers as "Just a Girl," "Spiderwebs," and "Don't Speak."

Counting Crows' second album, Recovering the Satellites, is released in October. The long awaited follow-up to 1993's August and Everything After debuts at number one on the charts.

George Strait is honored by the Country Music Association in October with three major awards—Single of the Year for "Check Yes or No," Album of the Year for Clear Blue Sky, and Male Vocalist of the Year.

Toni Braxton's second album, Secrets, is released in summer 1996. Braxton wins R&B Single of the Year for "Let It Flow" at the Billboard Music Awards in the fall.

The music world is stunned in September by the death of rapper Tupac Shakur, killed in a drive-by shooting in Las Vegas. Speculations as to the killer's motive abound, but the year ends with no answers and no arrests.

Death Row Records co-founder Dr. Dre, often dubbed the "godfather of 'gangsta' rap," begins distancing himself from hard-core rap. "Been There, Done That," his break-away anthem, premieres on MTV in September.

Fourteen-year-old singing sensation LeAnn Rimes is nominated for the Country Music Association's Horizon Award after the breakthrough success of her single "Blue." The popular new star is often compared to country music legend Patsy Cline.

The Wallflowers, with Jakob Dylan, son of legendary folk artist Bob Dylan, release Bringing Down the Horse, which features hit singles "One Headlight" and "6th Avenue Heartache."
SPORTS

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Tennis pro Pete Sampras wins the eighth grand-slam title of his career at the U.S. Open in September. Steffi Graf wins the U.S. Open Women’s title, beating Monica Seles.

Pro boxer Mike Tyson loses his Heavyweight Champion of the World title to Evander Holyfield in a November match. Holyfield, a former two-time world champion, recaptures his title in the surprise win.

Chicago Bulls star Dennis Rodman furthers his controversial reputation by kicking a photographer in the groin during a game against the Minnesota Timberwolves in January 1997. Rodman is suspended for up to 11 games without pay, costing him more than $1 million, in addition to a $25,000 fine to the NBA, as well as a reported $200,000 settlement with the photographer.

Baltimore Orioles second baseman Roberto Alomar is suspended for five games, deferred to the 1997 season, when he spits on an umpire during a heated argument over a questionable call in the National League play-offs. Controversy ensues over the leniency of the punishment.

Team USA wins the World Cup of Hockey, beating Canada 5-2 in the final. Eight teams from Canada, Europe and the U.S. participate in the World Cup, which replaced the Canada Cup.

In June, the Colorado Avalanche beat the Florida Panthers in the NHL Stanley Cup playoffs. The final game in the series remains scoreless until 1:05 a.m., when the Avalanche finally score the winning goal in the third overtime period.

Twenty-year-old golfing phenom Eldrick “Tiger” Woods turns pro in August, making the transition from exceptional amateur golfer to well-endorsed professional, including a deal with Nike worth an estimated $40 million.

Race car driver Terry Labonte wins NASCAR’s Winston Cup championship with a total of 4,657 points after finishing fifth in the final race, the Napa 500, at the Atlanta Motor Speedway.

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The U.S. women's gymnastics team takes the gold at the Summer Olympics. Kerri Strug, second from right, is the heroine of the competition, landing her final vault despite a dislocated left ankle.

U.S. swimmer Amy Van Dyken wins the women's 100-meter butterfly event at the Olympic Games with a time of 59.13 seconds. Van Dyken wins a total of four golds.

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April 1996 marks the 100th running of the Boston Marathon. More than 38,000 contenders participate.

Jean Driscoll (front right) of the U.S. takes the silver in the women's 800-meter wheelchair race, a demonstration sport, at the Summer Olympics. Driscoll, seven-time winner of the Boston Marathon, retires at the end of 1996, after setting several world records during her career.

Basketball star Shaquille O'Neal jumps from the Orlando Magic to the Los Angeles Lakers in July. The deal is the richest in NBA history, paying O'Neal $120 million over 7 years.

Minnesota Twins star centerfielder Kirby Puckett announces his retirement from baseball in July. A serious eye ailment forces Puckett to give up the game, but he manages to maintain his upbeat attitude at press conferences and interviews.

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Helping consumers maintain privacy, marketers promote home AIDS tests. Consumers draw their own blood and then send it away to be tested confidentially.

Advancing technology means more options on telephones, including Caller ID, which becomes more common than ever in 1996. The display unit allows people to see the name and number of their caller before even answering the phone.

Authors Ellen Fein and Sherrie Schneider release The Rules, a controversial manual teaching women strategies for getting a man to propose marriage. While the book draws criticism from both sexes, it is a best-seller.

The U.S. Postal Service issues stamps commemorating Hanukkah, the first non-Christian religious holiday ever featured on a stamp.

Casual Fridays become more and more widespread in American work culture. Businesses allow employees who normally dress in professional clothing at work to wear more comfortable, casual clothing on Fridays.

Nail polish colors get darker and funkier. Deep browns and blues are popular forms of expression and style.

The beverage industry introduces a new concept—bottled water with caffeine! One bottle of the uncarbonated water contains as much caffeine as one cup of coffee.

The ongoing dance craze is the “Macarena,” a Latin line dance. People of all ages participate in the dance, including Olympians, delegates and workers of the Democratic National Convention (above) and the New York Yankees grounds crew.

A "Sesame Street" stuffed toy causes panic among holiday shoppers. Tickle Me Elmo sells out in stores nationwide, and has shoppers fighting over scarce inventory and paying hundreds of times the toy's value.

The minimum wage is raised to $4.75 in October, and will increase again to $5.15, effective September 1, 1997.

Disney's 101 Dalmatians inspires an avalanche of promotional merchandise, filling stores with spotted toys, backpacks, games and other odds and ends.
Nineteen Ninety-seven
BSC Homecoming 1996 was filled with school spirit, large crowds and the beginning of new traditions. The festivities began the week of October 28 and lasted until November 3.

1996 marked the first bonfire and pep rally held in BSC history. More than 500 members of the BSC community attended these events to support the football team and to have a good time. It looks like these events are now a part of the Homecoming festivities for good.

Much of the weeks activities had a 70’s theme to them. Afro Am held an 70’s dance in Tillinghast hall which was attended by over 350 students. Actor Barry Williams showed up on campus and talked to an enthusiastic crowd of Brady fans about what it was like “Growing Up Brady.” The annual Homecoming parade was lead by the newly formed BSC marching band. The floats that followed were decorated by different clubs and organizations who worked all night to produce the best float with a 70’s theme. The parade went right into Swenson field where the big game was being kicked off at noon. In front of a large crowd of fans and spectators, the Bears played their hardest, but were defeated by Worcester State.

During halftime, the Homecoming King and Queen were announced. Joe Andrade and Angela Luna were this year's royal couple.
The yearbook staff would like to say a special thank you to Jerilee Gottberg for all the photos she submitted for homecoming. We could not have done this section without your help. Thank you very much!
1997 Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges

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'THIS IS THE TIME TO REMEMBER... 'CAUSE IT WILL NOT LAST FOREVER.'

--Billy Joel
You Know Parking At BSC Blows When...

It’s easier to get last minute Superbowl tickets than a 9:00a.m. parking spot
Surveyors confirm that Swenson Field lot is technically in Halifax, not Bridgewater
It’s a four beer walk from the commuter lot to Boyden
Revenue from parking tickets roughly equals 2/3 of the National Debt
Students bribe aviation majors into flying them to and from campus.
Footbridge not only used for walking over, but for jumping off of
Administration plans to have all students park "upright" on campus
The infamous "Great Hill Gang" apprehended while producing counterfeit visitor passes
Campus police offer "wake up calls" to commuters and faculty who sleep in their cars
Late model Buick found parked in Commuter Cafe
Sports

1997

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Stats

Sept. 10 Endicott W4-2
Sept. 14 St. Joseph’s L 3-2
Sept. 19 WPI L 0-1
Sept. 21 S. Maine L 6-1
Sept. 24 Salve Regina L 2-1
Sept. 26 Babson 1-0
Sept. 28 Wheelock W 2-1
Oct. 1 Wheaton L 3-0
Oct. 3 Stonehill L 1-0
Oct. 12 Plymouth St. L 4-0
Oct. 15 Framingham W 2-0
Oct. 17 Fitchburg W 2-0
Oct. 24 Simmons L 2-1
Oct. 26 Westfield W 1-0
Oct. 29 Salem St. L 2-1
Oct. 31 Merrimack L 2-0
Nov. 2 Elms W 2-1
Nov. 4 Worcester W 5-2

Overall Record W-7 L-11
Sept. 10 New England W 4-1
Sept. 14 U New Eng. W 2-1
Sept. 18 Plymouth W 2-1
Sept. 23 M. Maritime W 2-1
Sept. 25 UMass Dart. W 4-0
Sept. 29 Babson L 3-1
Oct. 3 Roger Williams W 3-2
Oct. 5 E. Conn State 0-0T
Oct. 8 Stonehill W 2-1
Oct. 12 North Adams L 3-2
Oct. 15 Fitchburg W 6-1
Oct. 19 Worcester W 1-0
Oct. 22 Wheaton L 2-1
Oct. 29 Framingham W 7-2
Nov. 2 Westfield W 3-0
Photo by: Chad Smith
Stats

Sept. 7 Bowdoin L 0-3
Sept. 12 Roger Williams 0-0 T
Sept. 18 UMass Dartmouth L 0-1
Sept. 21 Springfield W 1-0
Sept. 25 Plymouth L 0-2
Sept. 28 E. Conn State W 1-0
Oct. 1 Framingham W 2-1
Oct. 3 MIT W 5-0
Oct. 5 North Adams W 3-0
Oct. 10 Worcester W 1-0
Oct. 12 Colby L 0-3
Oct. 15 Curry W 5-1
Oct. 19 W. Conn State L 0-3
Oct. 22 Salem L 1-2
Oct. 24 Babson L 1-2
Oct. 28 Westfield L 1-3
Nov. 2 Fitchburg L 0-1
Sept. 14 Regis W 3-0
Sept. St. Joe’s L 1-3
Sept. Babson W 3-1
Sept. 21 Wheaton L 2-3
Sept. Mt. Holyoke W 3-0
Sept. 23 M. Maritime W 3-0
Sept. 28 Clark/Conn W 2-0
Oct. 1 Framingham W 3-0
Oct 4/5 Bates International 1-2
Oct. 11/12 Gordon Invit. 2-2
Oct. 16 Fitchburg W 3-0
Oct. 18/19 RIT Invit. 0-4
Oct. 22 Worcester W 3-1
Oct. 25/26 Hall of Fame 3-2
Oct. 29 Tufts L 0-3
Nov. 1/2 Colonial Invit. 3-1
Nov. 5 Salem 3-1

Stats

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Tennis
Stats

Sept 14 UMass Dart. L 0-7
Sept 21 Newport Invit. 6th
Sept. 23 Salve Regina L 1-8
Sept. 25 R.I. College L 4-5
Sept. 30 Worcester L 1-8
Oct. 2 Roger Williams W 6-3
Oct. 7 Curry W 6-3
Oct. 12 Colby Sawyer L 1-8
Oct. 14 Salem L 0-9
Stats

Nov 20 AIC 35-15L
Dec 4 WPI 26-24L
Dec 11 WNEC 25-16L
Jan 15 RIC2W
Jan 18 S. Conn. Invit. 4L
Jan 22 Williams/Maine 1W1L
Jan 29 MIT 29-21L
Feb 1 Metro Tourn. 1W2L
Feb 5 Roger Williams 1W1L
Feb 12 WPI 2L
Stats

Nov 23 Wesleyan 90-67L
Nov 25 Suffolk 71-69L
Dec 3 UMass Dart. 82-67W
Dec 6 Wheaton 85-68W
Dec 7 Stonehill 100-84L
Dec 10 Wentworth 65-61W
Dec 27 Wisconsin 84-78W
Dec 28 Webster 86-73W
Dec 30 North Park 103-98W
Jan 14 Westfield 76-53W
Jan 18 Framingham 92-64W
Jan 20 North Adams 75-60W
Jan 23 UMass Boston 74-64W
Jan 25 RI College 76-62L
Jan 28 Worcester 88-75W
Feb 1 Salem 82-70L
Feb 4 Fitchburg 75-64W
Feb 6 Plymouth 80-76L
Feb 8 Westfield 70-67L
Feb 11 Framingham 87-53W
Feb 13 North Adams 84-68W
Feb 18 Worcester 94-85W
BASKETBALL

[Image of basketball players]
Stats

Nov 22 Bloomfield 70-65W
Nov 23 Caldwell 54-51L
Nov 26 Emmanuel 65-52L
Dec 3 WPI 48-44L
Dec 5 Babson 70-35L
Dec 10 UMass Dart. 64-50W
Jan 11 E.Conn. State 68-42L
Jan 14 Westfield 54-46L
Jan 16 Pine Manor 74-57W
Jan 18 Framingham 59-26W
Jan 20 North Adams 57-42W
Jan 23 UMass Boston 67-58L
Jan 25 RI College 68-63L
Jan 28 Worcester 64-57L
Jan 30 Wheaton 88-61L
Feb 1 Salem 61-40L
Feb 4 Fitchburg 88-49W
Feb 6 Plymouth 63-52L
Feb 8 Westfield 74-61L
Feb 11 Framingham 72-38W
Feb 13 North Adams 72-64L
Feb 18 Worcester 75-66L
Stats

Nov 9 WNEC 120-88W
Nov 13 Regis 157-143W
Nov 16 Clark 123-111L
Nov 22 Norwich 126-116W
Nov 23 Plymouth 125-79W
Nov 26 UMass Dart. 160-140W
Dec 7 Keene 174-124W
Jan 18 St. Joseph’s 139-65W
Jan 29 Wheaton 150-89W
Feb 1 Salem 174-117W
Feb 6 Babson 167-77W
Feb 8 Westfield 165-135L
Feb 11 Bentley W
Lacrosse
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Apr.5 R.I.C. Invitational
Apr.12 BSC Classic
Apr.19 Tri-State
Apr.26 MASCAC Champs
May 3 New England
Stats

Apr. 7 Babson 21-2 W
Apr. 9 N. Adams 1W1L
Apr. 10 Wesleyan 28-18 W
Apr. 11 E. Conn State 6-5 L
Apr. 12 Fitchburg 2 W
Apr. 15 Plymouth 18-11 W
Apr. 16 S. Maine 7-2 W
Apr. 19 Salem 2 W
Apr. 21 Worcester 1W1L
Apr. 23 W. Conn State 2 W
Apr. 24 Dartmouth 7-5 W
Apr. 26 Framingham 2 W
Apr. 27 Brandeis 1 W1 L
Springfest '97, filled with events and excitement, was a major success. Starting off with the Greek Week events and finishing with the Miles/Dinardo Jam, every event was packed with enthusiastic students who were ready to have a good time.
Springfest

NINETEEN

Ninety Seven
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Student Affairs
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Greek Life
Gamma Phi Beta

everything under the sun
Gamma Phi Beta was founded in 1874 at Syracuse University in New York. Today, there are more than 140 chapters across the United States and Canada (making us international). Also, a notable fact is that Gamma Phi Beta was the first organization to coin the word “sorority.”

Our open motto is “founded upon a rock” which symbolizes the stability and durability of our sisterhood. Gamma Phi Beta’s object is to develop the highest type of womanhood. We accomplish this through PACE (Personal And Chapter Enrichment) programs to better ourselves and the chapter. Our international symbol is the crescent moon and our flower if the pink carnation, both of which you can easily find in any Gamma Phi’s room or home. Our international colors are brown and mode (light brown) and our local colors are blue and pink. Gamma Phi Beta headquarters are located in Englewood, Colorado, where any pertinent Gamma Phi Beta information can be found.

Locally, Gamma Phi Beta was formed here at Bridgewater State College in 1987. In the fall we hold Mr. Greek, where the proceeds go to Gamma Phi Beta’s philanthropy, Camp Seshcelt. In the spring all donations from the Rock-A-Thongo to the Children’s Physical Development Clinic on campus. Whatever the event, Gamma Phi Beta comes together as a unified sorority and has a great time doing it!
Phi Sigma Sigma

WORLD OF ACTIVITY
Phi Sigma Sigma was established at Bridgewater State College in 1989. As members of Phi Sigma Sigma we believe in fostering ideal womanhood through goals of sisterhood, scholarship, and service. We believe in high scholastic achievement as well as philanthropic work. Being a member of Phi Sigma Sigma carries with it a degree of pride and achievement. In addition to our national philanthropy, The National Kidney Foundation, we also partake in several local philanthropies. Our members volunteer at nursing homes, local hospitals, and on campus we volunteer at the Children’s Physical Development Clinic, and sleep out on the steps in front of the Campus Center for our annual Sleepout for the Homeless.

However, being a member of Phi Sigma Sigma isn’t just service. Through sisterhood events, we have formed bonds of close friendships which will long exceed our college experiences. Our members are both unique and diverse, possessing many different qualities. Phi Sigs at Bridgewater uphold true to our motto: “Aim High,” and we strive for the best in all we do.
Theta Phi Alpha

IT DOESN'T GET ANY BETTER
National Theta Phi Alpha was founded on August 30, 1912 at the University of Michigan Anarbor under the direction of Reverend Edward D. Kelly. Once a group of Catholic girls, Theta Phi Alpha has broadened to accept all religions and ethnic backgrounds. Formally known as Delta Psi Rho on Bridgewater’s campus, Theta Phi Alpha began in 1991. Our motto, “Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring,” holds true with the values of friendship, wisdom, and loyalty all members strive to attain. On campus, Theta Phi Alpha sponsors a monthly campus cleanup and fundraisers to help our philanthropy Glenmary Home Missioners. We are one of the three sororities which make up the Panhellenic council on campus who holds rush in both the fall and spring semesters.
Theta Chi Fraternity at Bridgewater started as an interest group in 1988 and eventually attained colony status in January of 1989. The colony worked hard and recruited 45 quality gentlemen, the minimum in order to be awarded chapter status. On October 31, 1992, these 45 members were initiated as the 200th chapter of Theta Chi.

Now, almost three years later, we have kept up the strong tradition of attracting the most elite of gentlemen on campus. These gentlemen all have one common goal in the Fraternity: philanthropy. Theta Chi is known to be the “helping hand” Fraternity. Some of our past events include: the Annual Couch-A-Thon for the American Cancer Society, Amnesty International Letter Writing Campaigns, Adopt-A-Highway Program, and the Annual Hanover Dinner for the elderly.

We are proud to be a very diverse group with backgrounds in political science, psychology, sports therapy, athletics, management science, and theater production. With all this experience, it’s no wonder we excel in scholarship. If anyone has a problem in a certain area, he is bound to find help within the brotherhood.
Kappa Delta Phi National Fraternity was founded on April 14, 1900 by fourteen men of the then called Bridgewater State Normal School. They were banded together by the sacred ties of fraternal brotherhood and met to form a permanent Greek letter organization. Kappa Delta Phi has grown since 1900 and now has 26 other chapters in New England while overall membership has peaked at 21,500 men.

Kappa Delta Phi has a long and proud history here at BSC. Being the oldest fraternity on this campus, there are many reminders of our past wherever you look. Boyden hall, Conant Science Building, Tillinghast Hall Flynn Dining Commons and Dinardo Hall are all named after highly respected members of college staff and administration and former brothers of Kappa Delta Phi.

The current membership of Kappa Delta Phi at BSC is 45, all of whom are very active in college life and activities. Kappa Delta Phi is open to all men regardless of race, religion or creed.
Born in 1972, WBIM is completely student run. Everyone from the Station Manager down to the DJ’s are Bridgewater State College students. Every day from 8am to 4pm, WBIM brings its listeners the hottest up and coming alternative artists. From 4pm to 11pm, WBIM offers specialty shows ranging from Metal to Rap to Country. This allows our listeners to preview the best new bands which haven’t broken commercial radio yet, and gives them the best of their favorite style of music.
The Women’s Center offers safety, educational resources, camaraderie and fun for all women on the BSC campus. Join us for our frequent open houses, guest speakers and monthly projects, including Women’s History Month, the annual women in art show, quilting projects, and sponsored movies. Our extensive library can be used at your convenience either in the center or at home. Stop by for our hours and upcoming events.
The Student Government Association (SGA) is an organization on campus to address the students’ concerns. It provides an opportunity for the students to become involved and have an active role in the planning and carrying out of the policies and activities of the college. The money from the SGA fee goes to funding interest clubs and organizations on campus as well as the Comment, the Children’s Center, WBIM, the Women’s Center and the Yearbook. Representation on SGA comes from all four classes, residents, commuters as well as three at-large seats. This year, nine delegates from Bridgewater attended a national conference of SGA’s at Texas A&M University. There they met with over 100 different colleges nationwide to discuss ways to better serve the students.
Senior Officers
Program Committee
Resident Hall Association
BSC Dance Company

WORLD CLASS
The Bridgewater State College Dance Company was founded in 1984 by Dr. Nancy Moses. Starting with only ten members, the performances were held in the Demo Room at the Campus Center. As membership grew, recognition was gained allowing for the performances to be held at the Rondileau Auditorium. Our membership currently ranges from thirty to sixty members. We meet regularly on Wednesday nights in preparation for our two annual shows.
The Canada club is a new club on campus; recognized by the Student Government Association in November 1996. The club aims to promote interest in and knowledge of Canada among students in support of the College's Canadian Studies Program. Club activities will include Canadian Studies Colloquia, presentation of speakers on Canadian topics, a Distinguished Canadian Speakers Series, as well as club socials. The club will also support the annual trip to Canada, which in the last four years has included travel to Quebec City, Montreal, and Ottawa.
The Political Science Club is an active student led and oorientated organization geared to the student with an interest in politics. The Political Science Club officers are: Jim Foley-President, Lydie Ultimo- VicePresident, Randy Black- Treasurer, Diana Spyridonidis - Secretary, and Dr. George Serra- Faculty Adviser. Over the past academic year the club sponsored several events: “Election Night at the Moakley; Political Science Colloquia, Political Science Club socials. Looking ahead, the club is planning on hosting a number of political guest speakers in the fall.
Children’s Physical Development Clinic

The Children’s Physical Development Clinic is a unique community service program sponsored by Bridgewater State College. The Clinic program is designed specifically for children and youth with disabilities, ages 18 months through 21 years. The Clinic seeks to provide children with the opportunity to participate in vital programs that address their physical and motor development as well as their self-esteem. Approximately 110 undergraduate and graduate students from 12 academic majors serve as clinicians and group leaders in the program.

The Clinic program was founded at Bridgewater State College during the spring of 1974. In 1985, the Clinic program was the recipient of the Commonwealth’s highest award for public service, the “Manuel Carballo Governor’s Award for Excellence in Public Service.” More recently, Bridgewater State College’s CPDC has served as a model program for other colleges and universities and remains the only one of its kind in New England.
For the first time in 156 years, Bridgewater State College had a marching band to perform at the home football games. The previously stationary "Gridiron Bear Band" performed field manuevers during pre-game and at half-time, in addition to playing in the stands. The band members attended a five-day pre-season camp in August where they learned marching formations to their opening show. Although small, the debut band included a drum line and a flag corps. Field commander Jim Ferguson towered over the remaining sections and promised both excitement and entertainment in their presentations.

The first season of the BSC marching band was a big success and the next season promises to be even better.

-Dr. David Garcia "Doc"
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Candids

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348 North Pearl Street  Brockton, MA 02401
508-580-8835

332-2 Gifford Street  Falmouth, MA 02540
508-540-5882

Internal Medicine • Cardiology • Endocrinology
Gastroenterology • Geriatric Medicine • Gynecology • Infectious Disease
Nephrology • Obstetrics • Pulmonary Medicine • Rheumatology
Laboratory • Radiology • Ultrasound

Bridgewater Medical Center Walk-in Hours
508-588-5900
Monday-Thursday  9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Friday-Saturday  9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Park Medical Center Walk-in Hours
617-341-3008
Monday-Friday  8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday  9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Billing Department 508-588-5902
Tom McCartney has been employed at The Comment since 1993. He began his career as an Ad assistant. We would like to extend our thanks to you Tom, for your dedication to the student newspaper. Best wishes from the staff of The Comment. You will be missed.
Kelly D. Chaffee
Mom is smiling down on you today with great pride.
Love and congratulations,
Dad, Tim and Neil

To: Lori McInnis
We all love you and are so proud of you!!!
Dad, Mom, Mike, Tom, Nana, Papa, Grandpa, on and on!!!!
All your family and friends

We are so proud of you Amy!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Erica and Kristen

To Deb Johnstone
Congratulations!
Once again you’ve made us proud!
Love,
Mom, Dad and Scott
For Melissa Muench

Oh, the places you’ll go!
Hold close to your heart, the places you’ve been.
Congratulations, Melissa, for a job well done.
We are all so very proud of you and your accomplishment.
God bless you wherever you go and whatever you do.
We love you...

Mom, Dad, Jamie, Michael & Jeffrey

Congratualtions Jeannie
for all your hard work over the last four years.

Love,
Your Parents and family members

To Sharon Doran:

You worked hard these four long years,
and we are so proud of you!!!

Love,

Dad, Mom and John

Corrie Ann, you did it!

Now you’re equipped to blaze new and happy trails. Carry on!

Love ya,
Mom and Dad
Conradulations to the graduating members of SGA!

Ryan Dill

Amy Hall

Dean Healey

Paul Shinney

To: Jesse
From: Kellie
We did it! Many thanks to ourselves (afterall we’re great) to God & our families (they’re great too) Thanks for always putting a smile on my face, even when one didn’t want to be there. Than ks John Donne for melting our hearts into one. I love you.
Lets get on with the good stuff!

To: Patrick O’Hanlan
From: Ellen Dugas
I wish you all the best of luck for the future. Don’t forget all the fun at B.S.C., ie. the line for registration, the footbridge & the food! (HaHa) Love Ya!
Memories
Memories
I would like to take this opportunity to wish every member of the graduating class of 1997 the best of luck in the future. Your hard work and dedication have finally paid off. Be proud of all that you have accomplished here at Bridgewater State College and never forget the good times you had.

Congradulations!

Heather B. Lindsey
Editor-in-Chief
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