



Bridgewater State College Academic Affairs News—

Message from Nancy Kleniewski, Provost

All Faculty & Librarian meeting—

Wednesday February 20, 3:30 pm,
Heritage Room, Maxwell Library

Happy Spring Semester! I am pleased to report that there are many interesting and positive developments on campus this year. As we go into our second semester, let's review some of the ongoing projects in Academic Affairs.

If there was any doubt that the **new Core Curriculum** would help improve student success in the first year of college, we have recent evidence that indicates that it is having a positive impact. At the end of fall, 2006, the first semester of the new Core, we saw a dramatic increase in the number of first-time freshmen who earned a spot on the Freshman Dean's List. That percentage, which leapt from 17% in 2005 to 22% in 2006, remained high at 21% this past fall. On the other hand, the number of first-year students on academic probation fell from 15% to 14% to 12% over the same period. We will watch these and other indicators carefully, but so far it appears that the First Year Seminars and the other initiatives to engage students in the learning process are paying off.

For the past year, the college has been implementing initiatives toward increasing students' knowledge of and experience with **diversity**. We were the recipients of a highly competitive grant from the Nellie Mae Educational Foundation to assess the progress of students from underrepresented groups and to improve their academic experience. (The names of the working group are noted elsewhere in this newsletter.) Now William Lewis, the Director of Institutional Diversity, is searching for a **Faculty Fellow** who will help lead discussions about infusing diversity into BSC's curriculum and pedagogy. Watch for William's announcement of the search for the Diversity Faculty Fellow.

The college is steadily increasing the number of **online courses** it offers. Student demand is very strong, as indicated by the fact that the online sections of courses are almost always the first to fill during the registration period. Over the past year, the Divisions of Academic Affairs, External Affairs, and Information Technology collaborated on a proposal to offer a small number of **online degree programs**. These will include a Master's in Educational Leadership and one or more Bachelor's degrees. Our goal is to have full-time BSC faculty take the lead in teaching online courses and developing online programs to ensure that their content and quality are consistent with the face-to-face courses offered on campus. To that end, we will again offer summer grants for full-time faculty members to "migrate" existing courses to online format. The announcement of the grant program will be published very soon.

Associate Vice President Ron Pitt and Director of Grants and Sponsored Projects Kathleen Kirby are taking the lead in preparing a proposal to the U. S. Department of Education Title III program. The grant will help us address student achievement in **mathematics and quantitative reasoning** across the curriculum. Faculty members from the sciences, social sciences, education, and business, as well as from mathematics and computer science will have a chance to participate in the preparation of the grant. The proposal will examine issues such as high school preparation, remedial math, placement testing, and foundational quantitative skills for future teachers, science majors, and business students.

Three finalists have been selected for the position of the **Director of Teaching and Learning** and are currently completing campus interviews. They are Ann Brunjes of the Department of English, Herb Childress of the Boston Architectural College, and Anne Doyle of the Department of English. I am pleased that we are making progress on implementing the Office of Teaching and Learning and urge

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you to think about what kinds of services you would like to see offered when the office is established later this year.

The discussion about possible restructuring and the creation of **new schools** is still proceeding. Faculty from the School of Education and Allied Studies are currently holding meetings to give feedback to the larger committee that will coordinate the campus conversation. You can stay abreast of the discussions by reading the meeting minutes at http://www.bridgew.edu/depts/IR/new_schools.cfm.

Thanks for all you do for the college. I hope you have a productive and rewarding semester.

Best regards,

Nancy Kleniewski

Awards and Honors

The Bridge Volume III has earned the Pacemaker Award, the most prestigious honor in college journalism. This award is widely regarded as the Pulitzer Prize of student publications.

The Bridge Volume IV has been named one of thirteen finalists for the Crown Award, its highest national honor for student publications. Winners will be announced at the 84th Annual National Columbia Scholastic Press Association convention at Columbia University in March 2008. This is The Bridge's fourth consecutive time being named a finalist.

Department News and Announcements

Tammy King has been named co-coordinator of the Center for the Advancement of Science Education (CASE).

Anthony Cicerone has been elected to serve on the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States (ASCUS) Executive Council.

The Social Work department and the Women's and Gender Studies program will be sponsoring a workshop conducted by former Lt. Governor Evelyn Murphy called \$tart \$mart on April 1.

Marilyn Pennell from Communication Studies will be a visiting professor for the spring 2008 voyage of the Semester at Sea, sponsored by the University of Virginia and the Institute for Shipboard Education.

Emily Douglas from Social Work department is the founder and chair of the First National Research Conference on Child and Family Programs and Policy to be held at Bridgewater State College in July 2008.

Deniz Zeynep Leuenberger from Political Science has been appointment as the faculty director for the Institute for Regional Development within the Division of External Affairs.

Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) Network members for the spring and fall 2008 are: Marcia Anderson (Movement Arts, Health Promotion and Leisure Studies); Victoria Bacon (Counselor Education); Elaine Bukowiecki (Elementary and Early Childhood Education); Rebecca Corwin (Elementary and Early Childhood Education); Jo-Ann Della Giustina (Criminal Justice); Anne Doyle (English); Kathryn Evans (English); Soma Ghosh (Economics); James Hayes-Bohanan (Geography); Pamela Hayes-Bohanan (Associate Librarian/Foreign Languages); Ward Heilman (Mathematics and Computer Science); Mark Kemper (Political Science); Teresa King (Psychology); Thomas Kling (Physics); Laura McAlinden (Philosophy); David O'Malley (Social Work); Evelyn Pezzulich (English); Maura Rosenthal (Movement Arts, Health Promotion and Leisure Studies); Pamela Russell (Movement Arts, Health Promotion and Leisure Studies); Peter Saccocia (Earth Sciences); Lee Torda (Director of Undergraduate Research); Sarah Wiggins (History).

Aviva Twersky Glasner from Criminal Justice is chairing a panel at the meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems entitled, "*Disabilities, Crime and Victimization (Crime and Juvenile Delinquency and Disabilities)*," Boston 2008.

During the winter break 10 students, under the leadership of **David Ostroth, Tony Esposito, and Lisa Battaglino** from Bridgewater State College visited and gave service at the St. John's Anglican Primary School in Belize City. The group raised approximately \$1500 to finish building a much needed 12' x 18' outdoor dining area where St. John's students will enjoy daily meals shaded from the sun. The delegation took shifts laying tiles under the direction of a local contractor, Kenny Banks. When they were not engaged in construction, the BSC students, many of which are studying to become teachers, taught children. They included Michael Dunn, Stephanie Reynolds, Justin Pierce, Elaine Boggs, Richard Henderson, Lisa Tague, Anna Cathryn Goree, Judith Duarte, Tracy Livingston, and Ryan Manning.

For the 13th consecutive year, candidates for the **BSC MEd in Reading** have been invited to present their research at the Annual Conference of the Massachusetts Reading Association in Sturbridge, MA. This year 30 MEd candidates will present posters that showcase their completed action research, including theoretical underpinnings, and the research design, findings, conclusions, and implications. They will also provide handouts that include lesson plans, materials for instruction and assessment, analyses of students' progress, and samples of students' work. The students are sponsored by BSC graduate Reading faculty **Regina Cohen, Helen Forsgard, Michelle Gain, Eileen Herbert, and Ruth Farrar**.

Faculty members in the **Graduate Programs in Reading** proudly announce the publication of twelve new research projects in the form of electronic theses as interactive WebPages. In November 2007, candidates for the Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies in Reading successfully presented and defended their research before a discerning audience of faculty, administrators, and peers. The theses, which can be viewed at http://www.bridgew.edu/reading/CAGS_Projects.cfm, serve as educational resources in exemplary literacy curriculum and instruction and cover a wide range of topics that are central to language and literacy teaching and learning.

David Shapleigh was the resident artist for the month of August at the Rocky Neck Art Colony in Gloucester, MA.

Shannon Donovan has been named to the board of the Southern New England Enterprise Forum (SNEEF).

After spending a month each year for five years working with fellow teacher-educators at the University of KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa, **Ruth Farrar** has convinced her South African colleagues to visit Bridgewater State College. We anticipate the arrival of four UKZN lecturers in mid-May. Faculty and students will have numerous opportunities to meet and interact with our visitors. More information will be forthcoming throughout the spring semester.

Margaret Brooks has been selected as President of the Massachusetts Council on Economic Education.

Soma Ghosh attended a two-day Teaching Innovations Program (TIP) in Economics. She was among 30 faculty members from all over the U.S. who were selected to participate in the program.

Margaret Brooks and **George Watson** represented Treasurer Cahill's, "*Financial Smarts for Students*" at the Massachusetts Council on Economic Education (MCEE) at an exhibitor table.

Wing-kai To represented Bridgewater State College at the Shuji Isawa Memorial Concerts in Ina, Nagano in October, 2007.

The following individuals were selected to participate in the Nellie Mae diversity grant awarded to Bridgewater State College for the 2007-2008 year: Jeanne Arurelio (Management); Michael Carson (Biological Sciences); Andrea Garr-Barnes (Office of Multicultural Affairs); Andrew Harris (President's Office); Cathy Holbrook (Student Affairs); Teresa King (Psychology); Joel Litvin (Communication Studies); Ron Pitt (Academic Affairs); Heather Smith (Academic Affairs); Peggy Smith (Academic Achievement Center); Wing-kai To (History); Lee Torda (Undergraduate Research); Michael Young (Institution Research).

Grants Awarded

Emily Douglas and Denise Hines from Clark University, *Mental Health Status of Male Help-Seekers who Sustain Partner Violence*, \$400,000.

Margaret Brooks, *Making Virtual Economics a Reality for Massachusetts Teachers*, \$10,000.

Margaret Brooks, *Massachusetts Economic Challenge*, \$3,000.

Elizabeth Englander, *Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center (MARC): Expansion to North Central Massachusetts*, \$18,179.

Elizabeth Englander, *Expanding Anti-Bullying: Bringing MARC to More Massachusetts Schools*, \$81,368.

Anthony Cicerone, *Canadian Studies Program Enhancement Grant '08*, \$11,0006.

Carolyn Petrosino, *The Effects of Juvenile Court Processing: A Systematic Review of the Randomized Experimental Evidence*, \$50,000.

Martina Arndt, *Collaborative Research: Polarimetric imaging and Spectroscopy of the Corona from 500-1500nm during Solar Eclipses—Year IV*, \$11,080.

Ruth Hannon, *Promoting Service Learning Across the Disciplines—Year II*, \$7,000.

Nancy Moses, *Bridgewater State college/Anna Sokolow Restaging of Dreams*, \$10,000.

Gregory Nelson, *Building Careers Continuation Grant '08*, \$26,400.

Tisa Cohane, *Improving Physical and Earth Science in Southeastern Massachusetts/Cape Cod (MMSP-Title IIB) - Year II*, \$178,384.

Pamela Hayes-Bohanan, *Neighbors: The World Next Door*, \$2,490.

Jonathan White, *Leadership Training for Brockton High School/BSC Mentoring Initiative*, \$297,924.

Publications and Presentations

Brian Frederick presented "Political Parties, Self Perceived Qualifications and Political Ambition: Examining the Role of Sex in the Candidate Emergence Process for Open U.S. House Seats" at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in August 2007.

Stephen Nelson published "Presidential Creeds and Character" in ACE's, *The Presidency*, Fall 2007.

Deniz Leuenberger presented "Creating the Future of Public Affairs Education: Sustainability in Public Policy and Administration Curricula" at the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA) Conference in Seattle, Washington, October 2007.

Stephen Nelson published "The Crucible of Crisis: Three Presidents Confront the Perfect Storm" in the *Journal of College and Character*, Volume IX, No. 1, September 2007.

Deniz Leuenberger presented "Budgeting and Financial Development Work by International Non-Governmental and Governmental Organizations: Impacts and Trends in the MENA Region" at the ABFM Conference in Washington, D.C., October 2007.

Aeon Skoble's book, *Deleting the State: An Argument about Government*, was discussed at a session at the American Philosophical Association's national meeting in December.

Deniz Leuenberger presented "Heating Up: The Rising Politics of Climate Change in the United States and the European Union" at the 6th Annual Undergraduate Environmental Research Symposium at Bridgewater in November 2007.

Evelyn Pezzulich published "Diversifying the Curriculum and Combatting Ageism through Service Learning" in the *International Journal of Diversity in Organizations, Communities, and Nationals*, Vol. 7, No., 5, 2007.

Deniz Leuenberger also presented "Environmental Sustainability: Planning, Decision-making, and Assessment" at the Massachusetts Selectman's Association Dinner in Bridgewater, November 2007.

Jason Edwards paper, "Bringing Stability to a Chaotic Scene: The Changing Logic in U.S. Justifications for the Use of Force", was accepted at the Southern States Communication Association Conference and was also rated a Top Three paper by the Rhetoric and Public Address Division.

Deniz Leuenberger presented "NGOs, Civil Society, Governments and Civic Engagement in the Middle East: Recent Impacts on Social, Economic, and Political Development" at the New England Sociological Association.

Peggy Smith and **Steve Viveiros** presented "Promoting Successful Transfer Transition through Mandatory Group Advising at orientation and in the First Semester" at the Institute for Study of Transfer Students in Addison, Texas, January 2008.

Stanley Ross published "Developing and Enhancing Organizational Leaders as Competitive Advantage" in the *International Journal of Business Strategy*, volume VII, No. 2, 2007.

Robert Wolk presented "Using the Technology Acceptance Model for Outcomes Assessment in Higher Education" at the Information Systems Educators Conference (ISECON) in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, November 2007. This research paper will also be published.

Mark Crowley presented "Using Your Library e-Resources (e-Journals, e-Databases) as Required Course Materials" at the American Accounting Association, August 2007.

Martin Grossman published "The Emerging Academic Discipline of Knowledge Management" in the *Journal of Information Systems Education*, 2007.

Martin Grossman published "Web 2.0: Is the Enterprise Ready for the Adventure?" in *Issues in Information Systems*, 2007.

Ellen Ingmanson published "MRSA Used as a Teaching Tool in the Classroom" in the *Brockton Enterprise* in October 2008.

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Steve Waratuke presented "CHEM xxx: A research Seminar Course Supporting Undergraduate Research" at the American Chemical Society National Meeting in Boston, August 2007.

Ed Brush organized and chaired a panel on "Green Chemistry as an Integral Component of Academic Sustainability Centers" at the American Chemical Society National Meeting in Boston, August 2007.

Ed Brush presented "Integrating Sustainability into the STEM Disciplines" at Bridgewater State College.

Margaret Bellafiore is exhibiting a large scale installation titled "GLOBAL" at the Boston Art Gallery, Mobius. The artwork explores the impact of Global warming through metaphor.

Jo-Ann Della Giustina presented a paper, "Domestic Violence Policy and Independent Women's Movements: A Comparison of Nicaragua and Russia" at the American Society of Criminology in Georgia, November, 2007.

Jerald Walker presented a paper, "The Heritage Room: Angry Black Male Myths and the Realities of Humor", at the 6th Annual Hawaii International Conference on Arts and Humanities, December 2007.

Fernanda Ferreira published a book, *The Everything Learning Brazilian Portuguese Book* by Adams Media in Avon, MA, Fall 2007.

Jo-Ann Della-Giustina published two book chapters, "Miranda Warnings", in G. Barak, Ed. *Battleground: Criminal Justice*. Greenwood Press; and "Innovative Community Approach to Ending Domestic Violence", in R. Deosaran, Ed., *Crime, Delinquency and Justice: A Caribbean Reader*. Ian Randle Publishers.

Donald Tarallo exhibited his graphic design work at The National Art Gallery in Amman, Jordan in December, 2007.

Thomas Kling, has published a paper "Study of Errors in Strong Gravitational Lensing" in *The Astrophysical Journal*.

Jerald Walker published "Clarity" in *The Barcelona Review: An International Review of Contemporary Fiction*, January 2008.

Mary Shorey provided the Keynote address, "Making a Connection to Self: How our Experiences Affect our Reading", at the 8th Annual BSC Reading Conference: Resources for Reading Specialists in January 2007.

James Bohn's production "Modular Dance for String Quartet" will be performed by Musica Dolce and will be danced to by the Island Moving Company at Rogers High School in Newport as part of their 2nd Annual Arts Showcase, February 2008.

Fernanda Ferreira presented "Complex Plurals in Brazilian Portuguese" at the 6th Annual Hawaii International Conference on Arts and Humanities, December 2007.

Emily Mann presented "Early Special Education Placements and Child Academic and Social Outcomes at Third and Fifth Grade" at the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) in Washington D.C., January 2008.

Phyllis Gimbel published "Helping New Teachers Reflect" in *Principal Leadership Magazine* in January 2008.

Ivana George is exhibiting "Realizable Dreams: A Photographic Exploration" at Fort Point Arts Community Gallery in Boston.

Wing-kai To published the book, *Chinese in Boston, 1870-1965* on February 4.

Margaret Brooks authored *Instructor's Manual and Test Bank* for Robert Carbaugh's *Contemporary Economics*, 5th edition, M.E. Sharpe, January 2008.

Ellen Ingmanson presented "DNA and Health: Education, Community and business Perspectives" at Bridgewater State College's Center for Advancement of Science Education (CASE) at the 3rd annual Conference on Health and Biotechnological Topics, April 2008.

Sabrina Gentlewarrior and Anna Martin-Jearld presented "Imagining and Creating a Just World: Listening to Diverse People" at the American Association of University Women National Convention in Phoenix, AZ, June 2007.

Student Accomplishments and Awards

Amanda Fountain was ranked in the top five papers nationally for the National Communication Association's (NCA) Student Club annual competition. Amanda presented her paper, "It's all in the Words: Determining the Relationship Between Newspaper Portrayal of Rape victims and Reader Response" in Chicago, November 2007. Amanda is the president of the BSC chapter of the NCA Student Club. Her work was funded by an ATP summer grant.

Carla Blanchard and Stephen Nelson (professor) presented her study, "The Correlation of Foreign Language Instruction on Tenth Grade MCAS Test Scores" to the Massachusetts School Principals Association, July 2007.

Jean M. Cabral, recipient of the 2007 Shea Scholarship Award, presented her research on the 19th century singer/composer **Clara Schumann** in September 2007. Her final research project took the form of a one-woman show performed in a Horace Mann auditorium that was filled to capacity with area elementary school students and members of the BSC community. A double major in music and art education, Ms. Cabral not only wrote the play and performed Schumann's music, she also made the period costume she wore for the performance.

46 BSC students will present their work at the **National Council on Undergraduate Research** this spring. They are: Ian Abreu; Mohamed Barakat; Ashlee Benjamin; Louis Bianchini; Melanie Byam; Jennifer Cascio; Nancy Connolly; Christopher Correia; Jennifer Coutu; Francis Duggan; Colleen Farrell; Daniel Fitch; Eric Flanagan; Amanda Fountain; Jared Ganem; Pedro Garcia DaSilva; Gregory Gaudreau; Michelle Grant; Brandon Green; Quetti Jean; Timothy Haber; Jennifer Halley; Kayleigh Klegraeffe; Sarah Landry; Stephanie Lawrence; Emily Legassie; Mandy Lyons; Michele Lyons; Jessica martinho; Stefanie Mercadante; Melissa Monteiro; Kathleen Moore; Matthew Moreau; Sean Murley; Linda Myllmaki; Liana Ponte; Nicole Rando; Steven Recco; Joanne Russo; Lorianne Saniuk; Andrew Seremetis; Amanda Taylor; Daniel Van Etta; Dorianne Willis; Lee Wollfrum.