For those of us who believed that we were really living in an ideal world, the events of September 11 must have been very shocking indeed. The tragic events that occurred in different locations throughout the United States have forever changed the way we view the world and probably the manner by which we relate to each other as human beings. These acts of terrorism most likely have done irreparable harm to our psyches. Some of us may have lost loved ones or know of people who were victims of these barbaric acts of terrorism, we are probably more suspicious of each other and we are definitely feeling more anger and stress than usual. In addition, it is conceivable that some of us are still so consumed by those tragic events that we are not able to manage our lives properly and accomplish the things we are supposed to do. We live in a changed world, but hopefully we will be able to overcome soon many of our negative feelings and the wide range of emotions that still preoccupy us so that we can get on with our lives. Extremely important for all of us, at this moment, is not to become cynical about humanity and to despair about the future. Regardless of how the events of September 11 have impacted us, we must hold firm to the idea that the creation of an ideal world should always be the ultimate goal of every single human being.

We may hold different views on how to reach that goal and we may disagree on approaches regarding the forging of that world, but we must stand united behind that goal. To hold onto the possibility of a better world is also part of the healing process; it will help us deal more effectively with the September 11 events.

I am extremely confident that BDIC students are handling the situation properly. Given your choice of an individualized and interdisciplinary.

**Late Adds & Withdrawals**

Withdrawal period ends Monday, October 29. If you need to add or drop a class, please arrange to see Linda Roney in the BDIC office. All late add and drop requests after October 29 must be appealed through the Dean of Pre-Major Advising Services in 615 Goodell.
plinary major, you are students who are capable of thinking outside of the box, that is, individuals who see the whole academic picture and who have the ability to make well-informed and personal choices on academic careers. I am convinced that your academic experiences and your unique individuality have been useful in dealing with the many issues and feelings brought about by the events of September 11. They certainly have allowed you also to form different views on those events. I expect you to express your views and to dialogue with others regarding those events. Only through dialogue with others and the airing of our personal views, will we able to forge a better world.

On a different note, I would like to point out that our Program keeps on growing. Once again, we have a very large Proposal Writing course and the choice of concentrations promises to be quite creative. We will do our best to make you feel, notwithstanding your varied academic choices, as if you belong to a caring and loving family: the BDIC family. Personally, I would like to welcome all those who are registered in BDIC 396P into the BDIC Program. I hope that all of you have a very productive and rewarding experience with us. We are here to work with you and to facilitate your academic careers. However, your success depends entirely on your hard work and dedication to your academic careers.

**Directors Corner (continued from page 1)**

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**BDIC Dean’s List—Spring 2001**

Congratulations to all of our students who have made the Dean’s List!

- Susan Abbott
- Charles Apicella
- Gazelle Aram
- Alicia Bottini
- Kristen Boyle
- Lauren Bulkley
- Winifred Chen
- Jennifer Christoph
- Andrew Cole
- Brian Cullinan
- Patrick Cummings
- Timothy Dalton
- Andrea DeGraff
- Alanna Donnelly
- Danielle Ducharme
- Erin DuFresne
- Jessica Fink
- Nicholas Fisher
- Charles Flynn
- Ruben Garcia
- David Garris
- Christine Gauthier
- Jus Crea Giannarino
- Sharon Gilad
- Caleb Hanson
- Erin Hickey
- Kristine Holohan
- Michael Kaplan
- Kevin Kelleher
- Alex Kevorkian
- Sarah Koske
- Juliana LaBoube
- Julia Laricheva
- Julianne Lee
- Ross Lemenille
- Corinne Levine
- William Li
- Margaret Luther
- Christopher Manz
- Kevin Masse
- Bridget McLaughlin
- Sarah Minnis
- Dina Mouldovan
- Sharif Muhammad
- Victor Navarro
- Jennifer Nesbit
- Elena Nicola
- Colin Ovitsky
- Robert Pagliuco
- Jennifer Pierstorff
- Christine Raymond
- Ilana Reynolds
- Ashley Rose
- Daniel Rosen
- Hayden Salazar
- Katherine Schiff
- Lela Schneidman
- Laura Slotnick
- Nathaniel Stein
- Marcy Stengel
- Cristin Sullivan
- Molly Sullivan
- Brian Surette
- Kristina Tobiassen
- Jonathan Tomlin
- Laura Toth
- Jasmine Trabelsi
- Hung Vuong
- Veronica Webb
- Lisa Whitcomb
BDIC Scholarships and Research Awards

Thanks to the generous gifts of our alumni, BDIC has set up a scholarship and research fund for qualified students. There are also some funds available for study abroad. Here are a few examples of the types of projects alumni funds supported during the past year.

Daniel Ari Kapner used a BDIC scholarship to do research in Tel Aviv for his Honors Thesis which was entitled “A Quest for Normalcy, Japan’s Relations with Israel, 1952-2000.” (Dan was, incidentally, chosen as runner-up for a Fulbright Scholarship last spring.)

Jason Tocci was awarded BDIC funds to help defray the cost of his summer, 2001 internship in New York City with DC Comics.

Jasmine Trabelsi, along with fellow BDIC senior, Julia Laricheva, created a women’s art magazine called “Artsy” with the help of alumni funds. The magazine came out in May and looks extraordinary! The project was Jasmine’s Honors Thesis.

Deadlines for applications are May 15 (for Summer and Fall study/projects) and October 15 (for Spring projects).

Spring 2002, Pre-Registration

Spring 2002 telephone pre-registration extends between November 7 and 20. All BDIC students must pick up a RAC code by meeting with Kate Dionne, Justine Dymond, or Linda Roney in order to pre-register. Students planning to graduate in February or May, 2002 and anyone who has been notified of a credit hold need to make a personal appointment with Linda. A sign-up sheet will be posted inside the BDIC office at 608 Goodell, or if it is more convenient, you can call 545-2504 and ask to be added to the appointment list.

No RACs will be given out over the phone. The reason we have them is to ensure you the benefit of proper advising help.

Logo Contest

It’s time for a new BDIC logo. First, it was the flamingo (the odd bird) and later the puzzle pieces which alluded to putting one’s concentration together. But now we need a design that is fresh and catchy, something that captures the unique spirit of the BDIC program. If you are the creative type and would like to see your design on BDIC t-shirts, mugs, and brochures, please send us your ideas.

The deadline for submissions is December 14. Prizes will be awarded to the top two winners.

Don’t forget— You will not be able to register without a RAC number.

Before the puzzle, BDIC’s logo featured a flamingo.
**BDIC’s New Webmaster**

Meet Sharif Muhammad. As this year’s web master at BDIC, you will usually find him laboring over one of the sometimes feisty computers we utilize here in the office. He is responsible for the fantastic design and efficiency of our newly renovated website. He is a senior BDIC major whose concentration is graphic and web design. Though he is specializing in graphic design, he is using this opportunity at BDIC to build experience in the field of website design and upkeep. He plans to graduate in May and attend graduate school for marketing or web design. He is looking now at internships and job possibilities with various marketing firms. One he is especially interested in is Arnold Worldwide; a Boston based advertising firm that handles such clients as Volkswagen and Monster. His other interests include drawing and music (mostly hip hop), and he is also interested in getting into flash movies. He is a Massachusetts native from Brockton. Stop by and introduce yourself to this extremely tall and good natured fellow. Also, feel free to relay comments and compliments on the new and improved website.

**Study Carrels**

We have many study carrels in the library available for BDIC students for the Fall semester. If you are interested, please see Vickie at BDIC.

**Ali Barr, BDIC Peer Advisor**

Hi! I’m Ali Barr and I am one of the peer advisors this year at BDIC. My concentration is “Child Advocacy” though at the moment I am considering staying an extra semester to acquire a BA in Psychology as well. I hope to pursue a master’s degree in Public Policy or Child Development. In ten years or so I would like to be settled and working for an organization such as the Children’s Defense Fund. I am very interested in education reform and I think I am stubborn enough to make some changes someday. I plan on taking two years off before graduate school to participate in the Teach for America program. My other interests include, rock climbing, theater, photography, drawing and (most recently) skiing. I flew down the slopes (a.k.a. bunny hill) for the first time last winter and am proud to report no injuries. I hope to improve this apparently natural born talent this coming season. So I’ll see you on the slopes, or at the very least I will see you from the chair lift. I spend half of my life in the office in Goodell, so please stop by and visit us sometime. Hope to meet you all real soon.
Kate Dionne and Justine Dymond are the new '01 instructors for BDIC 496c, the Junior Year Writing course for all BDIC majors. Both teaching assistants have brought a fresh perspective to the course, along with plenty of prior experience in the teaching field.

"I have taught some BDIC students before, and those are the students I always remember. They are excited to learn, so it makes me excited to learn as well," said Justine.

Both women have a great deal of experience in the areas of education and English. Kate got her bachelors degree at MIT in women's studies. At the time that she participated in her major, it was a self-designed, interdisciplinary major like BDIC. She then worked in the business world for a few years as a technical writer. She went on to get her masters degree in English at Boston College. Currently, she is working on her Ph.D in Composition and Rhetoric at the University of Massachusetts.

Justine has many years of teaching experience, covering a wide range of areas. She has taught creative writing, freshman composition, junior year writing, literature, and honors literature, as well. She came to UMass as an MFA student in fiction writing through the Creative Writing Program. She has also worked as a free-lance journalist and in public relations at a publishing company. She is now working on her Ph.D in Literature, concentrating on both creative and critical aspects in her area.

Kate and Justine want to help BDIC students think about what types of writing they will be doing in their individual fields as a major component of the Junior Year Writing course. Justine explained that she is interested in making the course more individually tailored to suit each student's specific needs. Kate also wants to give the students a chance to do research in their areas for their field writing.

By encouraging student participation in the planning process, Kate believes that the course's effectiveness will be maximized. Justine and Kate plan to include student input when redesigning the course.

The BDIC staff welcomes Kate and Justine, and we all look forward to working with them for many semesters to come.

Have you been to BDIC's new and improved web site yet? It can be accessed at the following URL:

http://www.umass.edu/bdic

General program information can be found here and students can access and download most BDIC forms and handouts. Please be aware that this site is in the process of being updated by BDIC students Sharif Muhammad and Aaron Hodge.

Justine and Kate are part of the exciting new changes taking place at BDIC. We are happy to have them aboard.
Alumni News

Steve Garrison, a ‘93 BDIC graduate, has just published his first book. It is called *At Your Service: A Service Guide to Maximum Table Performance*. Already, Steve says, the book is in high demand at restaurants that want to improve the level of service to their customers. He is also hoping to sell the book as a textbook to Hotel, Restaurant, and Travel departments at universities around the country.

Steve’s BDIC concentration was in “Sales and Interpersonal Relations,” and he is pleased that now that he is out in the working world he is utilizing the very same skills he acquired through his degree. He is interested in talking with current BDIC students and would be happy to offer his suggestions to those in his area of interest. He can be emailed at: stephenagarison@aol.com. Steve’s website can be found at: A Server’s Guide.com. Steve will, hopefully, be attending the Spring Projects Fair in May 2002 along with many other interesting and successful alumni.

Jeremy Gaucher, BDIC ’00, majored in “Arts Administration” while at BDIC. He is now working in his field at MassMoca (Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art in North Adams, MA). He recently sent us a notice regarding an internship opportunity in Arts Administration. If you are interested, please contact:

Jeremy Gaucher at: jeremyg@massmoca.org.

Profiles of BDIC Student Staff

Jonathan Mello—BDIC Office Assistant

My name is Jonathan Mello and I am in my third year at Umass. I have been involved with the BDIC program as an office assistant and receptionist since my first year at the school. In spite of not being enrolled as a BDIC major, I have come to acquire a great deal of knowledge about the program over the course of my two years here and enjoy answering any questions current or prospective students may have. I am, in fact, enrolled as a history major and am also in the process of applying to an education program in order to pursue a career in secondary education. I am a Massachusetts native and enjoy sports and music when I am not working, studying, or attending class. I look forward to seeing you all around the office.
## Congratulations to our 2001 Graduates!

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Personal Development of Adolescent Minorities through Theater

Amira Lamb
Fitness/Health Promotion and Management

Seana Lamothe
Children of the Arts

Maria Langone
International Business with Foreign Languages

Julia Laricheva
Advertising

Larry Lee
International Business with Travel and Tourism

Ross Lemenille
Web Design and Development

Corinne Levine
Holistic Health, Stress Management and Therapy

William Li
Management Information Systems with International Business Design and Development

John Linvill
Small Business Development

Averi Loring
International Economics and Public Policy

Doris Lopez
Diversity Human Resource Management

Douglas Lubowitz
Audio Recording and Engineering Management

Sidney Ma
International Economics and Investments

Christian Malsch
New Media Marketing

Lilach Manheim
Art Marketing

Nicole Moreau
Information Systems and Networking

Dina Mouldovan
Pre-Art Therapy

Iris Nason
Expressive Education

William Nemitz
Art and Cultural Studies

Jennifer Nesbit
Psychology and Social Services

Elizabeth Nicoll
The Science of Natural Medicine

Jessica Noodell
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Moira Noonan
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Brendan O'Neil
Film and Theater/Aspects of Social Change

Robert Pagliuco
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Anthony Palmeiri
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Justin Patel
Entrepreneurial Studies

Christopher Paulson
International Studies with Business

Arnab Ray
Holistic Health

Jennifer Reed
Advertising and Public Relations

Jason Roberts
Foreign Policy and Defense Management

Ashley Rose
Holistic Approach to Health

Brian Rosen
Business with a Concentration in Animal Science

Kevin Rothman
Traditional Jewish Studies with an Emphasis on Modern Culture

Jim Royland
Diplomacy and Latin America

Aaron Rubinstein
Film Theory and Psychoanalysis

Carissa Sachs
Expressive Arts Therapy

Hayden Salazar
Electronic Commerce

Natasha Saunders
Independent Image Consulting

Laura Schmidt
Business, PR, and Nutrition

Nathan Schwirian
Entertainment Management

Jessica Sieber
Multicultural Education

Lydia Silva
Dance Education

Laura Slotnick
Building Community Through Theater

Pamela Smith
Digital Arts and Technology

Megan Snyder
Sustainable Architectural Technology and Design

Matthew Steimney
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## Posthumous Degree Ceremony for Christian Malsch

BDIC will be holding a posthumous degree ceremony for former BDIC student Christian Malsch on Thursday, December 6, 2001 at 12 noon in 608 Goodell.

Christian passed away this past summer just a few credits short of completing his BDIC degree titled “New Media Marketing.” This is an honor he and his family so richly deserve. Please join us in honoring Christian.
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