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A RESOURCE FOR BRYANT UNIVERSITY ALUMNI

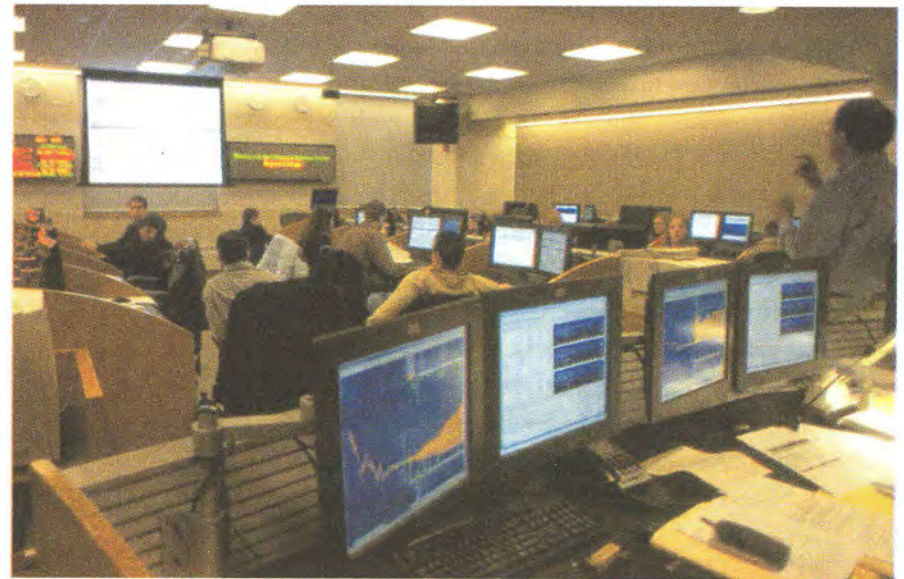
Finance Students Get Real: Bryant's Student-Managed Investment Fund

Students studying finance and financial services at Bryant are getting a taste of what it's really like to work in securities and portfolio management.

Under his watchful eye, students in Professor David Louton's securities analysis and portfolio management courses are managing the Archway Investment Fund – \$200,000 of Bryant's endowment that trustees voted to serve as seed money for the university's first student-managed investment fund.

In order to get into the classes, students have to interview for the role of securities analyst. If accepted, they'll do what securities analysts do for the first semester: recommend stocks. If successful, they will be promoted to portfolio manager for the next semester, selecting and executing investment strategies.

Real-World Practice



Professor David Louton in the C.V. Starr Financial Markets Center

on the board who can't make it to campus, Professor Louton brings them to class via conference calls and videoconferencing.

Although still in its infancy – the first course was held last semester – Professor Louton is optimistic that

experience now than they were at the beginning. Mike Fisher '67, a member of the Archway Fund Advisory Board said, "There is nothing like hands on, live experiences in dealing with the challenges of the stock market."

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Real-World Practice

The idea is to provide students with real-world experience, first by simulating what they'll encounter to get a job and then by giving them real money to manage as practice for what they'll actually do on the job. The C.V. Starr Financial Markets Center (FMC), which receives real-time news, information, and data, transferred by live feeds through Reuters 3000, a financial trading system used by some of the largest financial organizations in the world, serves as their classroom and base of operations. Both the securities analysis and portfolio management classes occur concurrently in the semester so that the two classes can meet each week to present their ideas to each other, debate issues, and hear guest speakers. In both classes, students conduct themselves as if they were already at work. The students in securities analysis make recommendations to buy or sell stock that must be approved by a portfolio management committee.

Alumni as Advisors

Professor Louton assembled an advisory board comprising faculty, alumni in the financial services industry, and investment professionals (see sidebar). Board members share their insight on the fund's stocks, serve as guest speakers, provide one-on-one mentorship, and offer job search strategies. For those

Professor Louton is optimistic that this radically different approach is an effective one. The fund has tracked closely with the S&P 500 and the current value of the fund is approximately \$210,000.

Contagious Enthusiasm

But mostly, it's been a satisfying experience because of the enthusiasm the project has generated. Students get excited about their stocks, enjoy participating in class discussions, and stay late to conduct research. Alumni and other members of the advisory board needed little persuasion to become involved and are even more enthusiastic about the

of the stock market."

And Professor Louton is thrilled. "This is the most fascinating teaching experience I've ever had," he said. "I can see the students' leadership abilities, skills, and confidence grow. This is why I wanted to be a college professor."

Get caught up in the excitement! If you are in the investments field and would enjoy helping Bryant students gain valuable experience, please contact Professor Louton at (401) 232-6343 or e-mail him at dlouton@bryant.edu. You can choose your level of participation.

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National Alumni Council Update: First Annual Alumni Leadership Retreat September 15-16, 2006

As part of this year's Homecoming and Reunion weekend, Bryant will launch the first annual Alumni Leadership Retreat. Beginning on Friday, September 15, more than 100 alumni are expected to join student leaders for a series of workshops designed to build stronger alumni connections and provide a framework for future volunteer interaction between Bryant and alumni leaders.

The Alumni Leadership Retreat is an initiative of the National Alumni Council (NAC), which represents Bryant's 38,000 alumni. The NAC strives to strengthen the alumni network by reinforcing the relationships alumni form with each other and with the university, and by identifying and developing future

alumni leaders from the current student body.

Objectives for the inaugural Alumni Leadership Retreat are to:

- increase alumni engagement,
- raise awareness of the university's challenges and plans,
- strengthen communication between university leaders,
- provide mentoring opportunities between students and alumni, and
- build camaraderie and unity among volunteers.

National Alumni Council 1st Vice President Ray Grigelevich '91, '00 MBA, describes this as a significant and timely initiative. "Bryant's growth doesn't mean we have to lose the close community ties that make the university special," he

said. "This retreat is an exciting opportunity to bring key student, alumni, and administration advocates together so that we can grow in a collaborative and unified way."

On Saturday morning of Reunion, September 16, all alumni are invited to attend the Affinity Group gatherings that will include alumni varsity games; the multicultural and international student alumni meeting; a reunion for Bryant's gay, lesbian, and bisexual alumni community; and a reunion for the Student Alumni Association's 25th Anniversary.

If you have an interest in taking a leadership role for Bryant now or in the future, you should be a part of this important retreat. For more

information on the program, contact Robin Warde, Interim Director of Alumni Relations at (401) 232-6253, visit www.bryant.edu, or e-mail alumni@bryant.edu.

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CALENDAR

Black & Gold Event

Spring Football Game and BBQ

Bryant Campus

New Turf Field Inside the Track

Groundbreaking Ceremony

New Residence Hall

May 19, 2006

Bryant Campus

Alumni Leadership Retreat

September 15-16, 2006

Bryant Campus

Contact Robin Warde at 401-232-6253

Bryant Campus
New Turf Field Inside the Track
April 22, 2006
1:30 p.m. Kick off
BBQ \$5.00 /person

Community Service

Rhode Island Food Bank
April 27, 2006
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Email alumni@bryant.edu for on-line registration information or call 401-232-6539 to volunteer

Community Service

Special Olympics
May 7, 2006

Morning and afternoon shifts available

Email alumni@bryant.edu for on-line registration information or call 401-232-6539 to volunteer

Golf Outing

Jason Constantino Foundation Invitational
May 12, 2006

Crumpin-Fox Club
Bernardston, Mass.

Contact Rich Pavano at
richp@smithpavanocpa.com

Golf Outing

4th Annual Di Morrissey '82 Memorial
May 13, 2006
Keney Park Golf Course
Hartford, Conn.

Contact Kevin Morrissey at
secondchanceproperties@yahoo.com

Graduate School Commencement

May 18, 2006
Bryant Campus
4 p.m.

May 19, 2006
Bryant Campus
12:45 p.m.

Undergraduate Commencement

May 20, 2006
Bryant Campus
10 a.m.

World Trade Day

May 25, 2006
Bryant Campus
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Visit www.chafeecenter.org for more information.

Boston Area Regional Network

May 31, 2006
MIT Museum
Cambridge, Mass.
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Email alumni@bryant.edu for on-line registration information or call 401-232-6595 to RSVP

Connecticut Regional Network

June 1, 2006
Mohegan Sun
Uncasville, Conn.
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Email alumni@bryant.edu for on-line registration information or call 401-232-6053 to RSVP

Golf Tournament

Bryant Black and Gold Athletics
August 1, 2006

Cranston Country Club

\$150 per player/\$600 foursome

Contact Theresa Garland at 401-232-6360 or tgarlac@bryant.edu for brochure

Bryant Campus
Contact Robin Warde at 401-232-6253 or rwarde@bryant.edu for more information

Homecoming and Reunion

September 15-17, 2006
Bryant Campus

Registration information will be mailed.

6th Annual Shawn M. Nassaney Race/Walk

September 17, 2006
1 p.m.

Bryant Campus

Visit www.shawnmnassaney.org for more information

Golf Tournament

3rd Annual President's Cup
September 27, 2006
Newport Country Club
Newport, R.I.

\$2,500 foursome

Contact Glenn McQuade at 401-232-6442 or gmcquade@bryant.edu for brochure



Bobby Muller (right), Vietnam veteran and chairman and co-founder of the Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation, and Garrett Reppenhagen, veterans coordinator of the same foundation and veteran of the War on Terror spoke to the Bryant community about the readjustment challenges of returning veterans on March 23, 2006.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

W. Dustin Goldstein '95



W. Dustin Goldstein '95 has always been a busy individual who likes to explore...new countries, new interests, and new challenges. He believes that the experiences and the education he received at Bryant have greatly contributed to his success, and Bryant's emphasis on globalization will help future alumni succeed in an international marketplace.

"Global education is a requirement for survival in the world

at the forefront of preparing tomorrow's leaders for these important challenges."

Dustin is director & senior cash flow advisor in the Transaction Banking Division of ABN AMRO Bank in Chicago, one of the largest global banking groups, and the largest foreign bank in the U.S. According to Dustin, Bryant's finance concentration prepared him well for his current job. Prior to his current role, he was vice president-sales for southern Europe for the Working Capital unit with ABN AMRO, based in Madrid, Spain. Before that, he was the country head of global cash management sales for Spain at HSBC for more than three years.

But Dustin isn't all work and no play. In September 2005, he came back to the Smithfield campus for Homecoming/Reunion. "A whole group of friends and old roommates from my graduating class planned to attend our 10-year Reunion, and I wanted to be there," he said. Dustin also met the recipient of his Partners-in-Scholarship – an annual

Nancy (McHugh) DeViney '75



Nancy (McHugh) DeViney '75 defines success as much by what she hasn't done as what she has. She didn't take every professional opportunity that came her way to advance her career to where she is now – vice president of values and organizational capability at IBM.

Instead, Nancy assessed each career opportunity as it came along and decided whether it would be something she enjoyed doing and if it allowed her the family time she

ful career and rewarding life with her husband and two children, it's safe to say she has figured out what works for her. Now she's interested in helping other women do the same. "There are many leadership positions where women can have a profound impact without having to sacrifice their personal lives," she said.

She is co-chair of IBM's U.S. Women's Council, which supports the ongoing advancement of women at the company through mentoring, networking, and flexible work options. In fact, Nancy sees a direct benefit when mothers are in the workforce because they have the so-called soft skills that make them excellent managers and team leaders. "Women tend to encourage broad thinking in a collaborative manner and create flexible work environments with discipline and focus," said Nancy. "That's a winning combination in today's on-demand world."

Nancy was awarded this year's Distinguished Alumnus/a Award,

marketplace.

"Global education is a requirement for survival in the real world," said Dustin. "People who understand different business cultures and languages have a competitive advantage. Bryant is

also met the recipient of his Partners-in-Scholarship – an annual scholarship he funds to help a student in financial need who is in good academic standing.

and decided whether it would be something she enjoyed doing and if it allowed her the family time she wanted. "You have to know yourself – what motivates you and will make you happy – and establish your priorities from there," said Nancy.

As Nancy reflects on her success-

Nancy was awarded this year's Distinguished Alumnus/a Award, which recognizes alumni for outstanding professional achievement or community service.

Bryant Alumnus Rocks Student's World

Timing is everything. When Nicole Pesapane '06 walked into Bryant's career services office to find out what internships were available in the spring of 2005, she knew only that she was interested in the entertainment industry. It just so happened that, earlier in the day, alumnus Mike Greco '93 called Barbara Gregory, associate director of career services and coordinator of academic internships at Bryant, because he wanted to bring a Bryant internship to MTV. Greco is senior vice president, programming and sales research, at MTV. "MTV may be a creative industry, but it is also a business, so having Bryant interns who have a strong business foundation is a logical connection," he said.

Preparing for Success

Nicole contacted Mike and soon became the first Bryant intern at MTV in the summer of 2005. She worked in Mike's department with the people who oversee program-

ming operations, scheduling, communications strategy, and competition tracking, which greatly complemented her concentrated area of study at Bryant – marketing. The complexity involved in managing a successful television network was a learning experience for Nicole, but one for which she felt prepared. "I was a little nervous at first, but within a short period of time, I was able to relate what I was doing to what I had studied in class," said Nicole. "Bryant's marketing curriculum reflects what's going on right now in the industry."

A Valuable Experience

Nicole's primary responsibility was working with Nielsen ratings, which provides quantitative data about what consumers are watching on TV. But while she was there, MTV launched a new television network (LOGO, a gay-themed channel), planned and promoted the 2005 MTV Movie Awards, and, of course,

there were meetings to attend. "That's the kind of experience that will be an advantage to Nicole," said Mike.

For many students, an internship is their first professional experience. Practicing office etiquette, becoming familiar with industry terminology, and getting hands-on experience raises students above the competition because employers want people who can hit the ground running.

Now in her senior year, Nicole has begun her job search. Thanks to her internship experience, she feels prepared. And thanks to Mike, more Bryant students will have the chance to explore an exciting company through an internship.

To find out how you can provide Bryant students with valuable learning experiences through an internship at your organization, please contact Barbara Gregory in the career services office at (401) 232-6355 or e-mail her at bgregory@bryant.edu.

Bryant's on-line community – our alumni presence on the Web – is expanding and improving.

Think about the organizations that interested you – perhaps it was working on the Archway, playing ultimate Frisbee, or serving as a Big Sister. You can now search for others with the same activity code via Bryant's on-line alumni community. And, if you wish, you can provide an update on your own student activities or provide your interests as an alumnus.

You can also find classmates or look for contacts in a new area if you are planning a move.

If you haven't connected, give us a call at 401-232-6040 or drop us an email at alumni@bryant.edu and we'll give you the access number you need to log on for the first time. If you've forgotten your password, we can help with that too! Find us at www.bryant.edu

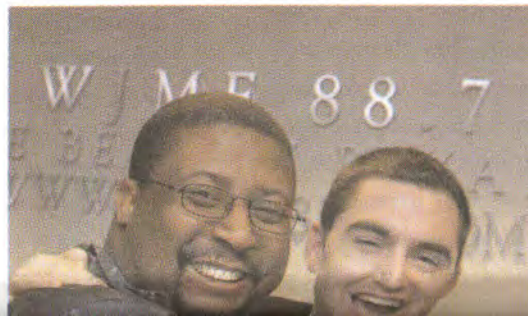
Alumni Events



Gathered on campus for an alumni basketball game on February 18 are (standing, l-r) Tony DeQuattro '67, Patricia Migneault Sanetti '86, Liz Davies '96, Jason Noel '04, Tanya Iwanski '04, Assistant Women's Basketball Coach John Hogan, and Mary McConnell (kneeling, l-r) Ann-Marie Harrington '86, and Colleen McLaughlin '04. Liz Davies and Ernie DeWitt '78 were recently named to the Northeast-10 Conference 25th Anniversary Basketball Team.



Bryant basketball alumnus Ron Harrison '84 (far right) flew in to Las Vegas from California to cheer on the Bulldogs against UNLV. He is pictured here (r-l) with his son Trent, wife Beverly, and Interim Director of Athletics John Ruppert.





More than 60 prospective students and alumni gathered in Puerto Rico in January to hear about Bryant from President Ron Machtley. Pictured here (l-r) are Karina and José Martorell '92, Rose Marie Wirshing '92, and Paco San Miguel '86.



Harold Peacock '98 (left) hugs Adam Muccino '07 in congratulations during the grand unveiling of the new Bryant radio station (WJMF) facilities on February 15, 2006. Peacock, under the name DJ Bishop, hosts a syndicated internet radio program that is carried on air at WJMF every Saturday from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.



Norm Abram of *This Old House* (right) is pictured with Bryant alumnus Dave Chastanet '78 for an early January segment of the PBS show. Chastanet, a Phi Sigma Nu brother, is the general manager of New England Woodworking in Middletown, R.I. (picture used with permission from *The Sakonnet Times*, photographer Dan Hunt.)



John Spatcher '78 (left) meets John Higham '07 at the Bryant Student Career Fair 2006. Spatcher is a partner at Blum Shapiro, a CPA firm in West Hartford, Conn., and has recruited on campus for many years. More than 650 students attended the annual event, meeting representatives from 92 companies - many of whom were Bryant alumni.



(l-r) Sue Sampson and Ellen DeLucia '75, co-presidents of Home Dec In A Sec; Becca (Baker) Collemer '95, '01 MBA, president of Curves in Barrington, R.I.; and Tricia (Ferrand) Kordalski '83, president and founder of Long Elegant Legs, were all on campus to present at Women's Summit 2006 on March 15.

LOYAL GUARD SALUTE

Solomon A. Solomon '56, '64 Reflects On 50 Years With Bryant



Sol Solomon had just returned from military service in the Korean War, eager to earn the college degree that his GI Bill entitled him to. He headed to Bryant, which at that time offered a retail management degree – an education that would come in handy while Sol

Hope High School's athletic facilities for games. And, of course, there were no computers.

More than 50 years later, Sol still heads to Bryant on a regular basis, not as a student but to provide his leadership and insight in the many roles he's had since he graduated from Bryant in 1956 and then again in 1964, with a teacher's certification.

His contributions are too many to list in total, but comprise several positions on Bryant's National Alumni Council, including president. He received the Nelson Gulski Service Award in 1990 and is the only alumnus to have been granted the Key to

said Sol. He is quick to list the features and accomplishments of today's Bryant. For one thing, students no longer need venture any farther than the world-class George E. Bello Center for Information and Technology to study. Bryant now boasts the new Elizabeth and Malcolm Chace Wellness and Athletic Center, a baseball and softball complex, natural grass field hockey complex, tennis courts, a golf practice green and driving range, and more. The university is recognized as one of the Top 25 Most Connected Campuses by *Princeton Review* for its commitment to technology. As for parking, well, the meters



"I wouldn't be where I

education that would come in handy while Sol worked with his father at the family's clothing store. It was 1953.

Sol remembers that the mostly commuter population on the campus's original East Side location had to park on the street and race out every hour to feed the meter another nickel. Students studied and did their research for class projects at the nearby Todd Wharton Library. They used

"I wouldn't be where I am today if not for this university."

SOL SOLOMON '56, '64

of 1956 Reunion Committee.

Bryant, Sol is proud to say, offers the same quality education that it has for generations. "Bryant training pays off. I wouldn't be where I am today if not for this university,"

nus to have been granted the Key to the University, which he received in 2002. He is a regular attendee at Bryant events. This year, he is chair of the Class



Sol, at one of the many events on campus to which alumni are invited.

are gone but it's still a hike from car to door. Some things never change.

If you are celebrating your 50th reunion this year, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (401)232-6040 or alumni@bryant.edu for registration information.

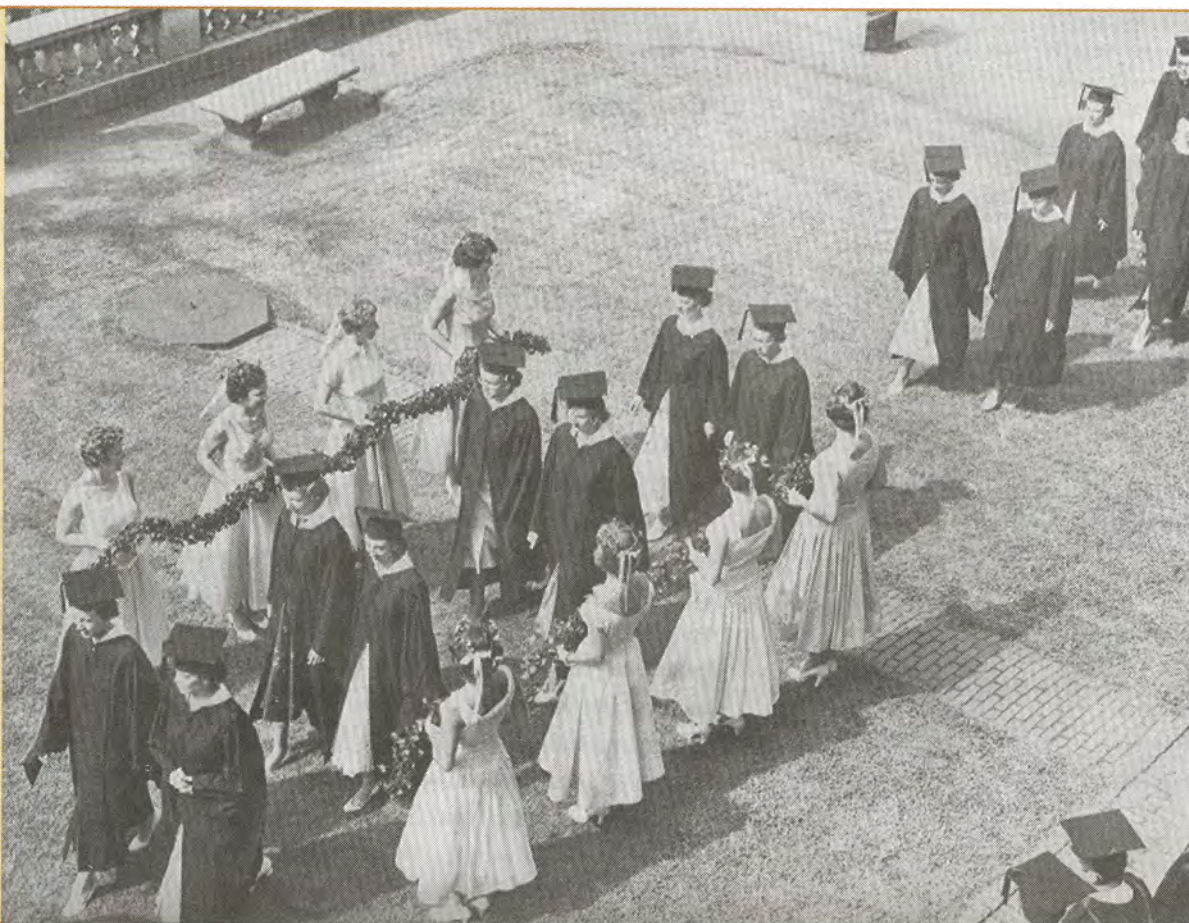
Forming an ivy chain for graduates are eight classmates from the Class of 1956.

Top row, right to left, are Mary (Flanagan) Golden, Bertha (Duffy) Couture, Mary (Toto) Haley, and Audrey (Perreault) Sprague.

Bottom row, right to left, are Carole (Ferrari) Lawson, Ellen (O'Brien) Wright, Peggy (Harrington) Cassels, and Shirley (Bourbeau) Shehan.

Mary Golden, Ellen Wright, and Peg Cassels are all part of the Class of 1956 Steering Committee, formed to encourage former classmates to return to Bryant and reconnect with others for their 50th Reunion.

This photo is from the 1956 yearbook. If you can tell us more about the ceremony and the names of the graduates in cap and gown, please send an e-mail to alumni@bryant.edu. Or send a note to Alumni Relations, Bryant University, 1150 Douglas Pike, Smithfield, RI, 02917.



ADDITIONS

BRETT JENNINGS TO MARY ANNE AND ROBERT J. McCAFFERY '88 ON 12/20/05.

DECLAN HARRY ON 2/06/04 AND RYAN ANDREW ON 10/05/05 TO MARGARET AND SEAN R. SMITH '88.

MOLLY KATHLEEN AND SEAN THOMAS TO KIMBERLEY A. (BRYANT) '88 AND TIMOTHY ROURKE ON 07/26/05.

OLIVIA MARIA TO JENNIFER AND GARY A. MILLER '89 ON 07/07/05.

OLIVIA JANE TO KAREN (ZAKRZEWSKI) '90 AND BRIAN HOLBROOK ON 10/23/05.

ACE WILLIAM TO KAREN CAMPANELLA AND WILLIAM P. KUNZ, JR. '90 ON 06/15/05.

LINDSAY GRACE AND CHRISTOPHER JOHN TO KIMBERLY A. (DYSON) '91 AND CRAIG J. IANNUZZI '91 ON 11/02/04.

KYLE FREDERICK TO DEBORAH L. (LENNON) '91 AND ROBERT MANDIROLA ON 11/22/05.

OLIVIA ROSE TO ALLISON L. (ZENUH) '92 AND JAMES T. RICHARDSON '92 ON 12/26/05.

CECILIA MARIA TO ANTONIA AND CHARLES C. GREENWALD '92 ON 05/20/05.

ANDREW AUGUSTUS TO JENNIFER (NEWSOM) '92 AND MICHAEL KIRBY ON 02/22/05.

CASEY PATRICK TO NICOLE AND PETER J. ROY '92 ON 01/05/06.

SAMANTHA MARGARET TO JENNIFER L. (KITLINSKI) '93 AND BRETT FOSTER ON 10/11/05.

BRANDON MICHAEL TO LISA J. (JACQUES) '94 AND MICHAEL P. RICHARD '93 ON 09/21/05.

ABIGAIL ROSE TO KELLY (HARRIGAN) '93 AND CHRIS WELCH ON 08/31/05.

JAKE SAMUEL TO MELANIE (SAMUELIAN) '93 AND JAMES O'BRIEN ON 08/09/05.

ELIOT KIRAN TO BRENDA AND LARS E. PLUSS '93 ON 08/07/05.

KEVIN MATTHEW TO MICHELE (D'ARESTA) '93 AND JOHN GLEN ON 05/08/05.

ASHLEY VERONICA TO MELISSA B. (McENERNEY) '93 AND ANDREW VALLILA ON 10/27/05.

MARGO SIMONE TO JENNIFER (GIAIMO) '95 AND STEVEN L. KATZ '94 ON 11/09/05.

CONOR JOSEPH TO TAMMY (MANTIE) '94 AND JOSEPH MCKAY ON 04/24/05.

COLIN J. TO CARLA M. (FAZZUOLI) '94 AND JOHN J. DONAHOE ON 08/19/05.

DANIEL RICHARD AND LUKE WILLIAM TO CHRISTINA A. (YANTORNO) '95 AND SCOTT RICHARD KELLERMAN '05 ON 08/24/05.

Career Resources: Working a Room

You walk into a room filled with clusters of people shaking hands, talking, and laughing. Your palms get slick, your stomach clenches, and you can't remember why you thought it was so important to attend this networking event. You could turn around and walk right out of there.

Yes, you could. But you'd miss the opportunity to meet valuable contacts who could increase your business. These tips will bolster your confidence and increase your RWQ (Room Working Quotient) in no time.

Before You Go

- Read the day's headline news stories. This could provide you the chance to start – or stay in – a conversation.
- Put a stack of your business cards within easy reach, either in the front pocket of your jacket or an outside pocket of your handbag.
- If you're planning to meet a specific person, find out the latest news about his or her company or industry so that when you do meet, you'll have something to say.

While You're There

- Remember that most of the people in the room are in the same situation as you are: they don't know anyone else. Think of your-

talking to; it will look like you have no interest in who you're talking to (which may be true, but it's still not polite).

- Introduce yourself even if you know the other person's name in case she forgot yours: "Hi Sue, Mary Jones from ABC. We met at the Starlight fundraising dinner last month."
- When meeting someone for the first time, repeat his or her name throughout the conversation to help lock it into your long-term memory.
- Avoid staying with the same person for the duration. Always have three or four phrases to excuse yourself from a conversation. For example, "It was great to meet you/see you again. Enjoy the event." The key here is to shake the other person's hand, which is a firm, but polite, exit.

After the Event

- On the back of each business card you received, write the date and name of the event. Also make a note about topics you discussed, which gives you an opportunity to make contact again. You could send a brief e-mail message such as, "It was great to meet you last week at the chamber event. I enjoyed our conversation about

PARTNERSHIPS

DENIS A. DESLAURIERS '64 TO LISA A. BOUVIER ON 08/20/05.

PETER E. CLARK, JR. '87 TO EMINE ESER ON 05/15/04.

SEAN R. SMITH '88 TO MARGARET DROLET ON 09/07/02.

DEBORAH L. FRIEND '91 TO ROBERT T. MANDIROLA ON 08/12/05.

SANDRA G. HOSLER '91 TO CHRISTIAN LUND ON 08/07/05.

ADRIENNE B. SHOLTIS '91 TO JIM LAIR ON 10/15/05.

KIMBERLY A. ROBINSON '92 TO SHAUN MECHAN ON 09/02/05.

DAWN T. GENEROUS '93 TO JONATHAN KELLY ON 10/02/05.

SCOTT D. AXEL '93 TO KANDI L. CRITTENDON ON 11/23/05.

BRIAN H. CINQ-MARS '95 TO MICHELLE FARIA ON 09/10/05.

STEPHEN G. FOREST '95 TO MAUREEN E. MURPHY '97 ON 11/26/05.

DENIS A. HOULE '96 TO LARA TARBY ON 08/20/05.

KIMBERLY C. TALLENT '96 TO JEFFREY M. DUFRÉSNE ON 08/12/05.

MELISSA M. DENNIS '96 TO DANIEL BELBUSTI ON 10/01/05.

RAYMOND A. BELANGER, III '97 TO AMANDA L. KOELKER.

MATTHEW S. GOODFINGER '97 TO SUSAN SANDLER ON 09/17/05.

JANET M. ROONEY '98 TO DENNY WOLFE ON 09/24/05.

ALAN C. REYES '98 TO LORIANNE F. HARRISON ON 07/09/05.

KELLI M. YOUNG '98 TO ROBERT F. BUKOFSEK ON 01/28/06.

CHRISTINA M. SEIGLER '98 TO GREGORY GALBORNETTI ON 09/16/05.

SUSAN KRUK '98 TO ADRIAN DALTON ON 11/05/05.

CHARLES G. ROTH '99 TO JACLYN A. GRIVOIS '00 ON 10/08/05.

MICHAEL A. MARINO '99 TO SUSAN L. CHUTE '99 ON 09/04/05.

JENNIFER L. KACZOR '99 TO BRETT PENKUL ON 06/18/05.

JOHN P. STEVENS '99 TO SARA-JEAN BARKETT ON 11/19/05.

SARAH J. KACZYNSKI '99 TO ALBERT JAVIER ON

DONAHOE ON 08/19/05.
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 KAYLA MARIE TO MARYELLEN J. (INGLESE) '95 AND NEIL ASTORINO ON 07/19/05.
 SARA TOBY TO REBECCA L. (BAKER) '95 '01 AND JEFFREY B. COLLEMER '00 ON 04/09/05.
 THOMAS CHARLES TO ANDREA (COLAIANNI) '95 AND NEIL DIRICO ON 10/15/05.
 GISELLE NICOLE TO KAREN (AGRESTI) '95 AND TODD KIERNAN ON 10/16/05.
 FOTI G. ON 03/15/04 AND EVANGELINE AND SOFIA TO DESPINA (TARTSINIS) '95 AND GEORGE VARESSIS ON 10/07/05.
 ELOISE MAE TO AMY (SZEPANSKI) '96 AND JAMES A. WILLIAMSON '96 ON 09/20/05.
 EMILY ISABEL TO LORI (SHEPARD) '96 AND DENNIS GRAY, JR. '96 ON 05/23/05.
 REILLY LEAH TO KELLY (McMAHON) '96 AND SHAWN BARNES ON 05/12/05.
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 DANIEL JAMES TO JENNIFER (NEWMAN) '99 AND JAMES O'NEIL '99 ON 08/02/05.
 CORY JAMES, JR. TO MARIA (RAMOS) '00 AND CORY PERSON ON 08/18/05.
 NOAH DANIEL TO AMY AND DAVID F. GRECO '00 ON 04/05/05.

pie in the room as you are: they don't know anyone else. Think of yourself as doing others a favor by introducing yourself. It's OK to be honest: "Hi, I'm Mary Jones from ABC Company. I'm new to this group; how long have you been a member?" Even if Bob isn't a member, you'll have broken the ice.

- Networking is not about how many business cards you can pass out or collect. It's about making effective connections. Listen carefully to the person talking to you and make direct eye contact. Find out how you can help your new contact promote his business; chances are he will reciprocate. And don't glance around the room to see who else you should be

as, "It was great to meet you last week at the chamber event. I enjoyed our conversation about business development. I came across the attached article on the same topic and thought you might be interested."

- Follow up with anyone you promised to. This is an often overlooked, but extremely important, step. Whether it's a business connection or a recipe, your follow up shows that you're true to your word and there's no better impression you can make than that.

Above all else, don't miss the opportunity to attend social business events. Working a room is like anything else in life: the more you practice, the better you'll get at it.

JOHN P. STEVENS '99 TO SARA-JEAN BARKETT ON 11/19/05.
 SARAH J. KACZYNSKI '99 TO ALBERT JAVIER ON 08/27/05.
 LEAH N. FERNANDES '99 TO SEAN M. HOGAN ON 07/16/05.
 KELLY R. BLANEY '99 TO GREGORY C. NOLTE '99 ON 07/09/05.
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 HEIDI N. WALLACH '02 TO BRIAN J. BRUNO ON 07/23/05.
 TENLEY D. PETERSON '03 TO JEFFREY C. MUNN ON 07/30/05.

Admission Applications Set Bryant Record

A recent article in the *Boston Business Journal* noted that college applications are on the rise in most greater-Boston colleges and universities. Average increases range from 6 to 16 percent.

At Bryant University, applications have reached an all-time high. Admission officers are currently processing 5,823 applications – a 38.2 percent increase over last year's previous record applications.

"It seems obvious that there is now widespread recognition of our transformational changes," said President Ronald K. Machtley.

Some of Bryant's growth includes the following:

- The change to University with a

- College of Business and a College of Arts and Sciences.
- The addition of new degrees in Applied Psychology, Communication, Information Technology, International Business, Applied Economics, and Sociology to appeal to a broader student population.
- Significant recruiting of the best available faculty
- Expanded student-life initiatives.
- Cutting-edge technology (Bryant was again voted as one of the *Princeton Review's* "Top 25 Most Connected Campuses").
- A more international focus, including the establishment of a U.S.-China Institute.

- A state-of-the-art Communications Complex.
- An award-winning athletic program.

"While many colleges and universities are experiencing a bump in their application numbers, Bryant University has seen a surge this year," stated Lorna J. Hunter, vice president for enrollment management. "The new College of Arts and Sciences has had significant growth in applications, as has the College of Business. In this pool of outstanding applicants, there has also been an increase in the number of women and students of color who wish to come to Bryant."

We continue to receive many responses to our What's Your Story? postcard. You're writing about how Bryant prepared you for your career and your life; recalling fond memories of faculty and classmates; and, you've even told us a few love stories. It's not too late to share

your story – tell us in one of three ways:

Log on to
www.bryant.edu/mystory; or

Send an e-mail to
alumni@bryant.edu; or

Send a letter to
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Attention Eileen Deary '79
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(l-r) Steve Kelly '65, Jan (Eaton) Walker '64, Everett Walker '63, and Joe Minio '65 enjoy the ocean views from Minio's summer home on the beach in Westbrook, Conn., in October of last year. Kelly was visiting from the West Coast.

Creating and maintaining relationships: Bryant alum tells his story

I just returned from a trip "back east" where my wife of almost 40 years (a non-Bryant alum) and I got together with several groups of Bryant alumni. Your request for a story highlighting friendship could not have been more timely.

First, let me say that most of the very good friends that I had in the early '60s at Bryant I continue to

This group is extremely close and our only rule is that we not talk about losing our hair or gaining weight. Anything else is fair game.

Reuniting with Friends on the East Coast

Unfortunately, we have friends from Bryant who, due to health or time constraints, are unable to fly to see us in San Jose, California. So we



early '60s at Bryant I continue to count as my very best friends. For the most part we stay in touch on a

"My best friends of today are the same friends I had at Bryant four decades ago. Who could ask for more than that?"

STEVE KELLY '65

weekly if not daily basis. Our respective spouses have also become close friends.

West Coast Alumni

With respect to us alumni who live on the West Coast, we get together every couple of months for birthdays, weddings, or just to celebrate the dawn of a new day. The core of this group was at Dyer House (Providence campus) together, and we have a special one-week gathering on the Pacific Ocean every year. At each gathering, we have invited guests from our past at Bryant – some coming from as far as London! During these "meetings" we discuss the International Monetary Fund crisis (joke) and enjoy a couple of cold ones.

constraints, are unable to fly to see us in San Jose, California. So we decided to take an extended trip to the East Coast to connect with those people. We had several mini meetings and were delighted to see these folks after 40 years. Again there was immediate bonding with my pals and our wives and in every case we have made plans to get together in the future.

Bottom line is this: Many years have passed since we left Bryant, diplomas in hand, ready to seek our fame and fortune. Some of us have achieved our goals while others have far surpassed them. But in every case, when we get together, we always reflect fondly on our years at Bryant.

Remembering the Faculty

Certainly, Bryant had its "personalities" in the faculty. But there was never a question in our minds that they all wanted us to absorb as much as we could while in their class. Since I was older than many of the students, I was able to become personal friends with several members of the faculty.

All in all my best friends of today are the same friends I had at Bryant four decades ago. Who could ask for more than that?

Steve Kelly
San Jose, Calif.
Class of 1965

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Where Are They Now? Berta Hysell, former director, Multicultural Student Services



When Berta Hysell began her 17-year Bryant career in 1977, her job was to recruit students of color, raise awareness of diversity issues on campus, and work with the 11 students of color attending Bryant to help them achieve their goals. In her trademark warm, caring – and forthright – way, Berta was a strong advocate for diversity, tirelessly campaigning for opportunities and resources. She was also a go-to person, someone students and staff could depend on for guidance. What made Berta so special was that she knew who needed which kind of guidance and when. So you knew

that when you went to Berta, she was as likely to hug you as she was to hold you accountable – but she was always fair.

Bryant has changed since Berta left in 1994. There are 320 students of color and 64 international students in Bryant's undergraduate student body. The comprehensive Intercultural Center builds on the foundation Berta established and is made up of the Multicultural Student Union and the International Student Organization.

"Maybe students learned something from me, maybe, but it doesn't compare to how much they taught me about life."

ROBERTA (BERTA) HYSELL

Keeping Busy

Berta, thankfully, has not changed. Technically, she's retired, but that

who are changing careers or retiring, helping them overcome their doubts and fears. She uses a technique she learned from José Gonzalez '89 when he was a student tutor. When he'd encounter students who were afraid to try something new he'd ask, "Don't you find that limiting?" Berta laughs her full and easy laugh: "Isn't that just great? I love that!"

Berta rounds out her activities as a member of the Red Hat Society, a social organization whose mission is to reshape conventional ideas about what women over the age of 50 should – or should not – be doing. It seems Berta has always worn a red hat, on the inside. "I didn't give a hoot what people thought of me when I was younger...and I'm even worse now!" For anyone who has ever benefited, or will benefit, from Berta's honest and earnest approach, it's a very, very good thing.

Keeping in Touch

Continually drawing upon former students' insight and wisdom and applying it to her current life, Berta said, "Maybe students learned something from me, maybe, but it doesn't compare to how much they taught me about life." She still has plenty of occasion to be inspired by

Connect with other Bryant Alumni online

The Online Directory on www.bryant.edu is easy to use. You can search for alumni by first or last names, or get a list of all your classmates by searching for your class year. Expand your networking opportunities by using the Online Directory to look up Bryant alumni by geographic location, career category, fraternity or a sport or club. For example a search for all alumni living in Hawaii netted 23 hits! Bryant has 433 alumni living in New York City, with 16 in banking.

Have you reconnected with a fellow classmate through Bryant's Online Directory? Or made a new contact that way? Tell us about it and we may publish your story in a future issue of the Alumni Bulletin. You can send us an email at alumni@bryant.edu or <http://www.bryant.edu/bryant/alumni/mystory/index.jsp>

Technically, she's retired, but that implies she's not working, which is far from the reality. In her hometown of Charlottesville, Virginia, Berta runs her antique business, which she started with her husband, David, who passed away several years ago. And – no surprise – Berta is co-chair of her senior center's diversity committee. Among other activities, she's also on the Jefferson Health Council, the Senior Statesmen of Virginia, and is working on an oral history project with Charlottesville High School. She also takes courses in history, philosophy, and "whatever I don't know anything about."

In addition, Berta coaches adults

plenty of occasion to be inspired by them because so many of them stay in touch with her, e-mailing jokes and prayers, mailing holiday cards, calling with family and career news, and stopping by for visits.



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