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Secluded within Worcester’s historic Heywood Building is the studio of local artist and former Holy Cross professor, Terri Priest.
Why a “Family” issue?

There are a number of answers. The first is that Holy Cross has a long tradition of calling itself a family. According to sociology Professor Ed Thompson (see article on page 12), this is an appropriate use of the word. If one definition of family involves a sense of belonging and a shared set of goals and beliefs, then Holy Cross qualifies. And if you think of our tendency to intermarry, attend reunions and send our children to Alma Mater, the idea of the College as an ever-growing extended family feels correct.

Out in the larger world, the notion of “family”—what it was, what it is, what it’s becoming—is a much-discussed topic. On my desk is another Wall Street Journal article on family-friendly companies. It sits atop the latest Newsweek, which features Susan Faludi’s recent book on men and their new role in society and in the life of the family. Were I to walk downstairs to the cafeteria right now and eavesdrop on the lunch table conversations of my colleagues, I’m fairly certain I’d hear a dozen different juggling scenarios; stories involving child care recommendations, elder-care dilemmas, parent-teacher conferences, soccer practices, and dance recitals.

As the baby boomers find themselves in the thick of mid-life, the questions of what constitutes a family and of how to sustain a family, become preeminent in a world that appears more fragmented all the time. And as our culture careens toward the millennium, our answers to those questions become more complex.

The articles in this issue are windows onto some families of the 1990s. We look at how one family was built through adoption and how another has coped and grown with the challenges of a special needs child. We visit with a stay-at-home dad and talk with our resident expert on the Family Medical Leave Act. And interwoven through all of these pieces, we’ve printed the drawings of some children of the Holy Cross family—representations of how kids view their own clans.

After months of reading, editing and proofing these articles, in the end it is the children’s drawings I keep coming back to. Clearly, these artists have little need of our definitions. They may or may not be budding Rembrandts, but they’ve all found their subject. With the minimalist’s pencil sketch, the vibrant colors of neon markers, or the reliable Crayola, they’ve depicted the people who give them a sense of love, of belonging, of connection.

Yes, today’s families are stressed, rushed, pulled in a hundred different directions at once. (When I nagged our president—the first Holy Cross president to have children—for his “Road Signs” essay (see page 70), he sent the piece to me with an attached note: Sorry this is late, I have family… Classic Vellaccio humor and, for many of us, easy to relate to.) But the shared joys and sorrows and needs that bind family members together have not been dismantled by the changes of the last half-century.

There’s a good chance you’re reading this at the end of a long workday. Maybe you’ve already checked the homework, wrestled the kids into pajamas, read Mike Mulligan and his Steam Shovel for the hundredth time, and fetched that last glass of water before sleep. But before you make tomorrow’s lunches or return the calls on the answering machine or tackle a load of overdue laundry, take a look at the children’s drawings. It won’t make tomorrow any smoother. But it might give you a smile before you turn in.

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This fall, 10 new members of the faculty have been hired with tenure track status. They are:

Jeffrey Bloechl, one of the four Edward Bennett Williams Fellows, earned his Ph.D. from K.U. Leuven in Belgium. He will join the philosophy department as an assistant professor at Holy Cross in the second semester after he completes a four-year postdoctoral research appointment with the Belgian National Fund for Scientific Research. In October, he will deliver a lecture entitled “Access to God in Moral Conscience? Marginal Notes on the Renewal of Divine Command Ethics” at the College.

Miguel Ángel Cabañas, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Connecticut, joined the department of modern languages and literatures as an instructor of Spanish. He received his Licenciatura en Filología Inglesa from the Universidad de Salamanca in Spain.

Loren R. Cass, a Ph.D. candidate at Brandeis University, is an instructor in the political science department. He was an adjunct lecturer in the political science department at Brandeis University from 1997-99.

Daniel M. Goldstein, an assistant professor in the sociology and anthropology department, received his Ph.D. from the University of Arizona. Before coming to Holy Cross, he was a visiting assistant professor at Miami University in Ohio.

Mark Hallahan, an assistant professor in the psychology department, received his Ph.D. from Harvard University. He was an assistant professor at Clemson University (S.C.) from 1996-99 and a lecturer at Harvard University from 1995-96.

E. Michael Papio, an assistant professor of Italian in the department of modern languages and literatures, earned his Ph.D. from Brown University. He received his master of arts degree in Italian studies from the University of Virginia.

Timothy M. Roach, an assistant professor in the physics department, received his Ph.D. from Yale University. He recently completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Harvard University.

Maria Guadalupe Moog Rodrigues, an assistant professor in the political science department, earned her Ph.D. from Boston University. She served as an adjunct professor at Boston University, Tufts University, and the Universidade Candido Mendes, Brazil, prior to joining the faculty at Holy Cross.

Chase C. Smith, an assistant professor in the chemistry department, received his Ph.D. from Florida State University. After earning his doctorate, he served as both an assistant and associate professor of chemistry at Ohio Northern University.

Emma Tahmizian, a pianist, is an assistant professor in the music department. She received her master of music degree from The Juilliard School and was the Artist-in-Residence at the University of Virginia from 1994-95.
The Board of Trustees voted at its May 1 meeting to change Stephen C. Ainlay’s title to Vice President for Academic Affairs/Dean of the College, effective July 1. Ainlay, who joined the anthropology and sociology department as an assistant professor in 1982, earned his Ph.D. from Rutgers (N.J.) University. He was promoted to associate professor with tenure in 1987, and named a professor and director of the Center for Interdisciplinary and Special Studies (CISS) in 1993. Ainlay was appointed Dean of the College in 1996.

“This change was made by the Trustees in recognition of the critical role Steve has and will play in the management of the academic side of the house and to bring consistency to the titles used for the heads of the different divisions of the College,” said Acting President Frank Vellaccio. “It also gives me the opportunity to thank Steve for his hard work, creativity and many accomplishments as Dean.”

New science wing nears completion

Construction continued throughout the summer on the 12,000-square-foot addition to O’Neil Hall. The new wing, which will provide additional classrooms, laboratories and office space, is scheduled to open by December. In addition to the new construction, the original building underwent a full-scale renovation that was completed in late August.

Media Mentions

- Passengers on Trans World Airlines (TWA) read about Holy Cross in the September issue of the airline’s Ambassador Magazine. An article about fall foliage at several New England colleges included photos and brief descriptions of Holy Cross, Bates College, Mount Holyoke College, Colby College, Middlebury College, Smith College, Wesleyan University and Babson College.

- Kiplinger’s Private Colleges Worth the Price (September 1999) placed Holy Cross in the company of Princeton, University of Chicago and Claremont McKenna College for institutions that are a good value because of how long it takes for students to graduate. These colleges and universities stand out for graduating 90 percent of students in four years.

- Kaplan/Newsweek College Catalog 2000 includes the results of a survey of high school guidance counselors queried about the nation’s best colleges and universities. Holy Cross was highlighted in the following categories: schools for the academically competitive student, schools that are “hidden treasures,” and schools providing a good liberal arts education.
The Holy Cross women’s crew team finished its best season ever by traveling to England to compete at the Women’s Henley Regatta this past June. The team ended its regular season, finishing second overall at the Champion International Regatta, garnering gold, silver and bronze medals in the varsity events. In addition, Patrick Diggins was voted Women’s Coach of the Year by the New England Rowing Coaches.

Following the Henley Regatta, the women traveled to Mykonos and Athens, Greece, to recuperate from their yearlong effort. Nicolas and Barbara Vernicos, the parents of Alexia ’01, hosted the team at their home for an evening reception. Among the guests were Holy Cross students living in Greece, recently accepted students, members of the Athens academic community, and friends. The group was treated to a private tour at the Ancient Agora at the Acropolis in Athens by director of excavations, Professor John Camp of the American School of Classical Studies. Following its visit to the Agora, the team met privately with United States Ambassador to Greece, Nicholas Burns, at the U.S. Embassy.

Sylvia Gomes ’01
one of the top 10 finalists at the Miss America Pageant

Sylvia Gomes, after winning the Miss Connecticut Pageant this spring, advanced to the Miss America Pageant, held on Sept. 18 in Atlantic City, N.J. She was one of the top 10 finalists. Gomes, who is studying art history at Holy Cross, is one of the Dana Scholars, an honor given to students of outstanding academic ability, strong character and leadership. Stressing the importance of peer mentoring in her platform for the pageant, she says that community service has always been an important part of her life.
In Brief

Cunningham named associate director for Concentrations in CISS

Professor Susan Cunningham has been appointed associate director for Concentrations in the Center for Interdisciplinary and Special Studies. Cunningham served as visiting assistant professor in the department of sociology and anthropology last year. She received her Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Maryland in 1986 and was a postdoctoral fellow at the Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies at Brown University. A researcher in the areas of family violence and child abuse, Cunningham brings 20 years of teaching experience to her new position.

Hoffmann named Marlon Professor in the Sciences

Professor George Hoffmann, chair of the department of biology, has been named The Anthony and Renee Marlon Professor in the Sciences. The four-year professorship began at the start of the 1999-2000 academic year. Hoffmann received his Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee in 1972 and served as a National Institute of Health postdoctoral fellow, a geneticist for The Environmental Mutagenesis Laboratory of The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, and as a senior staff officer for the Board of Toxicology and Environmental Hazards of The National Academy of Sciences. A specialist in the area of genetics, genetic toxicology and mutagenesis, Hoffmann is the author of more than 50 articles, reviews and book chapters. He has taught at Holy Cross since 1981.

The Marlon Professorship is supported by Anthony M. Marlon Jr., M.D., ’63 and his wife, Renee.

“America’s Best Colleges” as ranked by U.S. News & World Report

Top National Liberal Arts Colleges (schools with the same numbered rank are tied)

1. Swarthmore College
2. Amherst College
3. Williams College
4. Wellesley College
5. Haverford College
5. Middlebury College
7. Pomona College
8. Carleton College
9. Bowdoin College
10. Wesleyan University
11. Davidson College
11. Grinnell College
13. Smith College
14. Claremont McKenna College
14. Washington and Lee University
16. Mount Holyoke College
17. Vassar College
18. Bryn Mawr College
18. Colby College
18. Colgate University
18. Hamilton College
22. Trinity College
23. Bates College
24. Macalester College
25. Barnard College
25. Colorado College
25. Connecticut College
25. Oberlin College
26. University of the South
30. College of the Holy Cross
30. Bucknell University

Professor Baldiga to serve on AICPA Committee

The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) has appointed Nancy Baldiga, an associate professor in the economics department at Holy Cross, to the Women and Family Issues Executive Committee. This committee, which is one of just a few executive level national committees of the AICPA, works to address issues related to the balance of work and life in the accounting profession.

Baldiga, a member of the Holy Cross faculty since 1993, received a bachelor’s degree from Williams College, and a master’s degree in taxation from Bentley College. A certified public accountant, she worked at Price Waterhouse (now PricewaterhouseCoopers) before coming to Holy Cross.
College Sets New Policy on Tailgating

Beginning in September, the College implemented a policy concerning tailgating at football games. Acting President Frank Vellaccio explains the goal of the policy.

By Katharine B. McNamara ’81

Q. What is the purpose of the new tailgating policy?
A. First, the policy is intended to curtail excessive drinking, with particular concern about underage students. Seventy-five percent of our students are under the legal drinking age of 21. We are working to create a safe environment for alumni, students and friends who want to socialize at a tailgate before a football game. No one enjoys a Holy Cross tailgate on a beautiful autumn day more than I do. We want it to be a positive and healthy experience for all.

Q. Why is the policy being implemented at this time?
A. As you know, colleges and universities throughout the country are addressing the problems and consequences of underage drinking. We will not turn a blind eye to this problem at Holy Cross. In 1996 the Holy Cross Presidential Task Force on Alcohol made recommendations about ways to change the environment on campus to reduce the negative effects of alcohol abuse. Last year, the College Advisory Board on Alcohol recommended this tailgating policy as one component of an overall approach to addressing alcohol abuse. I accepted the recommendations; implementation of the policy began this fall.

Q. How does this policy work?
A. I want to emphasize that the long-standing Holy Cross tradition of tailgating continues. We are really stressing a return to the original purpose of tailgating – getting together with friends, family and classmates before a game.

If people are interested in just tailgating and not attending the game, they can choose a beautiful park somewhere for a reunion with friends. Tailgating is really just a prelude to entering the stadium for the game to support our football team.

The specifics of the policy are:

Freshmen Field and the Baseball Field are open for tailgating three hours prior to kickoff. Kegs, beer-balls and other common-source, large quantities of alcohol are not allowed. At game time, both fields are cleared by our public safety officers and individuals are asked to enter the stadium.

At half-time, you may enjoy the “interactive endzone” on the Baseball Field, but you may not resume tailgating on the Baseball Field or on Freshmen Field. Naturally, if you need to return to your car on a cold day for a sweatshirt for yourself or your child, you may do so. If a family comes to campus with young children who cannot sit through the entire game, they can, of course, return to the comfort of their car. We’re not trying to inhibit reasonable activities. We’re aiming to curtail excessive drinking, with special attention to underage students.

After the game, you may mingle on the fields, but you cannot set up grills or tables and resume a full-fledged tailgate. The goal is to clear the fields within one hour following the game.

Q. How has the implementation worked so far?
A. A few people have misunderstood the true purpose of this policy. But, most see that we want to preserve the best parts of tailgating so that everyone can enjoy the fun of pre-game socializing.
When Rev. Anthony J. Kuzniewski, S.J., professor of history and rector of the Jesuit community at Holy Cross, set out to update the history of the College, he had no inkling that the task would encompass more than 12 years and result in a 516-page volume.

The book, *Thy Honored Name, a History of The College of the Holy Cross, 1843-1994*, has been published by The Catholic University of America Press.

"I found that the original history was a flawed work. I couldn’t build on it, so I started over," says Fr. Kuzniewski.

At the behest of Rev. John Brooks, S.J., then president of the College, Fr. Kuzniewski’s history is a comprehensive one.

"Fr. Brooks wanted the book to take a hard look at the history of the College," Fr. Kuzniewski says. With this in mind, the author pulled no punches as the drama of the College unfolded in his manuscript.

"I wanted to show the individuals involved; how they dealt with one another's strengths as well as their human failings," he continues. "The development of the College has been inspired by individuals. They were called upon to make sacrifices and make judgments without knowing the outcome of their actions.”

Fr. Kuzniewski’s own relationship with the College has developed over the past 25 years. Born and raised in Milwaukee, Wis., he graduated from Marquette University and earned a Ph.D. in history from Harvard in 1973. It was not until his graduate student days that he was drawn to the Jesuits and joined the order. After completing his novitiate in Cambridge, Mass., he taught immigration history at Loyola University in Chicago. After ordination, he returned to Holy Cross to teach in the history department.

During the course of his research, Fr. Kuzniewski says, he thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the Jesuits who led the College in its early days. Rev. George Fenwick, S.J., brother of Bishop Benedict Fenwick, S.J., who founded the College, taught algebra, classics and philosophy. Beloved by the students, he spent many hours playing checkers with them. His nickname was “Dad” Fenwick.

Another was the feisty Rev. Thomas Mulledy, S.J., assigned as prefect of studies in 1854, the same year the anti-Catholic Know-Nothing Party won control of the state legislature. The Know-Nothings, who spread rumors that weapons and ammunition for the overthrow of the government were being concealed at the College, sent a committee to search for them; Fr. Mulledy conducted the group through the College.

"He must have been in rare form," Fr. Kuzniewski says.

“When I walk through the cemetery (where many of the College’s early leaders are buried) on the grounds, there’s not a single tombstone that doesn’t give me reason to reflect on their tremendous accomplishments," he says. And, reflecting on the continuity of their mission, he adds, “Issues that they struggled with 125 years ago, are still with us today.”

With vivid examples, including excerpts from letters, newspaper clippings, and minutes of faculty meetings, the book shows how the Jesuits kept the College true to the ideal of St. Ignatius Loyola. The “magis,” free choice of the alternative that ren-
ders greater service to God, expressed in the motto, *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam*, is at the heart of every Holy Cross student’s education. In the pages of *Thy Honored Name*, Fr. Kuzniewski shows how this principle shaped the College’s history.

He notes two significant events. In 1900, the preparatory school, which had been considered a part of the College, was separated from it, and the College curriculum upgraded. At the time, the College was under pressure to alter its program of classical studies. Other New England colleges, led by Harvard, were abandoning liberal arts in favor of an emphasis on specialized professional studies. But the Jesuits at Holy Cross held firm to their mission.

The decision to become a coed institution in 1972, wildly controversial at the time, “has been a spectacular success,” Fr. Kuzniewski says. “The admittance of women to the student body has helped the College achieve impressive standards of academic excellence.”

The most important factors shaping the character of Holy Cross, however, have been the religious values and commitment to educational excellence that have sustained the College throughout its history.

The book delineates three distinct stages in the history of the College. In the first 50 years of its existence, the institution was isolated, strictly regimented, and the curriculum driven by the traditional Jesuit Plan of Studies.

From the turn of the century until the 1960s, the “second” Holy Cross opened up more, intercollegiate athletics thrived, and a growing student body required an active building program.

By the 1960s, the “third” Holy Cross emerged, with a deliberate effort to upgrade the academic quality of the faculty, with lay people fully integrated into all facets of the College, and a more diverse range of classes. The thread that links the modern Holy Cross to its origin has been the commitment to religious values and a liberal arts education.

“It’s been the important lesson of the College’s history,” says Fr. Kuzniewski. “Throughout its existence, Holy Cross has remained true to its ideals; it hasn’t compromised in the struggle for excellence.”

Fr. Kuzniewski’s history ends with the Brooks administration as the College entered its 150th year. He invites alumni to send him their own remembrances of Holy Cross in written or tape format for the College archives.

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Have you heard the one about the student intern? Not a “How many student interns does it take to change a light bulb?” joke, but the current buzz that says internships are the fast track to solid job opportunities for graduating seniors.

Those supervised, on-the-job experiences used to be a source of office humor back in the days when an internship meant little more than busy work. A few years ago, as competition for jobs heated up, they stopped being funny. Students with internship experience had an edge over fellow graduates.

And, in today’s supercompetitive market, internships have often become a prerequisite for a job offer.

As internships have become more important, their value has also increased in the corporate world. No longer are student interns unpaid go-fers. Some earn upwards of $10 an hour; others receive a stipend. Instead of spending hours at the copy machine, summer interns are now analyzing budget sheets, writing reports and meeting top company executives.

“Internships are crucial in every field,” says John J. Winters Jr., director of career planning at Holy Cross. “They’re a great way for students to learn what they’re getting into, and a way to gain valuable skills and experience.”

Take it from a knowledgeable alum, Peter J. Mondani ’79, manager, financial leadership development and human resources, for the General Electric Co. Mondani estimates that “85 percent or more of the new employees accepted into the company’s entry-level training program have done an internship.”

Mike Philbrick ’96, public relations coordinator for the Women’s Sports Foundation, says, “A student who’s done an internship offers a more complete package to a potential employer.”

Amy Murphy, assistant director of the Career Planning Center drives home the point. “At the Career Planning Center, we often hear from employers that they’ve already contacted students who interned for them during the summer.”
Students Find Direction, Connections at the Career Planning Center

Prospecting among Holy Cross alumni for summer internship programs is but one example of how the Career Planning Center has developed to meet the changing needs of students.

“We have a threefold mission,” explains John J. Winters Jr., director of the Career Planning Center. “We assist students in identifying career objectives commensurate with their abilities, interests and values; teach job search skills for students seeking internships or employment; and provide resources for students seeking employment.”

In recent years Winters has overseen a shift in emphasis from helping students identify career objectives to teaching them job search skills and helping them identify the resources they need.

Amy Murphy, associate director of the Career Planning Center, targets Holy Cross alumni who can assist students in networking, mentoring, “and even suggesting the right person to review a student’s resume.”

It’s important that liberal arts graduates understand the strengths they bring to a potential employer, she notes.

Peter J. Mondani ’79, manager, financial leadership development and human resources for General Electric Co., adds, “Having both technically trained people and liberal arts graduates on the same team is a winning combination. It gets you better answers.”

Mike Philbrick ’96 credits the “vast resources and abilities of the staff at the Career Planning Center” for his own successful career placement.

“I spent spring break of my junior year working with Dr. Winters,” Philbrick recalls. “He helped me write my resume and cover letter and figure out how to market myself.

“The assistance I received was as important as my degree,” Philbrick concludes. “And it was a lot cheaper than going on spring vacation with my friends.”

Margaret LeRoux is a free-lance journalist from Worcester.

Planning Center,” she says, “we’re working very hard to make summer internships available in addition to the academic internships offered during the year in order to keep our students competitive in the job market.”

Starting in early winter, the Career Planning Center sends a summer internship and job opportunities bulletin via e-mail to all Holy Cross students; the 15 editions of the bulletin sent during the 1998-99 academic year listed 130 openings.

“We’ve turned to our alumni as another valuable source of internship opportunities,” says Winters, “and they’ve come through with a gold mine of possibilities.”

The internship program is valuable for both the employer and the student, according to Mondani who has come back to Holy Cross for the past two years to recruit summer interns.

“For us, it’s the opportunity to observe the students over the course of their internships, to see if the match is right between us,” he says. “We’ve found at least half our new hires through internships.” Two of the Holy Cross students who did summer internships with GE in 1998 were later offered jobs.

Tim Donohue ’71, president of Boston Market Strategies, a business development and consulting company, has hired Holy Cross students as paid interns for the past two summers. The students do market research, help prepare proposals and write reports.

“We’re an office of 10, so internship here is very much a hands-on experience,” Donohue says.

At GE this past summer, interns lunched with the chief financial officer of the company and attended a company-sponsored networking session that introduced them to GE management from all over the world.

At the Women’s Sports Foundation, Philbrick notes, “Interns are doing many of the same tasks I do.”

The Foundation offers full-time student internships during both semesters and in the summer. Currently Holy Cross student Angel Sheridan ’01, a member of the women’s hockey team, is interning in the Foundation’s development department.

“Interns are chosen carefully and they’re given a lot of responsibility,” Philbrick says. “We’re looking for people who can read, write and think effectively in a variety of subject areas; this fits perfectly with the academic mission of Holy Cross.”

At the Career Planning Center, Winters is convinced that, given internship opportunities, Holy Cross students will shine.

“Academically our students are as good, if not better, than the students they’re competing against,” he says. “By providing internship opportunities, we’re giving them the means to be even more competitive.”

Mondani says, “When you have a graduate with a liberal arts education, with its emphasis on thinking and problem solving, then add the real world experience of an internship, you have a home run.”

(The College has recently announced plans to expand its internship program. Watch for details of this new program in a future issue of Holy Cross Magazine.)

Margaret LeRoux is a free-lance journalist from Worcester.
Q: Can you tell us how you became interested in studying families?
A: I took an undergraduate course called “Sociology of the Family,” and it was the turning point that convinced me to major in sociology. The issues were thought-provoking. When I left Sacramento State to begin graduate work at Case Western Reserve University, there were two strong graduate programs in the country that emphasized family studies—CWRU and the University of Minnesota. At CWRU the faculty was internationally recognized in three domains: family sociology, medical sociology, and gerontology. Today I, too, work in all three of these areas, with my research examining family caregiving and the experiences of elderly men as men. Simply answered, I evolved to become a family scholar as a result of an impressive faculty member, Dr. David Kent Lee. Studying families is an area that has remained intriguing. When I was first studying family issues, it was the mid-’60s and early ’70s, and there weren’t as many political agendas or scholarly debates. Now it’s one of the more controversial social institutions.

Q: What has changed about family over the last few decades?
A: I think the biggest change is the “loss” of the ideal—that idealized family of the ’50s and early ’60s that was experienced in the suburbs and visually homogenized with the emergence of television. Television attempted to echo the wonderfulness of everyday life during this “great American barbecue” period, and it helped construct the idealized reality of what was in fact a more diverse post-World War II America. With the economic boom of the postwar years, a generation of families built suburbia. New towns blossomed with single-family homes, lawns, and modern, new schools, Kids rode off on bicycles to Frank Lloyd Wright prairie-style elementary schools or boarded bull-nosed yellow school buses. The multi-family homes and multi-storied brick

Professor Ed Thompson of the sociology and anthropology department is an expert in the sociology of the family. A recipient of the A.H. Schubert Fellowship in the Humanities and Social and Behavioral Science, Thompson served as research director for Mental Health Rehabilitation and Research in Cleveland before coming to Holy Cross in 1977. Jack O’Connell recently discussed with Thompson the changing face of the American family.

By Jack O’Connell ’81
schools were back in the cities. What also happened was the redevelopment of what family sociologists call “separate spheres.” Men were able to meet the expectation to be successful in the work force and to retake ownership of the public domain. Women were, in turn, expected to be “at home” managing the private sphere, caring for the hard-working husband and her children, and displaying his earning power.

But this wasn’t a genuine picture. In truth, the 1950s had a huge number of blue-collar families with wives working lower-end service jobs, a great number of poor families who never saw the suburbs, and a separate, less equal dream if you were a racial minority. The ’50s had two families—the idealized suburban family barbecuing with neighbors, and a larger number of families that weren’t making it. We ignored them. On TV we saw Ozzie and Harriet, Father Knows Best, Life of Riley, Donna Reed, and Leave it To Beaver. That kind of patriarchal family starts to become extinct with the social changes that occurred in the ’60s and ’70s, when the nature of the economy changed and the many different civil rights movements altered the social world. Middle-class women with grown or nearly-grown children wanted something challenging, and women more easily entered the labor force as we shifted toward a technological/informational economy. Once you have many more women participating in the public domain, suddenly you have real confusion as to what it is to be a man. And, aren’t women “supposed” to be at home raising the children? And, men of color are able to get union work! I think most people understand the “loss” of the rosy-colored patriarchal ideal. It’s certainly a conservative ideal. No longer at the end of 30 minutes do the TV-families solve their private troubles; rather their troubles are common problems and ongoing and part of everyday life.

Q: What did all these postwar societal changes do to our extended families? I’m thinking about people knowing their grandparents, their aunts and uncles?
A: That’s a great question. Face-to-face contact has been partly replaced with telephone calls, and driving to a family dinner has become flying in for a several-day visit. The generation of young couples of the 1950s moved geographically away from their kin group by moving into the ‘burbs, and they became socioeconomically mobile, too. Fifties and ’60s families were no longer located where their family history was. They began to make their own traditions. Their children soon moved geographically and socioeconomically, to college or employment in other states. Research shows that elders are in frequent contact with their adult children, but much less so with their grandchildren. Ironically, elders prefer maintaining relations with friends than kin.

Q: What effect did mobility and the “cutting of tradition” have?
A: Well, that is the great debate. There’s a family decline perspective ...

Q: Do you subscribe to it?
A: No, I don’t. I subscribe to the opinion that family change is inevitable. The perspective of family decline is a per-
spective that looks at social change and, I think, is hor-
ried by the so-called “losses”—full-time mothers,
fathers as sole breadwinners, workplaces that ensure
men a family wage.

Q: So it’s something of a political perspective?
A: I think, it’s a moral/political perspective.
Unquestionably, it’s about the definition of what is
“good.” For a perspective that sees the family in
decline, our current condition isn’t good.

Q: Can you give me some examples?
A: All right. If you look at our social world from a family
decline point of view, you’re going to see horrific out-
comes more often than the new opportunities change
creates. The rise of divorce, for example, suggests that
marriage is not revered and a family is vulnerable to the
chaos of individual choice. Research augments this
interpretation, because it points out that the divorce
rates are still increasing, and kids who grow up in
divorced families have more personal problems than
others do and they do not do as well academically. The
decline perspective also can point out the number of
children who are growing up without a father present.
Currently, about one out of three births is to unmarried
mothers.

Q: If divorce is our most prominent deficit, what would
be some of the positive sides of change?
A: I read a new statistic the other day that for one-half of
the new marriages, one of the partners had been mar-
bled before. To me, what that statistic means is that peo-
ple are still interested in marriage, enamored by the per-
sonal benefits marriage provides, and they’re going to
retry it if the first marriage ends.

Q: What are some of your working definitions of family?
Clearly, we have a broader palette of definitions today
than we did 40 years ago.
A: We built an idealized definition of one family in the
’50s, which positioned the father as the breadwinner
and center of authority, the mother as the primary nur-
turing person and responsible for providing moral direc-
tion. Today I think the concept of family no longer
underscores a singular, idealized interpretation. We
make visible the many types of families that were hid-
den in the ’50s or ’20s but are readily visible in the ’90s.
For me, a “family” involving a remarried couple who
adopts children is as much a family as a gay father with
a teenager, or two working parents juggling family and
work responsibilities.

Q: Can you tell us what factors are necessary to call a unit
of people a “family?”
A: First, I make a distinction between marriage and family.
For me, someone can be married, but without the pres-
ence of children, it’s not a family. It’s a marriage.
Sociologists also make a distinction between the “family
of orientation,” which is the family we grow up in and
early 1900s, you typically hoped to outlive your
youngest child’s exit from the home, and statistics
reflect one of two adults died before age 55. By the
1990s people can live longer as married couples than
people lived their entire lives! The number of people
who are in long-term marriages of 50 years and more is
growing every single year. Not surprisingly, then, the
odds of divorce have increased markedly. When you
emphasize divorce as evidence of family decline, what
you miss is its historical and social contexts. I look at
divorce figures, and they inform me that people are not
willing to remain in empty marriages or abusive ones.
But people are still very interested in marriage, and they
remarry.

Q: So we’re making adjustments? The institutions of fam-
ily and marriage aren’t necessarily crumbling?
A: Not at all. Let me paint a very general example. In the
which gives us a sense of history and identity, versus the “family of procreation,” which is the family we construct when we raise children. The notion of family ties together these two units as well as the families we inherit when we marry. It yields a sense of belonging and, often, a sense of security. Family has to do with a sense of connectedness. Being together and connected doesn’t necessarily mean being physically together; rather it emphasizes emotional togetherness. What you now can see is people maintaining their connection with family members—e-mail and photo-streaming over the Internet assist family members to remain engaged. I bet our Holy Cross students have more exchange with their family than you and I had when we went to college.

Q: Can there be a conflict between marriage and family?
A: Absolutely. Couples’ needs for time and energy to maintain their marriage generally conflict with children’s needs. What is the priority? Whatever the answer, there is a basis for a moral/political debate. Think about this, too: Some people now want children without the marriage, and this certainly triggers public debate. Divorced fathers want to be part of their child’s lives or control their ex-wife’s life; many unmarried young mothers do not want anything to do with their child’s biological father; adult children can return home. Each case reveals a conflict between marriage and family.

Q: Here at the College we often refer to ourselves as a family. Do you think this is an appropriate usage?
A: In a way. It is a “fictive” family. If families provide a sense of connectedness, offer companionship, produce a core identity, nurture children’s development, and establish a collective history, being a member of the Holy Cross community is much like being part of a large, fictive family. The blood turns purple. Alumni do reach out to mentor recent graduates. Close, lifelong relationships are born from four years of companionship and sharing and competing like siblings. I think the Holy Cross experience fosters more of a sense of “family” now than it did when it was a “fraternal club.” But that is a moral/political opinion about what family means.

Professor Thompson recommends the following books on the changing American family:

* The Way We Never Were: American Families and the Nostalgia Trap* by Stephanie Coontz. (Basic Books, 1993)

* The Way We Really Are: Coming to Terms with America’s Changing Families* by Stephanie Coontz. (Basic Books, 1998)

* In the Name of the Family: Rethinking Family Values in the Postmodern Age* by Judith Stacey. (Beacon Press, 1997)

* Real Boys: Rescuing Our Sons from the Myths of Boyhood* by William Pollack. (Owl Books, 1999)


* Life Without Father: Compelling New Evidence that Fatherhood and Marriage are Indispensable for the Good of Children and Society* by David Popenoe. (Harvard University Press, 1999)
Special Needs
Unconditional Love

By Phyllis Hanlon
College students of the ’60s had noble ideas about changing the world; they all had a plan to make life better for future generations. Robert A. Naseef ’70 was no different. As he journeyed through life, however, he was to experience events that would change him instead. In 1982 his son, Tariq, was diagnosed with “pervasive developmental delay,” a broad term for autism. The ensuing years brought sleepless nights, innumerable doctors’ visits, constant worry and a divorce, as well as increased self-awareness, a doctoral degree, remarriage and the birth of three daughters. The changes that Naseef underwent are chronicled as a combination self-help/academic guide in his first book, Special Children, Challenged Parents. Based on his personal experiences, Naseef attempts to educate and alter the thinking of other parents with disabled children.

Naseef’s penchant for helping people was obvious long before the birth of his son. After receiving his degree from Temple University in 1971, he began teaching high school and college English in Pennsylvania. Taking his instruction beyond the classroom, he coordinated a reading literacy program for high school students and taught remedial reading at the college level. His involvement with students eventually led to a position as the director of a college counseling center.

While he was involved in these special outreach projects, life on the personal front took an unexpected twist. His son, Tariq, born healthy in 1979, underwent dramatic changes at the age of 18 months after having an ear infection. This normally playful and outgoing child became withdrawn and silent and refused to make eye contact with others. Many months of testing finally led to the diagnosis of autism.

Broken Dreams by Michelle White
Like most parents whose children are diagnosed with a severe illness, Naseef reacted with shock and disbelief. Through psychotherapy and research he learned that this reaction is typical and is triggered by lost dreams. Like many parents, upon receiving the news that he and his wife were expecting, Naseef had begun to imagine all kinds of activities he would share with his child—playing baseball, canoeing, taking hikes in the woods, and having deep discussions. "When a child is born with a disability or becomes disabled, what has been lost is the dream, not the child," he said. He learned that a parent must accept that reality before moving on to recovery and dealing with the disability.

In his book Naseef narrates the difficulties he experienced reaching the acceptance level and compares them to the five stages of grief as first conceptualized by Elisabeth Kübler-Ross. "A lot of people go through this grieving process. The parent has lost what he had expected to gain. Once those expectations can be released, a parent can accept the child as he or she is. If not, the parent will remain chronically upset," he said. Parents whose child has a disability often feel that they have experienced a death.

"Expectations have died," Naseef states, "not the child. Acceptance helps the parent to love the child they have." Naseef has found that by remaking or deferring your dreams both you and your child can begin to enjoy a comfortable existence together.

Slowly an evolution began taking place in Naseef’s life. All of the avenues he had explored that might possibly lead to a cure were dead ends. As he learned more about the illness, he realized that he would never be able to change Tariq; his acceptance of the situation prompted changes within himself. If he expected to live a relatively normal life that included Tariq, his wife, daughters and his own personal career aspirations, then he would have to adapt. "There was always a way to figure out how to accomplish things. Education was important to me so I took a sabbatical to write my thesis about how families cope successfully with having a child with special needs. As soon as the bus would come in the morning for Tariq, I would begin to write. I had to use every opportunity I could."

Tariq suffers from what Naseef calls an “invisible disability.” Children with Attention Deficit-Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD), autism and other mental illnesses may appear outwardly normal. “What your eyes tell you, however, may not always be true,” Naseef said. Parents have a more difficult time adjusting to the reality that their child is disabled when he or she suffers from one of these imperceptible handicaps. “It is an elusive condition. More people hold onto hope when, in fact, there may be none,” he said.

Naseef explains that visible disabilities on the other hand are more readily accepted. A child who is blind, has a physical disability, or is affected by Down’s Syndrome or other obvious conditions induces different expectations. Every day parents are forced to face reality and the fact that life for these children will be altered in some way.

Tariq’s autism diagnosis created an entirely different lifestyle for Naseef. The child required continuous watching since his actions were unpredictable. "My biggest fear was that he would wander out of the house and get hurt," Naseef said. Even within the confines of the home, Tariq could manage to upset the household if left unattended for any length of time.

Juggling work, a floundering marriage and managing an unpredictable child is unimaginable to
Naseef at this point in his life. “In retrospect it’s hard to conceive how I managed life when Tariq was little. For seven years I went with little sleep. Fortunately I worked in a junior college at the time and had a very understanding boss. If Tariq had been up most of the night, I could grab a couple of hours sleep before reporting to work.”

Some parents find solace in their faith or belief in a higher power. Although not religious in the traditional sense himself, Naseef addresses the issue of faith in his book. He finds that parents all have individual backgrounds and upbringings. Their perspectives on life will affect the way they deal with the situation.

Naseef finds that many parents “wrestle with the idea of religion.” A situation like this can sometimes cause a religious crisis. Naseef often recommends the book *When Bad Things Happen to Good People* by Harold Kushner as a tool for parents to help deal with their grief. He rereads the book himself every so often “to remind himself that God is just.” The book attempts to explain the unfairness and random distribution of suffering. “People tend to think that good things happen to good people and bad things happen to bad people,” Naseef said. “In some cases, though, faith may help parents get through the tough times and reconcile why this has happened as part of life.

“A higher power is part of what helps you accept in some sense the ‘spiritual force’ that these children embody. We are compelled to look inside ourselves and evaluate our own moral principles.

“Society is becoming more inclusive of all people with disabilities. It seems to be making us all better people, more civilized. As a whole we are learning to honor that everyone is somebody.”

In 1990-91, Naseef shared his acquired knowledge and educational background by designing a program that would foster better parent-professional collaboration for the New Jersey Department of Education. Years of dealing with medical experts and state agencies as both a parent and counseling professional had given him a useful dual perspective on advocating for the families of children with disabilities. “Sometimes professionals would tell me infuriating things. I knew they were inaccurate. Someone with no knowledge in this area could easily be misled. You need to get all the information you can in order to help your child,” Naseef said.

Naseef started workshops and training sessions for couples, siblings and especially for fathers of children with special needs, a population he felt was under-served. With slight hesitation he initiated special sessions exclusively for males where he hoped the men would “open up and express their feelings,” Naseef said. “Fathers have such an enduring impact on the lives of their children and play such a key role in their sense of identity.” He wanted to promote expression of feeling so that these fathers could perform their familial duties more effectively. His reluctance and fear of paternal rejection were erased as the concept of male-only therapy groups took hold and became popular and well attended.

His own personal transformation became a driving force that led to the creation of his book. “I had something to say. My desire was to write a book that would be respected and long-lasting. During the seven years that it took to write this book I was learning the whole time.
I already had the background knowledge and then blended it with all that I discovered along the way. If I rewrote the book today there would be different information, as well as many more resources that I would include. There is always something new to learn.

Publication of the book brought unexpected acclaim from experts in the scholastic world. A review by Jed Yalof published in *The Independent Practitioner*, a bulletin issued by the American Psychological Association, praised Naseef for “straddling that fine line between popular psychology and academic scholarship.” Naseef has been pleasantly surprised at the accolades that his colleagues have given the book. This positive reaction reassures him that he has indeed accomplished the mission of a worthwhile self-help and scholarly resource complete in one volume.

His wife, Cindy, has lent tremendous support throughout all of the years she has known Naseef. “She helps me be more grounded. She is very patient and understanding,” he said. Cindy is stepmother to his daughter Antoinette and mother to Kara and Zoë. The couple shares professional interests that are different but broadly related. They are partners in Alternative Choices, a general psychology practice established in 1992 that specializes in counseling parents who have children with special needs. In addition to conducting workshops and seminars for schools, parent organizations, and human service agencies, Naseef also serves on the volunteer Board of Directors for Autistic Children in Philadelphia. In the near future he plans to moderate a chat room for parents of children with disabilities. He has also been writing an online column for the last six months for *Special Child Magazine* at www.specialchild.com. A second nonfiction book is in the works before Naseef attempts a novel based on his experiences.

In his presentations to various organizations across the country, Naseef tells the story of one father in his counseling group who has an autistic child. The man himself is afflicted with cerebral palsy. This father always claims that “my kid is not a child of a lesser god.” Naseef’s audiences are moved by this thought; they want to feel that kind of love. Naseef fosters the idea that
each child is intrinsically good and deserves a love that is not achievement-based. “In this material world that type of unconditional love is not so naturally driven and is in short supply,” he said.

“I have to admit that Tariq has been an inspiration to me, although not in the way I thought a son would be. He should be the one achieving success and I should be the one cheering him on,” Naseef said. He views his life in the Greek sense—making meaning out of tragedy. Had it not been for Tariq, Naseef thinks he would have been the annoying parent in the stands screaming at the baseball coach to put his son in the game. But changing what he could, accepting what he could not and deriving wisdom from the experience has brought him serenity. The changes that Naseef anticipated some 28 years ago have materialized, but much differently than he ever dreamed. “I have had a charmed existence. I wrote a book. I have a son who is nonverbal and has taught me about the meaning of love. Life is truly bittersweet.”

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A Different Path to Parenthood

By Samuel O’Neill

Through adoption, Maura Walsh-O’Brien ’81 and her husband, A.J., formed the family they always wanted.
It is 10 a.m. and already above 90 degrees on a typically hazy, lazy midsummer day in Old Lyme, Conn. Despite the heat, the vacation cottage where the O’Briens are staying is awhirl with activity. Excited by the prospect of sand castles, sea shells, and the Long Island Sound’s chilly blue waters, Andrew Joseph Min Hae O’Brien IV, age six, and his sister, Rose Kim Walsh O’Brien, three, are already in their bathing suits and darting from room to room, eager to embark on the short walk to the beach. Maura Walsh-O’Brien ’81 and her husband, A.J. (Fairfield ’80), meanwhile, are busily gathering beach furniture, towels, suntan lotion, and books. Everyone is in a buoyant mood, and it’s easy to see why: they are all together, and a carefree summer day awaits.

Maura, on vacation from her job as an attorney with the Travelers Insurance Company in Hartford, has another reason to be happy. Days like this—and the family around her—are the fulfillment of a long-held dream.

“I grew up as one of six children, and I always assumed I would get married and have children—and more than one,” she later explains to a visitor. “In fact, at Holy Cross, my nickname was Maura ‘Mom’ Walsh. There was something about me that made people think I was going to be a mother someday.”

The title of Mom became official in 1993, when she and A.J. welcomed their first child, Andrew, into their family. But Maura’s journey to motherhood was unlike any she had anticipated—one that confronted her with challenges and detours that took her deep inside herself and as far away as South Korea.

That journey began, Maura says, in the early ’90s, when she and A.J. decided to have children, “and I just didn’t get pregnant.”

As time passed the couple began to seek consultation from medical specialists and to explore methods of enhancing the chances of conception. They also started talking to a variety of couples—not only those who had pursued fertility treatments,
but also those who had chosen to adopt children.

At one point the Ó’Briens began a course of early-stage fertility drugs but soon “took a break.” One reason, Maura says, is that they were “not comfortable personally with the science.” Their decision to stop also grew out of a conversation they had had with “a very wise person who said to us, ‘You really need to think about whether you want to be parents, or whether you want to have a baby. Because they are not necessarily the same thing. You can do one without doing the other. So you need to determine what your goal is.’

“ Asking myself that question—Do you want to be parents, or do you want to have a baby?—was an absolute turning point for me,” Maura says. “I realized that what I really wanted was to be a parent, and once I focused on that it was a lot easier to let go of the desire to have a baby. I felt then that adoption wasn’t just a viable option, but that it was the only option for me. That was how it was going to work.”

For A.J., the certainty came after attending a Holy Cross communion breakfast in Hartford. At the breakfast, he and Maura visited with Betsy and John Quinn ’73, their daughter, Jennie, whom the Quinns had adopted from South Korea, and their son, John Jr. ’02. Several weeks later, A.J. called the Quinns and asked them to reflect on their adoption experience. Informed and inspired by the Quinns’ example, A.J. told Maura that he, too, wanted to begin building a family through adoption.

The couple then contacted Wide Horizons for Children, a Waltham, Mass.-based agency that arranges both domestic and international adoptions. The Ó’Briens chose to look to South Korea for a child, Maura says, because at that time, of all possible locations, the Asian nation promised the fewest impediments to adoption. The subsequent application process—prospective
parents must write several essays and sit for a series of interviews—was long and intense, Maura says, but helpful. “It forces you to really picture what your family is going to be like and how it is going to live.”

After their application was approved, the O’Briens were notified that a Korean child had been identified for them, a boy. As part of the referral, the agency provided two snapshots of the child. When the O’Briens held these pictures in their hands, Maura says, their sense of parenthood became palpable.

“For us, having the pictures made a huge difference. It took the baby out of the world of fantasy-dream-wonder. Once I saw that picture, once I knew where that baby was located, he wasn’t abstract—he was my baby.”

They named the boy Andrew and awaited his arrival “home,” which took place at Boston’s Logan Airport on Sept. 27, 1993, a day the O’Briens call Happy Day and celebrate each year as a family. A crowd of relatives and friends gathered at the airport for Andrew’s “delivery,” an event Maura recalls with a smile: “A greeter from Wide Horizons is on hand to actually get the babies off the plane,” she says. “The greeter comes off the plane with your baby and says your name and hands you your child and that’s it!”

Three years later, on July 12, 1996, the O’Briens returned to Logan to welcome their second child, a daughter, Rose, who also was born in South Korea. “The agency had advised us to adopt from the same country or at least from the same part of the world, so that neither child would feel like he/she is ‘the only one,’” Maura explains. “I see that as our kids get older. They will talk about the fact that they were both born in Korea and that they look like each other.”

As the children have grown, the O’Briens have encouraged them to be proud of their Korean heritage and, at the same time, to

Mrs. Jung, Rose’s foster mother, with another of her charges, in Masan City, South Korea
know that they are no different from anyone in their class or neighborhood. This message is supported, she says, by the children's experiences: Andrew's school is "very diverse," and strong role models with whom the children come into regular contact, such as pediatricians and teachers, are often people of color. By being in touch with other families built through adoption, the O'Briens also are trying to teach the children that "there are a lot of other families out there that were created the way ours was, that we're not the only family that looks this way or came together this way," Maura says.

The O'Briens have always been very open with their children about where they were born and how the four of them became a family. "There has never been a moment when Andrew and Rose didn't know they were adopted," Maura says. "It has just been a part of the fabric of our family's life." Nevertheless, in 1997, Maura and A.J. felt it was important for them to be able to tell their children about their earliest origins with greater depth and specificity. And so, in June 1998, Maura joined a group of other parents who had adopted Korean children on a "Homeland Tour" of South Korea.

"It was an absolutely phenomenal experience," Maura recalls. Among her many stops was the town of Jinju, where she met the doctor who delivered Rose. She also visited the foster mother who took care of Rose in Masan City prior to Rose's departure for America (it was the first time any parent of a former charge had come to see her and "she was thrilled").
The O’Briens know particulars about the children’s birth parents as well. They plan to share this information with Andrew and Rose “as they grow and are able to understand more.” Until then, they are keeping it private because, they say, the information belongs not to them but to their children. “When they want to know this story, we will tell them, and they can decide whether or not to share their personal history,” Maura says.

For the O’Briens,parenthood has brought the same personal and professional challenges it would bring to anybody else. In order to spend more time with the children, Maura has switched to a four-day work week and spends less time out of town on business. A.J., a public school teacher, now spends his summers at home.

Along with the demands, however, have come many joys, like sunny days together at the beach. In addition, Maura says, “it’s getting easier. Rose is out of diapers. Andrew can make his own bed. This is the first summer I’ve been able to read on the beach again.”

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At Home

By Karen Hart
“Fortunate. Content. Satisfied.”
These are the words 40-year-old Stephen Lagasse ‘81 uses to describe his life. He could have had a rewarding career in a number of fields. He has been an Air Force officer, a satellite engineer and a real estate appraiser. He studied home design and construction at Maine’s Shelter Institute and has lived all over the country. But these days home is White River Junction, Vt., and his orders come from Sarah and Rachel, his six-year and eight-year-old daughters. They’re his bosses now, and have been for the past five years.

Lagasse grew up in Lebanon, N.H., the son of Raymond and Maree Lagasse and the eldest of four children. Like most men of his generation, Ray went off to work each day (as a public educator) while Maree stayed home. When their youngest was in school, she went back to work to help make ends meet. “My parents’ priority was making sure the wolf never got to our door,” Steve said. “They grew up during hard times, and they made sure we always had enough.”

Lagasse came to Holy Cross in 1977, in part because his uncle, James Doherty ’51, had such a strong connection with the College. Steve graduated with a degree in physics. Job offers were scarce, so in 1982 he joined the Air Force and earned a second degree in electrical engineering from the University of Mexico. He served four years in New Jersey helping build military weather satellites, and there met a civilian mission specialist named Colleen O’Brien. They married in 1986, and, in 1988, Steve retired from the Air Force as a captain. Instead of continuing in the field of engineering, he decided to follow his interests in real estate and home restoration.

Today at the Lagasses’ middle-class Upper Valley home there are no suits, no ties, no engineering schematics. Instead, when morning comes during the school year, Steve rouses Sarah and Rachel, makes them breakfast, packs their backpacks, brushes their hair and walks them to their bus stop. Between the laundry, cooking and other household errands he refurbishes their old house. Every Wednesday he spends an hour in class with Rachel and Sarah and then eats lunch with them and their classmates in the school’s cafeteria. During the school year he takes them to Brownies, soccer and basketball. Summers drift by with day camp, vacations at the ocean, swimming lessons and reading. Meanwhile, Colleen heads off to work each morning as a project manager for Vicinity, an Internet-resource company. Colleen brings home the paycheck and provides the benefits needed by a family of four in the 1990s. And when Mom comes home from work, “More often than not, she gets a more enthusiastic greeting than I remember getting when I was working full-time,” Steve said.

The Lagasses’ story is unusual only in that the switch in traditional roles was simply an extension of their already shared parental responsibilities. Before Steve became an at-home dad he had already done his share of diaper changes and caregiving, “Colleen earned her master’s degree at Rivier College in Nashua, so I was home alone with Rachel and Sarah two evenings a week right from the start,” Steve said.
When Rachel was born in 1991, the couple lived in Concord, N.H. Colleen stayed home with their daughter while Steve continued working for a real estate appraisal company. They moved to Lebanon in 1992 and a year later Sarah came along. But the 60-mile commute to Concord even four days a week started taking its toll. “I found myself having days when I’d leave before the girls woke up and return after they were asleep,” Steve said. “It didn’t bother me at first, but I realized pretty quickly that it wouldn’t get any better unless I made a change.” So he set up his own appraisal business and worked out of their home for 18 months. “I loved the flexibility and seeing so much of Colleen and the girls.”

By the fall of 1994 Colleen had been a full-time mom for three years, and money was getting tight. “She wanted to get back to a professional environment and we needed the stability that a steady paycheck could bring,” Steve said. “And both of us felt she was more marketable than I was.”

A two-income household that relied on daycare wasn’t appealing, but continuing to have one parent home full time with the girls was. So when Colleen found a good job, Steve shifted from breadwinner to full-time parent and didn’t look back. “It was an easy and natural transition for me to start taking care of the girls full time,” Steve said. “It wasn’t something I wrestled with at all. I’ve enjoyed it since day one. Some of my male friends may have trouble imagining themselves as at-home parents, but I think most men could get used to it pretty quickly. For me, it boils down to spending every day with two of my favorite people in the whole world. Seeing so much of Rachel and Sarah makes me really happy.”

There have been some material sacrifices, Steve said, “but nothing really earth-shaking.” He and Colleen realized early on that in a life with chil-
dren and only one income, a nice home and new cars would have to wait. “Like many of our peers, during the first few years of our marriage we both worked and had no children, so we owned our home and drove nice cars. With Rachel’s arrival we traded in my newer car and its monthly payment for an older one and moved from a house to a two-bedroom apartment to keep our expenses manageable. And we could not have done it without finding two mechanics we trusted—there was a stretch when our cars had a half-million miles between them, and it seemed like we were down at the garage every week. It has also helped that neither one of us has felt particularly compelled to ‘keep up with the Joneses.’ Don’t misunderstand, we like material possessions, but things don’t have to be expensive to please us.”

Nevertheless, not all the changes have been easy. "I had kind of unconsciously bought into the idea that I was in large part defined by my occupation and when people asked me that first year ‘what I did,’ I’d tell them I was an appraiser, because I was still appraising part time. It eventually dawned on me that I wasn’t going to find a more pleasant or satisfying job than taking care of Rachel and Sarah, and it’s since become natural to describe myself as ‘an at-home dad.’”

“For me, it boils down to spending every day with two of my favorite people in the whole world.”
Most people are interested and supportive when they find out I’m at home full time,” Steve said, “but every now and then someone can’t stop himself or herself from implying that staying home with children really isn’t suitable ‘work’ for a man.”

At first he felt he had to try and explain himself to the person, “but I rarely got through, so now if it happens, I just let it slide—I no longer feel that it’s my job to educate them.” But the rough spots are few and far between. His best and worst days? “There really aren’t any bad days,” Steve said. He pauses for a moment. “It may sound trite, but 90 percent of my days are great and the rest are pretty good. I’m sure that there are hundreds of people within a ten-mile radius who would gladly trade ‘bad days’ with me, so I know how fortunate I am to have a job I truly love. I realize though, that there’s no guarantee that it’s going to keep going smoothly, so I tend to wallow in my daughters a little every day.”

The coming year will bring some changes for Steve and his daughters. Sarah is in first grade and now both girls will be gone for the whole day. Gone are the Mickey-Mouse-waffle-and-hot-chocolate lunches he shared with Sarah at the local diner and the one-on-one time they had before Rachel’s bus dropped her off. He is aware that he has a unique relationship with his children, one that many fathers and daughters are not able to share. And he knows it will take conscious effort to keep his relationship with his daughters strong.

“One unsolicited piece of advice I’d offer to a father or mother who’s working and doesn’t see their children as much as they’d like is to make regular one-on-one time with each child,” he said. “It’s powerful and enlightening to be alone with your son or daughter. I try to stay regularly connected with each girl by taking her for a walk or with me to run errands. She’ll usually just start telling me what’s on her mind and what’s going on at school. I’ll ask her what her favorite part of the day or week was and what she liked least. We’ll stop for a doughnut or an ice cream cone and just hang out for a while. Both girls also like me coming to school for lunch, and I’ll continue doing that as long as they want me to. Because I can’t predict what Rachel and Sarah are going to remember about their childhood, I’ll continue surrounding them with small pleasures.”

Karen Hart is a free-lance journalist from West Boylston, Mass.
Q: How did you get started working on family issues?
A: I was trained as a social anthropologist. I did my graduate work at Harvard as a student of John and Beatrice Whiting, authors of the book, *Children of Six Cultures*. They are really pioneers in the field of cross-cultural child development. I started out doing fieldwork with the Whitings in the western part of Kenya. I lived with a tribe called the Luo, in a polygenous family compound with two wives and one husband and a number of children. And as I looked at mother-child interaction in the Luo household, I began to see a couple of interesting things. One was that the mothers were not spending a tremendous amount of time with young children and other children of seven, eight, nine, and 10 years of age were taking care of infants and toddlers. There was actually a word in the Luo language for child-nurse. So a lot of the childcare was actually being done by other children. Another thing that I noticed early on was that the women who were still subsistence agriculturists—that is that they were working in nearby fields cultivating crops and harvesting crops—were spending a lot more time with their children than women who had recently become market women, which was a fairly new phenomenon when I was there in the 1970s.

Q: How long did you stay in Kenya?
A: I was there about six months. I was a graduate student and this was research that I was doing for my master’s thesis. I began to notice that depending on whether a woman was involved with the cash economy had tremendous impact on how much time she had with her children and the quality of their interaction. This signaled to me that I really couldn’t look at mother-child interaction and attachment—which is the very big issue in child development—without understanding a lot more about women’s work roles. I got increasingly interested in trying to understand the lives of the market women as well as the women who stayed working in their fields and homesteads—sort of our version of the working woman and the stay-at-home mom.

Q: So you were really a pioneer in this area?
A: I started doing research on work and family issues in the 1970s. I was very interested in work schedules and what kinds of jobs women had and how that impacted family life, looking at relationships between parents and their children, and dynamics and decision-making within marriage. One of the things I found was that the marital decision-making process became much more of a shared enterprise in the marriages where the women had a connection with the market. Over time, I began to look more closely at women’s work roles and at how family life was impacted by the structure of the workplace.

Eventually I did my dissertation research, not in Africa, but in the United States. I brought some of my research...
questions from post-colonial Africa back to our own culture and studied recent immigrant women workers in the United States. I wanted to understand what the life of an immigrant working mother was like so I got a job for two years as a coil winder at an electronic assembly plant with a very low-paid multi-ethnic workforce. Through some of my work in the electronics industry with working mothers, I became more and more interested in issues of women in the workplace. After I finished my dissertation, I was so fascinated by the challenges of workplace transformation that I made a non-traditional career choice to keep working on these issues. I got a job as a machinist at a large corporation and was very involved in helping organize a Women’s Committee in the union there. This was a large industrial workplace that had very few women and very few minorities at the time. The management was used to dealing with white men. The whole idea of accommodating women that had significant family responsibilities was just completely foreign to them. The idea of building a women’s committee was really a new idea to both the union and management. We started doing things like surveys of childcare needs and looking at issues of what was then called “maternity leave.” And, in fact, I was one of the first women at the company to take a maternity leave when my first child was born in the early ‘80s.

Q: How did you get involved with the FMLA Commission?
A: I came back to the academy in the mid-1980s and was teaching and doing research on work and family issues. In 1986, I was an appointee on a gubernatorial commission that Gov. Dukakis had set up on parental leave. We introduced legislation that established the right for mothers and fathers to be home with children after they were born or adopted. We also realized there was a need to provide some sort of wage replacement and so the governor set up a second commission, which I also served on, to look into the possibility of using the temporary disability insurance system to do that. Ultimately, we weren’t successful and the bills we proposed to the Massachusetts State Legislature were defeated. I learned a lot about the difficulties of creating these kinds of public policies when I testified at hearings on Beacon Hill. What happens at a lot of these hearings is that you get mothers and fathers and people with responsibility for young children and for elderly relatives and sick relatives who come before their elected officials with these unbelievably heart-wrenching stories. Then you get the employers who come, particularly small businesses, and they say, “We just can’t do this. I can’t afford to do this.” You see a deep conflict that seems almost irresolvable. That was my first encounter with the debates surrounding family leave issues.

I came to Holy Cross in the early 1990s and was very happily settling into my new job at CISS. And, out of the blue, in the spring of 1993, I got a call inviting me to be a presidential appointee in the first term of the Clinton administration. I was asked specifically to become the Research and Policy Director of the Women’s Bureau at the U.S. Department of Labor. The Women’s Bureau is a very old agency within the labor department. It was founded in 1920 and is the only place in the whole federal government where the issues of working women are particularly highlighted and given focused attention. While I was at the Women’s Bureau I was asked to serve as executive director of a bipartisan commission set up by Congress to evaluate the first three years of the FMLA. Heading up the commission enabled me to get deeply involved in family policy issues.

Q: What have been some of your policy goals?
A: Part of what I have been involved in is trying to come up with public policies that really serve the interests of children and families and, at the same time, don’t defeat our businesses. Nobody who is for families is against economic prosperity in the United States. We need policies that recognize how difficult it is to be both a worker and a parent. Many working parents I meet are saying, “I am so stretched. I am so incredibly tired.” When I first went to the Women’s Bureau I was asked to conduct a national survey of working women and we asked lots of questions about their pay and their benefits and their family lives and how they juggle everything. One of the things I remember scrawled in the margins of one of the questionnaires was from a woman who wrote I’m so tired I don’t know if I have the time or energy to answer your questionnaire even though I feel these questions are so important.

I think it is really important for both business people and public policy makers to understand the very precarious situation that we are putting young children in when we don’t give families choices about how much time they spend with each other. I feel my work is about trying to give families real choices that respect diverse types of families and a diverse range of approaches to child rearing, and that also acknowledge the economic needs and pressures of businesses, especially small businesses. Putting the growth and development of young children first is the primary goal. If we do not begin, as a society, to do a better job of nurturing and educating our children, I think we will pay a heavy price in terms of the quality of the workforce and the vitality of our civic institutions in the 21st century.

Q: The FMLA went before five Congresses, was subjected to 17 hearings, and was voted on 13 times before it became law. Did your experience with the Commission make you cynical about the process of legislating pro-family acts in general?
A: No, I think not. You just have to keep your “eyes on the prize” and commit yourself to a long-term struggle. The FMLA was the first piece of legislation that President Clinton signed. I think that the
length of the battle speaks to the depth of cultural contradictions in our society about the value of children and the value of care giving. We say that family is the most important thing—if you stop the man or woman on the street and ask “What’s more important, your family or your job?”, most people will say their family. Yet if you look at people’s practice, if you look at the choices that people make, you find that people are putting much, much more time into trying to prove to their employers that they’re loyal, that they’re committed, that they’re hard-working than they put into their families. And, given the attitudes of some employers and the threat of losing your job as many companies downsize, I think that’s understandable. But, as a society, we really need to sit back and ask ourselves what we are doing when we ask a young mother or a young father to separate themselves from a newly adopted child or infant who is only three months old to recommit themselves to the workplace. Does this really make sense? I have to say, as somebody who began her training studying child development, that I feel strongly that child development literature speaks loud and clear about the need for infants and toddlers to have consistent nurturing contact with a primary caregiver. And I am not saying that I think that caregiver has to be the mother. I think that one of the great advances that we’ve made since the 1970s is the understanding the caregiver can be the mother, the father, the grandmother, the uncle. The critical thing is for every young child to have access to consistent high quality care—either at home or in a childcare center or in a family day care home. This is a need that leaves no room for compromise. Again, I think the key issue is giving families good choices, making it possible for parents to either stay home for a significant period of time or have access to quality, affordable childcare. Right now, most parents cannot afford to take unpaid leaves. The leaves are too
short and there’s not enough high quality childcare from well-trained providers. This is a key public policy challenge to private sector employees as well. The solution is going to take funds and creative thinking from multiple sectors. We really need a partnership between families, government, and employers to give children the kinds of environments they need to thrive and learn.

Q: You’ve said that the FMLA should be looked at as a minimum standard in our country. How would you like to see the Act expanded? What more do you feel we should be doing for our families?

A: There are three ways in which I think the FMLA should be expanded. First is the basic issue of access. Right now, only 55 percent of the workforce is covered by FMLA. That’s not good enough. I think we should move toward universal access, and, in the meantime, we could at least drop the employer threshold to 25 employees or more. That would give another 13 million workers access. Second, I think we should expand the reasons for leave. It is not enough to support families just at times of crisis like a serious illness. We need to make it possible for families to be more involved in their children’s education. For example, I support a bill called “The Time Out for School Act” that allows leave to attend parent-teacher conferences, etc. Eventually, I would like to see parents get leaves for community service to institutions that help them to raise their children and care for their elders. Third, I think we need paid leave. Right now, only middle class and affluent families with savings and assets can afford to take 12 weeks of unpaid leave. If we are serious about supporting families, and encouraging more fathers to get involved with kids, we need to pay people who are on leave. This is what every other industrialized country does. Why can’t the richest country in the world do the same? I think an expanded FMLA would send a strong message to parents that caring for children and elders is important work that is valued by our society. This is the kind of message we need to build a vibrant, family-friendly culture in the United States.
Where are they now?

Keeping up with Terri Priest

By Pamela Reponen

Secluded within Worcester’s historic Heywood Building is the studio of local artist and former Holy Cross professor, Terri Priest. Located on Winter Street in the Kelly Square section of the city, the red-brick factory, built in the late 19th century, had once been a thriving center for the manufacture of boots and shoes. A one-step stone walk-up through heavy double doors leads into the first-floor landing where a vintage elevator makes the ascent to the upper levels. The studio, positioned at the end of a circuitous corridor, is a spacious, brightly lit area with white walls and hardwood floors. Priest, who has worked in this space for about two years, is preparing a collection of oil paintings for exhibition.

Retirement has enabled the Worcester artist to pursue her creative endeavors full time. Drawing on her years of experience in the visual arts field, Priest continues to explore on canvas innovations in form and design. “The current body of work was started by my constant search for beauty and color, by my love of art history, and by my admiration for painters who have preceded me,” she says.

The new paintings reflect the influence of the 17th-century Dutch master, Jan Vermeer. Intrigued by his attention to detail and love of precisionism, she had sought out his work in various museum collections. From this study, she developed an interest in the women portrayed in his paintings. Captivated by their enigmatic expressions and obscurity, she conceived the idea of bringing them into the 20th century by juxtaposing them on canvas with the works of contemporary painters. “I’m telling stories, creating a whole new life
Priest says she is concerned with selecting images that are icons in America—her intent is to use images that the general public can recognize easily.

Describing her creative process, Priest says she has spent considerable time in the presence of the Vermeer women, sometimes having imaginary conversations with them, asking the question, “What would you do in the 20th century?” At the same time, she thinks about artists whose works she had admired and studied, looking for a connection between the images in order to formulate a narrative.

Priest’s painting of Vermeer’s “Girl with a Pearl Earring” took approximately five months to complete. Working on a 40” x 90” canvas, she conceived the idea of placing Pablo Picasso’s “Girl Before a
"Mirror" to the left of the portrait; on the right side is a picture frame containing bands of color. Priest says that while Vermeer painted the girl inside a picture frame, she always felt the young woman belonged outside of it. For this reason, she placed it next to her, filling it instead with bands of color that correspond to those found in the portrait.

According to Priest, the colors inside the frame represent the girl’s essence which she leaves behind as she emerges from the enclosure. She also notes that their visual weight helps to balance the lines and shapes of the Picasso.

Explaining her technical process, Priest says that, initially, she makes rough sketches in a workbook. Once the who/what issues have been resolved, she stretches the canvas and, using the method of gridding with blue chalk, plots the images on the canvas. She is then ready to begin painting. Priest says she prefers to work on the canvas stapled to the wall because she likes the resistance of the brush against this surface. Recently, she has been working on her painting of Vermeer’s “A Lady Standing at a Virginal.” Included on this canvas is her depiction of “Andy Mouse,” a painting by the American artist, Keith Haring.

Terri Priest taught at Holy Cross for 15 years. Hired in 1978 to fill two part-time positions in the visual arts department, she accepted a full-time position the following year when an opening became available. During her tenure at Holy Cross, she taught perspective and introductory and intermediate courses in painting and design, served on various faculty committees and chaired the department for several years.

According to Priest, teaching full time involved total immersion with students during the academic year; painting and exhibiting were restricted to the summer months. In 1990, she took advantage of a special faculty proposal that enabled her to work half time during her last four years at Holy Cross. She notes that this gave her the opportunity to balance her teaching duties, professional responsibilities and family obligations effectively.

Reminiscing about her years at the College, Priest says, “Holy Cross has been very important to me. I frequently think back to when I was a professor at the College.” She remembers, in particular, several class assignments that tested her students’ ingenuity and artistic skills. Challenged to build kites in design class, the students had to take into consideration the principles of aerodynamics in creating their project; they then had the opportunity to test the success of their endeavors by flying the kites one afternoon on the lawn outside of the Hart Center. Making kimonos in another course gave students the opportunity to experiment with pattern and design. Priest especially remembers the work of three students in her advanced design class, Elizabeth Cracco ’89, Paula Kelleher ’90 and Jennifer Horgan ’90, who undertook the assignment of reconfiguring the art studio itself. Working over a period of several weeks, they succeeded in tilting the floor, creating a different angle to the walls through the use of corrugated cardboard, designing new window space and changing the location of the door.

Priest has many special memories of her students and colleagues at Holy Cross. She says she is pleased that some of her students have kept in touch with...
her after leaving Holy Cross while others send her periodic updates of their activities. “I also miss the interaction with other members of the faculty,” she says. “I especially enjoyed talking with colleagues who shared office space with the visual arts department on the fourth-floor corridor of Fenwick.” She explains that during the last few years of her tenure at the College, the visual arts department moved into the former ROTC building which is now the Millard Arts Center.

Discussing career options for visual arts majors, Priest recommends specializing in an area of interest such as design, graphic arts, photography or teaching, noting that a knack for computers can open up a career path. “Students have to make some choices as to the kind of art they are going to pursue,” she says. Priest remembers advice she had given to a student at Holy Cross who had come to her for help in deciding on a career: Research as many organizations as possible that have a connection with the arts; study the needs of a company; and then, drawing on the expertise gained from the liberal arts experience, prepare a solution. Following her advice, the student found a niche in the visual arts field. She also notes the advantage of studying art in a liberal arts college where students, in addition to acquiring technical skills, learn how to draw on their knowledge of other disciplines to solve problems. She believes that this background is important in the development of new ideas which, she says, requires “dredging from inner resources.”

Active in the Worcester arts community for many years, Priest’s involvement ranges from serving as a visiting artist, critic and lecturer at area colleges to exhibiting her works in solo, group and invitational shows. Two years ago, at an Open Studio in Worcester, she presented her work in an exhibition entitled “Fasten Your Seat Belt.” In 1996, Priest took part in the Worcester area Women’s Invitational held at Anna Maria College in Paxton; in 1992-93 her work was on exhibition at the Worcester Art Museum as part of “Selections from the Permanent Collection.” While at Holy Cross, she participated in two faculty shows.

Priest’s contribution has also included many hours of volunteer service. A member of the board of directors of AIDS Project Worcester in the early 1990s, she organized the fund-raiser, Art for AIDS Sake; in the 1980s, she was involved in several exhibitions to raise money for Abby’s House, a shelter for women in Worcester. She is currently serving as a corporator of the Worcester Art Museum.

Concerned with the issues of civil rights and the Vietnam War movement during the 1960s, Priest joined others in the Worcester area in forming an organization called the Phoenix. “The purpose of the group was to bring speakers of different religious and political persuasions to the local area to present their views,” she explains. Located in a storefront on the lower end of Main Street, the Phoenix hosted activists Dorothy Day, Stokely Carmichael, Abbie Hoffman and theologian, Harvey Cox, among others. Priest says that the Phoenix, which dissolved in 1969, made a positive contribution to the outpouring of ideas taking place during this time.

According to Priest, she has had an interest in art since childhood, although she did consider briefly a career in law. She remembers the
summer when she was 10 years old, a cousin, who was an attorney, coming to visit the family, driving a red convertible.

“How did you get that?” she asked him.

“I earned it,” he replied.

“At that point,” she laughs, “I wanted to be a lawyer.”

Always drawing, she was intrigued early on by the story line and pictures of the comic character, Prince Valiant. After high school, Priest says, she was offered a scholarship to art school, but it was withdrawn because she was getting married. Over the years, she took many courses in art history as well as courses in literature, philosophy and psychology at Assumption College. During this time, she did many apprenticeships, including one with a sign painter—all the while painting and experimenting with new ideas on her own. Priest credits her decision to enroll in the University Without Walls to the late Iris Egan, a friend she had met through her civil rights activities. This program enabled her to apply previous academic and work experience toward the fulfillment of undergraduate degree requirements. In 1975, she received her bachelor of arts degree in fine arts from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and, in 1977, a master’s degree in fine arts. Priest taught at Framingham State College for one year before coming to Holy Cross.

Several years ago, Priest teamed up with Allen Fletcher, chairman and treasurer of Worcester Publishing Ltd., to open the Fletcher/Priest Gallery located at 5 Pratt St. in Worcester. “The market in art was falling through when we opened the business,” Priest says. Renovating the first floor of the two-family house, they set out to determine if a commercial art gallery could survive in the current climate. Open two days a week, Wednesdays and Thursdays, from noon to 6 p.m. and also by appointment, the gallery presents six shows a year by both nationally recognized and emerging artists.

In recognition of her many contributions to the arts, Priest was the recipient of the Katharine F. Erskine Award in Arts, Humanities and Education in 1998. Describing her as “the acknowledged doyenne of the city’s visual arts scene” and “an accomplished practitioner in the media of printmaking, pastels and oils,” Worcester Magazine recently named her “Best Visual Artist” in its selection of “What’s Best in Worcester.”

On a recent Friday morning in late August, the studio basks in light and stillness; books and art supplies are scattered on work tables, and off to one side, an easel stands empty. Filling the length of one wall are four paintings from Priest’s newest collection, fitting comfortably into the space of this 28’ x 40’ studio. With the afternoon stretching before her, she is preparing to spend the next few hours working on her portrait of one of the Vermeer women all the while thinking about a title for the series that best captures its mood and essence. In this studio, Priest has found the place to continue her search for beauty and color in the creation of her art.

Vermeer’s “Young Woman with a Water Pitcher” and Roy Lichtenstein’s “Wall Paper with Blue Floor”
It was an odyssey from heady success to near despair that featured speaker Bill Crowley ’74 shared with his classmates and other alumni at the Reunion banquet in June. Crowley was one of three partners in the small Boston law firm made famous by Jonathan Harr’s book, A Civil Action, and the John Travolta movie of the same name. Crowley’s talk is excerpted here:

“To my partners and me, it became our toast to each other, ‘Rich and famous doing good.’”

“What a great weekend this has been returning to Holy Cross. It has been and is an occasion rich in fellowship and warmth. … So much good comes from times like this. … Ed (Sullivan ’74) and the (Silver Jubilee) Reunion Committee have honored me by asking me to share with you on this occasion my thoughts about my Woburn odyssey. It was a journey that tested my partners and me on all levels, personal, professional and financial. However, it was also a journey that I came to learn, took me from and eventually back to these familiar surroundings of our alma mater. …

“As I was climbing these hills as a freshman … I was young, but I knew I was blessed to be here. For Holy Cross is a place that gives us the tools to go out into the world and achieve our full promise, but always within the framework of our
faith. I knew that Holy Cross stands for people trying to make a difference in the world. I was exhilarated by this spirit and what it meant to be part of this tradition. “When I graduated from climbing these hills, I felt ready for more challenge. I dashed from here to climb the next hill in my life, the law school hill, for I wanted to continue to strive to achieve the success that so many others from here had. I was as lucky as a new lawyer could be because, soon after graduating from law school, I went to the doorstep of one of those Holy Cross alumni who has achieved so much. He is celebrating his 50th reunion tonight, and he was my first mentor in the practice of law in the real world—my good friend, Barry Reed, from the great Class of 1949.

“I remember when we first met. Barry wasn’t hiring at the time, but out of courtesy to a mutual friend, he agreed to see me. When he looked at my resume, his eyes glanced only at the top where my college education was listed. Without reading further, he put the resume down and said, ‘So you went to Holy Cross? Listen, a motion in one of my cases is being heard tomorrow morning in Plymouth Superior Court. Would you be interested in handling it and helping me out?’ I said, ‘Of course. Just tell me one thing. Where’s Plymouth Superior Court?’

“That was the start. From there, I’ll say my years at Barry’s office were the most educational and enjoyable of my legal training. Barry taught me a lot about how to be a lawyer for people—a good lawyer—for, as someone who takes on difficult odds in the quest for justice, he is one of the best. I wanted to be like that, and achieve what he had. But as good as he is, that was something Barry could not teach me. That was something I had to learn for myself. And so, when I felt ready, I dashed from his place to make my own mark in the law.

“So with my two partners, Jan and Kevin, we started our own firm. Our years together were heady, exhilarating years. Our young firm thrived on challenge, and luxuriated in success. Each hill we climbed gave a view of still another more challenging one that needed scaling. And as we scaled each, the view from these summits was intoxicating. As we basked in the success of conquering each challenge, I believed I had finally achieved what I had been after. To my partners and me, it became our toast to each other, ‘Rich and famous doing good.’

“Then the mothers from Woburn came and told us their story. Many of you know this story. It is the story of how a community awoke

“The mistake I had made was in forgetting what I had learned 25 years ago at Holy Cross, our College on the Hill.”

Bill Crowley ’74 is featured speaker at Reunion ’99.
to find that their wells were contaminated and their children were dying. They asked if we could help them find answers to their questions.

“At first, my partners and I did not feel up to the challenge, for no one had ever climbed such a hill as this in the law before. But there was something about the families and their story, and that hill. I remember thinking about that hill, and what it would be like to reach that summit. And the lure of it made us want to try. So we did.

“We undertook this climb like we had all the others—committed 100 percent. But this was a climb like no other we had known. It took everything we had and more. It took all our resources. It took all our time. It took all our attention, and thereby, it threatened even the things closest to us. But here, I was fortunate once again. I was sustained during this long ordeal by my wife Michele. Although she was climbing her own hill towards an MBA, and raising our son Bill through his first years, her support was steadfast and unswerving.

“In the end, however, the climb up the Woburn hill simply took too much. This time, Schlichtmann, Conway & Crowley did not attain the lofty summit. We fell from our perch, and we didn’t stop falling until we hit bottom. And at the bottom, we were broken and exhausted. The once prosperous firm that relished in our aphorism of ‘rich and famous doing good’ was no longer. Prosperity was transformed into despair. For my part, I thought for a long time that I had lost it all—that I had nothing, no more riches, nothing to celebrate. And, I thought, nothing good had come of this climb—only failure.

“But in order to move beyond the pain of the past, as I had to do if I were truly to live again, something was required from me. Something was required that no one else could help me with, not even Michele. It had to come from me alone. And this something was to reclaim a basic teaching that I had learned here at Holy Cross, but had forgotten in my exuberance to dash up all the hills.

“First, however, I had to confront the past and our failure. It could not just be forgotten or ignored. I knew the time when the pain of the past would come back for me was when A Civil Action would reach the bookstores. And I remember that day. As I walked to the bookstore to purchase my copy, I could feel the anger and pain welling up. I took a copy off the shelf and, in my anger, dropped it on the clerk’s counter. My anger was joined by embarrassment when I realized that I had no cash. I asked the clerk if she would ‘take a check.’

“A few moments later, when she handed me the book and my receipt, something unexpected happened. She said to me, ‘As a citizen, I want to thank you.’ When she saw my quizzical look, she said, ‘Well, you are the Bill Crowley in this story aren’t you?’ Then we shared a laugh together. As I left the bookstore, I was no longer filled with anger, but with amazement and wonder.

“It was not too long after this that I was invited to … Harvard Law School. Harvard was hosting a conference on Woburn. They called it the ‘Lessons from Woburn Conference.’ All the lawyers involved in the case had been invited to come together again, but this time, not as the bitter adversaries that we were years earlier, rather to offer perspectives and to share what

“We become truly rich when we enrich the lives of others—when we care about the lives of others, that is a cause—a cause to celebrate.”
we had learned from the experience of fighting this war.

“A lawyer for one of the companies charged with contaminating the wells was asked to speak. He said that we made a mistake. We cared too much for others. We risked too much for others. He said we had become so obsessed with Woburn, that we allowed it to become a cause. The lawyer said it was not a cause—it was just a case and that was our mistake. I listened to his words, and thought about them.

“Later, I had to visit a place that is familiar to all of us … I looked at the gravestones in this place and noted the numbers carved into the stones. You know the numbers—the numbers at the beginning and the numbers at the end. And those numbers are always separated by that mark in the middle … a dash. It made me think about what someone—someone who was older and wiser than I—had once told me,

‘It’s not the numbers on the stone that matter—it’s only the mark in the middle—that little dash. The dash is all we have. It’s the mark you leave with your dash that matters.’

“Then it came to me. I had made a mistake in my attempt to climb the Woburn hill. But the mistake that I had made was not the one suggested by the lawyer at the Harvard Law School conference. Not at all. The mistake I had made was in forgetting what I had learned 25 years ago at Holy Cross, our College on the Hill. It was that while we pursue success, we must not forget the real reasons for wanting to attain the goal in life of becoming ‘rich and famous doing good.’ They are the most important life lessons of all:

“We become truly rich when we enrich the lives of others—when we care about the lives of others, that is a cause—a cause to celebrate. And only Good can come from this. If we remain sustained by this faith, there is no hill we cannot climb.”

Mayor Giuliani Speaks to Holy Cross New York Leadership Council

New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani spoke to Holy Cross New York Leadership Council members and their guests at the council’s most recent Distinguished Speaker Series event, “Breakfast with the Mayor,” held at The Sky Club in the Met Life Building in New York. Council Chair Tom Carey ’66 (right), president and chief executive officer of BBDO North America, and member Charlie Millard Jr. ’79, formerly president of the New York City Economic Development Corp. and now managing director at Prudential Securities, provided introductions. Mayor Giuliani discussed education issues in New York State with the nearly 100 council members in attendance.
Hockey parents ought to be committed—just as George and DeDe Ross have been ever since their sons, former Crusader hockey standouts George Jr. ’92 and Michael ’95, signed on with their first teams. Getting sleepy children to 5 a.m. practices on dark winter mornings, spending weekends cheering for the teams and investing years of waiting time went with the territory, along with making good friends and having great fun as they watched their sons develop into outstanding players.

That territory broadened and the parents’ commitment deepened when George Jr. and Mike took to the ice for Holy Cross.

George Sr. estimates that DeDe and he attended about 90 percent of their sons’ games during their seven contiguous years of play at the College. Getting to all of those games from their Rye, N.Y., home meant traveling most of New England and beyond. This year, with George Jr. married and Michael just graduated from law school, George and DeDe Ross underscored both their commitment to their sons’ shared avocation and their experience at Holy Cross by making a significant gift to the men’s hockey program. Their gift, intended to underwrite the cost of renovating the men’s locker room, will also create a powerful recruiting tool for the hockey program.

“My reason for making the gift was simple,” said George Sr. “It was payback time. It was also a way to help the school in an area that my sons were involved in. In addition to each getting an excellent education and a degree, they devoted themselves to hockey at Holy Cross. They made great lifelong friends through the hockey program. My wife and I had seven years of fun and found good friends among the other parents who went to the games.”

Two friends from the Holy Cross years that the Ross family plans to keep for life are Rev. Michael Ford, S.J., whom George Sr. calls “the chaplain of the hockey team,” and the current men’s hockey (and baseball) coach, Paul Pearl ’89. Fr. Ford, who visits with the Ross family several times a year, officiated at George Jr.’s wedding. Pearl, whom Ross Sr. says was “just a kid” when the family first met him, played his senior year on the same hockey team as then-freshman Mike Ross ’95.

By Elizabeth Walker

Before renovation
George Jr. After graduation, Pearl went on to teach and coach at a private school. He later returned to The Hill after coaching stints at UConn and Brown.

“The Ross family has stayed involved with Holy Cross hockey,” said Pearl. “They are still great supporters of the program. This past year, when we played at Iona, they were all there. I was thrilled to hear from Fr. Ford that Mr. Ross wanted to do something for the hockey program.”

That something, the renovation of the men's locker room, was completed this fall, according to Pearl. The men's hockey locker room, a vestige from the early 1970s, was old at 26. Its age was apparent in its too-few, too-small lockers; in its poorly ventilated shower area and in its exposed ductwork and rafters where there now is a ceiling. Pearl noted, that while the locker room was clean and well-maintained, it was not adequate for a Division I level program that needs not only lockers for its players but “a strong recruiting tool as well.”

Thanks to the great generosity of George and DeDe Ross, the refurbished locker room at last has a dropped ceiling, 30 wooden lockers that are about four inches wider than the old ones, a new carpet with a logo, an area for reviewing game tapes between periods and during practice, and a completely refurbished restroom/shower area with ventilation, among other amenities.

“We didn't knock down any walls,” Pearl said. “We just refit the space we had to make it useful and comfortable for our players and attractive to potential recruits. When I take recruits on tours next summer, we'll have a visible symbol of how serious we are about our hockey program. We have a great rink, great conditioning facilities in the Smith Wellness Center and now, thanks to George Ross, we have the third piece, a great locker room.”

They will also have the strong support of George Sr. and his family through each season. “This was a gift from the heart,” Ross said. “The hockey program has great spirit, and I think that Pearl, Peter Van Buskirk (former coach and current director of the Hart Center), and Fr. Ford have done a great job. Holy Cross and hockey did a lot for my boys. I believe that you should give back.”

Nearly completed: New, wider lockers and a ceiling are just two of the many improvements made possible by the Ross gift.

The Class of 1989 has purchased and dedicated its much-anticipated senior class gift, a limited edition bronze bust of St. Edith Stein, now displayed on a wooden pedestal in the foyer of St. Edith Stein Hall. The bust, by sculptor Hamilton Reed Armstrong of Virginia, was unveiled and dedicated at Reunion ’99 by class chairs Sean Martin ’89 and Christina Maggi Buckley ’89. Fr. Eugene Sylva ’89 offered a prayer and blessing. John Spillane ’89, who spearheaded the gift effort, offered excerpts from the homily Fr. Brooks delivered on campus after the canonization of the saint in October 1998. Enclosed in plexiglass, the bust is the sixth of only 10 castings of the arresting likeness. A plaque will be added to the pedestal to identify St. Edith Stein and the Class of 1989 as the source of this wonderful gift.
A is for Accounting...

By Elizabeth Walker

A is for Accounting...

Dr. William Coffey ’58 remembers enjoying what little time he had between school and a job visiting with other local classmates in the “day hop” room which was located on the “lower level” of Carlin.

Accounting was a major concern for Worcester native William James Coffey ’58 when he first climbed The Hill as a day student in the fall of 1954. Holy Cross did not seem to share his concern—at least not on paper. Accounting, which was to become Coffey’s vocation and passion, was not offered as a major though the College offered a registered CPA program. He surmises the problem was rooted in the alphabet. If “Accounting” had been sanctioned as a major program of study, its alphabetical prominence would have placed it ahead of “Biology” in the Holy Cross catalog.

“It wouldn’t do at a liberal arts college to have accounting rather than a liberal art or natural science listed first in the catalog,” he said. “So my degree from The Cross is a Bachelor of Science in economics even though, de facto, I majored in accounting; but it all worked out.”

Accounting has remained a major educational focus for Coffey. In fact, his deeper immersion in financial tracking and reporting spurred him to add many more letters after his name—MBA, CPA and Ph.D.—after graduation from Holy Cross. Coffey worked in both public accounting and the private sector for several years before joining the teaching ranks. He taught at a high school, a community college and a junior college before moving on to serve as registrar, then chair of business administration at a four-year college. He later joined the faculty of the Lubin Graduate School of Business at Pace University. As his teaching career evolved, Coffey earned a master’s degree in business administration from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. It was later as chair of the business administration department at North Adams State (now the Massachusetts College of the Liberal Arts) that Coffey added the certified public accountant credential and began working on the doctorate that New York University awarded to him in 1976.

Today, as a professor emeritus-in-residence at Pace, Coffey divides his time between his New York City home and hometown Worcester. Still busy and committed to his field, he has moved into a retirement for which he appears to have planned well. Included in that plan is the charitable remainder trust he established in 1996 at Holy Cross. His generous gift to the College was a natural next step for this accounting professor whose life has revolved around educating others to make dollars make sense.

“People begin too late to prepare for retirement,” Coffey said. “They should start planning early and review their portfolios as they mature.”

Those in a position to do so should consider establishing a charitable remainder trust (CRT) using long-held securities that have appreciated in value, according to Coffey. A CRT offers significant tax benefits that include the elimination of capital gains tax on the appreciated value of the securities, an immediate charitable contribution deduction and a reduction of federal estate taxes. In addition, the CRT provides a life annuity to the donor with the College benefiting from the corpus later on.

To Coffey, the logic behind such a gift to the College is as simple as ABC—with A standing for accounting, no doubt.
For nearly 25 years, anywhere from five to 25 members of the Class of 1962 have met each year on a Friday in August at a central location in southern New England to have lunch together. They have purposely kept this annual luncheon simple. They don’t sail, play golf, invite their wives, schedule a speaker or call the gathering a reunion. They get together simply to catch up with each other, eat lunch and watch the boats go by. Dave Doern and class agent Bill O’Leary organize the annual lunch, while Phil Byrne makes the arrangements at the New York Yacht Club in Newport, R.I., where they have met for the past decade.

“We meet from about 11:30 until 2 o’clock,” Byrne said. “That’s not enough time to work in golf. This started in the late ’70s with three or four class members. Bill O’Connor, Ed McGuire and Bob Ryan and others would meet. Doug Hoyt has been instrumental in organizing this. We gave him a free lunch this year for all his work. Sometimes there were five or six members of the Class of ’62, and then it got to be seven or eight. We’ve had as many as two dozen. It’s usually just the guys in the class. We often have a few ‘mystery guests.’”

The “mystery guests” are class members who live at a distance and drop in unexpectedly. Jerry Comcowich, who lives in Hawaii, was last year’s surprise guest. The only other surprises class members experience have happened when first-timers to the lunch have mistakenly dropped by the Newport, rather than New York Yacht Club and found no one there—at least no one they knew.

“We settled on the New York Yacht Club facility in Newport about 10 years ago,” Byrne said. “It’s in the John Nicholas Brown mansion and sits on the water. It’s all very casual, no ties or jackets. We have lunch, talk and watch the boats go by.”

Members of the Class of 1962 who met for lunch at the New York Yacht Club in Newport this past August include (front row, left to right): Bill O’Leary and Bob Curran; (middle row) Mike Sullivan, Dave Doern, Mike Doherty and Jim Mulvihill, and (back row) Doug Hoyt, Phil Byrne, Bill O’Connor, John O’Sullivan and Tom Reardon.
Ironman in Training

Frank Garand ’96 runs, bikes, and swims to benefit charity

By Phyllis Hanlon

Most people take advantage of the slower pace of summer by reducing their usual frenzied schedules so they can enjoy the warm, lazy days between Memorial and Labor Day. Frank Garand ’96 is an exception. In July he began an intensive physical training program that will culminate with his participation in an ironman triathlon. Instead of engaging in leisurely activities, in the coming months he will train seriously and strenuously in preparation for this contest which takes place Nov. 6, 1999 in Panama City Beach, Fla.

Garand’s commitment began rather inauspiciously earlier in the year. He casually mentioned his interest in the event to a professor at Holy Cross. More friends and colleagues soon learned of his intentions. “I figured that it was a good way to motivate me initially,” Garand said. “Once enough people knew, I would be forced to compete.”

Since Garand has only four months to prepare—the usual training period is at least two years—he started in July with a three-to-four-hour daily regimen of lifting weights, strength training, aerobic exercise and swimming. His workouts take place at the local Bally Total Fitness Center as well as on campus. On Saturdays he increases his workload with an extra hour of physical activity. To allow his muscles to rest and repair, Garand takes Sundays off. As November draws closer, though, he will increase these workouts to 10 hours per day.

Garand is monitored closely by Dr. Bruce French, an orthopedic specialist at UMass Medical Center. Regular routine testing, which can take as long as four hours, keeps his physician apprised of his physical condition. Individuals who enter marathons, long bike races, and/or extended swim meets must be hardy enough to endure the stresses that accompany each activity. “If a runner can’t complete a marathon, he or she can just stop running. In a triathlon, though, the competitor must be in top physical shape or risk heart failure,” Garand said. Between his intense workouts and close medical supervision, he expects to be in prime form as November approaches.

Over 1,600 entrants are slated to compete in the event which involves a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride, and a 26.2-mile marathon run. Garand explains that entrants swim first to reduce the risk of drowning. “By the time you finish the bike and the run segments, you are pretty tired. It would be easy to drown if you had to swim last.”

Initially Garand had intended to participate in the event for the “fun of
it,” but he changed direction dramatically when the sibling of a close friend died suddenly. His death, due to a severe allergic reaction, deeply affected Garand. This young man would have been a first-year student at Holy Cross in the fall. Garand’s fleeting thoughts of raising money for charity through the triathlon now became a passion.

Garand chose to represent three Massachusetts-based charities. He was impressed with the efforts of the medical team at Boston Children’s Hospital to save his friend and selected that institution without hesitation. Since Garand’s family has a history of breast cancer, he decided that some of the contributions should be given to the UMass Cancer Center for research. The Massachusetts Audubon Society will also receive a portion of the funds. His hopes to collect $25,000 exceeded all expectations early in the campaign. By the time the event takes place, Garand anticipates that four times that amount will be pledged.

So far Garand has solicited support from approximately 40 area business-es. The overwhelmingly positive response has amazed him. “Everyone has been great. No one has said no.” In fact, individuals and companies that hear of the event have approached him to offer assistance, both financial and otherwise. A local hairdresser provides regular haircuts for Garand, while a Webster Square sandwich shop contributes food. A local bicycle shop services Garand’s bike and gives suggestions for the biking portion of the competition. Several of the sponsors also offer customer discounts to those who mention the event.

Garand is the Mellon Educational Technology Program coordinator at Holy Cross and co-teaches a class that demonstrates the “ins and outs of Web design.” The class includes Web authoring and design principles. Using his technological expertise, he has created a Web site as a primary fund-raising tool for the triathlon. The site will feature all the businesses that have sponsored Garand, as well as additional information regarding the triathlon. Viewers will be informed of his fund-raising and training efforts as they occur.

His students have caught Garand’s fever and have volunteered many hours to work on the site, often staying late into the night. “This is a great opportunity for them to get their names on the Web site. Many of these students are fourth-year and this experience could very well lead to jobs for them.” Garand expects to achieve upwards of 10,000 hits per week once the site is fully functional.

As soon as Garand has completed the Florida ironman competition, he plans to initiate a triathlon club at the College. “This club would be in on the ground floor when triathlons become an NCAA sport,” he said. He senses an affinity for health and fitness at the school and has mentioned his thoughts to some of the students. Response has been tremendous. “Already 20 students are interested in joining,” he said. “The students would not compete during the school year. They would concentrate on sprint distances instead,” he explained.

What began as a personal physical challenge for one man has grown into a community-wide philanthropic project. Garand’s motivation has increased with each donation he has received. Personal accomplishment is no longer the main focus. Naturally he is anxious to fare well in the contest—“I will be happy if I can finish in less than 12 hours”—but he is more concerned with helping local charities continue research into areas that will eventually help all of mankind.

To learn more about the Ironman Triathlon visit the Web site at: www.holycross.edu/ironman/
Tom Bestpitch '00 is a hard man to pin down. During his time at Holy Cross, Bestpitch has been a starting wide receiver, a starting defensive back, and a punt returner. He’s worn numbers 37, 8 and, finally, 7. Even Bestpitch himself has trouble with classification, settling for calling himself “mostly a defensive back.”

Vague? Yes. Appropriate? Actually, yes it is. Bestpitch began his football career at Holy Cross as a receiver before switching to defensive back the following year. And, despite earning individual honors at defensive back last year, he still has figured into the offensive plans in each of the last two years—thus, the use of the word “mostly.”

“For whatever reason, people back home still think I play receiver,” he says. “I don’t know why. Maybe it’s more glamorous. But I tell them I’m mostly a defensive back.”

The dichotomy began for Bestpitch in high school. While the three-year captain at St. Francis High School, in Hamburg, N.Y., says his main role on the field was that of a wide receiver, he also had been selected as the Best Defensive Back in western New York. When he made his decision to come to Holy Cross, however, Bestpitch expected to be a wide receiver. That notion did not even last until lunch on his first day.

“I came here as a receiver,” he says. “I knew the things Coach Allen did offensively with the run and shoot, and I thought I’d be an inside receiver. But on the first day of practice, I was handed a purple jersey [worn by defensive players].”

He need not have worried. In keeping with the elusive nature of his role on the football field, even that decision was quickly reversed. “I was back to offense by the afternoon practice,” he recalls.

It seemed like a wise move by the Crusader coaching staff. Bestpitch, who saw action in every game of his first season, started seven times. His 19 catches on the year were the fifth most on the team, as were his 147 receiving yards. Five times, he had two or more catches in a game, as he looked on his way to being an integral part of the Holy Cross offense for the next three years.

“I liked playing receiver,” he says. “I got to start seven games and was involved in the offense.”

But the battle for Bestpitch’s services was not over. During spring practice after his first year, Coach Allen and his staff told the then-receiver that his services were needed on the defensive side of the ball. And despite his preference for offense, Bestpitch says he never questioned the move.

“It’s nice to be wanted by both sides,” he says, “but as soon as I found out there was a need at cornerback, I said, ‘Yeah, of course I’ll do it.’”

And while he does wonder what kind of numbers he could have put up playing just receiver for four seasons, Bestpitch certainly has no regrets about the position change. He did, however, suggest another solution to Coach Allen—one which would allow him to follow in the footsteps of Gordie Lockbaum ’88 and start on both sides of the ball.

“Coach said that he knows I can do it, but the answer is no,” Bestpitch remembers with a laugh.

Focusing on the defensive side of the ball that spring, Bestpitch won the starting corner spot and started 11 games in his second season. The transition was a smooth one as he posted 28 tackles on the year, including four or more in each of the last four games of the season. Along with the new position came his first jersey number change, as he turned in 37 for 8.

“I was assigned number 37 in my first season,” he says. “The coaches used to kid me about it. Coach Swepson said 37 is the number given to the worst receiver on the team.”

Bestpitch wanted number 4, his old high school number, but it was already worn by fellow defensive back David Downs ’99, so he took number 8. “It seemed like a good number,” he says. In answer to the question, “Why give up number 8 after a successful year?” Bestpitch offers a unique explanation.

“I changed it because [linebacker] Ben Berger told me that the number 8 makes me look fat, with all the rounded corners and everything. He advised me to get a more pointy number. So I took number 7. It’s really pointy,” he said with a laugh.

As it turns out, Berger may have been on to something. The newly “pointy” Bestpitch enjoyed a breakout season last year. Not only did he lead a revitalized Crusader defense, but he led
the Patriot League in pass breakups with 17 and earned both First Team All-Patriot League honors as well as honorable mention All-America recognition.

“Those awards are nice,” he says. “Team goals are the most important, but it’s nice to see that people respect what you do, and that hard work pays off.”

Bestpitch is hoping that while last year was his year to receive individual accolades, this year will be the time for the team to be so recognized.

“I have high expectations for the team this year,” he says. “Last year we were so close. I think overall the team, in terms of attitude and talent, is totally different than it was four years ago. Now we just need to show it.”

As his time in a Crusader uniform winds down, Bestpitch says, “Even though I know it’s my last shot, it’s not sinking in. I’ve played football for about half of my life, and I don’t think I’ll really know it’s over for a few years. One thing, though, in training camp this year, I could look around and say, ‘Well at least I won’t have to go through this again.’”

Bestpitch said that as much as he and his teammates were encouraged by the great strides the team made last year—leading seven of the 11 games at the start of the fourth quarter—it was still disappointing to take a 2-9 record back home and have people not acknowledge the improvement.

“People out there see we were 2-9 last year and say, ‘Oh, Holy Cross had another bad year,’” he says. “But they don’t know how close we were. And for us to know it … We’ve got to show them and get the respect we deserve this season.”

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Hall of Fame Nominations

The Varsity Club’s selection committee will meet in late January to elect the inductees to the Holy Cross Athletic Hall of Fame. All who have a candidate in mind should submit nominations by Dec. 31, 1999 to James A. Maloney, Secretary, Holy Cross Varsity Club, 862 Pleasant Street, Worcester, MA 01602.

A candidate should meet the following qualifications:

● His or her class must have been graduated five years, although the nominee need not have graduated.
● The nominee must have been outstanding in one or more sports.
● The nominee must have made an outstanding contribution to Holy Cross athletics.

A brief summary of the candidate’s qualifications is required to support each nomination. The Varsity Club reserves the right to make its own independent inquiry.

To be considered, candidates must be nominated for the 2000 selection year, even though they may have been nominated in prior years.

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**Patriot League Contest**

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**BOLD CAPS – Home Game**

# – ECAC Holiday Tournament (Hart Center)

% – at St. Joseph's Holiday Classic (Philadelphia, Pa)

* – Patriot League Contest

(DH) – Double Header with the Men’s Team

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### Alumni Tour to Ireland
March 21-26, 2000

Spend six days and four nights in the Emerald Isle. Visit Killarney and Galway. This trip includes escorted sightseeing by luxury coach. Stay in the first class hotels, Killarney Towers and Flannery’s. Full breakfast daily. Dinner each evening. Price: $689 (+ $41 U.S. departure tax) Single supplement: $149

For more details call the Alumni Office at (508) 793-2418.

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### Alumni Tour to Italy
March 2000

Edward F. Callahan, professor emeritus in the English department, will lead the GAA tour to “Enchanting Italy” in March 2000. The tour will feature visits to the Italian Lake District, Genoa, the Italian Riviera, Parma, Modena, Pisa, Florence, Siena, San Gimignano, Orvieto, Rome, and Vatican City. The cost (Twin, $2,399; Single, $2,619; and Triple, $2,369) includes round trip airfare from Boston or New York, cancellation waivers and 18 meals. A deposit of $360 per person is due to the Holy Cross Alumni Office by Nov. 20.

For additional information contact Pat McCarthy at (508)793-2418.
Family and Holy Cross

It is my distinct honor and privilege to serve as your General Alumni Association President for the 1999-2000 term. As you know, the purpose of the GAA is the promotion of the welfare of Holy Cross and the establishment of a mutually beneficial relationship between Holy Cross and the alumni. The GAA has enabled me to know and work with so many great Crusaders—a redundant phrase if ever there was one! Let me share with you one General Alumni Association inspired event that happened recently.

Royal purple and white balloons were festooned on the fence of the North Andover, Mass., home one sultry, summer Sunday afternoon. The hostess, Mary Alice Rock ’77, was busy attending to last minute preparations for The Holy Cross Club of Merrimack Valley’s Incoming Freshman Picnic. Paula Sasso ’78, Club President, and Martha McGuane ’77, Vice President, greeted members of the Class of 2003 and their parents as they arrived at the charming corner lot Cape. Introductions were made, nametags affixed, and soon, conversations were in full force. Later, Fr. Michael Randone ’90, who is stationed at Saint Michael’s, North Andover, where Fr. Paul Keyes ’58 is pastor, said Mass in the backyard. Fr. Mike’s homily prayerfully encouraged the new students to continue to grow intellectually and spiritually. The first-year students were reminded to bring Jesus with them on their new journey as they continue to grow as men and women for others. After the final blessing and hymn, a picnic supper including delicious fresh fruit salad was served. James ’84 and Rose ’85 Connolly of North Andover brought their four beautiful children to assist with the celebration. The Connollys even baked purple sugar cookies! The participation of my Dad, Joe Reilly ’55, his wife Evelyn, my son Adam, the altar server, and Mary Alice’s brother Paul reinforced our theme. I am sure that you can guess what we were doing on this August afternoon. We were welcoming new members to the Holy Cross family!

In four years, the Class of 2003 will graduate, and, ipso facto, become members of the General Alumni Association. It is my hope that you will continue to view the GAA as your Association. We are a service organization reaching out to the students with programs such as the Bishop Healy Committee, which works to actively advance the mutual respect and quality of interaction between the minority and majority members of the Holy Cross community, both on and off the campus. Another program is the Alumni Scholarship Program, which awards scholarship assistance to some deserving children of alumni for their senior year. As a service organization, we also reach out to alumni with programs such as Continuing Education and the Regional Alumni Club Network.

We are a service organization reaching out to the community with programs such as Alumni Athletic Guest Program and the Summer Fellowship Program, which encourage public service and socially responsible projects for Holy Cross students. The project assists needy “not for profit” agencies in the name of Holy Cross.

As my Dad taught me, being a member of a family comes with responsibilities. Because we are members of the Holy Cross family, we should give back to our college and our community. The General Alumni Association needs your support. You as a graduate are a member. Just as in a family, some members choose to be more involved than others. And, just as a family is ever present, the GAA will always be available for you.

I am so excited as I start my year as President! Thanks to the great work of Stan Slowick ’74, I have big shoes to fill! With the help and assistance of Pat McCarthy ’63, Director of Alumni Relations, Bud McManus ’58, president-elect, the entire Board of Directors, AND YOU—we will have another successful year! Thank you!
Thomas C. Drees ’51 has written a comprehensive study of the “miracle drug”: blood plasma. According to his text, Blood Plasma: The Promise and the Politics (Ashley Books, 1983), almost everyone who reaches the age of 75 will need blood, plasma, or one of their components, at least once in his/her lifetime.

Part political science, part sociology, and part biology, the book deals with the complexities of blood donation. Donors, Drees writes, can now help cure diseases once considered incurable, such as hepatitis, tetanus, and Rh factor disorders.

Drees is president and director of the board and executive committee of Alpha Therapeutic Corp., one of the largest plasma fraction companies in the world. He is also a member of the U.S. Senate Business Advisory Board.

Bridges Toward the Inter-Parish Regional Community … Deaneries, Clusters, Plural Parishes (Liturgical Press, 1998), by Rev. Robert G. Howes ’40, discusses the various issues and concerns of pastoral management.

The book is the third in a series by the author. The first two also concern pastoral planning and management: one discusses shared responsibility, and, the other, parish councils. Bridges addresses the advantages and disadvantages of churches sharing priests, in light of the rise of lay ministries in the Church and the recent decline of vocations to the priesthood.

Howes, who is the founder of the National (Catholic) Pastoral Planning Conference, has consulted with over 30 dioceses in the United States and Canada. Well respected in his field, he is now a professional consultant in pastoral planning.

In the age of multimedia communication, manuals such as Intelligent Multimedia Interfaces (AAAI Press, 1993), by Mark T. Maybury ’86, are invaluable. Maybury asserts that providing machines with the ability to read and decipher multimedia output would be extremely valuable in the workplace.

The book, along with its companion edition, Intelligent Multimedia Information Retrieval, also edited by Maybury, attempts to cover a broad spectrum of topics. Among them are methods for automatic design, systems that integrate multimedia input, and processing multiple media.

Maybury works for the Mitre Corp., Bedford, Mass.

By the Numbers

- Number of RAs (Resident Assistants) on campus: 75
- Number of honor societies at Holy Cross: 12
- Number of students in the First-Year Program: 163
- Number of trees listed in the Campus Arboretum: 810
- Pounds of strawberries used by Cool Beans coffee shop for “smoothie” dessert drinks during Aug. 27-29: 120
- Number of links on the Holy Cross Web site: approximately 50,000
- Number of issues of The Crusader published a year: 20
- Weekly circulation of The Crusader: 3,500
- Number of faculty who have received the Distinguished Teaching Award: 10
- Number of faculty who have been at Holy Cross for 25 years or more: 52
ACCREDITATION VISIT SET FOR APRIL 2000; COMMENTS ARE INVITED

Holy Cross will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit April 2-5, 2000, by a team representing the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

The Commission is one of eight accrediting commissions in the United States that provides institutional accreditation on a regional basis. Accreditation is voluntary and applies to the institution as a whole. The Commission, which is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, accredits approximately 200 institutions in the six-state New England region.

Holy Cross has been accredited by the Commission since December 1930 and was last reviewed in 1990.

For the past year, Holy Cross has been engaged in a process of self-study, addressing the Commission’s Standards for Accreditation. An evaluation team will visit the College to gather evidence that the self-study is thorough and accurate. The team will recommend to the Commission a continuing status for Holy Cross; following a review process, the Commission itself will take the final action.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the College to:

Public Comment on Holy Cross
Commission on Institutions of Higher Education
New England Association of Schools and Colleges
209 Burlington Road
Bedford, MA 01730-1433
e-mail: cihe@neasc.org

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the College. Comments will not be treated as confidential.

Written, signed comments must be received by April 5, 2000. The Commission cannot guarantee that comments received after that date will be considered. Comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person providing the comments.

The Commission cannot settle disputes between individuals and institutions, whether those involve faculty, students, administrators, or members of other groups. Individuals considering submitting complaints against an affiliated institution should request the separate Policy and Procedures for the Consideration of Complaints Made Against Affiliated Institutions from the Commission office.
1945

Class Chair
Francis J. McCabe Jr.

In June, Monsignor Austin P. Bennett, who serves the Diocese of Brooklyn, N.Y., celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Monsignor Bennett is currently active on the boards of the Catholic Medical Center of Brooklyn and Queens, St. Mary’s Hospital in Bedford-Stuyvesant and Ozanam Hall Nursing Home in Bayside; he also continues to administer the Parish Service Corp., the diocesan insurance office.

1946

Class Chair
Thomas H. Smith

Rev. Francis X. Sullivan, who retired in February, had most recently been the pastor of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church in Westfield, Mass., for eight years. Fr. Sullivan continues to be active in the Diocese of Springfield, assisting full-time priests with their pastoral duties.

1949

Class Co-Chairs
Donal J. Burns
George E. Cahill

By George Cahill

Dear Classmates:

Ed “Bob” Maher reports that he is retired and in good health. The father of four sons and one daughter, he reports that his present activities are “golf, golf, and golf.”

Ray Sweeney is still actively working at his own business in West Springfield, Mass., the Ray Sweeney Real Estate and Insurance Agency. After reading the April 1999 edition of the Holy Cross Magazine, Ray has reminded us of the only classmate lost in the Korean War, Lt. Jim McCoy, USMCR, who died on Sept. 2, 1951 while serving with the 1st Marine Division in Korea.

John McCloskey reports 49 years of marriage, 10 children and six grandchildren. His daughters, Maureen and Mary, are graduates of Holy Cross also. Not retired, John stays very busy at the John F. McCloskey Florist & Garden Center in Forest Hills, N.Y.

1950

Class Chair
James P. Diggins

Howard W. Clarke continues to give cruise ship lectures on classical sites in the Mediterranean area. During the past year, he worked on the Stella Solaris (Royal Olympic), the Adventurer (Clipper Cruise Line) and the Sea Cloud (Abercrombie & Kent). Ralph F. Flynn Jr., D.D.S., who maintains a dental practice in Warwick, R.I., was installed as president of the Rhode Island Dental Association at the 121st Annual Session of the House of Delegates held May 25, in Warwick. Rev. Robert T. Kennedy, who is a professor of canon law at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., recently celebrated the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

1951

Class Co-Chairs
Thomas M. Gayley Jr.
Albert J. McEvoy Jr.

Francis J. (Jack) Rivers, who is a trustee of the Colonial Realty Trust in Framingham, Mass., also works as a free-lance writer and columnist for the Metro-West Daily News.

1953

Class Chair
Rev. Mgr. John J. Kellilder

For the past three summers, Salvatore J. Perla Jr. has taught a course in American Sign Language, finger spelling and deaf culture in Greece, N.Y.

1954

Class Chair
Barry R. McDonough

Class Correspondent
Paul F. Dupuis

James G. Callan, who has maintained a law practice in Groton, Mass., for the past 35 years, is a trustee of the Groton Public Library and a member of the library building committee. Raymond L.H. Murphy Jr., M.D., continues to serve as chief of the pulmonary service at Faulkner Hospital in Jamaica Plain, Mass., and professor of medicine at Tufts University School of Medicine. Home Textiles Today recently listed Park B. Smith as one of the 20 most influential people in the textile industry over the last 20 years. Thomas J. Wheatley Jr., who is retired, volunteers at Deaconess-Clover Hospital in Needham, Mass.

1955

Class Chair
Paul F. Coveney

Class Correspondent
Robert F. Danahy

Joseph Lien Jr., who was appointed first justice of probate and family court, Worcester division, in January, has been a trustee of the Massachusetts Bar Foundation since November 1997; and the elected treasurer of the Massachusetts Judges Conference since Nov. 1.

1957

Class Chair
Franklin M. Hulley

Mark A. Delaney, who has retired as director and chief engineer of the diocesan insurance office.

1959

Class Chair
William P. Maloney

Class Correspondent
John J. Ornand

Sherman J. Brown continues to work in the real estate business. James A. Kennedy Jr., chairman and chief executive of National Starch and Chemical Co., Bridgeport, N.J., retired in June after 37 years of service, including 10 years as chief executive officer. Kennedy continues to serve as chairman of the Board of Overseers of the New Jersey Institute of Technology in Newark. Neal E. Winn, M.D., who retired from the position of vice president for medical affairs with Kapiolani Health in Honolulu, Hawaii, in July 1998, rejoined the oh/gyn faculty of the University of Hawaii School of Medicine on a part-time basis.

1960

Class Co-Chairs
George M. Ford
George F. Sullivan Jr.

Regis College in Weston, Mass., awarded William F. Meagher Jr. its first Presidential Medal at a testimonial dinner held in April. Meagher, who had been a partner in the Boston office of Arthur Andersen, retired from the accounting firm in 1998, after 38 years of service.

1961

Class Chair
Joseph E. Dertinger Jr.

John J. Collins earned the designation “certified business intermediary” (CBI) from the International Business Brokers Association. In June, Kevin J. Collins was re-elected vice chairman of the Board of Governors of Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick/Piscataway. Rev. Dennis W. Howell recently celebrated his 25th anniversary of service to the parishioners of St. Joseph Church in Norwalk, Conn. R. Spencer

Marconi Integrated Systems (former- ly General Dynamics Electronics) in San Diego, Calif., continues to serve as a consultant to the company.

1963

Class Chair
Charles J. Buxba

Class Correspondent
Michael J. Toner

In July, Franklin A. Klein Jr. joined the law firm of Strauss & Troy in its Cincinnati Office. Francis J. Scarpa, M.D., who maintains a practice in Greenwich, Conn., serves as an attending physician in the department of surgery at Greenwich Hospital, was elected to a second term as president of the Fairfield County Medical Association. He is also currently serving as president of the Connecticut chapter of the American College of Surgeons.

1964

Class Chair
Ronald I. Malebr


1965

Class Co-Chairs
David J. Martel

Thomas F. McCabe

David J. Hinehen, director of volunteer services at Boston Medical Center, has been selected by the Massachusetts Association of Directors of Healthcare Volunteer Services to serve as the president, effective June 2000.
1966

Class Chair
William L. Jansky Jr.

Charles F. (Chuck) Mansfield has been elected a director/trustee of the Federated Funds of Federated Investors Inc., a mutual fund complex based in Pittsburgh, Mansfield, who has served in the financial services industry for 30 years as a senior executive, management consultant, public speaker and author, is currently a management consultant whose clients include banks and industrial corporations as well as professional and financial services firms. He also is a member of the board of directors and finance committee of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights. Alfred J. O’Donovan, who has been elected to the board with the Boston law firm of Shapiro Hader & Ury, has been elected to a three-year term on the board of trustees of Dean College in Franklin, Mass.

1967

Class Co-Chairs
P. Kevin Condon
John P. Sindoni

Thomas F. Heggen, who is a partner in the Litchfield, Conn., law firm of Cuion, Stevens & Rybak, was selected as the guest speaker at Memorial Day services held in Litchfield. Joseph P. Smaldone is now the director of the U.S. State Department’s Office of Export Controls and Conventional Arms Nonproliferation Policy. He is also an adjunct professor at Georgetown University, George Washington University and the University of Maryland where he teaches courses on foreign policy, defense and international security.

1968

Class Co-Chairs
John T. Collins
Brian W. Hoterek

Vincent T. Brown Jr., is the chief financial officer for The Highland Group, a management consulting firm in April, he played the role of Sir Thomas More in a community production of “The Life of the World.”

1969

Class Chair
David H. Drinan

Joseph J. Conway, M.D., maintains an OB/GYN practice in Hyannis, Mass. John A. Fallon, M.D., who is the executive vice president of North Shore Medical Center, Salem, Mass., has been named chairman of Partners Community Healthcare Inc., Boston, a division of Partners Healthcare founded by Massachusetts General Hospital and Brigham & Women’s Hospital. Kenneth F. Kitchell Jr., is a professor and receives medal

Federal Judge Richard Conway Casey ’55, who recently received the Blessed Hyacinth Cormier O.P. Medal at the Angelicum in Rome, is pictured here meeting Pope John Paul II. The citation recognized his “outstanding leadership in the promotion of Gospel Values in the field of justice and ethics.” Casey is the third recipient of this honor. The previous recipients are the Pope and former Treasury Secretary William Simon, who is pictured in the above photo to the left of Casey.
investment partnerships and financial services.

1975
Class Co-Chairs
Joseph W. Cummings
Joseph A. Sasso Jr.
Cmdr. Dennis V. Army, USN, who now captains the AEGIS guided missile cruiser, USS Cassiopeia, has been named to the additional post of president.
Donald P. Olsen is now executive director and general manager for workers' compensation operations with the Workers' Compensation in Waltham, Mass. Bernard J. Schumacher, who received his CFA (chartered financial analyst) in September, is also an adjunct professor of finance at Telkeyo Post University in Waterbury, Conn.

1976
Class Chair
Thomas L. Ryan
Class Correspondent
Thomas C. Healey
In June, the Massachusetts Governor's Executive Council unanimously approved the appointment of Paul M. Vrabel as associate justice in the Northern Berkshire District Court; Vrabel has been associated with the Adams, Mass., law firm of Donovan and O'Connor since 1983.

1977
Class Co-Chairs
Kathleen T. Connolly
Shaun P. Mathews
John M. Klefas, chairman of the criminal justice department at the Rochester (N.Y.) Institute of Technology, was recently granted the 1999 Adolph J. Rodenbeck Award by the Monroe County Bar Association. Maggie Wilderotter, chief executive officer of Wink Communications, Santa Monica, Calif., recently demonstrated a new interactive television technology called Wink that allows viewers to use the television remote control to order products and obtain information through their cable boxes.

1978
Class Co-Chairs
Marcia Henney Collins
Mark D. Murray
Michael H. Shanahan
Allegheny Energy Inc., Hagerstown, Md., recently announced that Paul M. Barbias has joined the company as president of AEGIS Capital Inc., the company's wholly owned venture subsidiary. In addition, Barbias has been named a vice president of Allegheny Energy Inc. and of Allegheny Energy Service Corp. His duties include leading the company's efforts to expand its telecommunications opportunities while using its exempt telecommunications subsidiary, Allegheny Communications Inc.; managing its energy service subsidiary, Allegheny Energy Solutions; and identifying and evaluating new unregulated opportunities. Cmdr. James F. Holland II, USN, recently completed a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf aboard the amphibious assault ship and Amphibious Ready Group flagship, USS Nassau, homeported in Norfolk, Va. The deployment involved support of the NATO military offensive against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and provision of humanitarian relief to Kosovo. David H. Stahelski has been named vice president of administration at Millford (Conn.) Hospital.

1979
Class Co-Chairs
George A. Ashur
Deborah Pellet
St. John's Press recently published Lisa Calderone-Stewart's newest book, *Life Works and Faith Fits*, which recounts true stories about the power of faith in daily life. Several stories involve campus life and graduates of Holy Cross. Eugene B. Casasgrande Jr., M.D., maintains a private medical practice as a family practitioner in Frederick, Md. Anthony D. Dokurno's biography was selected for inclusion in Who's Who in America (53rd edition, 1999). Loretta (Hitch) Edmonson, M.D., and her husband, Mitch, announce the adoption of their one-year-old daughter, Anna Lee, from the People's Republic of China. Stephen L. Freeman coached the Hampstead, N.H., boys' fifth and sixth-grade travel team which went undefeated and won the Manchester (N.H.) Suburban League. Ann McLaney-Johnson is now the associate dean of Salem College, a liberal arts college for women in Winston-Salem, N.C. Patricia M. Shea continues to work in the legal department of the Communications Workers of America in Washington, D.C. Barbara Tylden is the senior attending psychologist for the developmental disabilities program at the Emma Pendleton Bradley Hospital in East Providence, R.I. Tylden is also an assistant clinical professor at the Brown University School of Medicine in Providence, and serves as expert witness for the state of Connecticut's Department of Child and Youth Services. Terence H. Walsh and his wife, Kendra, announce the birth of their son, Ian Patrick, in March. Gerard A. (Rod) Woodford, who is a senior vice president at AmeriSouth Bank in Birmingham, Ala., has graduated from the Stonier Graduate School of Banking; his thesis, "Year 2000 and Credit Risk: Remediation Opportunity," has been published and placed in the libraries of the American Bankers Association in Washington, D.C., and the Harvard Business School.

1980
Class Co-Chairs
J. Christopher Collins
Elizabeth Palomba Sprague
Kathleen L. Wiese
Lynn (Cormier) Brown, who is pursuing her master of arts degree in applied theology at Elms College, Chicopee, Mass., won the second place graduate level award in an essay contest sponsored by the Cardinals Sueum Program in Theology and Church Life at John Carroll University in Cleveland. Browne is the business manager and accountant for the Catholic school's Pittsfield, Mass. Harold A. (Hal) Condras Jr., M.D., who has been practicing cardiology in Houston, Texas, at St. Joseph Hospital for eight years, has also been on the board of the JVC-South for the past six years, most recently serving as chairman. Matthew C. Ferguson and his wife announce the birth of their twins, Henry Seamus and Grace Murphy, on June 10. Ferguson practices law in Aspen, Colo. Katherine Johnson received tenure in the philosophy department at Hanover (Ind.) College. Justine Harrison Kraus works part time as a physical therapist. Margaret (Egazarian) McGowan and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of their son, Ryan Michael, on June 6, 1999. Hillary M. Nangle, who is now a full-time free-lance writer and editor, contributes regularly to various regional and national publications and Internet sites on skiing, travel, the arts and food. In addition to receiving the Maine Media Women's 1999 Communicator of Achievement Award, she also earned honorary mention in the Harold S. Hirsch Snow Sports Journalism Competition in April. Alfred P. Quirk Jr. has been appointed vice president, finance, and treasurer of Aetna Inc., Hartford, Conn. In addition to directing Aetna's financing and merger and acquisition activity, Quirk is now responsible for capital management, treasury operations and insurance agency relations; he also continues to oversee Aetna's corporate finance, foreign exchange, corporate insurance and pension management areas. Kathleen M. Shannon, who has been on the faculty of the Salisbury (Md.) State University for 10 years, was named chair of the department of mathematics and computer science effective in July and was promoted to the rank of full professor effective Aug. 15. John Thibeudeau and his wife, Connie, announce the birth of their twins, James Kelly and Kerri Elizabeth, on March 26.

1981
Class Co-Chairs
James G. Healy
Elizabeth Stevens Murdy
William J. Supple
Elizabeth (Elia) Suliminski Blakeslee is now working as a residential mortgage broker for White Horse Financial Services, Bronxville, N.Y. Anna B. Colton, director and team leader at BankBoston, cultural, education and healthcare division, is an allocation volunteer for the United Way of Massachusetts Bay. Robert and Elizabeth (Barry) Healey announce the birth of their son, John "Jack" Huntington, on April 23. Bob is a partner in the real estate group of Ernst & Young in Boston. Mary-Lynn Kinney and her husband, Roy Szoka, announce the birth of their daughter, Kathryn Mary, on April 28. Paula P. Utzschneider has been named vice president of finance and administration with Lime Automotive Systems Inc., a communications service provider in Newton, Mass. Katherine Buckley McNamara and her husband, Mike, announce the birth of their daughter, Lucy Kathleen, on July 4. Bruce T. Morrill, S.J., is assistant professor of theology at Boston College. Glenn O'Creedy, M.D., who is currently vice chairman of family medicine at Boston University-Boston Medical Center, has completed the second year of his J.B. (J. Bishop) Morrill's graduate course, "Divine Worship and Human Healing" drawing on his 10 years of experience as a member of the Greater Lawrence Family Health Clinic, he spoke on the physician's vocation as healer to the total person. Theresa (Teri) Moschetta, a national account executive for a Boston-based Liberty Mutual Group, received the 1999 Chairman's Award for her work on the scaffolding collapse that shut down a sever-al block radius of midtown Manhattan during the summer of 1998. Moschetta is also an active member of the Women's Leadership Forum, an arm of the Democratic National Committee. Barbara Talmadge Siebler and her husband, Glenn, announce the birth of their son, Kevin Andrew, on June 2.

1982
Class Co-Chairs
Robert E. Clonie
Jean Kelly Cummings
Thomas P. Joyce Jr.
Patricia McAnaney Borner and her husband, Scott, announce the birth of their daughter, Anne Kathleen, on Feb. 6. John R. Duffy promotes J.P. Morgan's private client investment business for the West Coast and Latin America. Mark E. Reid has been promoted to manager of billing systems at Quest Diagnostics Inc., a nationwide medical laboratory. Sarah B. Hacker and John Kiss have opened a residential service company with U.S. headquarters in Wellesley Hills, Mass., has named Paul D. Vaskas assistant vice president, public relations and communications.

1983
Class Co-Chairs
Patricia G. Haylon
Robert L. Rutledge
Margaret A. Condon
Robert L. Rutledge
Margaret A. Condon
J. Christopher Collins
Elizabeth Palomba Sprague
Kathleen L. Wiese
Lynn (Cormier) Brown, who is pursuing her master of arts degree in applied theology at Elms College, Chicopee, Mass., won the second place graduate level award in an essay contest sponsored by the Cardinals Sueum Program in Theology and Church Life at John Carroll University in Cleveland. Browne is the business manager and accountant for the Catholic school's Pittsfield, Mass. Harold A. (Hal) Condras Jr., M.D., who has been practicing cardiology in Houston, Texas, at St. Joseph Hospital for eight years, has also been on the board of the JVC-South for the past six years, most recently serving as chairman. Matthew C. Ferguson and his wife announce the birth of their twins, Henry Seamus and Grace Murphy, on June 10. Ferguson practices law in Aspen, Colo. Katherine Johnson received tenure in the philosophy department at Hanover (Ind.) College. Justine Harrison Kraus works part time as a physical therapist. Margaret (Egazarian) McGowan and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of their son, Ryan Michael, on June 6, 1999. Hillary M. Nangle, who is now a full-time free-lance writer and editor, contributes regularly to various regional and national publications and Internet sites on skiing, travel, the arts and food. In addition to receiving the Maine Media Women's 1999 Communicator of Achievement Award, she also earned honorary mention in the Harold S. Hirsch Snow Sports Journalism Competition in April. Alfred P. Quirk Jr. has been appointed vice president, finance, and treasurer of Aetna Inc., Hartford, Conn. In addition to directing Aetna's financing and merger and acquisition activity, Quirk is now responsible for capital management, treasury operations and insurance agency relations; he also continues to oversee Aetna's corporate finance, foreign exchange, corporate insurance and pension management areas. Kathleen M. Shannon, who has been on the faculty of the Salisbury (Md.) State University for 10 years, was named chair of the department of mathematics and computer science effective in July and was promoted to the rank of full professor effective Aug. 15. John Thibeudeau and his wife, Connie, announce the birth of their twins, James Kelly and Kerri Elizabeth, on March 26.
the birth of their daughter, Kathleen, on May 28, 1998. Canfell continues to work for NetScape Communications as a senior account manager focused on financial services. Jennifer Kelley Hoskins and husband, Andrew, announce the birth of their son, Ryan Andrew, on Aug. 2, 1998. James Irzyk and his wife, Jody, announce the birth of their daughter, Jeremy and ponda, on Jan. 27. Todd I. Muness, M.D., is now the medical director of the University of Massachusetts' Drug Treatment Center, in College Park. Rosemary Mazzaferro Pepin and her husband, Robert, announce the birth of their daughter, Julia Rose, on Jan. 26, 1998. Frank C. Usaglio and his wife, Janet, announce the birth of their daughter, Halle Caroline, on April 8.

1984

Class Co-Chairs
Fred J. O'Connor
Richard W. Shea Jr.

Joseph J. Bradley, M.D., has joined the Active Medical Staff of the Southern Maine Medical Center in the radiology department. Virginia A. Clavin and her husband, Kevin, announce the birth of their twin, Connor Xavier and Kevin Thomas, on Nov. 24. Clavin is now the principal clerk to N.Y. State Supreme Court Justice Geoffrey J. O'Connell. Lynda L. Dugas and her husband, Chris Kauth, announce the birth of their son, Lukas Warren, on May 2. Julie Viens Foley and her husband, Kenneth, announce the birth of their son, Brendan Joseph, on Jan. 6. Megan E. Fox, who has opened the Megan Fox Art Advisory in New York, is a chief advisor to art collectors.

John P. Caffigan and his wife, Mariah, announce the birth of their daughter, Breana Katherine, on Aug. 30, 1998. James M. Kerrnwy works for the Ford Motor Co., Detroit, Mich., in marketing and sales. John S. LaRoossa and his wife, Ann, announce the birth of their daughter, Lauren Margaret, on Dec. 26. Ms. Rice, whose full name is Brenda Rice, has been appointed to partner at the Boston law firm, Ropes & Gray.

1985

Class Co-Chair
James M. O'Neill

Joan (Stanton) Brugman works full time as the licensed clinical psychologist for the outpatient psychology department at Gaston Memorial Hospital, Gaston, N.C. Bernedette Keefe and John B. Dore Jr. announce the birth of their daughter, Amy Elizabeth, on March 30. Christine Balaguer Dungan and her husband, Chris, announce the birth of their daughter, Catherine. Dunn continues to serve on the faculty at Seton Hall University, Newark, N.J., where she teaches psychology on the graduate level. Joanne Merriam Grega works at Winchester (Mass.) Hospital as the administrative director of four departments. Paul K. Halloran Jr. and his wife, uncle, announce the birth of their daughter, Martha Lucy, on May 8. Halloran is the news editor at the Daily Evening Item in Lynn, Mass. Kathleen (Duggan) and Michael R. Knapp announce the birth of their daughter, Katherine Rose, on Oct. 3, 1998. Michael was recently elected to his fifth term as a Massachusetts state senator, representing the second Hampshire district; he was also appointed the senate's minority whip. Dori (Deptula) La Bella, who is a teacher in the Warren school system, recently received her master of education degree from the University of Rhode Island.

Pamela K. Linder, who is the director of community and junior officer of the defender treatment program in New Haven, Conn., provides consultation and training to the department of children and families for the state of Connecticut. Kathleen (McCluskey) and N. Myles Maguire announce the birth of their son, Brian Maguire, on March 7, 1998. Mary Elizabeth (Tessi) Maynard completed her second master's degree in education at Anna Maria College, Paxton, Mass., recently conducted an international intergenerational psychology/writing project with high school students and local senior citizens. Martha Russell Mitchell and her husband, Elliot, announce the birth of their daughter, Jane Sara, on Feb. 4. Mitchell is the director of development at the Walden School. Lynne Hutchison Mudie and her husband, Craig, announce the birth of their daughter, Anna Caroline, on Oct. 31. Mudie is currently teaching math and Spanish to high school students. Virginia Valade Widmann and her husband, Bryan, announce the birth of their daughter, Claire Marie, on Jan. 26. Widmann works part time as a conditioner for Carne Greek Video, a television production team company in Amherst, N.H.


1986

Class Co-Chair
Patrick L. McCarthy Jr.

Kathleen A. Quinn

Michael J. Chojnowski, who recently joined the New York City Fire Department, is now a firefighter stationed in Rockaway Beach. John S. (Sean) Clark III now works as a personal consultant for the New York Trust Co. in Chicago, Ill. Donna Kaley Cooney and her husband, Jim, announce the birth of their son, Jack Michael, on June 19. Cooney is currently working as a registered nurse for the Berkshire Visiting Nurse Association, Pittsfield, Mass. Frank J. DiMauro, M.D., and his wife, Anne Marie, announce the birth of their daughter, Madeline May, on Aug. 30, 1998. Joseph J. Donner is the general director of corporate communications for PricewaterhouseCoopers. Elizabeth Stolmeier Czubas and her husband, Jeff, announce the birth of their son, Michael Patrick, on July 2. Elizabeth W. Hildebrand and her husband, James, announce the birth of their daughter, Catherine Rose, on Dec. 30. Robert A. Indeglia Jr. has become a principal of Magua Hutchinson, Providence, R.I.; he is currently serving as executive vice president of the company which owns and operates hotels primarily on the East Coast. Karen Measly Leary and her husband, John, announce the birth of their son, Matthew John, on April 24, 1998. Maureen A. McCarthy and her husband, Paul, announce the birth of their daughter, Madeleine Elizabeth, on Feb. 1. Stephen T. Murray has been named a partner in the Boston law firm of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo. Robert Nicolai and his wife, Marianne, announce the birth of their daughter, Kristen, on May 2. For the past three years, Nicolai has been self-employed, maintaining an accounting and advertising practice. Nancy (Mahanna) Puleo and her husband, Tom '84, announce the birth of their son, Kevin Richard, on March 14, 1998. Robert Pollard has been employed by NBC to produce its new soap opera entitled Passions, which premiered in July. Timothy R. Walsh is a deputy district attorney in San Diego, Calif., a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy Reserves, and an adjunct professor of law at the University of San Diego Law School.

MARRIED: Maurea A. Crowley and William E. Bennett, on April 18, at St. Agatha's Church in Milton, Mass.

1987

Class Co-Chairs
ERIN B. GRIMES
Kathleen E. MOYLAN
James W. NaN

Thomas F. Burchill IV, who now lives in London, works for Morgan Stanley. Kimberly Ferri Cakebread is now documentation manager for Aurigin Systems in Mountain View, Calif. Frank A. Chicka III and his wife, Rhonda, announce the birth of their daughter, Jessica, on May 9. Colleen (Trainor) Conley, who is now a sales representative with the Genzyme Corp., is also the chair of the Mendon (Mass.) Historical Commission. Virginia A. (Ginger) Centi recently joined the staff of the Hebrew Rehabilitation Center for the Aged in Boston as the director of auxiliary services. Mary M. (Melly) Diggins and her husband, Mark, announce the birth of their son, Liam Joseph, on Oct. 6, 1998. Daniel M. Falvey and his wife, Betsy Bilt, announce the birth of their daughter, Lauren Margaret, on Dec. 31. Charles E. (Ted) Crenay, who recently joined four other attorneys to form the new law firm, Webster, Szym, in Buffalo, N.Y., practices civil litigation and environmental law. Jennifer (McKathy) Kindel and her husband, George, announce the birth of their son, Saxon Conley, on May 24. David J. Leyden and his wife, Joy, announce the birth of their daughter, Bridgette Kay, on April 9. Leyden is currently employed as a litigation attorney with the Provident Companies Inc. in Worcester. Edward C. Maier Jr. is serving as president, executive vice president and secretary, with Fallon Hines & O'Connor Inc., Boston. Julie McElaney-Gorman and her husband, Jim, announce the birth of their son, Matthew Francis, on March 11. Susanne B. and Christian M. McCaggan announce the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth.
Christine (Juliano) Canavan and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of their son, Aidan Michael, on Feb. 7. Mauro O’Brien Champigny and her husband, Dave, announce the birth of their daughter, Julie Madeline, on June 21, 1998. Nancy Losordo Clinton and her husband, Doug, announce the birth of their son, Thomas Reed, on Feb. 7. Carla Cornelius Connolly and her husband, Chris, announce the birth of their daughter, Gelia, on June 11. Kimberly Fandel Connolly is the managing development manager for Frito-Lay Inc., in northern California. Elizabeth J. (Betty) Cucco received her Ph.D. in counseling psychology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, in May; she has accepted a teaching position in the department of psychology at the University of Utah.

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1988

Class Co-Chairs
Paul F. Domit
Heidi M. Mechley-Felton

In May, Jennifer A. (Jay) Clarke received her Ph.D. from Brown University, Providence, R.I. James O. Fair and his wife, Cynthia, announce the birth of their son, Jack, on June 20. Fair has been named the vice president of sales with Newton Online Business Solutions in Newton, Mass. Betsey T. Falvey and her husband, Daniel ’87, announce the birth of their daughter, Lauren Margaret, on Dec. 31. Jeannine Hanley Forbes and her husband, Jeff, announce the birth of their daughter, Karen Emily, on Oct. 20, 1998. Michael R. Horowitz and his wife, Ann, announce the birth of their twins, Robert Irving and Thomas Raymond, on April 9. Francis X. (Skip) Leary and his wife, Andrea ’89, announce the birth of their daughter, Rebecca Rose, on July 6, 1998. Frank J. and Jean P. Mastrandrea announce the birth of their son, Jacob Ryan, on Dec. 8. Marianne T. Prior-Boyer and her husband, Joseph, announce the birth of their daughter, Karen Thomas, on May 21. Maria Tutrone Sattley and her husband, James, announce the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Ann, on April 24. Christopher D. Schott and his wife, Jeanette, announce the birth of their daughter, Victoria Anne, on April 28. Kathleen O’Rourke Seaman and her husband, Paul, announce the birth of their daughter, Amanda Jane, on Dec. 28. Seaman, who continues to work part time at the Jericho, N.Y., law firm, O’Rourke, D’Amico, is married and his wife, Rourke, concentrates her practice on trusts and estates.

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finished an M.B.A. program at the University of Maryland; Katie’s graduating from American University with a masters in [you guessed it] broadcast journalism this July. Thanks for all the info, Katie. Megan Clark writes to let us know that she’s now practicing labor and employment law in her hometown of Cincinnati, and that she recently spent some time in Paris with Eileen Hattan (who was taking a break — or is that a junket? — from her job working for Senator Kohl of Wisconsin). Megan now bought a house and, having turned 30 like so many of us, is “finally accepting that adulthood has arrived.” (Did I miss the memo on that?) C’moooon Megan, you’ll always have Paris! Want a second opinion in the D.C. area? Check with any of these classmates: Anne Burke is in her medical residency at Georgetown University, and Tim Donahue is spending his third year of urology residency at Bethesda Naval Hospital. Tim reports that Mark Miller and Mike Biondi are also at Bethesda. Tim and his wife, Christine (who’s a pathologist at Johns Hopkins University), seems to manage a mini-merger at home: two dogs and six fish. (That’s either a fine from a Dr. Seuss book or a great name for an alternative Rock band.) Being Showed the Money is Doug Lilly, who just became an agent with the National Football League. Doug, also an attorney, represents artists and business managers in the entertainment industry, so he’s going to have to sue me for the copyright infringement above. Doug tells us that he sees Gerry Giamo in court on occasion, but declines to elaborate; we can only assume the worst: Gerry is a courtroom groupie. Anne Marie Lizi is now the production manager of Time Warner Advertising in Albany, N.Y., and serves as the Albany Chapter President of American Women in Radio and Television. Anne has run into Lisa (Duffy) Dilley, Mary Frances Carney, and her old roommate, Kim Devis-Basso, over the past few months. And rounding out the general bits of news is a guy who has no idea why spelling his boss’ name wrong: Joe Spillane, formerly an A.D.A. in Worcester, has joined the Worcester firm of Spillane and Spillane, LLP. When caught performing an unauthorized musical number with some wacky neighbors named Fred and Ethel down at the courthouse, Joe was told he had a lot of spillane-in to do. (Hmm, first I swipe a Cuba Gooding Jr. line, then throw a Ricky Ricardo reference … geez! There’s almost a motif going here.) Weddings: Weddings, Oh We’ve Got Your Wedding Rights Here: Tom Webster D.M.D. and his wife, Elizabeth Ann, were married in Florida on Nov. 28, and then sank their teeth into a honey-moon in Costa Rica. (Thus almost giving me a Cuban pun trifecta, but not quite.) Tom raves about the cigars, the rain forests, and the waves of Costa Rica, but wasn’t thrilled with the roads. Well, Tom, the road doesn’t always rise up to meet you, sometimes it plunges you off a switchback into a ravine. Chris Ferrell and Kurt Grochowski were married by Holy Cross’ Fred Enman, S.J., in September 1998 and had Ann Ferrell Leslie, Marianna, Davinotta, Rose Baker, Maureen Cavanaugh, Rosene Achin-Houseman and Caroline Edward Kurzwell as attendants and guests … Marty Tevan and Sheevaun Melille were married in Holmdel, N.J., on Apr. 17 … Julie Solinski joined Robert J. Faller Jr. at the altar on Dec. 5 in White Plains, N.Y. Thomas B. Miller married Wendy Ann Messina in Fairfield, Conn. on May 23, 1998 … Rosemarie DeCicco and David Crowley ’92 were wed on Oct. 18, … and the dual ’91 couple of Lisa Dunn and Sean McKeon made things legal on June 27, 1998 in St. Joseph Chapel. And now, the moment that none of you were waiting for: an update on the contest for the most unusual greenslip. Given the absolutely underwhelming number of entries thus far, I’ve decided to extend the judging period — look for the winners (and losers worthy of honorable mention) next time.

1992

Class Chair
Revee L. Martin
Nicholas J. Aieta, who is completing his Ph.D. in American history at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, is an adjunct professor at Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, and a full-time history teacher at St. Cecilia Academy in Nashville.

Stephanie K., M.D., and Michael S. Fowler, M.D., announce the birth of their daughter, Amanda Veronica, on Nov. 8, 1998. Stephanie, who recently completed her family practice residency at Shady Side Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pa., has accepted a position in private practice in Chicago, Michael, who completed his internal medicine residency at Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pa., has accepted a cardiology fellowship at Hartford (Connecticut) Hospital. Heather (Ferrone) and Sean T. Keaveny announce the birth of their daughter, Caitlin Elizabeth, on March 31. Mark A. LeCamer, an equities trader at Credit Suisse First Boston in New York City, has joined the firm. Mark, who received his master’s degree in taxation from the University of Hartford, is working as a senior tax manager for Deloitte Touche in Hartford, Conn. His responsibilities also include overseeing Deloitte and Touche’s efforts to familiarize employees in the Hartford office with the company’s programs, such as flexible work schedules, career planning and development, mentoring and networking.

Lauren (Mifflit) McCourt and her husband, Tim, announce the birth of their daughter, Julia Grace, on June 17. Kerry Robertson O’Brien and her husband, Tim, ’91, announce the birth of their daughter, Galian Patricia, on Nov. 15, 1998. O’Brien, who received her M.P.H. degree from Columbia University, is now coordinating the disease management programs at Lennox Hill Hospital in New York City. In May, Suzanne M. O’Connor received her degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. Erin Kelly Regan, who is a second-year law student at St. John’s University, has accepted a postgraduate clerkship with the U.S. District Court Judge Richard Conway Caseys, ’55, in New York City. John J. Richard is now working as a portfolio manager at State Street Global Advisors, Boston. Sean W. Sullivan and his wife, Sarah,’93, announce the birth of their son, Seth Robert, on March 10. Michelle R. Torgmy, who received her Ph.D. in immunology from the Joan and Sanford Weill Graduate School of Medical Sciences of Cornell University in New York City; she is currently working as a postdoctoral fellow, studying the causes of B-cell cancers such as multiple myeloma.


1993

Class Co-Chairs
Patrik Gunnarsson
Patrick J. Sansonetti
Matthew T. Abbott, who received his M.B.A. in June from Northwestern’s Kellogg Graduate School of Management, Chicago, accepted a position with Credit Suisse First Boston in New York City, in its fixed income division. Danielle Tobie Albushe, M.D., who received her degree from Dartmouth Medical School, Hanover, N.H., in June, accepted an ob/gyn residency with Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, N.Y. Thomas J. Beall, who just became an agent with First Data Investor Services Group in Boston, J. Philip Calabrese and his wife, Becky, announce the birth of their son, Julian, on Aug. 11. Kristin Bergin Fitzpatrick and her husband, Jim, announce the birth of their daughter, Claire Elisabeth, on March 17. Colleen (Detera) Gilroy and her husband, John, announce the birth of their son, John Patrick, on May 27. Scott M. Graham, who received his doctor of osteopathic medicine degree from Kirksville (Mo.) College of Osteopathic Medicine; he is an intern at Union (N.J.) Hospital. Wendy S. Bell, who joined the law firm of Pepe & Hazard, Hartford, Conn., as an associate. Andrea Shea McGinn and her husband, Jay, announce the birth of their son, Evan William, on April 21. John P. Nowak is currently attending the University of Richmond School of Law in Richmond, Va. Genevieve M. Schmit, who received her doctor of medicine degree in 1998 from the Medical College of Wisconsin, interned at the University of Maryland in Baltimore; she accepted a residency in neurology at the University of Maryland effective in July. Katrina M. Stok, who earned tenure in her position as a seventh-grade language arts teacher in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Martin T. Spielman, M.D., who is finishing his general practice residency at St. Francis Hospital, Hartford, Conn., accepted a position with Valpole Dental Associates. Sarah (Mick) Sullivan and her husband, Sean, ’92, announce the birth of their son, Seth Valentine, on March 18. Genevieve V. Vasile, who received her M.B.A. in marketing from the Fordham University Graduate School of Business in May, is currently work- Please note our new alternative Class Notes format. Classes may now present their news in the traditional manner or in a letter format written by a designated class reporter. Please take a look at the Class of 1949 and 1991 for examples of this new format. Remember, all class news can be sent to Holy Cross Magazine at hcmd@holycross.edu.
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December 1997, is the coordinator of the Massachusetts Prison HIV Awareness Project, a program funded by the Department of Public Health to provide HIV testing, education and case management.

Married, Haugh is now working for Intertel Publishing, Chicago, Ill., doing marketing on telecommunication trade magazines. Chiara Sherlock Kahn, of Westlake Conservators Ltd., Skaneateles, N.Y., as a professional paintings conservator. Michael K. Mahoney is an attorney with Hale & Dorr in Boston. Robert T. Milianette has joined the law firm of Warner & Stackpole as an associate in the litigation department; he concentrates his practice in general civil litigation, securities litigation, shareholder and breach of contract disputes and employment-related matters. Anne Marie Murphy is now a technical support analyst for Garreker-Antinori Inc. Raymond A. Murphy III is now a solid waste quality engineer at Vectis Corp. in Waltham, Mass. Capt. Joel P. Poudrier, USMC, is currently assigned to Marine Corps recruiting functions at St. Joseph Memorial Chapel. Eileen D’Alessandro is now working for MGI Wordroom in New York City as a project manager, specializing in media. George N. Davlas, who graduated in the spring from the Syracuse (N.Y.) University College of Law, and the board is now working for the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications, is now working for his master’s degree program in the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications.


1994

Class Co-Chairs

Julia F. Gentile Amador M. Athey

Jennifer (Leech) Blanchette is currently a trader of international equities with MTS Investment Management in Boston. Kevin R. Bonanno teaches several social studies classes in Stysset, N.Y., and coaches high school baseball. In June, Ellen E. DeMarco received her doctor of osteopathic degree from the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine, Biddeford, Maine. Christopher P. Dowd is currently completing his second year of medical school.

Matthew B. Dudley is currently an M.B.A. candidate at the Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota. Mehdi El-Ghedi, who received his degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine in May, is currently doing his internship at Dana Farber, Brigham & Women’s and Massachusetts General hospitals. Joshua R. Farrell recently completed work on his Ph.D. in chemistry at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. Kerry B. Greenman, who has been working in the Massachusetts Correctional Institution at Framingham since

1995

Class Co-Chairs

Christopher J. Caslin Shelleah A. Foley B. Timothy Keller

Julie A. Bastarche received her degree from the Vanderbilt School of Medicine, Nashville, Tenn. Michael M. Caloressi, who works at Lifelink Corp., Starmount, N.C., as an HLA laboratory supervisor, is currently pursuing his master’s degree in molecular biology/biochemistry at New York Medical College, Valhalla, N.Y. Nicole M. Chandler, who received her degree from the University of Massachusetts Medical School in June, has accepted a residency in general surgery at St. Louis (Mo.) University. Jeffrey T. Cote, who received his degree from the University of Massachusetts Medical School, accepted a residency in family practice at the Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston. Stephanie A. Crescio continues to work as a pension administrator with the New York City law firm of Kelley, Drye & Warren.

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1996

Class Co-Chairs

Jennifer E. Burns Holly R. Khachadoorian Christopher L. Sears

Darla J. Blake is now a project specialist with Bottomline Technologies, a developer of payment software for 7,300 companies. Blake is also the publicist and Web site developer for the New Hampshire-based rock/turf band Actual Size.

Rosemary Bonanno is working as an arts director in New York City. Thomas M. Burea is currently working for Ernst & Young. Eletheria N. Chronos is completing her second year of a law degree in New York. Sheila Ballardvale, Mass. Kristopher R. Davignon and Kettie Shribb ’96, on May 5, at St. Jude’s Church, Freeport, Maine. Kelly A. Smith and Michael A. Scuderi, at St. Jude’s Church, Norfolk, Mass.
announce the birth of their son, Isaac Thomas, in March. Nicole (Bennett) Willman, who completed her master’s degree in occupational therapy from New York University, is now working at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York City as an occupational therapist on the Head Trauma Unit.


1997

Class Co-Chairs
Marnie J. Casabona
Brian T. O’Connor
Julie E. Orio

Erika M. Archambault is now working at Ketchum Public Relations in San Francisco, Calif. Andrew Blair is attending Baylor University Law School in Waco, Texas. Laura E. Brueckmann, who received her master’s degree in French at Catholic University, has accepted a position teaching French at St. Anselm’s Abbey School in Washington, D.C. Elizabeth A. Caffery, who received her master’s degree from the University of York in England, is now working at the New York Public Library Development and government affairs.

Marina M. Hoffmann is now working as an account executive at Loving & Weintraub, a public relations agency in New York City; she also pursues her master’s degree in classics part time at Fordham University. Kathleen B. Kellner is now working in the development department at the Winsor School in Boston. Marissa J. Kelly attends Notre Dame University Law School in South Bend, Ind. Ricardo D. Machado, who completed his second year teaching advanced placement calculus at Mounthrop Pace High School in Middletown, Conn., also works in the campus ministry department at the school. Kristina E. Moscicco attended the University of Florence in Florence, Italy, for the 1998-99 academic year. Giulia E. Saraceno is a first-year medical student at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine in Biddeford, Maine. John P. Sawicky is completing his second year as a research assistant in the rheumatology division of the New England Medical Center in Boston. Kristin M. Spiesinger is currently a marketing manager for Enterprise Rent-A-Car, car sales division, Watertown, Mass. Michele A. Trotta, who received her master’s degree from Boston University in November 1998, teaches Spanish at Silver Lake Regional High School in Kingston, Mass. Michael P. Whitehouse, who completed his master’s degree in theology at the University of Notre Dame in November 1998, is currently working at St. Joseph Academy, St.

1998

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Jamie D. Hoag
Eric B. Javier

Christine P. Barber, who spent a year with the JVC-Northwest, works as an advocate at the Welfare Rights Coalition. In this position, she informs clients of their rights and helps organize welfare rights groups to impact public policy. Michelle S. Cadin works for AT&T, Boston, in law and government affairs. Anne E. Chlebisky, who spent a year with the JVC-Northwest, worked at the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Portland, Ore. An emergency services assistant, she provided homeless and low-income clients with information and services. Tamara E. Konig, who spent a year with the JVC-Northwest, was a foster care case-worker with Catholic Community Services in Tacoma, Wash. In this capacity, she monitored foster care placements, coordinated services for foster children and families, and was a liaison for the Washington State Division of Children’s Institutions. Andrew C. Lin, who recently completed his bachelor of science degree at Columbia University in New York City, had been selected as the valedictorian of his class at the School of Engineering and Applied Science. He was the recipient of a Stanford Graduate Fellowship and a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship to pursue graduate studies in electrical engineering at Stanford University.

Lisa E. Merlini, who spent a year with the JVC-Northwest, managed an emergency food outlet at the main food bank in Spokane, Wash. C. Emil Peurala teaches advanced placement Latin at Boston College High School.

1999

Class Co-Chairs
Roland A. Baron III
Sara F. Slater

Lindsey J. Freed has been named "Massachusetts Campus Compact Volunteer in Service to America" (MASS VISTA) at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. One of the 20 MASS VIstaAs assigned to work in Massachusetts, Freed is responsible for encouraging campus volunteers at WPI throughout the year. Ian A. Griffin has accepted a teaching position at Burncoat High School in Worcester. Jason K. Hott has accepted a research position at the New Medical Center, in Boston. Terrie B Potocky has been awarded a Fulbright grant to conduct research in the drug design of anti-cancer agents at the Institute of Pharmacy, University of Tromso, Norway.

Augustine, Fl., teaching theology and serving as the campus minister. Dave Z. Zeuner is a certified chef for the Gourmet Kitchen at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston.

1998

At the Cooley Dickinson Hospital, Northampton, Mass., at 95. Mr. McGrail had served as a civil engineer with the state of Connecticut Highway Department for 37 years, retiring in 1966; during his career, he supervised numerous highway projects including the construction of Interstate 90 and 91. Mr. McGrail then served as the director of public works for the city of West Haven, Conn., until 1975. During World War II, he was a member of the Army Corps of Engineers 840th Division; assigned to the European Theatre of Operations, he participated in the D-Day invasion of Normandy on June 6, 1944 and supervised the construction of numerous roads, bridges and airfields for the Allies. Mr. McGrail is survived by his wife, Margaret; a son two daughters; a sister; and six grandchildren.

1932

Francis R. Hickey
June 17, 1999

In St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester, at 88. A longtime educator in Worcester, Mr. Hickey had served as the principal of the Oxford Street, Gates Lane, Woodland Street and Tatsnuck schools; during his tenure at Oxford Street, he published a 100-year history of the school. A professor in the private school at Assumption College, he founded the college’s student-teacher training program. Mr. Hickey also taught at Worcester State College and, for many years, conducted classes for new United States citizens through the Worcester School Department. In 1951, he was appointed the first chairman of the Worcester Area Committee for the United Nations; in 1953, he was cited by 100 Worcester organizations for outstanding leadership for the United Nations and world affairs. An intramural baseball, basketball and football coach for many years in the Worcester school system, Mr. Hickey had been a prominent area golfer, holding a state handicap of four and a club handicap of two. He also held the distinction of being the caddie for the captain of the British team, Ted Ray, at the first Ryder Cup matches held in the United States in 1927 at the Worcester Country Club. Mr. Hickey is survived by his wife, Frances.

1933

Joseph P. Kelly
July 11, 1999

In Santa Clara, Calif., at 89. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Kelly had served as a judge of the Superior Court in Santa Clara County for many years. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; two sons, including Kevin C. 68; and two grandchildren.

1934

William J. Dozois
June 30, 1999

In the New England Medical Center, Boston, at 87. Prior to his retirement in 1982, Mr. Dozois had worked in the Worcester office of the Division of Employment Security for 15 years; previously, he had been the manager of the Division’s Maynard office. Mr. Dozois had also been an agent for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. in the Worcester area for 33 years. During World War II, he was a lieu-tenant in the U.S. Navy, serving in the Asian-Pacific theatre. Mr. Dozois is survived by two sons; and two grandchildren.

1935

Henry A. Hayward
April 17, 1999

At South Shore Hospital, Weymouth, Mass., at 86. Mr. Hayward practiced law for more than 40 years with an insurance company and an investment brokerage firm. He was a veteran of World War II. Mr. Hayward is survived by his wife, Vera; two sons, including Henry Jr.; two daughters; two sisters; and five grandchildren.

James J. Kelleher
April 10, 1999

In Connecticut, at 84. Mr. Kelleher, who was retired, had worked for Walter T. Odell
Aug. 26, 1999

Retired Holy Cross Professor Walter T. Odell, 71, died Aug. 26 in St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester, after a short illness.

Mr. Odell, who had taught in the political science department at Holy Cross for 26 years, retired in 1995; his area of expertise was Catholic political theory. A former Trappist monk, he was a third-order Blackfriar. Mr. Odell was a graduate of Princeton University; he earned his master’s degree from Oxford University in England and his Ph.D. from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

He is survived by his wife, Ann; two sons, including John W. ’88; a daughter, Kathleen E. ’89; a stepson; a stepdaughter; a brother; and seven grandchildren.
James H. Brock  
July 16, 1999  
James H. Brock, 88, died July 16 at the Life Care Center of Auburn, Mass.  

Prior to his retirement in 1987, Mr. Brock worked 60 years at Holy Cross. He began his employment in 1926 at the Porter's Lodge and the switchboard in O'Kane Hall. In 1942, he was appointed clerk in charge of the College's Mount St. James contract postal station. He retired after 50 years of full-time service in 1976, and then worked part time in the college post office from 1977 to 1987. During his years at Holy Cross, Mr. Brock had been a well-known member of the College community, popular with administrators, faculty, students and staff alike.  

At a memorial Mass celebrated at Christ the King Church in Worcester, Joseph J. Brady, former chair of the biology department, paid tribute to Mr. Brock, recalling his long years of service. Mr. Brady described Mr. Brock as an honest, kind and compassionate man who was a valuable member of the College community. He was a valued member of the biology department and played a key role in the college's history.  

There are no known survivors.

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Henry A. Campbell Jr.  
April 19, 1999  

At Mid Coast Hospital, Brunswick, Maine, after a battle with cancer, at 82. Prior to his retirement in 1973, retired Capt. Henry A. Campbell Jr., USCG, served for three years as the commander of the Coast Guard Group Woods Hole on Cape Cod. Commissioned an ensign in 1943, he served in the Pacific while assigned to the Coast Guard-Army Manning Detachment. During his 31-year career with the Coast Guard, Mr. Campbell survived by his daughter; and three grandchildren. His son was the late Henry A. III ’66.

Robert F. Gonyon  
May 15, 1999  

At the Milford-Whitinsville Regional Hospital, Milford, Mass., at 81. Mr. Gonyon retired in 1987, after 24 years of service as a civilian administrator for the Army Reserve in Lawrence, Mass., and 26 years as the executive director of the Northbridge (Mass.) Housing Authority. An Army veteran of World War II, he served as a first lieutenant in the Asian-Pacific theatre; he was later a lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserve for many years, until his retirement in 1977. Mr. Gonyon had been a member of the Holy Cross Club of Worcester. He is survived by his wife, Claire; three daughters and nine grandchildren.

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Donald F. Phillips  
June 22, 1999  

At the Lahey Clinic, Burlington, Mass., at 81, after a brief illness. Mr. Phillips, a registered architect who had attended the Architectural Center in Boston, had managed the family-owned practice of Wendell T. Phillips Associates in Milford, Mass. Established by Mr. Phillips’ late father, the firm designed churches, schools, elderly housing projects and state armories throughout Massachusetts. Commissioned an ensign in the Navy at the end of World War II, Mr. Phillips served on the staff of Vice Adm. H.K. Hewitt, chief of Naval Operations at the Allied Headquarters in Algiers, North Africa. After serving in the invasions of Sicily and Salerno, he continued his studies for the priesthood at the Immaculate Conception Seminary in Montreal. He taught Latin at the Lenox novitiate until 1952, and then performed advanced pastoral work in Auriesville, N.Y. Fr. Riel is survived by a brother; and a nephew.

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Jerome I. Linehan  
May 6, 1999  

At the Sea Coast Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Gloucester, Mass., at 87. Mr. Linehan, who retired in 1977, had been employed by Bomac, an electronics firm in Beverly, Mass., for 26 years. He is survived by his wife, Mary; a son; two granddaughters; one stepgrandson; and several nephews and nieces.

Rev. Thomas F. Walsh, O.M.I.  
June 19, 1999  

At the Oblate Infirmary in Trevuskab, Mass., after a battle with cancer. Fr. Walsh, 86, had most recently served as an assistant at St. Catherine’s Church in Westford, Mass.; during the summer months, he preached appeals for the Oblate overseas missions at weekend Masses in parishes throughout the Northeast. Fr. Walsh entered the Oblates in 1934 and pronounced his vows in Trevuskab on Sept. 8, 1935. After studying philosophy and theology at the Oblate seminary in Washington, D.C., he was ordained to the priestly order on June 9, 1941. A member of the preaching band of the Eastern Province, he also served as the executor of the annual Golden Week Masses in parishes throughout the Northeast. Fr. Walsh also served as a referee in the American Football League and as an organizer of the annual Golden Gloves boxing tournament in Lowell. Fr. McGuane, who served in the Army during World War II, was a retired lieutenant commander of the United States Naval Reserve. He was survived by his wife, Frances; two sons, including George J. Jr. ’70; a daughter, Martha M. ’77; and four grandchildren.

James H. White  
May 19, 1999  

At his Lowell, Mass., home, at 85. Mr. McGuane had been a sports writer and promotions manager at the Lowell Sun. He is survived by his daughter; a granddaughter; and several nephews and nieces.

Rev. Joseph A. Riel, S.J.  
July 19, 1999  

At the Campion Center, Weston, Mass., at 82. Fr. Riel worked 43 years in the Jesuit mission in Jamaica, teaching English and math at St. George’s College, from 1953 until 1962, and English, Latin, math, religion and sacred scripture at Campion College in Kingston, from 1962 until 1991. Returning to New England in 1996, he continued his pastoral work until entering the Campion Center due to ill health. Fr. Riel entered the Jesuit novitiate, Lenox, Mass., in 1938. He then taught English at Holy Cross prior to continuing his studies for the priesthood at the Immaculate Conception Seminary in Montreal. He taught Latin at the Lenox novitiate until 1952, and then performed advanced pastoral work in Auriesville, N.Y. Fr. Riel is survived by a brother; and a nephew.

Edward J. Deveney  
July 8, 1999  

In Michigan, at 81. Mr. Deveney is survived by his wife, Claire; three daughters and nine grandchildren.
transferred to the Naval Air Service, receiving his wings at the Pensacola Naval Air Station. Following World War II, Mr. Phillips served in the Naval Reserve at the South Weymouth Naval Air Station, where he commanded Helicopter Squadron 911 which won the Noel Davis Trophy three times. He retired as captain in 1972. Early in his career, Mr. Phillips pitched batting practice for the Boston Red Sox at both Fenway Park and Yankee Stadium when Joe Cronin managed the Red Sox. During the summer, he pitched for Harwich in the Cape Cod League. Active in church and civic affairs, Mr. Phillips served on the Milford (Mass.) Board of Assessors for more than 30 years; he was also a former athletic officer for the American Legion Stg. John W. Powers Post 59, and past president of the Kiwanis Club. Mr. Phillips is survived by his wife, Helen; two sons; two brothers, including Robert S., ’44; three grandchildren; and nephews and nieces. His father was the late Wendell T. Hon. M.A. ’25 and his brother was the late Wendell T. J. ’37.

1941

John L. Kelly
May 7, 1999

In Cedar Grove Manor, Montclair, N.J., at 80. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Kelly held various sales and managerial positions with the Beech-Nut Division of Nestle Food Products in New York City for more than 30 years. An Army veteran of World War II, he participated in the D-Day invasion of Normandy. Mr. Kelly is survived by his wife, Josephine; three sons; a sister; 11 grandchildren; and a cousin.

Malachy R. McGarry
April 30, 1999

In New York, at 81, of complications from a stroke. Mr. McGarry had most recently served as deputy counsel clerk of Nassau County, deputy commissioner of the Nassau County Department of Industry and Commerce and as a member of the County Board of Assessors. At the start of his career, he had worked many years for the Kimberly Clark Corp. as a salesman and then as eastern regional sales manager, retiring in 1974. During World War II, Mr. McGarry was a lieutenant in the Navy. A resident of Baldwin, N.Y., for 42 years, he was active in community, civic and political affairs. His involvement included serving as leader emeritus of the Baldwin Republican Club, vice chairman of the Nassau County Republican Committee, and past president of the Baldwin Chamber of Commerce, the Baldwin Civic Association and the Nassau County Employees League. Mr. McGarry is survived by his wife, Patricia; three sons; a daughter; and five grandchildren.

1942

William Dello Russo
May 29, 1999

At his Medford, Mass., home, at 82. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Dello Russo had owned and operated Nick’s Tavern in Boston with his family for over 45 years. He is survived by his son; a brother; a sister; and nephews and nieces.

Carl W. Jacobson
June 4, 1999

In St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester, at 81. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Jacobson had been a realtor/builder with Assembled Homes of Winchester. He also played semi-professional baseball in the Worcester area. Mr. Jacobson is survived by a brother; a sister; and nephews and nieces.

Frederick H. Parenteau Jr.
June 9, 1999

At the Waterview Hills Nursing Center, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., at 78. Mr. Parenteau had most recently established a courier service in Stamford, Conn.; previously, he had worked 16 years for the Clark Equipment Co. as a sales executive. Mr. Parenteau served in the Navy from 1942 to 1948 as a B-24 bomber pilot, attaining the rank of lieutenant. He is survived by his wife; a daughter; two sisters; and two grandchildren.

John J. Walsh Jr.
July 30, 1999

At his Jamaica Plain, Mass., home, at 78. Mr. Walsh, who practiced law for many years, had been a partner in the Boston law firm of Hale, Sanderson, Byrnes and Morton. He had also served as general counsel for the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers of New England, trustee emeritus of the Gregorian University Foundation Inc., in New York and corporator and former member of the board of directors of the Faulkner Hospital, Jamaica Plain. During World War II, Mr. Walsh served as an Army officer. He is survived by three daughters; three sisters; seven grandchildren; nephews and nieces; and grandnephews and grandnieces.

1943

Robert E. May
May 27, 1999

At the UMass Health System-Marlborough (Mass.) Hospital, at 77. Mr. May, who had a long career in law enforcement, was a special agent for the FBI; chief arson investigator for the National Board of Fire Underwriters; and fire marshal and assistant director of law enforcement for the state of Illinois. The owner of May Associates, he worked as a private arson investigator for more than 20 years in Marlborough, Mass. During World War II, Mr. May served as a U.S. Navy pilot in the South Pacific. He is survived by his wife, Elma; two sons; a daughter; two brothers, including Walter R. ’39; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

1944

John F. Brennan
May 25, 1999

At St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Hartford, Conn., at 76. Prior to his retirement in 1992, Mr. Brennan had been the owner of the John F. Brennan Insurance Agency in West Hartford for 50 years and a past president of the Independent Insurance Agents of Connecticut. Mr. Brennan was a member of the President’s Council and a Holy Cross Class Agent for 45 years; he also was a past president of the Holy Cross Club of Hartford. Mr. Brennan is survived by his wife, June; a son; two daughters; a sister; and five grandchildren.

Charles V. Bryan
April 18, 1999

In New York, at 76. Mr. Bryan, who was retired, is survived by his wife, Ferri; and five children.

1945

Thomas P. Copping
July 29, 1999

In the New England Medical Center, Boston, at 74. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Copping had been a business executive and instructor for the Internal Revenue Service in Boston. During World War II, he served as a lieutenant in the Navy, participating in the Mediterranean campaigns. After the war, Mr. Copping was the owner and president of the former Bartlett, Coppinger, Malono Corp. of Boston, a dry goods firm. He is survived by four sons; three daughters; and 14 grandchildren.

John A. Morton II, M.D.
May 4, 1999

In New York, at 75. Dr. Morton is survived by his wife, Jane; a son; three daughters; a brother; a sister; and grandchildren.

1928

Edmund J. Fitzgerald
June 18, 1999

Edmund J. Fitzgerald, a member of the Class of 1928, died on June 18, 1999 at his home in Falls Church, Va. Mr. Fitzgerald, who was 100 at the time of his death, had been recognized as the oldest living Holy Cross alumnus.

He was employed by the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad and the New England Telephone Company from 1928-1936. He entered government service in Washington, D.C., in July 1936-first as an internal auditor of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and later as a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission, retiring in 1967. He was an Army veteran, serving as a captain in Europe during World War II with Allied Force Headquarters.

Mr. Fitzgerald became active in the Holy Cross Club of the District of Columbia in 1948. He was considered a founder, as well as serving as president and as director of the Club. He received the Club’s Man of the Year award in 1959 and in 1967.

He was still attending annual receptions in the late 1980s.

Mr. Fitzgerald served as a board member of the General Alumni Association and a member of the Alumni Senate since 1963. A 1968 recipient of the “In Hoc Signo” award, he was a class agent with 46 years of consecutive giving to the Holy Cross Fund through 1999. Until ill health interfered, he and his devoted wife, Peggy, never missed a reunion.

Mr. Fitzgerald is survived by Peggy, his wife of 27 years; two stepsons; seven grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. His first wife, Paulette, died in 1962.
1947

John F. Shea
July 26, 1949

At his home in Destin, Fla., after a long battle with emphysema. Mr. Shea, 74, had been an attorney for the U.S. Small Business Administration in Boston from 1962 until his retirement as regional counsel in 1980. Previously, he had maintained a private practice in Chicopee Falls, Mass., for 12 years. During World War II, he served with the 86th infantry division. Mr. Shea is survived by his wife, Celeste; a son, John F., 73; a daughter; a brother; a sister; three stepchildren; three grandchildren; and seven stepgrandchildren.

1948

Gerard A. Halpin
May 13, 1950

At the MetroWest Medical Center, Natick, Mass., at 75. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Halpin had been a salesman for the Halpin Lumber Co. and the Somerville Lumber Co. During World War II, he served in the Navy. Mr. Halpin had been a member of the Holy Cross Club of Boston. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; a son, Gerard A. III '78; a daughter, Mary K. Halpin-Parent '81; two brothers; and three grandchildren.

James D. Kelley
June 21, 1950

At the Genesis Eldercare Pleasant View Nursing Home, Concord, N.H., at 75. Mr. Kelley, who retired in 1960, had been a physical education teacher and head football coach at Concord (N.H.) High School for 23 years. He began his career at Springfield (Mass.) College as an assistant football coach and then taught in Michigan for several years before relocating to Concord. After his retirement, he served as an umpire for the Concord, N.H., Babe Ruth Baseball League and as a referee for the Concord Boys and Girls Club Basketball League. A U.S. Marine Corps veteran of World War II, Mr. Kelley saw duty in Guadalcanal, Okinawa, Guam and China, retiring with the rank of major. He was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds he received in action in Okinawa. Mr. Kelley is survived by three brothers, including Richard S. ’46 and John L., D.D.S., ’51; three sisters; and numerous nephews and nieces.

1949

John H. Coleman
April 30, 1950

At St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center, Hartford, Conn., at 76. Prior to his retirement in 1950, Mr. Coleman held the position of principal auditor for the state of Connecticut. At the start of his career, he had been a tax specialist with Stanley Works of New Britain. He then served as a tax examiner for the state of Connecticut tax department. Primarily interested in auditing, he became a member of the Auditors of Public Accountants for the state of Connecticut. During World War II, Mr. Coleman served in the U.S. Army Air Force as a flight instructor and, subsequently, as a fighter pilot. He is survived by his wife, Helen; a son; and two daughters.

John J. Moreau
July 9, 1950

In Birchwood Care Center, Fitchburg, Mass., at 74. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Moreau had been a pharmaceutical salesman for Wyeth Corp. for many years. During World War II, he served in the Merchant Marine. Mr. Moreau is survived by a sister; a nephew; and six nieces.

1950

Bertrand F. Gionet
July 16, 1950

At St. Mary’s Hospital Medical Center, Des Moines, Iowa, at 74. Mr. Gionet, a retired attorney and accountant, had been a member of the American Bar Association, Knights of Columbus and Holy Name Society. He served in the Army during World War II. Mr. Gionet had been a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by his wife, Georgina; four sons; four daughters; four brothers; a sister; and 12 grandchildren.

James G. Reardon
April 28, 1950

In Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Boston, at 71. Since 1978, Mr. Reardon had been a partner with his brother in the Worcester-based firm of Reardon and Reardon, which also has offices in Boston. Previously, he had been associated with the Worcester firm of Hartwell and Descoll for 25 years. In 1973, Mr. Reardon helped to establish the Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys, serving as vice president, and then as president, from 1974 to 1978. Active with bar association duties, he was a former member of the Massachusetts Judicial Counsel and Massachusetts Defenders Committee, the Committee for Public Counsel Services and the Commission for Judicial Conduct; from 1970 to 1971, he had been the president of the Worcester County Bar Association. A 1953 graduate of the George Washington University Law School, Washington, D.C., Mr. Reardon then served in the Army for two years. He had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. Mr. Reardon is survived by his wife, Anne; three sons; five daughters; a brother, Edward P., ’50; a sister; seven grandchildren; and nephews and nieces.

1954

Robert B. Lambert
April 19, 1954

At White Plains (N.Y.) Hospital, at 69. Prior to his retirement in 1990, Mr. Lambert had worked for the Mobil Oil Corp. in New York City for many years. He had been a member of the President’s Council and a Holy Cross class agent. Mr. Lambert is survived by his wife, Martheen; a son; and seven nephews and nieces.

John H. Lynch
May 15, 1954

In Upper St. Clair, Pa., at 72. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Lynch had worked 25 years as a federal probation officer. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army Air Corps. Mr. Lynch is survived by his wife, Bernice; a son; a daughter; a brother; two sisters; and three grandchildren.

Edward P. Nolan
April 23, 1954

In Rhode Island. Mr. Nolan is survived by his wife, Corrine; a son; a daughter; and three grandchildren.

James T. Scully Jr.
June 12, 1999

At Cape Coral (Fla.) Hospital, at 73. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Scully had been employed by GTE Sylvania in Salem, Mass., for 37 years. He was also employed by the United Way and had been a member of the Governor’s Council on Mental Retardation. During World War II, Mr. Scully served in the Navy in the Pacific Theater. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Anne; two sons; two daughters; four sisters; and a grandchild.

1953

John J. Devlin
April 20, 1953

At Cape Cod (Mass.) Hospital, at 67, after a long illness. Prior to his retirement in 1990, Mr. Devlin had been an independent insurance agent for Lincoln National Life in Fallston, Md. Previously, he had been an insurance agent for the Mass. General Life Insurance Co. in Boston. Mr. Devlin, who joined the Navy in 1951, was stationed on the island of Okinawa during the Korean War; he was discharged as a lieutenant, junior grade, in 1957. Mr. Devlin is survived by his wife, Carol; his mother; three sons; three daughters; a brother; two sisters; 10 grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

1955

Robert J. Corboy
Dec. 25, 1955

In North Carolina. Mr. Corboy is survived by his wife, Janet; three children; and four grandchildren.

Gerald P. Darcangelo
June 25, 1955

At his Lunenburg, Mass., home, at 67, after an illness. Prior to his retirement in 1990, Mr. Darcangelo had been a consultant for 12 years at the Teleresource Co. in Fitchburg, Mass. Previously, he had been an outside plant engineer for the New England Telephone Co. in Fitchburg, where he had worked for 33 years before retiring in 1985. Mr. Darcangelo had served in the Navy and then the Army Reserve. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis; a son; two daughters; a brother; a granddaughter; and many nieces and nephews.

Robert G. Phelan
July 20, 1955

At Union Hospital, Lynn, Mass., at 66. A practicing attorney, Mr. Phelan founded the law firm of Phelan and Phelan in Lynn with his wife in 1957. A prosecuting attorney with the Essex district attorney’s office from 1957 to 1960, he became a public defender in Essex County in 1960. Beginning in 1972, Mr. Phelan represented the Essex District in the House of Representatives for three consecutive terms. From 1970 to 1980, he taught constitutional law and criminal procedure to police officers at Northeastern University, Boston. Mr. Phelan is survived by his wife, Shirley; five sons; three daughters; a brother; a sister; eight grand-

1942

Rev. J. Gregory Gilmartin, M.M.
Aug. 7, 1999


Fr. Gilmartin, who served in China and Japan for 46 years, began his work in Kweilin, South China, in 1950. Soon after his arrival there, he was placed under house arrest by the Communists for almost 18 months. In 1951, he was assigned to the Maryknoll Mission Region in Kyoto, Japan. Fr. Gilmartin spent almost all of his missionary career in Japan where he served as pastor in the Tanabe Parish, Karasaki Parish and the Suzuki Catholic Church. He was also on the teaching faculty of Kyoto University for 33 years.

Fr. Gilmartin attended Holy Cross for two years before continuing his studies at St. Thomas Preparatory Seminary, Bloomfield, Conn., and St. Mary Seminary, Baltimore, Md. Entering the Maryknoll Novitiate, Bedford, Mass., in 1944, he was ordained to the priesthood at the Maryknoll Seminary, Ossining, on June 12, 1948. Fr. Gilmartin retired in 1993 and returned to the United States where he took up residence at St. Teresa’s. He is survived by a sister.
children; and several nephews and nieces.

1955
John H. Connelly
March 27, 1999
At his home in Stonington, Conn., at 65. Prior to his retirement in 1995, Mr. Connelly had been a chemist at Corning (N.Y.) Glass Works for 40 years. He is survived by his wife, Virginia; a son; a daughter; a sister; and three grandchildren.

Francis L. Coyle, M.D.
March 24, 1999
In Iowa, at 65. Dr. Coyle is survived by his wife, Donna; three sons; and a daughter.

1956
James B. McQuillen, M.D.
June 14, 1999
In Burlington, Vt., at 64. At the time of his death, Dr. McQuillen shared a private neuropathology and forensic consulting business with his wife in Hardwick, Vt. Previously, he had been associated with Mansfield (Ohio) Neurology Inc., until his retirement in March 1998. Dr. McQuillen, who completed his medical training at Boston University, practiced 10 years at the Guthrie Clinic in Sayre, Pa. In 1976, he relocated to Charlotte, Vt., where he taught and practiced medicine at the University of Vermont. Dr. McQuillen is survived by his wife, Eleanor; three sons, including Charles S. ’84 and Michael T. ’93; two daughters; a granddaughter-in-law, Tracy A. T. ’93; two daughters; a sister; and three grandchildren.

1958
Daniel F. Doherty
April 21, 1999
At his home in Holliston, Mass., at 62, after a brief illness. Mr. Doherty had most recently been employed by Offtech, in Worcester. Previously, he had worked approximately 20 years at Bay State Business Products in Rockland, retiring in 1997. At the start of his career, he worked for the A.B. Dick Co. in Waltham for about 10 years. An Army veteran, Mr. Doherty served three years during the Korean War, stationed in Japan. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; two sons, including Daniel F. III ’88; a daughter; two daughters-in-law, including Nancy E. ’88; two sisters; five grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

1960
Roger K. Soderberg
June 18, 1999
At his home in Peabody, Mass., at 60. Since 1991, Mr. Soderberg had been a partner in the Boston law firm of Deutsch, Williams, Brooks, DeFlensis, Holland & Drachman where he served as head of the corporation and banking group. Previously, he had been associated with Schauer and Soderberg for 15 years. Mr. Soderberg is survived by his wife, Barbara; his parents; a son; two daughters; a sister; and a grandson.

1970
Robert H. Haley, D.D.S.
April 6, 1969
In Illinois, at 50. Dr. Haley had maintained a dental practice in Bloomingdale, Ill. He is survived by his wife, Judy; his mother and father, Wallace F. Jr., M.D., ’43; a son; a daughter; three brothers; and a sister. His uncle was the late Bernard J. ’42.

1982
Christopher G. Casey
July 26, 1999
In Naples, Fla., at 39. Mr. Casey had worked for several humanitarian organizations, including the Special Olympics. Most recently, he had been the president of Casey Enterprises, a charter yacht company in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Mr. Casey is survived by his mother and father, Alan F. ’55; two brothers; two sisters, including Kerry A. ’86; a brother-in-law, Kevin P. Kelley ’86; and nephews and nieces. His grandfather was the late George A. Gallagher ’27.

1987
Christopher R. McVeigh
Aug. 2, 1989
At Sloan-Kettering Memorial Hospital, New York City, at 33. For the past two years, Mr. McVeigh had been a vice president of marketing for a risk management insurance company and banking group. Previously, he had been a partner in the Boston law firm of Deutsch, Williams, Brooks, DeFlensis, Holland & Drachman where he served as head of the corporation and banking group. Previously, he had been associated with Schauer and Soderberg for 15 years. Mr. Soderberg is survived by his wife, Barbara; his parents; a son; two daughters; a sister; and a grandson.

1999
Roland R. Vigeant II
May 23, 1999
At Memorial Health University Medical Center, Savannah, Ga., at 21. Mr. Vigeant began his studies at Holy Cross in 1995 following his graduation from Bishop Stang High School, North Dartmouth, Mass., where he had participated in the football, track and weightlifting programs. He joined the Army a short time later, serving with the U.S. Division in Kuwait during 1998; most recently, he had been working as a surveyor for the Army. Mr. Vigeant is survived by his parents; a sister; his grandparents; uncles; aunts; and cousins.

2003
Joe Murphy
July 9, 1999
At Boston Children’s Hospital, of an allergic reaction, at 18. Mr. Murphy, who recently graduated from Winchester (Mass.) High School, had been accepted at Holy Cross as a member of the class of 2003. While a student at Winchester High, he had been a member of the National Honor Society and captain of the lacrosse team; compiling 38 goals and 36 assists in the spring, he had led the team to the state championship in June. Mr. Murphy had planned to play lacrosse at Holy Cross. He is survived by his mother and father, Joseph M. Jr., M.D., ’87; and two sisters, Jessica A. ’96 and Julianne Murphy ’99.

FRIENDS:
Frances M. Antom, retiree, dean’s office; mother of Eleanor, visual arts department, and grandmother of Mark Binnall, physical plant; father of Marilyn Borracio, building services; mother of Kathleen Tarpey Breck ’83 and Kerry A. Tarpey ’87; grandfather of Emily M. Brueckner ’01; wife of the late Francis J. Cooney ’29; son of John J. Donovan Sr., retiree, public safety; wife of Paul F. Dupuis ’54; mother of Rev. Michael F. Ford, S.L., chaplains’ office; mother of Roland Forgette, physical plant/building services; mother of Kevin W. ’73 and Paul P. Hanlon ’74; wife of the late John C. ’32 and sister-in-law of Francis L. Harrington ’35; father of Ronald Hodgerney, physical plant/building services; brother of Euriphile Joseph ’01; brother of Maureen Kennedy, personnel department; Joseph Lane Kirkland, H-20; mother of Abdul Armstrong and Ken Lidonde, physical plant; aunt of Stephan P. Lypinski Jr. ’78; wife of the late James F. ’34 and sister-in-law of Paul E. Mathias ’43; brother of Melanie A. McCue ’96; father of Edmund O. McLeod, physical plant/trades and shops; mother of Pauline Menard, Kimball dining services; father of Mary J. Moran ’81, library; mother of Daniel Moriarty, Hart Center; mother of Patricia F. Morrisette, personnel department; brother of Catherine J. O’Connell, retiree, class dean’s office; Walter T. Odell, retired professor, political science department; Frederick O’Neill, retiree, library; Mary Plante, retiree, switchboard; grandson of Joseph J. Jr.’55, nephew of Joseph J. III ’79, the late Kathleen P. ’80, Brendan J. ’82 and Terence P. Reilly ’83, Anne M. Ziaja ’78 and Gael E. Wetzel ’85; father of Nina Robinson, athletic association; father of Marie Rosinas, Hogan dining services; mother of Susan Lewark Ross ’84; mother of Patricia Sabatino, retiree, controller’s office; wife of Richard A. Schaefer ’42 and mother-in-law of Kevin J. Hadlock ’71; husband of Florence Sheehan, retiree, Kimball dining services; sister of Ann M. Silvestris, retiree, personnel department; brother of Daniel Stewart, motor pool
It's no secret that I come from a family that loved food. I think there were three reasons for this. First, my family, particularly my Mom and Dad, thought of food as something good. It was what gave you sustenance—it was your energy source. They didn't look at it as some colored poison out to clog your arteries or make you ill in some mysterious way. No, food was good. Second they saw food and eating as a real pleasure in life. Let's admit it: a lot of pleasures are a sin. But God gave us the pleasure of eating as a real perk of life. Imagine this scene: you go out to your little garden and pick the tomato that is just short of splitting its skin. You pick some fresh basil and the second you touch it that magnificent fragrance reaches your nose. You have this marvelous mix of deep red and green in your hand as you walk into a kitchen where you have been sautéing some imported olive oil to which you have added freshly crushed garlic. The whole kitchen is alive with the fragrance. You then dip the tomato in boiling water for just a few seconds, peel it, cut it with the basil and add it to the olive oil. You add oregano and freshly ground pepper. You then mix it all together—this wonderful combination of colors, textures and smells—and spoon it into a crusty Italian sub you have just taken out of the oven. The whole body is now tense in expectation and your mouth is begging to be involved. As the sub and juices touch your lips, they explode. And finally there is the sense of taste.

Now, can anyone say that isn't sheer pleasure?

The third reason why we loved food, and perhaps the most important reason, is that food was an event around which the family gathered. These were the old days, but as kids, as we sat at the table and looked at the food, we saw it was what Dad had supplied and Mom, with love, had cooked. We gathered and talked. We shared our successes and failures. We shared our jokes. We talked about what had happened that day. We even argued. But through it all, the bonds of love grew tighter.

My most memorable moments as a child were the holidays. The whole Vellaccio clan gathered around a large table with a bounty that had taken all day to prepare. My Father sat at one end of that table, my Grandfather at the other. And if you looked, you could see a glisten in their eyes. I realize now it was probably the beginning of a tear as the light reflected off it. But the reflection of that tear yelled to us the Italian toast my Father often made. 

Ali Famiglia! To the family.

It is also no secret that I believe in family. Families are made when a sense of belonging and connection exists between people. At Holy Cross, we are bonded by our shared experience in the pursuit of truth and in our commitment to serve others. Our food is our love of learning. As is true of any family, no matter how estranged or distant you might become, you will always remain a part of the family. In addition you will always be able to find support and strength in the family and, perhaps most importantly, you will always be able to find love.

You are all a part of the Holy Cross family. And so I say on behalf of the faculty and administration of Holy Cross, we are proud to have you and we love you.

Ali Famiglia!

This is an excerpt of an address that Acting President Vellaccio delivered to the President's Council last year.
Praising Pax

TO THE EDITOR:

Congratulations to Clare Karis for her excellent article, “Keeping up with Clyde Pax” (Holy Cross Magazine, Summer ‘99). I was privileged to have had Clyde V. Pax as a teacher of history of modern philosophy when he first arrived at Holy Cross in the fall of 1961. The article states: “He (Pax) has come to realize, he says, that “our biggest issue here on earth is to praise the Lord.” Fr. John P. Donnelly, S.J., chair of the department of philosophy at that time, is pictured in an edition of the Purple Patcher with the question “Is there a Christian philosophy?” We know in Christian theology that there are four purposes of prayer: petition, reparation, thanksgiving and praise/adoration. The highest purpose is praise/adoration. I submit that Clyde Pax personifies that purpose and personifies the answer to Fr. Donnelly’s question. Holy Cross College was intellectually and spiritually richer due to Clyde Pax’s long presence.

Harry A.M. Rush Jr. ’62
East Millinocket, Maine

Athletics

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to respond to the question, “What has happened to Holy Cross athletics?” posed by Mr. Joe Neary ’74 in your January 1999 issue. Mr. Neary, I regret that you are ashamed of being associated with what you deem the “state of our college’s athletic program.” The intent of my letter is to suggest that you and other disgruntled alumni attend some other athletic events and enjoy the success of Holy Cross athletics as a whole.

If it is true pride in Holy Cross that you are looking for, I wish you could have been at the many sporting events that evoked emotions this year—for example, when the women’s basketball team won its second straight Patriot League Championship and berth in the NCAA tournament; when the men’s hockey team won the MAAC championship; or when my Patriot League Championship field hockey team successfully defended its title, again made it to the play-in round of the NCAA tournament and achieved a national ranking of 18th in a preseason Division I poll. I don’t know many athletes, students, or alumni who were or had any right to be ashamed of these days.

If you do reduce an athletic program to one sport, you eliminate much of what there is to be proud of in Holy Cross athletics. Not only do you miss out on the aforementioned championship teams, you demean those who have been selected as Patriot League players of the year in men’s soccer, women’s volleyball, women’s basketball, baseball, field hockey and “softball pitcher of the year” in 1998-99. You also discredit the countless athletes who won other athletic and academic honors. I would hope that in the future those who wish to criticize the perceived “failures” of one team will not generalize their criticism so as to undermine the many successes of the talented and deserving athletes at Holy Cross.

Sarah Cox ’99
Dover, N.H.

Vietnam

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to respond to Shawn M. Donovan’s ’70 unfair shot at the military and me in particular (Holy Cross Magazine, Summer ’99). What troubles the writer about the Vietnam issue is “the even-handed celebration of warriors and dissenters as though they are the moral equivalent ...” Further, “Is Philip Berrigan the moral equivalent of a three star general (also a Holy Cross graduate) who had command authority in Vietnam?” I suppose Mr. Donovan considers me a war criminal for having been true to my oath of office, sworn on Mount St. James in 1951. I did my duty in a war that was perceived at the time as a legitimate and unselfish struggle to defend a budding democracy against international communism. For many reasons the war was lost, but that does not invalidate the nobility of intent. The legions of Vietnamese who subsequently fled the yoke of the victors is testimony to that. One has only to look at Vietnam today to make a comparison between what is and what might have been.

In citing the Commandments and the Beatitudes for his and the Berrigans’ pacifism, the correspondent’s logic is that all wars are morally evil. (One would also presume, the struggle against Nazism). This flies in the face of the Catholic tradition of the Just War (ius ad bellum, ius in bello) developed by Augustine, Aquinas and subsequent moralists of the Western world. I would not have made a career of the military if I did not sincerely believe that some wars are just and necessary and can be prosecuted in an ethical manner. There is no gain in saying that the just war tradition was frequently violated by both sides during the war, but that does nothing to invalidate its legitimacy any more than human violations of the Commandments and Beatitudes invalidate them. All are designed to counter that darker side of human nature.

The Berrigans can be admired for their beliefs and willingness to abide by them. In that sense I consider myself their moral “equivalent,” but my commitment to conscience remained within the laws of the land established by the American people. Theirs did not.

“Why did so many men of Holy Cross serve in Vietnam and so few resist?” Because they were men of courage and principle.

As a matter of accuracy, it should be noted that the Holy Cross Magazine was in error. I was not a three star general during the war; that came years later. During my tours in Vietnam I was down in the mud as a middle grade officer, as I was as a junior officer in the Korean War.

Bernard E. Trainor ’51
Lt. Gen., USMC (Ret.)
Lexington, Mass.

TO THE EDITOR:

Shawn Donovan ’70 poses the question “Why did so many Men of Holy Cross serve in Vietnam and so few resist?”, which deserves some comment.

Mr. Donovan is clearly a committed pacifist, devoted to nonviolence, with the courage of his convictions. All of which I respect. However, his question assumes a principle also implied in the text of his letter, which is that there is always a True Good and every honest, moral person can absolutely see it plainly, if only they try. As Christians we believe the former, but as fallible human beings in a complex world we can very strongly doubt the latter.

By the ideals of pacifism and nonviolence we should never have fought the American Revolution or the Civil War, and certainly not have entered WWII, but prayed for those under occupation or in the death camps and sought by other means to convince Hitler and Tojo that they were simply on the wrong track. That would not have worked, and most Christians accept, perhaps reluctantly, that at times defensive violence is unavoidable.

Complex moral questions sometimes boil down to asking which is the lesser of two evils, and at times enduring the horrors of war seems to many (myself obviously among them) preferable to the
moral bankruptcy of inaction in the face of terrible malignancy. Some may choose to reject that thinking and cling to pacifism as an absolute. Making that choice is a fundamental right of the individual, but it does not entitle them to condemn everyone else as being morally inferior.

The containment of Communism by the West had momentary hot spots in the long period of the Cold War, Korea being the prime example. (Was that conflict justified? Think of life in North Korea today!) In 1965 Vietnam appeared to many to be another attempt by Communism to break out of China and spread its repression across Southeast Asia. It was perfectly possible to believe that both Western self-interest and a moral obligation to the South Vietnamese justified supporting the conflict, and John Kennedy has set the tone that we would bear every burden and fight every foe for the cause of freedom.

So the answer to the question is that at the time more of us saw the situation in that light than as an immoral exercise in military adventuring and wasting human lives. Mr. Donovan may find it difficult to understand that others can be very concerned with moral issues and have the courage of their convictions, yet not embrace his own vision, but that is part of the wonder of humanity.

R.J. Del Vecchio ’64
Fuguay-Varina, N.C.

TO THE EDITOR:
I was in Vietnam as a General Medical Officer from August ’67 to July ’68. I volunteered and do not feel guilty for actively participating in our failed and flawed effort to retain South Vietnam as an American ally in our perceived political/military struggle with the USSR and China. Rather than feeling guilty, I am quietly proud that I went rather than remaining in the USA, safe and snug in a residency program while some other doctor served in my stead in a hostile environment. In 1967, I was uncertain whether or not our involvement was justified. I gave some credence to the appeasement at Munich analogy and assumed that the U.S. government made the proper decision. Thankfully, I survived a few dicey situations and returned intact, older and wiser.

While there I realized that our efforts were futile and that the continuation of the war would only result in needless death and destruction. So I took part in a few mass demonstrations in Washington, picketed the White House and financially supported politicians who wanted to stop the war. I committed no felonies.

I have always had deeply felt respect for U.S. military veterans from Vietnam and in general and complete contempt for those such as Clinton, Quayle, and George W. Bush who used social/political connections to avoid going to Vietnam while those less privileged were sent by our presidents and Congress.

Edmund Wiker, M.D., ’62
Hopkinton, Mass.

TO THE EDITOR:
The picture on the cover of your summer issue says it all. It is almost spiritual—the love between mother and son on the day of his graduation from college.

After having practiced pediatrics for many years, I was always struck by the mother or father looking at his or her newborn through the viewing glass in the hospital nursery. Sometimes fathers or mothers would stand there for 40-50 minutes. Yes, they would gaze at the baby’s physical features, but I am certain they would also dream what this baby would accomplish and how, one day, he would graduate from college. Such a day arrived for the Walluses and many other graduates.

May other of life’s passages between parents and children be as joyful and loving as this one.

John E. Tomley, M.D., ’51
Pittsburgh, Pa.
**CALENDAR of EVENTS**

**Nov. 4, 5, 6 AND Nov. 11, 12, 13**  
**The Holy Cross Theatre Department Presents:**  
*The Adding Machine*, by Elmer Rice  
**Fenwick Theatre**  
8 P.M.

**Nov. 7**  
**Organ Recital by Dame Gillian Weir**  
**St. Joseph Memorial Chapel**  
3 P.M.

**Nov. 8**  
**Annual El Salvador Commemorative Lecture:**  
Rev. Kevin Burke, S.J., Weston School of Theology  
**Hogan Campus Center, room 519**  
8 P.M.

**Nov. 11**  
**Holy Cross Jazz Ensemble**  
**Hogan Campus Center Ballroom**  
8 P.M.

**Nov. 16**  
**Concert of Baroque Music**  
**Holy Cross Chamber Players**  
**Brooks Concert Hall**  
8 P.M.

**Nov. 17**  
**Holy Cross Chamber Orchestra**  
**Holy Cross Brass Ensemble**  
**Brooks Concert Hall**  
8 P.M.

**Nov. 19**  
**Holy Cross Chamber Singers**  
**Brooks Concert Hall**  
8 P.M.

**Nov. 22**  
**St. Cecilia Day Concert:**  
Steven Laplante, Organ  
**St. Joseph Memorial Chapel**  
8 P.M.

**Dec. 2**  
**Brooks Scholars’ Concert**  
Kimberly Harrison, soprano  
Laura Sales, piano  
Bethany Collier, flute  
**Brooks Concert Hall**  
8 P.M.

**Dec. 2-5**  
**The Alternate College Theater Presents:**  
*A Flea in Her Ear*, by Georges Feydeau  
**Fenwick Theatre**  
8 P.M. night/2 P.M., Sat. & Sun.

**Dec. 7**  
**Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols**  
**College Choir**  
**St. Joseph Memorial Chapel**  
8 P.M.

**Dec. 10-17**  
**Final Examinations**

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My family

my mom

my dad

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