

Alumni Newsletter

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Alumni Tour London

Want to combine an exciting vacation with a stimulating learning experience? Then plan to join Professor Chantee Lewis and other Bryant alumni on an international finance tour to London this summer.

The Bryant Alumni Association is sponsoring the tour that will feature visits to the London Stock Exchange, Lloyds of London, the International Tea Auction, the International Financial Futures Exchange, the Metals Exchange, and talks by London business experts. Also included will be sightseeing, a London theatre performance, Thames River cruise, and much more.

Professor Lewis, coordinator of the Graduate School finance program, is an international finance and real estate expert. He holds a DBA in finance from George Washington University. In addition to his teaching experience at Bryant, the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island College,

and Salve Regina College, Professor Lewis' background includes several top management positions. He is also the author of numerous articles relating to small business, taxation and other financial topics.

The nine-day excursion leaves from Boston on Wednesday, August 9, and returns Thursday, August 17. The cost of \$2395 (per person, double occupancy; \$350 single supplement) includes round-trip air transportation on a major scheduled airline, all ground transportation, seven nights accommodation at a superior first class hotel, and many meals and other services.

This exclusive international travel program is only open to members of the Bryant community, alumni, their families and friends. For more information, contact Jill T. Nosach '86, assistant director of alumni relations, at 401-232-6040.

Jill Nosach '86 Joins Alumni Staff

Jill (Charpentier) Nosach '86 has recently joined the Alumni Relations staff as assistant director. She will be responsible for marketing Bryant memorabilia, maintaining the alumni data base, and contributing to the Alumni Newsletter and the Bryant Review. She will also work closely with fifth year reunion classes in planning and coordinating their activities.

An honors graduate of the Business Communications program, Jill completed two public relations internships and served as a resident assistant and programming advisor while a student at Bryant. Since 1987, she had been an employment counselor with Snelling and Snelling. Prior to that she was marketing director for Jimmy Burchfield's Classic Restaurant and Lounge.

Jill's appointment completes the professional staff in the Alumni Relations Office which includes Paula Iacono '69, director, and associate director Melissa Walker.



Alumni Relations staff members (l to r) Jill Nosach '86, Melissa Walker and Paula Iacono '69.

*Special Flags
Will Symbolize
Class Identity*

George Kelley '39, an honorary member of the Bryant College Board of Trustees, believes firmly that each graduating class should have its own distinctive banner. He has issued a unique challenge to alumni from all classes to help make this dream a reality.

To provide inspiration to his fellow alumni, Kelley is funding a flag for his own class. As an added incentive, he has arranged the funding of flags for future Bryant classes. Beginning with the Class of '89, monies from the George J. Kelley Endowed Fund will be used for this purpose.

"Class flags will serve as an important symbol of alumni loyalty at Bryant," says Kelley. "They will add a note of tradition and a festive air to reunions and other special occasions." The 50 year reunion class member invites representatives of other classes to step forward and begin organizing the fund raising and design for their own banners.

Alumni in reunion classes who are interested in organizing a class flag committee should contact Melissa Walker, associate director of alumni relations, at 401-232-6040.

*Alumni Parents
Enjoy
"Weekend in
New England"*



Among the hundreds of parents who took part in Bryant's "Weekend in New England" October 14 to 16 were many alumni whose children are currently attending their alma mater. The annual parents' weekend held each fall features a variety of informational and entertaining activities, including a special reception for alumni parents and their children. About 40 people attended this year's alumni parents' reception in the Bryant Center where they were greeted by President William T. O'Hara. Shown here talking with Ruth Alberg '87, assistant director of the annual fund, are Jeanne and Paul Ceresa '64, '65 and their son, Peter, '92.

*Dialing
for Bryant*

One of the important ways to reach out to fellow alumni is through the Annual Fund phonathons held each spring and fall. These phonathons have proved to be the most successful way of gaining support for Bryant's Annual Fund. The 1987-88 phonathons generated over \$175,000 in contributions.

Phonathons are also fun. They are a great way to meet new people as well as a terrific opportunity to gain an insight into your school and its plans for the future. Phonathon callers talk to other Bryant graduates all over the country and bring them up-to-date on what is happening at the college today.

Over 200 callers volunteered their time and effort to make last year's phonathon a resounding success. As a member of the Bryant family, you have a standing invitation to join forces with other alumni, students, faculty, and staff in this worthwhile and enjoyable activity. The phonathon dates for this spring are February 13, 14, 15, 21, 22, 27, 28 and March 1. Call Nancy Haverstock or Ruth Alberg '87 at 401-232-6251 if you would like to get involved.

*Students
Available for
Summer Jobs*

Alumni who have summer jobs in their companies may want to look into a new service being offered this year by the Student Employment Office at Bryant. The office will be matching summer employment opportunities with students interested in certain career fields in various geographic areas.

"With the current employment situation, this new service should prove very helpful to Bryant alumni," says David Brooks of the Student Employment Office who is coordinating the program.

"We feel certain that graduates who own their own businesses or are in a position to hire summer help for their companies will be interested in listing their openings with us. We will try to make the connection between the alumnus' needs and the student's interests," Brooks explains. "We have students from all majors and all geographic areas who come to us looking for full-time and part-time summer employment."

Alumni interested in obtaining more information about this service should call David Brooks at 401-232-6090.

*Alumni Talk
with Students*



Thomas Costello '70 talks with a student during the Alumni Network Reception sponsored by the Career Services Office at Bryant in October. In the background is Henry Cipriano '70. The reception provided an opportunity for students to meet with alumni and talk with them about their careers.

Bits & Pieces

Members of the Class of '82 have been getting together over the last few months to socialize and to formulate ideas for increasing volunteer participation in Bryant activities. Paul and Lynn D'Adamo '82, '82 hosted the first event at their 1800s farmhouse in Attleboro in the early fall. The second get together was hosted by Gary Vierra '82. Among those present on these occasions were Noreen Reilly '82, Bill and Diana Easty '82, '82, Scott and Maureen LaFond '82, Tom and Sheila Foley '82, and Ken and Donna Nahigian '82, '82. Paul, Gary and Anne Northrup Burns '82 are currently serving their second terms as class fund agents for their class. Any members of the Class of '82 interested in becoming involved in these informal sessions should call Paul at 508-695-6343 or Gary at 401-942-4033.

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International business careers will be the topic of a Career Services presentation February 21 at 6 p.m. in the North Dining Room of the Bryant Center. Ira Magaziner, an international business consultant and Bryant's visiting scholar for global business studies this year, will be the keynote

speaker. Other speakers will be A. J. McNamara '61, president of John Alden Associates, who will address careers in international marketing; Stacey Lyons, an assistant vice president at Fleet National Bank, who will talk about careers in international banking; and Michael Black, treasurer of Moran Shipping Services and director of the Providence World Trade Club, who will discuss careers in international shipping. Admission is free.

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Bryant was called a "hot school" this fall in an article that appeared in *Newsday*, a large circulation daily newspaper that serves New York City and its suburbs. Bryant is described as "a northern school whose ratings are on the rise these days" in the lead article of the newspaper's annual College Fair supplement published September 25. The article, titled "Where the Hot Schools Are and Where They're Likely to Be," lists about 100 schools from all areas of the country. The ratings were based on surveys in national magazines such as *Time*, *Money*, and *U.S. News and World Report*, and college selection guides aimed at high school seniors, according to the story.

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- Mar 2 M basketball at Stonehill – 7:30 p.m.
- Mar 5-7 Men's Golf Team matches in Florida: Brevard Invitational, Melbourne; Mar. 8-11, Fripp Is. Intercollegiate Tournament; Mar. 12-19, Palm Coast Invitational.
- Mar 15 Alumni Luncheon Series, Turk's Head Club, 12:15 p.m. Speaker: Colin MacGillivray, executive vice president of *Blue Cross/Blue Shield of RI*. RSVP: Mar. 10, to Alumni Office. Admission: \$14/person.
- April 19 Alumni Luncheon Series, Turk's Head Club, 12:15 p.m. Speaker: Steven Mascena, president of Mascena, Exner, and Assoc. Inc. RSVP: April 14, to Alumni Office. Admission: \$14/person.
- April 25 Alumni Executive Board meeting; election of officers.
- May 17 Alumni Luncheon Series, Turk's Head Club, 12:15 p.m. Speaker: Ira Magaziner, Bryant College Visiting Scholar. RSVP: May 12, to Alumni Office. Admission: \$14/person.
- Jun 9-11 Alumni Reunion Weekend – Bryant Campus – Save these dates for fun, food, music, laughter, and entertainment for all ages. Informational seminars, sports, the Loyal Guard luncheon, individual class events, and alumni awards will lead up to the highlight of the weekend: a tribute to President and Mrs. O'Hara on Saturday evening. Let's make this international celebration Bryant's biggest and best reunion ever!
- June 10 Final Alumni Executive Board meeting.
- Aug 9-17 Alumni International Finance in London Tour. Make your reservation today!!

Calendar of Events

- Jan 18 Alumni Luncheon Series – Turk’s Head Club, Providence – 12:15 p.m. Speaker: J. Joseph Garrahy, former governor of RI. RSVP: Jan. 13, to Alumni Office. Admission: \$14/person
- Jan 21 W and M basketball at Bentley – 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.
- Jan 24 W and M basketball at St. Michael’s 5:15 and 7:30 p.m.
- Jan 26 Worcester Alumni Chapter Dinner honoring President O’Hara. Windsir Rest., Worcester, MA 6:30 p.m. RSVP: Jan 17, to Alumni Office. Admission: \$17.50/person.
- Jan 28 W and M basketball vs. Springfield – 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. W and M basketball vs. alumni – 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. Reunion in gym conference room – 7:15 p.m.
- Jan 30 W and M basketball at Assumption – 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 2 W and M basketball vs. American International – 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 4 W and M basketball at Quinnipiac – 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 8 W and M basketball at Merrimack – 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 11 W and M basketball vs. St. Anselm – 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.
- Feb. 15 Alumni Luncheon Series, Turk’s Head Club, Providence, RI. 12:15 p.m. Speaker: Robert L. Bendick, Jr. dir. of environmental management. RSVP: Feb. 10, to Alumni Office. Admission: \$14/person.
- Feb. 18 W and M basketball vs. St. Michael’s – 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.
- Feb. 21 International Business Careers Forum featuring Ira Magaziner. North Dining Room, Bryant Center. 6:00 p.m. Admission is free.
- Feb. 22 W and M basketball at Springfield – 5:15 and 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 25 W and M basketball at Assumption – 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 28 Alumni Executive Board meeting. 6-8 p.m. M basketball at St. Anselm – 7:30 p.m.

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Alumni Look into the 1990s



Kenneth J. Souza '87

A distinguished list of speakers has been booked for a luncheon lecture series sponsored by the Graduate School Alumni Steering Committee this winter and spring. "Looking into the 1990s: Rhode Island and the International Scene" will debut January 18 with former Rhode Island Governor J. Joseph Garrahy discussing the Ocean State's political and economic future.

Other speakers slated for the series are: Robert L. Bendick, director of the Department of Environmental Management, February 15, international environmental issues; Colin MacGillivray, executive vice president, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rhode Island, March 15, socialized health care; Steven Mascena, president, Mascena, Exner and Associates, April 19, the Rhode Island employment picture; and Ira Magaziner,

president of Telesis, Inc. and Bryant's visiting scholar of global business studies, May 17, international trade.

All alumni and their guests are invited to attend, according to Kenneth J. Souza '87, chair of the Graduate School Steering Committee. Ken, who received his MBA in computer information systems from Bryant, is a systems analyst at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rhode Island.

Tickets for each luncheon are \$14 per person. Reduced price tickets at \$12 each are available for those who reserve a table for 6 or who purchase tickets for three or more luncheons in the series. All luncheons will be held at the Turk's Head Club in Providence at 12:15 p.m. For reservations call Melissa Walker at 401-232-6040.

Chapter News

Business cards and Bryant alumni IDs were the price of admission to a networking evening for alumni at the Dandelion Green in Burlington, November 17. While nibbling hors d'oeuvres, **Northern Massachusetts** alumni were brought up-to-date on happenings at Bryant. They also heard interesting sports news from Sports Information Director John Gillooly. Area Coordinator Jeff Ferrante '81 was very pleased with the turnout of forty people and is looking for suggestions for future events, along with volunteers to work with him. Call Jeff at 617-273-2000 or the Alumni Office at 401-232-6040 to get involved.

The proposed construction of a new Central Artery and third harbor tunnel was the controversial topic at the **Boston Alumni Club** luncheon on November 1. Susan Bleisift of the Federal Highway Administration offered the more than thirty alumni who attended suggestions on dealing with the commute during the construction phase. "It was a very successful kick-off for our Boston Club," reports Nick Puniello '80, area coordinator. "We would like to offer a variety of programs quarterly. The next event on tap may be an after-hours networking reception." Call Nick at 617-742-7788 or the Alumni Office at 401-232-6040 to place your name on the mailing list.