

#### A RESOURCE FOR BRYANT UNIVERSITY ALUMNI

# Let Your Ties to the Past Become the Road to Your Future

Friendship is unnecessary, like philosophy, like art... It has no survival value; rather it is one of those things that give value to survival. - C.S. Lewis, author (1898 - 1963)

hether you graduated last year or 50 or more years ago, you have probably thought about someone you went to Bryant with. It may have been because you moved to the city you know he lived in or because she had a job at a company you are now interested in working for. But whatever the case, you didn't try to track him down because you know you would never be able to find him after all this time...right?

Bryant University is making it easy for its alumni to reconnect with each other, and all it takes is a few clicks of a mouse.

### **Online Alumni Directory**

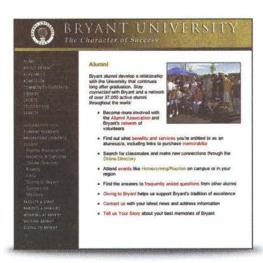
You went to school with a guy named Michael who was really into snowboarding. It would be great to get his perspective on a relevant new product line your company is launching, but you can't remember his last name. You can't find your yearbook...how can you find him?

field and your graduating class in the Preferred Class Year field.

- Find graduates who are working in the marketing field by just selecting Marketing/Advertising from the Career Category field.
- Get a list of alumni who are working in New York by choosing that state from the Business State field.

# Class Web Pages/Photo Gallery/Class Notes

As a Bryant alumnus/a, you have access to a network of more than 38,000 fellow graduates through the online directory on Bryant's Web site. Sometimes, though, you want to focus on the people you graduated with: the sisters in your sorority, the guys from one of your classes, your teammates and roommates. Finding — and staying in



- Share news about your own accomplishments
- Post photos of weddings, children, and informal alumni gatherings
- Help us find "lost" classmates alumni for whom Bryant does not have a current home address
- Access links to alumni resources, such as regional alumni networks, career services, and more

With Reunion just a few months away – September 15-17 will be

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One of the first resources on your list should be Bryant's Online Alumni Directory. The advanced search is easy to use and lets you narrow your search based on a number of parameters. You could:

 See a list of all the Michaels in your graduating class by typing "Michael" into the First Name touch with – your Bryant friends is about to get a whole lot easier.

Class Pages, a new Photo Gallery and online Class Notes sections have been added as features to Bryant's online community to help facilitate information exchange among your Bryant classmates: For instance, you can:

here before you know it – be sure to check out your class Web site for the latest information. And don't forget to update your online alumni directory listing so your classmates can find you. Visit www.bryant.edu. Click on Alumni and Online Directory to get started.

what's your STORY

# The VIs – Sisters at Heart

will be 50 and with that occasion I will also celebrate over 30 years of friendship with seven of the finest, most amazing women I know:

Michele (Maisano) Genden, Karen





The VIs - then (1976) and now (2006)

(Cappetta) Ehrens, Sonja Valentine, Cassie (Bourque) Mantoni, Sue (Arremony) Brochu, Kathy (Berriman) Carlucci, and Sheila Curran; ALL better known as "The VIs".

From the moment I set foot in my suite on the 3rd floor of Dorm 6 in September of 1974 I knew the girls in my suite were special. We all became instant friends and we have been friends ever since. We've been there for each other through break-ups, marriages, divorce; miscarriages, births, infertility, and adoption; sickness and

health; and we've buried the parents who afforded us the opportunities to attend Bryant.

We became sisters without needing to pledge; we have remained sisters out of the love we have for each other. We still consider ourselves as "The VIs" and we feel blessed to be able to do so with such pride and love and commitment to each other.

At least once, if not twice a year we get together for a weekend and celebrate our friendship, our VI family, our roots, times gone by and times yet to come. We laugh, we cry, we are terribly silly, and often painfully loud; but we're the VIs and we've always been quite comfortable in our skin.

Bryant provided us with a gift of friendship and family and for that I, (and I think I speak for all the VIs), will be eternally grateful.

With a megaphone full of fond memories.

Dawn M. Santacqua-Moher Class of 1978 Dorm 6, 3rd Floor VIs Wallingford, Conn. REGISTER ONLINE

WWW.bryant.edu/bryant/alumni/hrzoos.jsp

# HOMECOMING/REUNION 2006

Black is for events primarily for alumni and their families.

White is for events open to everyone: alumni, students, friends.

Costs for events are listed on the enclosed registration form.

7:30 p.m.

Evening Performance for Students/General Public

SOUTH DINING

Performer to be announced. Call 232-6245 for ticket information.

9:30 p.m

10-11 a.m.

Alumni Affinity Group Discussions, Meetings and Games

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST BEGINNING AT 9 A.M. IN THE UNISTRUCTURE ROTUNDA

Regional Area Networks

Join a discussion session to learn about

Bryant's current Regional Alumni Networks

registration form.

FRIDAY

15

11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Alumni Leadership Retreat

BRYANT CENTER

(For more information on the Alumni Leadership Retreat go to – http://www.bryant.edu/bryant/alumni/alr2006.jsp)

5-7 p.m. **Homecoming Buffet** 

on estudents for dinner

Alumni charge of \$6.50 available at door

9:30 p.m. Bryant Fires and Fireworks

BRYANT CENTER PATIO Join the pep rally and see the campu. in a whole new light!

SATURDAY

9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Alumni Registration

REGISTRATION TENT AT THE STADIUM

Join a discussion session to learn about Bryant's current Regional Alumni Networks and strategies to broaden their reach.

- Class Steering Committees

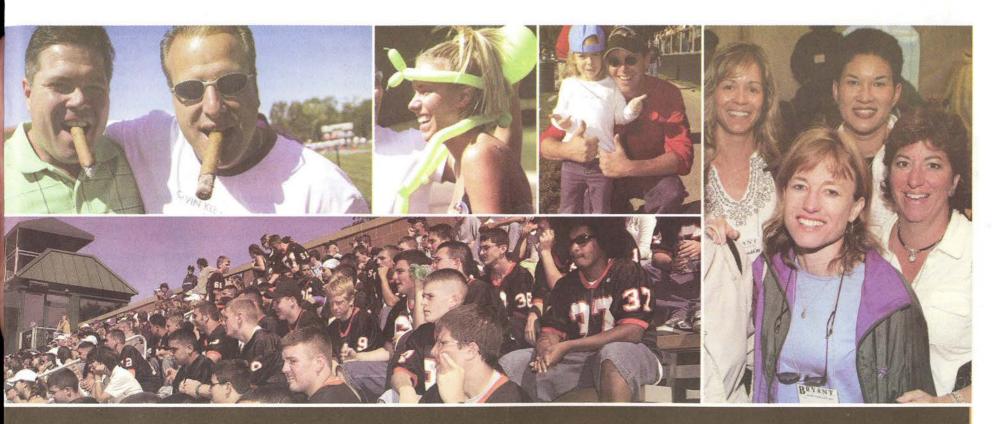
  Find out how you can become more involved in planning your class reunion through participation in Class Steering Committees.
- Career Connections
   View a demo of Career Services' new Online
   Alumni Career Network, and register to do
   your own career networking.
- International Multicultural Alumni
  Organization Meeting
  Advance Bryant's strategic goal of diversity
  and globalization. All alumni welcome.
- Bryant Pride/Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Meeting and Reunion

  Alumni, current students, staff and faculty will talk about Bryant today and discuss strategies for staying involved.









# SEPTEMBER 15-17

· College: What to Expect as You Begin **Your Search** 

An Admission workshop.

· Alumni Games:

Baseball, Lacrosse, Tennis, Ultimate Frisbee, Volleyball

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AT THE TENT OUT BY

THE ATHLETIC BASEBALL FIELDS (RECEIVE A

**Bulldog Fun Zone - Bulldog Stadium** 

11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Homecoming/Reunion Tent - Alumni Tent in parking lot

Bring the family and your annetite for an

6:30-9:30 p.m.

All Class Dinner/Dance and Casino Games

Join your fellow alumni for a casual night of great food, reconnecting with alumni, dancing, and casino games in the Alumni Village adjacent to the athletic fields.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUESTED.

THE ATHLETIC BASEBALL FIELDS (RECEIVE A T-SHIRT BEFORE PROCEEDING TO THE PLAYING FIELDS).

11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Campus Tours - Atrium in the

Administration Hall of the Unistructure

See the exciting changes on campus. Tours

depart at 11, 11:30, noon, and 12:30.

II a.m.-2 p.m.

Pre-Game Buffet

STUDENT TENT AT THE STADIUM
Join students for a pre-game meal.

11 a.m. – Beginning of Second Half
Tailgating – Reserved area in new
parking lots
Join classmates, faculty and friends for
informal gatherings

Tent in parking lot
Bring the family and your appetite for an
afternoon of food and fun.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUESTED.

1-4 p.m.

Bryant vs. Merrimack - Bulldog Stadium

Cheer the Bulldogs to victory on our home turf.

4-5:30 p.m.

Fifth Quarter Party - Tent in parking lot

Reception to honor the Bryant football team

11 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Other Attractions - Bulldog Stadium** 

Bookstore tent (alumni receive a 10 percent discount) and Concessions.

SUNDAY

1.00

p.m.

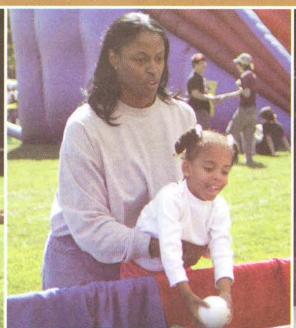
The 6th Annual Shawn M. Nassaney Memorial Cross Country Race/Walk

CROSS COUNTRY COURSE

Visit www.shawnmnassaney.org for more information or to register.

REGISTER ONLINE @

Www.bryant.edu/bryant/alumni/hrzaose.jsp





Reunion Tailgating

Attention Classes of 1996, 2001, and Graduate School alumni. Areas will be reserved in the Tailgating area of the parking lot adjacent to the athletic fields for your groups to gather informally for reunion. Although there is no charge for tailgating, please register online for other events, as well as to qualify for special Bryant memorabilia and other giveaways.

Tailgating begins at 11 a.m. and ends at the beginning of the second half of the football game.

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# **Attention All Golfers!**

The 3rd Annual President's Golf Tournament will be held on Wednesday, September 27, 2006, at the Newport Country Club.

Your fee of \$625 per player (\$2,500 per foursome) gets you a premier gift, a box lunch, favors at each hole, open bar and hors d'oeuvres at a reception following, prizes for closest to pin and longest drive, and a cash prize for hole-in-one. You'll also have the opportunity to bid on many great prizes at silent and live auctions — including days of golf at other

great country clubs. And, don't forget, your fee includes 18 holes at one of the oldest and most prestigious courses in the United States – site of the June 2006 Women's Open and the 1995 U.S. Amateur won by Tiger Woods.

All proceeds from the event support the President's Scholarship Fund at Bryant University. In the last two years, this golf tournament has raised more than \$95,000 to support Bryant students.

You can choose to bump up your support with a \$5,000 Scholarship

Sponsorship. In addition to the perks above, the Scholarship Sponsorship includes a foursome, special recognition and visibility through signage at the country club and in the tournament brochure, and an invitation to the Gala Alumni Leadership dinner at Bryant with President Machtley on Homecoming/Reunion weekend as well as four tickets to the Homecoming/Reunion football game.

You or your company may also purchase pin flags for \$500 or tee signs for \$150.

# Calendar

## Bryant Black and Gold Golf Tournament

August 1, 2006 | Cranston Country Club \$150 per player/\$600 foursome Contact Theresa Garlacy at 401-232-6360 or tgarlac@bryant.edu for brochure.

### **Alumni Leadership Retreat**

September 15, 2006 | Bryant Campus Contact Robin Warde at 401-232-6253 or rwarde@bryant.edu for more information.

### **Homecoming and Reunion 2006**

September 15-17, 2006 | Bryant Campus (see schedule on pages 2-3 for highlights)

### Sixth Annual Shawn M. Nassaney Race

September 17, 2006, 1:00 p.m.
Bryant Campus
Visit www.shawnmnassaney.org for more information.

### President's Cultural Series: Time for Three and Anima

September 26, 2006 | Bryant Campus

Alumni admission \$5

Reserve tickets by calling 401-232-6040 or at

www.bryant.edu/bryant/alumni/events.jsp.

### 3rd Annual President's Cup Golf Tournament

September 27, 2006 | Newport Country Club

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

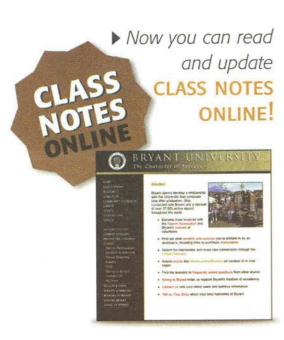
# Golf Outing: Jason Constantino Foundation Invitational

October 20, 2006 | Crumpin-Fox Club, Bernardston, Mass. Contact Rich Pavano at richp@smithpavanocpa.com

# President's Cultural Series Mango Blue (in conjunction with International Education Week)

November 16, 2006 | Bryant Campus Call 401-232-6040 for more information.

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OLD FRIENDSHIPS

on the Bryant Campus



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30 YEARS
OF FRIENDSHIP
AND FUN





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