

Alumni Newsletter

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Alumni Directory



You will soon be receiving an important Alumni Directory questionnaire in the mail. This is being sent to give you the opportunity to be accurately listed in the upcoming Bryant College Alumni Directory.

Please be sure to complete and return your directory questionnaire as soon as possible.

Once received, your information will be edited and processed by our

publisher, Harris Publishing Co., Inc. More than 25,500 alumni will be included in this impressive new directory.

If you do not return your questionnaire, there is a possibility that you may inadvertently be omitted or that inaccurate information will be listed. There is no charge for the listing. So don't take a chance . . . watch for your questionnaire and remember to return it promptly.

Alumni/Student Opportunities

There's a program that you may be unaware of that can greatly benefit your company: the Bryant College Internship Program. We place approximately 300 carefully screened



Left to right are: Jeffrey Dennis '91, intern; Jeffrey Cournoyer '90, intern, joining the firm after graduation; Michael A. DeCataldo '76, '83MST, partner — Sansiveri, Ryan, Sullivan & Co.; John Woodworth '91, intern.

Bryant College juniors and seniors each academic year in large corporations, small businesses, accounting firms, and governmental agencies both within the United States and abroad. Positions may involve either integrating interns into everyday operations or completing significant back-burner projects.

The most important aspect of the internship is that it must consist of significant work in the areas of accounting, finance, marketing, human resources, operations management, business communications, economics, computer information systems, or in the general business area.

If you would like to learn more about the program, please call Professor Hinda Pollard at (401) 232-6169.

Reunion '90

Remember the past and enjoy the present. Think back to the antics of yesteryear and relive some of your college memories. Enjoy the green rolling hills, reflecting ponds, and modern architecture of the Tupper Campus. Step back through the Archway and escape for the weekend.



Come to Bryant and "Turn Back the Hands of Time" on **June 8, 9, and 10!**

Black History Celebration



Carl Cannon '74

Fifty-seven alumni, students, staff, and guests gathered in the Papitto Dining Room on February 10 for a celebration of Black History Month.

Pamela Macon '83 moderated a lively panel discussion on how to succeed in the working world. Among the speakers were **Tom Brown**, former Bryant trustee; **Rodney Gill '87**, senior accounts receivable officer at Seagram's Inc.; and **Carl Cannon '73**, director of personnel at Washington Gas in Springfield, VA.

Later, the students challenged the alumni to a game of "Win, Lose, or Draw." The alumni won the match.

Broadway star **Jennifer Lewis** performed a cabaret-style show in the Koffler Rotunda that same evening, saluting seven great black female performers. The celebration was chaired by **Pamela Macon '83** and **Jacqueline Smith '86**.

SAA

OOZBALL /'uz.bol/ n : a game played in the mud by volleying a large inflated ball over a net.

The annual OOOZBALL tournament sponsored by the SAA Sunday, May 6, will benefit Special Olympics of Northern Rhode Island. If you are interested in organizing an alumni team, please call SAA President Jennifer Canning at (401) 232-4062.

Four members of the Student Alumni Association attended the regional SAA conference at Northeastern University in Boston on April 7. Among those in attendance were **Bill White '91**, **Linda Screeney '91**, **Kevin Shirley '92**, **Michele Underwood '91**, and SAA advisor **Melissa Walker**.

Lively Exchange

Students and their alumni mentors gathered on February 26 to get acquainted and discuss their careers. The Graduate Alumni Council (GAC) and the Student Alumni Association

GAC Scholarship

The Graduate Alumni Council has selected two current graduate students as the first recipients of GAC scholarships. **Mary Fontes**, a nursing supervisor and health education supervisor at Medical East Community Health Plan in Framingham, MA, is working toward an MBA in health care administration. **Robin Morris**, a corporate information writer for GTECH Corporation in Providence, RI, is a candidate for an MBA in management. Mary and Robin were honored at the Graduate School's Businessperson of the Year dinner on April 14.

Members of the GAC Scholarship Selection Committee were **Rachel Paliotti '81, '86MBA** and **Lori Swanhelm '86MBA**.

Alumni in the Workplace



An Old Stone Bank Corporate Alumni Reception was held on February 14 in the Old Stone Bank Gold Dome in Providence, RI. During the reception **Winfield Major**, senior vice president at the bank, presented a check for \$3,500 to **President Trueheart** for Bryant's Early Intervention Program, which assists disadvantaged students.

(SAA) sponsored this successful kick off to the Alumni Mentor Program. For more information on becoming a mentor, call Melissa at (401) 232-6040.



Alumni getting reacquainted in Sarasota, FL.



Discussing the issues in Boca Raton, FL.

On March 11, the second annual Alumni Brunch was held at the Palm-Aire Country Club in Sarasota, FL. Through the generosity of Professor **Wally Camper**, this event has quickly become a tradition with our Southern graduates. Special guests were **Bill and Carol Trueheart**, who were making their first alumni road trip as president and first lady of Bryant. Co-hosts **Nelson J. Gulski '26, '72H**, former dean and acting president, and **Gertrude Meth Hochberg**, former vice president of public affairs, led the 50 attendees in a "round robin" — a two-minute presentation from those present on their current careers/hobbies/interests. Also in attendance was the founder of Bryant's Center for Management Development, **Phil Graf**, and his wife, **Carolyn '81MBA**.

Russ Brown '50 and his wife, Mary, were attending their first alumni event since graduation! Said Russ, "I'm thoroughly enjoying myself with my

newfound alumni friends and I can't wait to get back and see the new campus for my 40th reunion this year!"

Our Florida East Coast alumni hosted **Bill and Carol Trueheart** at a reception on Monday, March 12, at the Deerfield Beach/Boca Raton Hilton. President Trueheart provided a brief update of the College's enrollment status and took questions from the 30 attendees. Alumni Director **Paula Iacono '69** requested assistance from the Florida Alumni in recruiting qualified high school seniors for admission to Bryant.

Many thanks to hostess **Eileen Cioe '69** who chaired this event and will be working with key volunteers to plan future events for the Florida East Coast Chapter. Anyone who has an interesting program idea should call Eileen at (407) 997-6727.

Hartford

Over 75 alumni representing four decades of graduates attended an inaugural reception for the Hartford Alumni Club, hosted by **Harris Chorney '73**, partner in KPMG Peat Marwick, Hartford. Over 25 alumni have volunteered for the Steering Committee to plan future events; their first meeting was held on April 11. If you are interested in being added to our mailing list, please contact the alumni office at (401) 232-6040.



Gerald Fasano '53, Louise Spungin '52, and Joe Ravalese '54 chat at the Hartford Alumni Reception at the J.P. Morgan Hotel on January 31.

Boston

Harry Ellis Dickson exploded Faneuil Hall with the sounds of the Boston Classical Orchestra on January 24. Bryant Alumni enjoyed an elegant reception at Maison Robert, hosted by KPMG Peat Marwick, before attending the concert. Works by Rossini, Haydn, Hummel, and Schubert were featured.

On April 20, the Boston Alumni Chapter sponsored an evening at the **Boston Baked Theatre** in Somerville, MA. "Oat Bran and Remembrance" panned out to be a hilarious show.

Chicago

On April 16, the Chicago Alumni Chapter gathered at the River Club to meet President **William E. Trueheart**. The evening was hosted by **David Gordon '67** and **Barbara Franks '78**. In a lively discussion, President Trueheart outlined his plans for Bryant's continued success.

Newport

The Newport Viking Hotel — that was the scene of the first Newport/Aquidneck Alumni Chapter event on January 23. Thirty alumni attended and enjoyed a presentation by Professors **John Jolley** and **Pat Keeley** on Bryant's humanities program. Plans are in the works for a joint Newport/Aquidneck Chapter and Worcester Chapter tour of Astor's Beechwood mansion in Newport on June 16. For more information call Donna at (401) 232-6040.

Worcester

"Will he get my letter?" was the question of the night at the Worcester Chapter event on March 6. This topic was presented by Professor **Judy Litoff** of Bryant College and Professor **David Smith** from the University of Maine. The program is based on their joint research and upcoming books about letters to soldiers during World War II. The dinner meeting was held at the Norton Company's executive dining room.

Legacy Club

Gertrude Meth Hochberg, former vice president of public affairs and **Nelson J. Gulski '26,'72H**, former dean and acting president, are co-chairing the **Legacy Club**, a recognition club for individuals who have arranged for planned or deferred gifts to the College. The club is designed to urge those who have made such arrangements to identify themselves, encourage others to consider making planned gifts, and to honor all those who participate in the club. For more information, please contact the Development Office at (401) 232-6260.

Calendar

- May 5 Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner
- May 6 Oozball
- May 7 Reunion Phonathon
- May 23 GAC Luncheon Series
featuring Gary Ciminero at
12:15 at the Turks Head Club
in downtown Providence
- May 25 Graduate Commencement
- May 25 Fireworks Celebration to
Welcome our Newest Alumni
- May 26 Undergraduate
Commencement
- June 8,9,10 Reunion Weekend
- June 16 Worcester and Newport
Chapters tour Astor's
Beechwood Mansion in
Newport
- Aug. 11,12,13 Montreal Trip
- August 11 Cookout for Incoming
Boston Area Freshmen
- October 1 Annual Golf Tournament at
Alpine Country Club

George Kelley

George Kelley '39, '69H, a honorary member of the Board of Trustees and alumnus, died on February 22 at the age of 74. Kelley was known for his successful career as well as his vast array of community activities. He can also be credited with beginning our tradition of the class flag, fueled by his sincere desire to "provide a symbol of alumni unity at Bryant." He is survived by his wife, Janice, a daughter, a brother, and two grandchildren.

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*Somethin' for
Nothin'*

Many Bryant alumni belong to a special class of people: A class of people who believe in donating their time and services to their communities. We are proud to have alumni like Helen McAllister-Ross '82, Jim Gibney '68, and John Leask '74 in our ranks.

Helen McAllister-Ross '82 felt an enormous sense of satisfaction while involved in the aftermath of Hurricane Hugo last September. The disaster called for the entire community to pull together, so Helen assembled with other professionals to draft an emergency guide designed to inform residents of financial aid opportunities and the relocation sites of abandoned services and agencies. Helen also spends time lecturing on drug and alcohol abuse to the community and to local professionals. She feels that giving back to the community not only provides service and self-satisfaction, but also is an investment for posterity.

Helped by others, **Jim Gibney '68** felt compelled to repay the debt. Jim is involved in the Boys Club, the Boy Scouts, and serves in the Immigrant Development Organization. By giving others a boost, he feels that he is giving others the opportunities that he was given. Volunteering provides him with a chance to see the positive results that make it all worthwhile.

To be successful and grow with, from, and for the community is certainly an

accomplishment. To turn around and give back unselfishly — without personal gain — is exemplary. This is the philosophy of the Rotary Club, an organization that **John Leask '74** is proud to be a part of. Their motto is "Service Above Self." John is also involved in a diverse list of other service organizations, and has received several outstanding service awards. He finds his community service mutually beneficial. It fulfills his obligation to repay and reinvest in the community, gives him a sense of self-satisfaction, and appeases his genuine desire to help others.

People like Helen, Jim, and John make strong communities. They represent many others who also have strong personal commitments to giving back to their communities, schools, and in the process, to themselves. We are fortunate to have many Bryant alumni who volunteer in diverse service organizations throughout the world.

Golf Tournament

Mark your calendars now for the Eighth Annual Alumni Golf Tournament to be held on Monday, October 1, at the Alpine Country Club in Cranston, RI. To receive details, please contact Barbara at (401) 232-6040.