

# Alumni Newsletter

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*Alumni  
Association  
Dedicates  
Presidents' Walk*

On October 22, 1989, the walk from the main parking area to the Unistructure was dedicated the Presidents' Walk by the Bryant College Alumni Association.

Association President Alan S. Wardyga '77, '84 MBA unveiled the dedication plaque prior to the Inauguration festivities held in honor of President William E. Trueheart. Wardyga reaffirmed the Alumni Association's commitment to "furthering Bryant's growth, encouraging interaction with the corporate community, fostering goodwill, and emphasizing quality education for business leadership."

Along the Walkway, each of Bryant's presidents will have a small granite plaque, laser-etched with his portrait and noting the years of his presidency.

Director of Alumni Programs Paula Iacono '69 indicated that this is the first physical commemoration named and funded by the Alumni Association on Bryant's Smithfield campus. Iacono stated that the "members of Bryant's Alumni Association are to be



*The Alumni Association Executive Board with President William E. Trueheart. Pictured right to left are: Catherine Parente '78, Ken LaSalle '66, Bill Trueheart, Jeff Ferrante '81, Nick Puniello '80, Alan Wardyga '77, '84 MBA, and Steve Townsend '76, '80 MBA.*

commended for their loyal support and deep commitment to the future of their College."

Also present at this presidential dedication were past presidents Nelson Gulski '26, '71H and William T. O'Hara.

*Bonjour Montreal*

Enjoy a three-day weekend in **Montreal** for the special Bryant Alumni price of only **\$298** per person double occupancy. This low price includes round trip **air fare** from Boston, two nights deluxe accommodations at the fabulous **Queen Elizabeth Hotel**, round trip transportation between Dorval Airport in Montreal and the hotel, an evening of exciting fun and entertainment at the **Old Munich** Restaurant, dinner and dancing at the **L'île de France** Restaurant and a discount coupon toward a guided tour of Montreal. Your days will be free to shop and explore

this romantic city full of Old World charm. All Bryant Alumni and their guests are welcome. We will be departing from Logan Airport on Saturday, **August 11, 1990**, and returning on Monday, **August 13, 1990**. A \$50 nonrefundable deposit is required to hold your place. Reserve today!

If you sign up 10 friends (or five couples) and they all pay and attend, you receive **\$100 off** the price of your trip. If you sign up 20 friends (or 10 couples) and they all pay and attend, you receive a **free trip!** All reservations should be made by **February 1, 1990**.

*Thanks to you,  
Bryant Alumni*

**Scott Menard '73** and his father, **Stanley Menard**, donated more than \$100,000 to Bryant College in support of small business development, entrepreneurship, and the establishment of a family business project. This is one of the largest gifts ever made to Bryant. It pushed the 1989 Bryant Annual Fund to a record-high total of nearly \$1.2 million.

Members of the annual giving staff would like to express their deep appreciation to the following individuals who provided solid, outstanding alumni volunteer leadership during the 1988-89 Bryant Annual Fund Campaign. Alumni Phonathon Chairpersons: **Carol Balerna '83; Sol A. Solomon '56**. Student Phonathon Chairperson: SAA member, **Cindi Peloquin '90**. Reunion Year Chairpersons: **Roland P. Talbot '39; Stephen "Scoop" Richmond '69; Dean Marchessault '79; Maryann Pernorio '84; David Shultis '84**. Class of '82 Chairpersons: **Paul D'Adamo '82; Gary Vierra '82**. Class of '85



*Scott Menard '73 and his father Stanley Menard presenting their generous donation to President Emeritus William T. O'Hara.*

Chairpersons: **Martin Merritt '85; Keith Schneider '85**. Class of '59 Chairperson: **Gardner Hubbard '59**. Century Club Chairperson: **Nicholas Puniello '80**. Benefactors Club Chairperson: **Mary Magill Altomare '52**. Archway Club Chairpersons: **Michael and Ronnie Hammer '77, '77**. Through their loyal dedication and leadership these alumni were truly the foundation of the 1988-89 Bryant Annual Fund.

*Annual Golf  
Tournament*

For the seventh consecutive year, Bryant Alumni and guests gathered at the Quidnessett Country Club in East Greenwich, RI, for the annual **Alumni Golf Tournament**. The tournament trophy, which was inaugurated at this year's event, was dedicated to **Nicholas W. Janikies '57**, Quidnessett's owner and a loyal supporter of Bryant College alumni programs. Through 95 degree heat and almost 100% humidity, the following golfers successfully completed 18 holes to win in these categories: Closest to the Pin, **Mark Provost '84**; Longest Drive, **Tom Siller '77**; Grand Prize Winner, **Paul Iacono**; Low Gross 2nd Place, **Archie Boulet**; Low Gross 3rd Place, **Ray Duffy**; Low Gross - Women, **Denise Armstrong '83**; Low Net - Women, **Kris Kennedy**; Low Net - Men, **Mark Giorgio '83**; Low Net 2nd Place, **Bob Armstrong**; Low Net 3rd Place, **Mike Martin '72**;



*Golf Tournament First Place Team Members: Ralph Delmonico '85, Victor Giorgio, and Mark Giorgio '83.*

First Place Team, **Mark Giorgio '83, Ralph Delmonico '85, Victor Giorgio, and Rocco Pezza**; Second Place Team, **Bob Armstrong, Denise Armstrong '83, Paul Iacono, and John Gillooly**.

## Chapter News

### Boston

More than 40 **Boston Chapter alumni** attended the pre-game reception at Howard Johnson's in Kenmore Square and then the **Red Sox/Toronto Blue Jays** game on August 16. Even though the Sox lost, the alumni had a great time!

Saturday evening, September 16, **Boston Chapter members** and their guests cruised the waters of **Boston Harbor** aboard the M/V Edward M. Rowe Snow. Almost 100 alums braved the rain to enjoy the company of old (and new) friends.

Over 40 **Boston Bryant alumni** and parents spanning three decades gathered at the Sheraton-Needham Hotel on October 26 for a **business information exchange** and guest presentation by Professors **John Jolley** and **Patrick Keeley**.

While grazing at a delicious pasta buffet, guests were able to exchange business cards and connect with other alumni. "The faculty presentation was terrific! I almost wanted to re-enroll!" exclaimed one recent alumna who was attending her first chapter event. "I look forward to becoming active and attending more informative alumni events."

Coordinators **Nick Puniello '80**, **Jeff Ferrante '81**, and **Noreen Reilly '82**, expressed satisfaction that the purpose of "getting alumni together to become reacquainted and encourage them to do business with each other" was achieved.

### Newport/

#### Aquidneck Island

**Do you live in Newport County, RI? Bryant is coming to you this winter.** On Tuesday, January 23, at 5:30 p.m., there will be a networking reception at the Viking Hotel. English Professor **Patrick Keeley** and history Professor **John Jolley**, Bryant's most entertaining duo, will present a session from their team-taught humanities course.



*Francis "Lucky Frank" Godfrey '78, Dana Mosher '79, Jim Russell '80, and Nick Puniello '80 enjoying the Boston Harbor cruise.*

### Worcester and

#### Springfield

The **Worcester** and **Springfield** chapters enjoyed an evening of festivities on Saturday, November 4. After an exhilarating **hayride**, alumni toured the historic **Salem Cross Inn** and then savored a delicious meal, with their choice of either Yankee pot roast or broiled Boston scrod.

## SAA Notes

Five members of the Bryant College Student Alumni Association attended the National Student Alumni Association/Student Foundation Conference in Greenville, NC, on September 14-17. They are: **Jennifer Canning** of Marston Mills, MA; **Jeff Patterson** of Bermuda; **William White**

of Waterbury, CT; **Linda Screeney** of Bayshore, NY; and **Michelle Underwood** of Stony Brook, NY. They were accompanied by their advisor, **Melissa Walker**, Associate Director of Alumni Relations. Walker presented a workshop on "Leadership for Group Decision Making" at the conference.

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### *Calendar*

- Nov. 30 Alumni Association  
Quarterly Board Meeting
- Dec. 4 SAA Festival of Lights
- Jan. 11 Alumni Association  
Executive Committee  
Meeting
- Jan. 17 GAC Luncheon Speaker  
Series I at Turks Head Club
- Jan. 23 Newport/Aquidneck Island  
kickoff event
- Feb. 3 Boston Chapter Winter Blues  
Party
- Feb. 10 Minority Alumni Conference
- Feb. 15 Alumni Association  
Quarterly Board Meeting
- Feb. 21 GAC Luncheon Speaker  
Series II at Turks Head Club
- Mar. 6 Worcester Chapter  
Reception/Professor Judy  
Litoff
- Mar. 15 Alumni Association  
Executive Committee  
Meeting
- Mar. 21 GAC Luncheon Speaker  
Series III at Turks Head Club
- Apr. 14 GAC Dinner Dance honoring  
the Alumni Businessperson of  
the Year at the Inn at the  
Crossings, Warwick, RI
- Apr. 18 GAC Luncheon Speaker  
Series IV at Turks Head Club
- Apr. 26 Alumni Association  
Quarterly Board Meeting
- May 10 Alumni Association  
Executive Committee  
Meeting
- May 23 GAC Luncheon Speaker  
Series V at Turks Head Club
- May 26 Commencement
- June 8, 9, 10 Reunion '90**
- June 9 Annual Meeting of the  
Alumni Association
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Newly elected by their peers, the new Student Alumni Association Officers are: President — **Jennifer Canning '90**, a senior finance major; Vice President — **Bill White '90**, a junior accounting major; Secretary — **Kevin Shirley '92**, a sophomore economics major; and Treasurer — **Dave Merrill '90**, a senior accounting major.

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## *GAC News*

**On Saturday, November 18, the Graduate Alumni Council will host a holiday shopping trip to New York City.** The luxury European-style bus will depart from Bryant College at 6:30 a.m. While in New York you can shop, attend a play, or sightsee. And to relieve the boredom of the ride, you'll enjoy a movie on the VCR aboard the bus. The cost of the trip is \$22 per person. For more information call Melissa Walker at (401) 232-6040.

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**Challenges for the 1990s** is the theme for this year's **Graduate Alumni Council Luncheon Speaker Series**. The impressive list of speakers includes: a representative from the Rhode Island Governor's Office on January 17; United States Representative **Ronald Machtley** on February 21; Attorney-at-Law **Raul Lovett** of Lovett, Schefrin, Gallogly & Harnett on March 21; the President of Save the Bay **Trudy Cox** on April 18; and Chief Economist at Fleet National Bank **Gary Ciminero** on May 23. All luncheons are held at the Turks Head Club in downtown Providence, RI, and begin at 12:15 p.m. Tickets are \$16.00 per person per luncheon or \$14.00 per person per luncheon if you purchase three or more.

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On October 31, the **Graduate Alumni Council** hosted a breakfast to introduce **President William E. Trueheart** to alumni and current graduate students working in downtown Providence. The event was held at the Turks Head Club. Dr. Trueheart answered the group's questions about Bryant College and his plans for its future.

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On Thursday, October 5, the **Graduate Alumni Council** hosted a roundtable discussion on internships. **Marjorie Connelly '89** and **Scott Pierson '83** talked informally with the students about the advantages of doing an internship and about how to get the most out of the experience.

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*Financial  
Planning  
Available*

The development office is available to alumni for assistance in estate planning and in formulating specific plans of giving to Bryant College. One method is making an outright gift. This type of gift includes gifts of cash, personal property, appreciated property and securities. In some instances, life income gifts may be appropriate and advantageous to the donor. They include charitable remainder annuity trusts, charitable remainder unitrusts or pooled income funds. These types of gifts could **lower federal income taxes, minimize capital gains, increase spendable income and offer federal estate tax savings.**

Gifts of life insurance are also a popular way to help Bryant.

When considering your will, it may be appropriate to include Bryant. This can be accomplished by the creation of a charitable trust or several forms of bequests. If you have made such a provision, please let us know so that we may properly acknowledge your generosity. The impact of your planned gift on the College may be far greater than the dollar amount of your gift.

To assist you in determining which area you need to emphasize, contact David Wahl at (401) 232-6173.

*Career Services  
Available*

Use of the Career Services Office by Bryant Alumni has more than quadrupled in the last four years. Alumni are coming back to receive free career and job search advice, to utilize the career resource library, to network with other alumni, to take the Eureka Skills Inventory test, and to receive the job opportunity listing newsletter. To take advantage of these services call (401) 232-6090.

*Sports Update*

**Ed Reilly**, an assistant coach at Holy Cross, Princeton, and Brown over the past 10 years, was named the first full-time **men's basketball coach**. **Ralph Tomasso**, who as a part-time coach directed the women's basketball team to the last two Northeast 10 Conference championships, became the **women's full-time coach** in June. **Mary Burke**, who began the rebuilding of the women's volleyball team as interim coach last year, has been named **head volleyball coach and assistant director of intramural sports**.