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The story of Bryant University is also a story not just of individual achievement, but of a group of people who came together to
put forth a common and compelling idea. It is a story of people who have made the
commitment to the idea of Bryant that is also the driving force behind the
idea of an educational experience that is about something more than academics—the
idea that learning is for life.

The idea at the heart of Bryant is that students come first, that faculty are here
to support students, and that the student experience is the centerpiece of everything we do at Bryant. It is an
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we believe is the foundation for an educational experience that is truly unique and
that will give students the skills and the confidence they need to succeed.
GREAT IDEAS RELY ON POWERFUL COMMUNICATION if they are to succeed. Thomas Paine gave voice to the concept of democracy in *Common Sense*. Susan B. Anthony dreamed of a day when women could vote, and her passion helped lead the charge to gain rights for women. Steve Jobs saw Steven Wozniak’s personal computer design and recognized its potential; the communication and implementation of his vision established Apple as an American icon.

The ability to communicate is essential in creating a bridge between ideas and their accomplishment. At Bryant, we believe in a teaching model that provides students not only with the skills they need in the near term — the ability to listen attentively, understand and analyze, write clearly, and speak confidently — but also the capability to grow as their responsibilities multiply. In a small class setting, students have many opportunities to lead and participate in teams; they get feedback and gain insight from faculty and advisors. Experiences outside the classroom build both skills and confidence, and students develop the personal and professional strengths that will contribute to their success. For those who wish to enter the field of communication, Bryant’s communication degree provides the flexibility to build an academic program that will help them achieve their goals in any communication arena.

In the end, communication isn’t just about wireless networks, iPhones, podcasts, mass media, instant messaging, and other technologies, though knowing when and how to use these various channels is also part of our curriculum. It’s about getting your point across to the individuals, team, company, or marketplace that you need to influence.

Bryant has always provided students with the crucial knowledge they need for successful lives and careers. The University’s expertise in and commitment to incorporating communication as part of a broad-based business and liberal arts education makes Bryant’s distinctive — and distinguished — institution.

We are preparing our students to effectively communicate in order to turn today’s ideas into tomorrow’s innovations.

In the pages that follow, students, alumni, faculty, and seasoned professionals provide insights on the communication strategies that all professionals need to be successful. A look at these strategies in the context of a fast-moving technology age reminds us that effective communication is more important today than ever before.

Sincerely,

Ronald K. Machleit
President
One hundred million blogs. Thousands upon thousands of podcasts for your MP3 player. Presidential candidates campaigning on the Internet using YouTube and MySpace. Communication mediums are changing faster than ever. How can you communicate effectively amid the new channels? Which old skills still apply — and which new tricks do you need to learn?

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Clearly, says Pearce, communication is a crucial part of what people do in the professional world. "Some studies show that managers spend as much as 45 minutes of every hour in the day on some form of communication," he says.

For centuries, communication was face-to-face or written. Now the technology age has spawned countless billions of e-mails, podcasts, PowerPoint presentations, and text messages. Professional communicators must grapple with how to extend their message across new channels, not just on the Internet, but also on mobile phones, satellite radio, and multi-use devices like Apple's iPhone.

How can individuals and corporations continue to prosper as the tools and methods of communication change? Which eternal communication truths hold true and what new skills must be learned?

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When an insurance company does the right thing, it's called Liberty Mutual. "It's a very quick sale," says Benson. More than 3,000 people e-mailed Liberty Mutual to praise the company for promoting everyday acts of responsibility. The campaign has since entered the cultural zeitgeist: The Today Show featured the spot in a segment about "Rudeness in America," Jay Leno parodied it recently on The Tonight Show, and Chris Matthews applauded it on Hardball in October. "This is just one example of a brand using advertising to connect with consumers on an emotional level, which encourages people to learn more about the company on their own terms." Mike Montecalvo, a full-time news anchor in Providence who teaches at Bryant, says he learned how to forge those emotional connections when he started speaking at rotary clubs, schools, and community groups. After watching audiences doze off during his hour-long talks, Montecalvo began incorporating comedy (TV blooper reels), multimedia, and interactivity into his presentations with great results. "Kids in school especially love answering questions," he says. "When I added the interactivity, the dynamic changed from a presentation to a conversation."

Similarly, entertainers must be adept at building an emotional connection with their audiences in order to achieve success. Harold Peacock '88 believes that his passionate love of music — combined with the public speaking skills he learned at Bryant — have helped him to make that emotional connection with his listeners and build an audience of more than 4,000 subscribers to his downloadable Internet radio show. It was at Bryant that Peacock honed his skills as a DJ while also achieving his bachelor's degree in business administration with a concentration in CIS (computer information systems). Now Peacock has a day job as a computer programmer/analyst at the New Jersey-based Open Solutions Inc. and a nighttime career as a DJ at private events and on the Internet. Shifting between offering technical advice by day and promoting unsigned musicians on his Internet show at night, Peacock has to be able to speak two languages and tailor his words and tone to radically different situations. "Both careers require superior communication skills," he says.

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As Giganti puts it, “Nobody wants to find out about company direction from a memo delivered in an e-mail attachment. People want to be led by other people, not by e-mail.”

Why doesn’t e-mail work well for strategic or emotional messages? According to Wendy Samter, Ph.D., professor and chair of Bryant’s Department of Communication, e-mail lacks the subtlety, complexity, and fluidity of an in-person meeting or even a phone call. “E-mail lets you cut to the chase, but you lose nuances and things that come through when you have a chance to read someone’s body language or hear their tone of voice,” she says.

Furthermore, in an age when people who sit in adjacent cubicles or offices are prone to e-mailing rather than popping their head around the corner, taking the time to meet with a co-worker can help strengthen interpersonal bonds. “Showing is sometimes the best technology for dealing with colleagues in the workplace,” says Bryant communication professor Stanley Baran. “When you walk down the hall to talk to your colleagues, they will know that you value them enough to make that effort to talk face-to-face. You’ll also be better able to manage the meaning of your communication in person.”

Choosing the Right Media Mix

While organizations generally handle internal communication through e-mail, telephone, or face-to-face meetings (with perhaps a bit of videoconferencing for good measure), they use an even broader range of media in getting their messages across with external audiences.

These days, people get their information and entertainment from a wide variety of sources — television (broadcast, cable, or satellite), radio (broadcast or satellite), printed newspapers and magazines, the Internet, e-mail, mobile devices, outdoor billboards, direct mail, and more. The challenge is choosing the right media mix to convey key messages.

Consider the choices made by Robert Fish ’68 in his role as the president of Rhode Island PBS. The Public Broadcasting Service
has a responsibility to be an accessible learning resource for all citizens and to promote lifelong learning. Traditionally, this mission has been fulfilled through broadcast television. But now, under Fish's leadership, Rhode Island PBS has decided to explore opportunities to educate, inform, enrich, inspire, and entertain by incorporating the Internet into its media mix.

For example, Rhode Island PBS works with The Discovery Channel to create educational Internet video programs that are then made available to teachers in Rhode Island public and private schools. The teachers use these videos to supplement their lesson plans. To support his station's programming, Fish also engineered a successful expansion of on-air fundraising auctions onto the Internet.

This strategy of using a mix of media channels to get your message across can be very effective, as Mark Giganti has found through his own marketing and promotion efforts. Giganti uses a combination of weekly e-mail newsletters, direct mail letters of introduction, and follow-up phone calls to set up in-person meetings where he can demonstrate Crestcom's management skills training program. "It's a great process that works," says Giganti of his multi-channel approach to marketing.

The point is that no business or industry can afford to ignore any of the main channels that people use to acquire information. In years past, accountants might have bought an ad in the phone book and perhaps in the local newspapers. "How many accountants now have Web sites where they give monthly tips?" asks Professor Baran rhetorically. "Your competitors are not hiding. If you are an accountant and you don't have a Web presence, you are behind thousands of others who do."

"The changes in the media landscape over the past five years have been drastic," says Kerry Benson. "Technology gives people access to anything they want to know about a company or product—far beyond what advertising tells them. Brands must communicate in an authentic and transparent way, otherwise people will move on."

The entire blogging phenomenon, plus sites like YouTube and MySpace, have added new dimensions of interactivity and multimedia to the average user's Internet experience. Social networking and the convergence of multiple technologies for voice, data, video, and telephone services into devices like the iPhone are continuously pushing the envelope. In this environment, companies need to constantly reevaluate which mix of media provides the best solution for helping deliver their message to the right audience.

The more things change
These are exciting and dramatic times for anyone who is trying to communicate effectively. Even as companies get comfortable extending their existing communication channels, new forms of media continue to emerge. "The face of the market changes so rapidly that even when you think you've got today's answer, it might not be the right answer for tomorrow," says Fish. "You have to constantly reevaluate where you are, where you want to go, and where the world is going."

As professionals negotiate this shifting technological landscape, it is important to remember the basics—listening to your audience, finding out their needs, determining the best media mix to reach them, and executing your message clearly and consistently across multiple channels. Forging emotional connections with an audience and explaining complex topics in simple terms require a rock-solid foundation of writing, speaking, and planning skills.

As Professor Baran says, "Technology platforms will change, but fundamental skills never do."
The Communicators of Tomorrow

Recognizing that communication is a fluid industry, Bryant’s communication program gives students the flexibility and autonomy to design programs of study that work in the real world.

The communication department emphasizes four main areas of study — interpersonal communication, mass communication, writing, and media production. All Bryant communication majors also take a business administration minor, arriving in the work force with more quantitative and analytical skills than many of their peers.

Here are four young members of the Bryant University community — two seniors and two recent graduates — whose experiences in the communication department have shaped their career paths and set them on a trajectory for success:

Shaun Liddy '07 — An athlete and aspiring broadcaster, Liddy landed an internship with ARC Sports in New York City the summer after graduation. At press time, she is using material from her internship (including an on-camera interview with New York Mets manager Willie Randolph) to search for a television job.

Jamie MacDougall '08 — MacDougall spent his summer working in a study abroad internship in Sport Aiding Medical Research for Kids (SPARKS), a London-based charity. The organization uses sporting events such as golf, cricket, and rugby matches to raise money toward finding cures for diseases including childhood cancers, meningitis, spina bifida, cerebral palsy, and complications resulting from premature birth.

Stephanie Miller '08 — Host of a popular campus radio show on 98.7 WJMF called Stephanie's Spot, Miller worked as a contributing team member in the MLB (Major League Baseball) programming department this past summer at XM Satellite Radio in Washington, D.C., where she worked on research, editing, and marketing. She also developed her own project called “The Love for Baseball” that involved interviewing players on location at D.C.’s baseball stadium. In May 2007, Miller’s radio show at Bryant was named Most Outstanding Show of the Year.

Christopher Neil '07 — Beginning in accounting before switching onto the management track at Bryant, Neil brought a multitude of communication skills to a 2006 internship with the New England Patriots. He subsequently did such a good job as an intern with the Boston Celtics in the spring of his senior year that he was offered a job after graduation as a Celtics’ community relations coordinator. Neil calls his internship experience ‘critical’ to helping him achieve a job in his desired field.
Q. Which communication skills were most important in your communication job or internship?

Miller — Having experience in radio at Bryant gave me the confidence I needed to express myself in the right way at XM Radio. Most people have a hard time listening to their own voice even when they are recording a voicemail. My experience at XM would have been totally different if I had not already heard myself on the radio. At Bryant, I learned to speak personally to my listeners, which brings them closer, makes them feel special, and produces a stronger relationship with my audience.

Leddy — As a broadcast journalist, you need to be able to talk to anyone by finding something in common that you can discuss. Thanks to my interpersonal and mass communication classes, I knew how to communicate with a wide variety of people.

MacDougall — I relied heavily on my writing skills in asking companies to donate money or items for fundraising auctions. Of course, I also had to have good telephone communication skills since I did a lot of calling to fundraising prospects.

These fundraising calls required poise and self-awareness.

Leddy — Writing was also definitely key. I had to be able to write something down at a moment's notice and make it worth reading on the air.

Q. How has Bryant prepared you to succeed in a communication career?

Neil — For me it was about organizational skills. During my time at the University, there was one semester where I was involved with three different group projects for three separate classes. Staying organized was my top priority — I didn't want to show up at a group meeting and talk about the wrong course.

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IN THE BRYANT STUDIO

At Bryant, Mike Montecalvo passes on the communication skills he's honed during his 25 years in broadcasting, most recently as a news anchor at WPRO/WIMAC-TV in Providence. In his production classes, he preps a new generation of students to take their place either in front of or behind the television cameras. "I have my students perform multiple roles — interviewing guests from on campus and off, working as director, audio person, or camera operator," says Montecalvo.

This experience pays off. "At other schools, all of a student's education on TV production may come from textbooks, but Bryant provides an opportunity for hands-on education," Montecalvo explains. "In my three-hour class, we spend 45 minutes in the classroom and the rest of the time in the studio. The focus is on getting the kids into internship programs and then getting them a job."

Bryant's all-digital TV production studio contains a wealth of cutting-edge equipment. "Bryant's TV production studio has more equipment than some commercial TV stations," the $2 million facility built in 2004 includes three Sony DVCPro Cameras, Avid editing suites, sound booth, teleprompter system, video wall, separate room for makeup, and all the lights, switchers, monitors, and other hardware necessary to give students a complete education in the latest professional television production techniques.
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Neil - Professor David Greenan taught a management class that placed a lot of emphasis on collaborative work. Dealing with the different personalities of my team members in that class prepared me to work in a tight-knit group of colleagues in my office job.

Leddy - If I wanted to pursue a sports broadcasting career, I knew that I needed to take a class where I would go to sports games and work on the sidelines, but no such class existed. Communication professors Tom Dooley and Wendy Samter let me create an independent study program and outline my own course. The experience was so successful that Bryant created a sports broadcasting course. I learned at Bryant that you can make anything happen if you want it enough.

MacDougall - Professor Samter did a great job of taking away our fear of public speaking in her class. I knew that even if I messed up my speech, Professor Samter would put a positive spin on it. She would acknowledge my mistake, but she would also show me how to improve the next time. I was lucky enough to take that public speaking class my freshman year and apply what I learned to all my subsequent courses.

Q. Have you faced any particular challenges that Bryant helped you to overcome?

Leddy - Women are still a minority in the broadcast workplace. Bryant should definitely pride itself on producing strong women. I was one of the only women in my office at ABC Sports, but the situation didn't intimidate me - in fact, it motivated me even more to go into the field of sports broadcasting. I felt there was no reason that my male colleagues could do the job any better than I could.

MacDougall - In the public relations field, you need to have confidence — that's the only way you'll accomplish everything that needs to get done. I built a lot of confidence and honed my communication skills through my participation in Bryant's Student Alumni Association.

Q. What are some of the secrets to your success? What advice would you give your fellow alumni on being good communicators?

Leddy - I learned that in broadcast journalism you only have a short time to capture someone's attention, so it's important to get to the point quickly.

Neil - I think that personalizing your conversations with coworkers or customers is a key to developing strong relationships in which the person you're talking to will be more receptive to your message.

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Alexander St. George of Lincoln, R.I., peers through the Archway for the first time. Tradition dictates that students will not graduate if they miss through the Archway before Commencement. Trombone on either side of the arch protects his translation.

Dwiti Sridhar, a native of India, at the May 17 Graduate School Commencement.

Eddie Mensah of Peoria, Ill., and her family.

Navy vice admiral Christopher Hamilton hogs his grandfather, CSA R.C. John Hamilton.

Sam Hernandez (front) of Whitehouse, Mass., and Andrew McLarty (front) of New Canaan, Conn., prepare for Graduate School Commencement.

Senior baseball players Mike Ryan of Trumbull, Minn., Tyler, and his classmates honored at a special early graduation ceremony on May 17, to be followed by a pep rally at the NCAA Division II Northeast Regional meet.

The Graduate School Commencement began a special event for the Hon. John Torres, senior judge of the U.S. District Court in Rhode Island.

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Madelina Martinez, (far right) is congratulated by Yvette Ville (far left) and Nonna Collin (second from right). The three Providence women met while studying at the Community College of Rhode Island and Martinez and Ville transferred to Bryant.

Senior baseball players Mike Spence of Taunton, Mass., left, and Mike O'Hearn of Dedham, Mass., were honored in a special early graduation ceremony on May 15 in the Sayan Grand Hall. The pair were scheduled to play in the NCAA Division II Northeast Regional on Commencement day.
SPOTLIGHT ON: ATHLETICS

Just when the last sports season seemed impossible to surpass, the Bulldogs outdid themselves again in spring 2007. The highlights were historic playoff runs by the women’s tennis and men’s basketball teams; four NCAA championship bids; and two Northeast-10 Conference championships.

BEST IN THE NORTHEAST-10, AGAIN

As Bryant’s successful year in sports came to a close last May, the University added one more win to its numerous individual and team championships and accolades: the Northeast 10 Presidents’ Cup.

Each year the award is given to the school with the best overall athletics program among the conference’s 14 member institutions. After winning back-to-back trophies in 2004 and 2005, Bryant missed a third by one point in the final 2006 standings. But thanks to another remarkable year, the Bulldogs reclaimed the trophy, winning by 11 points over runner-up Bentley College. NE-10 Conference commissioner David Brunk applauded Bryant’s third win in four years: “Bryant can directly attribute their success to the leadership of their administration, the dedication of their coaches, and the superior facilities where their hard-working student-athletes compete.”

SPRING SPORTS HIGHLIGHT REEL

Thanks to a blend of talent, leadership, coaching, and some of the best athletic facilities in the region, Bryant sent four teams to the NCAA Championships and captured two Northeast-10 Conference wins in the spring of 2007. In fact, all nine spring sports teams finished in the top-four in the conference standings — an amazing accomplishment.

The men’s lacrosse program led the way under the direction of coach Mike Plesser. The Bulldogs earned their first NE-10 Conference regular-season title with a perfect 9-0 record. They finished the year 11-4, ranked sixth nationally. Plesser was named Coach of the Year in the conference, and Bryan Kaufmann ’09 (Putnam Valley, N.Y.) was named co-Player of the Year.

In women’s tennis, coach Barbara Cliss led the Bulldogs to the NCAA tournament for the fourth consecutive year. The team was seeded third in the conference tournament and captured their fourth-straight NE-10 tournament title with wins over Bentley and Saint Michael’s College.

Also making their fourth trip to the NCAA tournament in as many years was the Bulldog softball team led by coach Lisa-Ann Wallace. Behind the play of center fielder Amanda Wilkur ’07 (Lakeville, Mass.), conference Player of the Year and Bryant’s all-time leader in home runs, the team knocked off East Coast Conference champion Dowling. They defeated NE-10 title holder UMass Lowell to get to the final round of the regional tournament and just two wins from advancing to the College World Series. Another regular in NCAA tournament play, the Bryant men’s golf team went to West Virginia for the regional championship. Behind the play of senior captain Mike Phillips ’07 (Bristol, Conn.), juniors Dan Puck ’08 (North Kingston, R.I.), and freshman Jason Thressher ’10 (West Suffield, Conn.), the Bulldogs finished in a two-way tie for second place.

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BRYANT JOINS THE DIVISION I NORTHEAST CONFERENCE

Bryant University has accepted an invitation to join the Northeast Conference (NEC), an 11-member Division I conference that sponsors championships in 21 sports for men and women. Having already fielded the All-America, Bryant is currently in its first year of a five-year transition period for full Division I membership. The University will continue its transition to Division I with full membership effective September 2012. Bryant is expected to begin playing a Division I schedule in the fall of 2009.

“The movement to Division I athletic competition is consistent with our strategic plan to continually enhance Bryant University’s reputation as a superlative educational institution,” said Bryant president Ronald R. Mac FHA. Bryant sponsors 22 intercollegiate sports teams. 11 men’s varsity programs include basketball, baseball, cross country, football, golf, lacrosse, soccer, swimming, indoor track, and outdoor track and field; and 11 women’s varsity programs: basketball, cross country, field hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, indoor track, outdoor track and field, and volleyball.

“Membership in the prestigious Northeast Conference will raise our academic and athletic profiles, providing our student-athletes the opportunity to compete at the highest level,” director of athletics Bill Smith said.

The Northeast Conference currently consists of 11 institutions: Central Connecticut State University (New Britain, Conn.), Fairfield University (Stamford, Conn.), Fordham University (Bronx, N.Y.), Long Island University (Brooklyn, N.Y.), Monmouth University (West Long Branch, N.J.), Mount St. Mary’s University ( Emmitsburg, Md.), Quinnipiac University (Hamden, Conn.), Robert Morris University (Moon Township, Pa.), Sacred Heart University (Fairfield, Conn.), Saint Francis College (Brooklyn, N.Y.), Saint Francis University (Loretto, Pa.), and Wagner College (Staten Island, N.Y.).

The University of Albany (Albany, N.Y.) and Duquesne University (Pittsburgh, Pa.) are associate members of the Northeast Conference in football only.
In 2007, all nine spring sports teams finished in the top four in the conference standings—an amazing accomplishment. The men’s lacrosse program led the way under the direction of coach Mike Pressler. The Bulldogs earned their first NE-10 Conference regular-season title with a perfect 9-0 record. They finished the year 11-4, ranked sixth nationally. Pressler was named co-Coach of the Year in the conference, and Bryan Kaufmann ’09 (Putnam Valley, N.Y.) was named co-Player of the Year.

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Out on the track, junior sprinter Hafiz Greigre ’07 (Attleboro, Mass.) was named the NE-10 Athlete of the Year at the conference championships by winning both the 100 meter and the 200 meter dash races. A week later, Greigre became Bryant’s first-ever New England Track Champion by winning the men’s 400 meter dash in a school-record time of 47.57 seconds. He concluded the season by representing Bryant in two events, the 200 meters and the 400 meters, at the NCAA National Championships in Charlotte, N.C.

The Women’s Tennis team at the NCAA Division II Championships

Hafiz Greigre ’07 of Attleboro, Mass.
SPOTLIGHT ON: FACULTY

Bryant's faculty are actively involved in professional organizations and research worldwide — and Bryant's students are the beneficiaries of their dedication.

THE STUDY OF FREE LOVE
Janet Dean, associate professor of English and cultural studies, is beginning research for a new project on the Free Love movement of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The project, "Complex Marriage and Plain Talk: Free Love, Free Speech, and Sex Radicals in the Nineteenth Century U.S.," is supported by a prestigious Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship at the Library Company of Philadelphia, where Dean will be in residence for a month next spring. Founded by Benjamin Franklin, the Library Company has invited only 100 scholars to participate in its fellowship program since its inception in 1987.

WHAT ALLS YOU? WOMEN TURN TO THE WEB TO FIND OUT
On a typical day, more Americans go online for health information than seek answers from a physician. And according to research conducted by Bryant professor Janet Morahan-Martin and Phyllis Schumacher, the person most likely to go online for health information is female. Morahan-Martin, a psychologist, and Schumacher, a mathematician, presented their findings in August at the 115th convention of the American Psychological Association (APA) in San Francisco. The APA is the world's largest association of psychologists and cultural studies, and the annual convention attracts more than 15,000 members.

Schumacher and Morahan-Martin's peer-reviewed presentation, "How Gender Influences Uses of Health Information from the Internet," showed striking results because seeking health care data is one of the few Internet uses in which women dominate (the others are religion and driving directions). The findings are consistent with gender role behavior, the researchers said.

THE WHITE HOUSE UNDER A MICROSCOPE
At the American Political Science Association's (APSA) annual meeting in Chicago, Richard Holtzman, assistant professor of political science, presented a paper that examines President George W. Bush. The presentation focused on Bush's rhetoric of compassionate conservatism to illustrate the modern presidency's tendency to act without Congress.

Broadening the concept of the rhetorical presidency first proposed in 1975 by political scientist Jeffery K. Tulis, Holtzman argues that "under pressure to meet heightened public expectations for presidential performance, the White House is increasingly led to ignore Congress and use rhetorical leadership as a means of framing initiatives in the broadest possible terms...to function as rapid-response placeholders for policies that may never actually be developed."

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Jeffrey Calbaza, Assistant Professor, English and Cultural Studies; B.A. Oberlin College; M.A., Ph.D. University of Michigan
Maura Coughlin, Assistant Professor, English and Cultural Studies; B.A. University of Massachusetts; M.A. Tufts University; Ph.D. Institute of Fine Arts, New York University
Amber Day, Assistant Professor, English and Cultural Studies; B.A. McGill University; M.A., Ph.D. Northwestern University
Tony Houston, Associate Professor, Modern Languages; B.A., M.A. University of Kentucky; Ph.D. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Brian Kelly, Assistant Professor, Mathematics; B.A. California State University; M.A., Ph.D. University of Missouri at Columbia
Legam Kelly, Assistant Professor, Economics; B.S. Missouri Western State University; M.A., Ph.D. University of Kansas

EXCELLENCE IN AND OUT OF THE CLASSROOM
In a global marketplace, with thousands of companies competing for consumer dollars and attention, quality assurance is a necessity. Recognizing this trend, U.S. industry and government leaders launched a campaign in the 1980s to help American organizations achieve quality excellence — and the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award was born. The demanding application process for the Baldrige Award is commonly seen by a dedicated board of national examiners, Bryant's Angela Wicks, assistant professor of operations management, was recently appointed to an advisory board by the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

"Because of the rapid increase in the use of the Internet by both the applicants and world-class organizations and businesses, the examiners encourage the submission of Electronic Files for the Baldrige application," Wicks said.

As a new national examiner for the Baldrige Award, Wicks will be assessing the quality of the Baldrige award. Wicks brings a unique perspective to the position — she is a professor in the department of business and a small business, and currently working as a quality consultant in the private sector.
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Yun Kho, Associate Professor, Modern Languages; B.A. Jagiellonian University in Krakow; Ph.D. University of Michigan
James Bishop, Professor, Mathematics
Brad Martin, Associate Professor, History and Asian Studies
Marta Nahmad, Associate Professor, English and Cultural Studies
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Recently appointed to this esteemed group by the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

"Because of the expert's value to the applicants and the value of world-class organizations to the U.S. economy, examiners are willing to volunteer hundreds of hours for each application," said.

As a new national examiner, she has been trained to evaluate an organization using criteria and provide detailed feedback. She also brings her own expertise to the position - she's worked in a number of service industries, owned a small business, and served as a state Baldridge examiner in Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

Although applicant confidentiality and proprietary information is safeguarded through the program, Wicks is excited about the knowledge she'll gain as a Baldridge examiner. "I can bring a vast amount of learning and experience back to the classroom for my students," she said. "That is probably the greatest reward of all - to be able to share with my students what it takes to create, operate, and improve world-class organizations."
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World Trade Day 2007 at Bryant saw the largest attendance in the 22-year history of the event. Organized by The John H. Charleston Center for International Business, the conference drew 640 business professionals eager to learn about international trade opportunities and strategies to excel in the manufacturing sector.

The two morning keynote speakers, Albert Fink, former assistant U.S. secretary for manufacturing and services, and Philip Stylund, president of the Summit Group, a renowned business consulting company in Georgia, both focused on innovation as the main driver of success for manufacturers.

In the luncheon keynote speech, Alan Hansfield, chairman of the board at Hasbro, said it is important for companies to operate internationally in order to grow. He encouraged businesses to look for global opportunities with an open mind.

The event also featured the presentation of the second annual World Trade Day Advocate of the Year Award to J.P. Moran and Astro-Med. In addition, Tux, Inc., a Rhode Island-based manufacturer of hydraulic systems and components, was awarded an Export Achievement Certificate from the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Tech News: Bryant Establishes "Green" Data Centers, Wins Portal Grant

Bryant has partnered with IBM and West Kingston, R.I.-based APC -MCE to implement a new "green" data center. The IBM Scalable Modular Data Center, coupled with APC-MCE's InfraStruweb data center architecture, allow Bryant to combine four server sites into one and reduce its energy usage for storage by 35 percent, saving as much as $40,000 a year. Under Arthur Glaster, vice president for information services, Bryant has reduced the number of servers required for e-mail, registration systems, and student alumni records to 40 from the 75 needed in 2002.

The new data center is 500 square feet - 50 percent smaller than the space needed in the past.

Also, earlier this year, Bryant received a five-year, $1 million Portal Grant from CampusEAI, Oracle, and the University's commitment to technology initiatives, as well as its ability to implement the portal successfully and effectively. It will help integrate technology to better serve the campus community through an intranet portal that combines online learning, administrative computing, and student services systems.

Poetry and Prose: Bryant Literary Review 2007

The eighth edition of the Bryant Literary Review (BLR) is now available and features 27 poems and nine short stories culled from more than 3,000 worldwide submissions. The selected writings include works by established authors such as Barbara Crooker, whose poetry has been featured on Garrison Keillor's "A Prairie Home Companion," as well as lesser-known writers like Cody Stratton '07 (Northeast Harbor, Maine) and Tom Chandler, associate professor of English and cultural studies and Rhode Island's poet laureate emeritus. The BLR's editorial board, staff, and students. Erinn Gormley '08 (Feeding Hills, Mass.) was the student editor of the 2007-08 edition.

The BLR is still available by contacting the Bryant Literary Review at blyr@bryant.edu. For a preview, go to bryant2.bryant.edu/br/2007.htm.
"WHAT IS DIVERSITY" AT BRYANT

To encourage students, faculty, and staff to think about diversity on campus and in the community, Bryant sponsored a "What is Diversity?" contest last spring. On the face of it, Bryant education resource center, a web-based learning community at www.xbrleducation.com.

Due to Roshani's efforts, Bryant is one of few schools at the forefront of XBRL education. "Our involvement is really a great success story," Roshani says. "We are the only ones who have been involved since day one of XBRL. Now we are able to provide many resources." As countries outside the U.S. have begun adopting XBRL over the last several years, being able to provide resources to students, academics, and consultancies has become essential. Earlier this year, the U.S. Securities Exchange Commission announced that it will begin phasing in XBRL as the preferred computer language in the creation of interactive financial reports by public companies. This is an effort by the United States to open up to the international market and prevent initial public offerings from going to other markets, according to Roshani.

"The University's leadership in the development and implementation of XBRL is an example of how Bryant provides students with cutting-edge, practical skills that have global applications," said Jack Trih, dean of the College of Business. "Accounting graduates are well prepared to be strong contributors and leaders within their organizations."

SPECIAL OLYMPICS TRADITION CONTINUES

Every year the Student Senate and the Center for Student Involvement (formerly Student Activities) host the Northern Rhode Island Special Olympics, and the tradition continued for the 26th consecutive year. Although the day got off to a chilly, rainy start, more than 400 athletes enjoyed a day of competition in events such as relay races, softball throw, long jump, and high jump. Approximately 850 new Bryant students lugged their suitcases, plastic bins, and various room accessories. After unpacking, the newest members of the Bryant community took part in the Bryant Experience, a series of events to help students familiarize themselves with the campus and its resources, and in residence halls.

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**Class of ’11 Profile**

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**HAPPY CONTINUES**

Student Senate continues to strive for student satisfaction. Student Senate is continuing to work towards excellence in all areas of the student experience.

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**ACCOUNTING FUTURE**

The accounting department continues to focus on preparing students for careers in accounting. The department is working to increase the number of students pursuing careers in accounting.

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**ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

Bryant University continues to excel academically. The university is ranked among the top universities in the country for academic excellence.

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**THE FUTURE IS NOW**

Bryant University is committed to providing a world-class education to all students. The university is working to ensure that all students have the opportunity to succeed academically and achieve their full potential.

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**BRYANT WINTER 2008**
SPOTLIGHT ON: STUDENTS

Smart, passionate, ambitious, and caring are just a few ways to describe Bryant students. From award-winning teams to community outreach, and from academic excellence to scoring the perfect internship, here are some ways students are making the most of their college experience.

COMMUNITY SERVICE WITH A BUSINESS TWIST

The Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) group from Bryant won first place in the regional competition in Boston last semester. It is the fifth time in six years that the team has advanced to the Nationals.

SIFE students learn the free enterprise system and use this knowledge to develop community service projects. At the competition, SIFE organizations present their educational outreach projects and answer questions from a panel of judges. The Bryant presentation team included Shannon Corbett '09 (Reading, Mass.), Heather Moody '08 (Topsham, Maine), Julie Peng '10 (Huntington Station, N.Y.), Katie Ramee '08 (Trumbull, Conn.), Rob Taylor '09 (Portland, Conn.), and Matt Vees '10 (Hudson, N.H.).

Last year SIFE completed 16 projects ranging from helping elementary, middle, and high school students start their own businesses to working with the Rhode Island Coalition for Minority Investment and the Providence Rescue Mission to teach business principles to women and aspiring entrepreneurs.

FROM BRYANT STUDENTS TO MOCK STATE SENATORS

Courtney Power '07 (Bristol, R.I.) and Kevin Carnes '08 (Brimfield, R.I.) were two of only 20 students in the state to complete College Leadership Rhode Island (CLRI). Over the course of the spring semester, Power and Carnes took part in sessions exploring Rhode Island's history, the role of the nonprofit sector in meeting community needs, and the role of businesses and professionals in social change.

During the final session, the students became state senators for a day and debated a real bill in the Rhode Island Senate chambers. The debate was followed by a graduation ceremony for participants.

Since the inception of the CLRI curriculum in 2004, 90 area students have completed the program. CLRI is based on Leadership Rhode Island's 25-year-old core program for business leaders in the state, which boasts 5,500 professional graduates.

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TAKING A WALK FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Bryant's fifth annual Relay for Life raised nearly $57,000 for the American Cancer Society. Kristen Collins '08 (Huntington Station, N.Y.) and Tanya Gill '07 (Rockdale, Mass.), co-chairs of the event, coordinated teams of students, faculty, staff, and administrators continuously taking turns to walk the track for 18 hours.

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BETA GAMMA SIGMA WELCOMES NEW INDUCTEES

The Bryant chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma recently honored more than 57 students eligible for membership in this prestigious society. Membership in this organization is the highest national recognition a student can receive at a school accredited by AACSB International (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business). To qualify, candidates must have an academic ranking in the top 7 percent for juniors, top 10 percent for seniors, or top 25 percent for master’s-level students.

Beta Gamma Sigma also awards a scholarship each year to a student who demonstrates exceptional leadership and community service, academic excellence, and overall achievement. This year’s scholarship was presented to April Silva ’09 (East Providence, R.I.). In addition, Abhijit Chaudhury, professor of computer information systems, was this year’s faculty inductee.

For more information about Beta Gamma Sigma and a full list of inductees, visit www.bryant.edu/bgs.

Left to right: V.R. Leon, vice president for academic affairs; Ronald K. Markley, president; April Silva, 2007 Beta Gamma Sigma scholarship recipient; and Katherine Armstrong, 2006 Beta Gamma Sigma scholarship recipient.
SPOTLIGHT ON:
ALUMNI

With their accomplishments and commitments, Bryant alumni are bolstering the reputation of our university. They provide new graduates with a talented, helpful professional network and connect with each other at regional events and celebrations.

FROM VOLLEYBALL STAR TO RECENT ALUMNI TRUSTEE
Elizabeth Schlatterer ’07 (Arlington Heights, ILL) is the newest member of the Bryant Board of Trustees. She was elected Bryant’s 2007 Recent Alumni Trustee and will serve a three-year term.

Schlatterer is currently in the Master’s of Public Accountancy program at Bryant and has accepted a job with PricewaterhouseCoopers. As an undergraduate, Schlatterer captained the 2006 volleyball team, which advanced to the NCAA Division II Northeast Regional for the seventh consecutive year. Schlatterer was also a member of the Bryant Senior Advisory Council and the Accounting Association, and a volunteer for Bryant community service programs such as Relay for Life, the Special Olympics, and the Rhode Island Mentoring Partnership.

ERNEST ALMONTE TO HELP LEAD LARGEST U.S. ACCOUNTING ASSOCIATION
Beginning this October, Ernest Almonte ’76, ’85 MST will carry out a one-year term as the vice chairman of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). In his position, Almonte will serve on and observe various committees in an effort to provide AICPA’s 300,000-plus members with professional resources and up-to-date information on best practices in the field of accounting.

Almonte is the auditor general of the State of Rhode Island, a position he has held since 1994. He has 30 years of experience in accounting and, in 2005, was named one of the Top 100 Most Influential People in the Accounting Profession by Accounting Today magazine.

In addition, in 2006 Almonte founded a Bryant Endowed Scholarship for an accounting undergraduate from Rhode Island with proven need.

HERE TO HELP: CAREER SERVICES FOR ALUMNI
Whether you just walked through the Archway, or you attended Bryant when the campus was still in Providence, as an alumnus you have access to a multitude of career services programs. Each year, hundreds of graduates use the University’s Amica Center for Career Education for:

• One-on-one career counseling
• Résumé critique
• Interview skill development
• Job search workshops
• Job opening alerts via e-newsletter

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In addition, the University recently launched the Bryant Alumni Career Link, a web-based career networking database designed to bring students and alumni together. If you are interested in sharing your expertise with students through job shadowing, informational interviews, and internship and employment opportunities at your company, you should become part of this online community. It’s also a great way to advance your own professional development by networking with other Bryant alumni.

To learn more about the Bryant Alumni Career Link, or any of Bryant’s career services, contact Jennifer Edwards at jedwards@bryant.edu or call the Amica Center at (401) 253-6090.

FROM CHICAGO TO LONDON, BRYANT ALUMNI STAY CONNECTED
This summer, six decades of Bryant graduates gathered in Chicago to help inaugurate the Midwest Regional Alumni Network. In our nation’s capital, Tom Howitt ’58 welcomed alumni from Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia for an evening of networking at one of his company’s hotels. And at a pub in London, a group of Bryant students studying abroad met with alumni to discuss everything from how to navigate the “Tube” to London’s underground transit system, to where to find inexpensive bags. These events are all part of an alumni relations initiative to expand services to Bryant graduates wherever they live and work.

In the coming year, Bryant is planning more than 24 formal and informal off-campus gatherings for alumni. Attendees will be able to directly from administration and faculty about Bryant University today, its ambitious plans for the future, and how they can take advantage of alumni services. To find an event near you, or to build your own alumni network, visit alumni.bryant.edu.

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Ernest Almonte ’76, ’85 MST

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Chernin had always hoped to open his own business. And with a two-year-old, sports-loving daughter, he felt the timing was right. In February 2007, he launched Kiddle Soccer-New England in the Boston area with 750 soccer players.

Video

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This fall he’s expanded the program to Rhode Island.

“The skills I gained while I was an undergraduate at Bryant are no doubt an essential key to what makes me successful in the business world today,” said Chernin, who concentrated in marketing.

He credits Bryant’s faculty with preparing him for the challenge of running his own business.

“Each student is tutored by the experienced and dedicated professors to be the most successful business leader that he or she is capable of becoming,” he says. In particular Chernin recognizes Mary Lyons, professor of communication, for instilling in him the importance of communication skills in the business world.

Kiddle Soccer New England has also given Chernin the opportunity to stay involved with the school that gave him a foundation for his success. He’s hired Bryant students as coaches to work with young soccer players, noting that “flexibility and similarity in a coach is a must.”

Chernin is also excited to share his insights about the challenges and rewards of being an entrepreneur with current students: “I am excited to be able to give something back to the Bryant community,” he says.

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS WINNERS

Left to right: Bryant President Ronald K. Machtley with Joy Tessier ’88, recipient of the Distinguished Alumna Award; John D. Callahan ’56, ’05H, winner of the Nelson J. Gulski Service Award; Tracy Noga ’92, recipient of the Young Alumni Leadership Award; Professor Emeritus Glen D. Camp, winner of the Distinguished Faculty Award; and outgoing Alumni Association President, Buzz Waltman ’76.
1936
RAYMOND F. BONENFANT of North Providence, R.I., and his wife, Isabel, have been involved in the annual Memory Walk for the Alzheimer's Association. Both Ray and Isabel lost former spouses to this disease. Over the past 12 years, they have raised $86,000 for this worthy cause.

1947
GEORGE R. SUTCLIFFE of Greenville, R.I., president of Bradford Scientific, Inc., is one of three former P-47 pilots interviewed about his harrowing encounter with more than 40 German fighters over Normandy a few days after D-Day. Sutcliffe's interview is aired on an episode of Wheels on the History Channel.

1953
JOSEPH PARLICH was published in April 2006, and Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants. Pointe Farms, Mich., was named senior director of Veritas Global of Boston, Mass., and managing director of Veritas Global of Boston, Mass., as financial services for the excellence lead for the Small Business Administration.

1956
DAVID H. LEIGH of Wallingford, Conn., was awarded the 50 Year Membership Award from the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants.

1956
SOLONA A. SOLONI '64 of East Providence, R.I., and chair of the business department at the Community College of Rhode Island, received a special recognition award from St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., for his 50 years of outstanding service and dedication to the children's charity.

1960
RALPH W. MENKE of Upper Montclair, N.J., was recognized by the mayor and the council of the Township of Montclair for the many contributions he has made to the community of Montclair. Menke served as an active member of the Civil Defense and Disaster Control Center from 1957 through 1964.

1967
JOHN T. GENISH of Toms River, N.J., was named chief growth officer of Cigna Business Media in Morristown, N.J.

1987
JOHN A. MARTELLI of North Schuylkill, R.I., was named executive vice president at Citizens Financial Group, Inc., in Providence, R.I.

1990
CHELY F. OLSON of Tully, N.Y., was named director of operations at Envisage Information Systems in Geneva, N.Y.

1990
FRANCIS J. CICARELLI JR. of Cranston, R.I., was elected to the new leadership of Citizens Financial Group, Inc., in Lincoln, Neb.

1991
DONALD J. DESPOSSE of Cranston, R.I., was named financial consultant for the Principal Financial Group Northeast Business Center in Norwalk, Conn.

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RUTH (ENAY) BOMBARDA of Woonsocket, R.I., was promoted to service vice president and controller of The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc., in Hartford, Conn.

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PAUL A. MARCHESE of North Providence, R.I., was promoted to senior vice president and director of internal audit and compliance oversight at Bank of Providence, R.I., as a CPA charter member of the CPA Board of Singapore. He is a volunteer board member of the Massachusetts Children's Home.

ADAM S. RUBIN of Providence, R.I., was named an instructor in the management department at Bryant University, R.I., because he was honored for his contributions to the Bryant University Excellence Award.
1984
LINDA YSEWYN of Alexandria, Va., a math teacher at Lutheran Fairfax County Public Schools, won two awards in the 2027 National Veterans Creative Arts Festival competition for her short story "Guns and Perfume." Ysewyn is a U.S. Army veteran of Desert Storm and submitted her entry in the category of personal experience as a reflection of her involvement in that war.

1985
MARIA H. HALVORSEN of Fort Myers, Fla., started a business, Bookkeeping Solutions, located in Fort Myers. She says a trip down the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon with three other sisters from Sigma Sigma Xi gave her the final push she needed to start her own business.

1986
FRANCIS J. CACCARELLI JR. '03 MS of Cranston, R.I., opened a tax and accounting business under his name in Cranston.

1987
JAMES L. LATHROP of Wakefield, R.I., was named director of finance for the town of Hopkinton, R.I.

1988
JASON E. ARCHAMBAULT, SEAN F. MURPHY of Cranston, R.I., were named directors of the Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce. Murphy is a principal and director of state and local tax services at Carlin, Charron & Rosen, LLP.

1989
GARY A. MILLER of Chelmsford, Mass., was promoted to North American business line controller for Aon Professional Staffing in Sudbury, N.J.

1990
PETER R. BALON of Oakland, Calif., was named senior director of international tax at Salesforce.com in San Francisco, Calif.

1991
JASON P. MACARI MBA of Cumberland, R.I., was co-owner of Summer Infant, Inc., a manufacturer of children's-care products, in Woonsocket, R.I.

1992
SEAN F. MURPHY of Providence, R.I., was named senior vice president and chief financial officer at Narragansett Bay Insurance Company in Pawtucket, R.I.

1993
DONALD J. DESFORGE of Rehoboth, Mass., was named the performance excellence lead for Maneuver Protection Programs, National and Theater Security Programs, and Integrated Defense Systems at Raytheon Company located in Andover, Mass.

1994
BETH (LEMA) BOMBARA of Westport, Conn., was promoted to senior vice president and controller of The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc., in Hartford, Conn.

1995
CARA (FALANGI) BROOK of Stamford, Conn., owner of S.S.O. LLC Professional Organizing, was elected treasurer of the Connecticut Chapter of the National Association of Professional Organizers. S.S.O. was founded in 2003 as Strategic Organizer Simply.

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2000
LEIGH ANN (LAFLES) SHEEHAN of Newport, R.I., was named assistant vice president of underwriting at OneBeacon Insurance in Newport, R.I. Sheehan also became a licensed health producer for the State of New Jersey.

2001
SANTHANAMA A. L. MARGOLOVE of Des Moines, Ia., was named vice president of defense in Washington, D.C., for his work with students of the "Bryant Advocate" newspaper.

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2017
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2019
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ETHAN S. SMITH '93
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MICHAEL R. PATTY '96
May 27, 2007

FACULTY MEMORIALS

STEWARD C. YORBS of Cornwell, Maine, passed away on April 8, 2007. Professor Yorbs taught psychology at Bryant for more than 30 years. He enjoyed gardening, photography, fishing, and fly tying. He was a member of the Maine Iris Society, the Maine Hosta Society, and Trout Unlimited. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Frances (Gilbert) Yorbs, of Cornwell, CT; Jeffrey Yorbs of Little Compton, RI; and three grandchildren.

LAUREN L. LOWE of Ellicott City, Md., passed away unexpectedly at home on June 21, 2007. He was a professor of marketing at Bryant for many years before his retirement in June 2004. Charming and energetic, he enjoyed skydiving, river rafting, bicycling, tennis, playing cards, and a good book. Professor Lowe was an adored student advisor to several groups at Bryant, including the women's rugby team, who still refer to themselves as "Larry's Ruggers," three years after his retirement. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Donna Lowe, Ph.D., a former professor at Bryant; Professor Lowe leaves a son, Stephen Lowe, M.D., and four grandchildren.

ALBERT J. MCALOON of Middletown, R.I., professor emeritus, who taught sociology, psychology, and criminology at Bryant from 1970 to 2004, passed away on July 4, 2007, at the age of 61. He served as president of the local chapter of the American Federation of Teachers, where he was an ardent advocate of workers' rights. A Boston Red Sox fan from the time he was a boy, he enjoyed their World Series Championship so much that he was still wearing his championship gear when he passed. He is predeceased by his wife of 67 years, Rita McAlloon. He is survived by two sons, and a daughter, several grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.

CORRECTION

We inaccuracy reported in the Spring 2007 issue of Bryant magazine that Janeen (Carruth) Williams '53 of North Kingston, R.I., was deceased. Our sincere apologies to Janeen and her family.