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Checking in with Joe McGinniss ’64
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In November, Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., was elected the 31st president of the College of the Holy Cross. He will assume his duties in July 2000. Fr. McFarland recently sat down with the editors of Holy Cross Magazine to share his views on teaching, technology, Ex Corde Ecclesiae and the future of the College.

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At 26, Joe McGinniss skyrocketed to celebrity as the author of The Selling of the President 1968. The years since have seen success and controversy, but the writer is still as passionate as ever.
From its humble origins to its heyday in the 1950s and ’60s, the College’s literary magazine has been a launching pad for many writers. But what of the future of The Purple?

Two high-profile grants enable Holy Cross faculty to work with the Worcester Public School system in developing innovative programs.

“...A Door Opened and I Walked in.” Since retiring from Holy Cross, Ogretta McNeil has found her cause in public service.

Trucker and poet Matt Doherty ’95 cruises to publication.
It is well known that Holy Cross regularly turns out top-notch doctors, lawyers and CEOs. What is less well known is the College’s history of producing writers. We can trace this tradition at least as far back as Arthur Somers Roche ’03 who started writing short stories as soon as he left the Hill and, before long, saw his fiction published in The Saturday Evening Post. Roche eventually penned a series of thrillers, sometimes under the name “Eric Mackaye,” with titles like Loot, Plunder, Uneasy Street and Conspiracy. The Purple kept tabs on Roche, noting in 1921, that Loot “swept him into a fortune overnight.”

Roche’s stories may have been appearing on newsstands at the same time Rev. Neil Boyton, S.J., ’08 was placing his fiction in Boy’s Life and Bensonier Magazine. Boyton made the jump to novels with Cobra Island and followed his debut with Mangled Hands, titles that seem somewhat less wholesome than the “Holy Cross Boys” series of adventure novels written by Irving T. McDonald ’15 or the slice-of-life vignettes of John A. McNulty ’17.

McNulty wrote for The New Yorker for over 20 years, producing a popular series of articles about “life among the bartenders, taxi drivers, horse players and other habitues” of New York’s Third Avenue. McNulty’s book, The Jackpot, was filmed as a successful Jimmy Stewart movie in 1950.

More recently, Holy Cross writers have been gaining national prominence. Barry Reed ’49 has written four popular legal thrillers, the first of which, The Verdict, was made into an Academy Award-nominated film of 1983. Phil Nobile ’64 has written or edited books on subjects ranging from “the new eroticism” to the Smithsonian’s Enola Gay exhibit. John L’Heureux ’56 has received critical acclaim for such novels as The Shrine at Altamira and A Woman Run Mad. Donald Spoto ’63 has written over 15 books, including biographies of Alfred Hitchcock, James Dean and Marilyn Monroe. The story collection Lost in the City by Edward P. Jones ’72 was widely praised upon publication. Recent years have seen published novels by Jan David Blais ’59, Robert E. Wall ’60, Jay Daly ’63, Martin Keating ’63 and Patrick Creevy ’70.

One of the College’s best-known writers is the subject of our cover story. I first heard Joe McGinniss’ name during a late-night bull session on Carlin 3. It was the kind of legend all would-be writers gravitate toward: the brash young journalist who, overnight, sprang from obscurity to The New York Times bestseller list. With his debut effort, The Selling of the President 1968, McGinniss ’64 became the youngest author—with the exception of Anne Frank—to hit the number one spot on that august list. The book, one of the first accounts of how image makers and media consultants wage politics, was hailed as “a masterpiece” by Murray Kempton and “a lulu” by Jimmy Breslin. And overnight, its author was transformed into a celebrity, touring the lecture circuit and being asked to appear on the Carson, Griffin, and Cavett shows.

McGinniss’ books have earned him both a loyal readership and a steady stream of controversy. But through all the hype, the writer has tried to stay true to his calling, letting his curiosity and passions determine his subject matter. In 1996, he walked away from a $1.75 million dollar advance for a book on the O.J. Simpson murder case. He has written a novel, an account of his 18 months wandering around Alaska, “true crime” narratives, a biography of Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, and, most recently, a tale born of his love for Italian soccer, The Miracle of Castel di Sangro.

When asked about fellow Holy Cross writers, McGinniss immediately begins to rave over Billy Collins ’63. McGinniss joins John Updike and Richard Howard in praising the poet. Collins, a frequent guest on National Public Radio, recently received acclaim from The New York Times: “It can be argued that … Mr. Collins is the most popular poet in America.” With three books selling an amazing 50,000 copies, he ranks with Robert Frost and Walt Whitman among the top-selling poetry titles at Amazon.com.

Although McGinniss and Collins ran with different crowds during their years on the Hill, both began their writing careers in College publications. McGinniss served as assistant sports editor and editor in chief of The Crusader, while The Purple published Collins’ first poems.

You’ll find a sample of Collins’ recent work on Page 25 of this issue, in our retrospective of The Purple. While not all of that magazine’s contributors went on to writing careers, more than a few have remained faithful to the avocation. And the tradition that began with “the Acroama Circle” in 1894 is still alive today. The next McGinniss or Collins may well be squirreled away at this moment, in the basement of Dinand or at a residence hall desk, scratching away in a notebook, dreaming of bestseller lists and book tours.

Jack O’Connell ’81
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Q: One of the nice synchroncities of you becoming president of Holy Cross is that you were ordained right here on campus.
A: Yes, I actually have a nice photo on my desk of my father and me standing on the steps of St. Joseph Memorial Chapel.

Q: Do you remember that day?
A: I do. I remember how welcoming the Holy Cross community was. We arrived a few days beforehand and I think I had a bed in the old infirmary (laughs). The campus was just beautiful, as it always is that time of year (June). There was a big dinner afterwards for all our guests in the grand setting of Kimball Hall.

Q: You grew up in Massachusetts. What was your perception of Holy Cross?
A: I had known about Holy Cross since high school. A number of classmates and friends had gone here. And as a Jesuit in New England, of course, I would hear a lot about the College. I recall that as a novice I came out for an afternoon in October and Tony Kuzniewski (professor of history and rector of the Jesuit community at Holy Cross), who was a scholastic at the time, gave us a tour of the campus, and we attended a football game. I’ve since had friends who have worked here. So I knew about Holy Cross from other Jesuits and from friends. I knew about the academic quality. But I think what impressed me most of all was the uniqueness of the community spirit people have here. People just have a wonderful experience here. They feel cared for. There’s a strong sense of belonging and community along with that academic standing. And that sense of belonging certainly does create a great loyalty. I’ve heard from a lot of alumni since the announcement was made. I’ve received a lot of welcoming e-mail. It took an hour or two every morning just to respond!

Q: The faculty at Gonzaga was very saddened to see you move on. Was accepting the presidency a difficult decision?
A: Initially, I was sad about the prospect of leaving Gonzaga. I had a great working relationship with the faculty and I thought we had done some things that were worthwhile, and that they really deserved some support and leadership. I thought I would have another year or two. There were some things I wanted to see through to completion. I have a wonderful staff and we’re very close. What I like about Gonzaga is that it has very few resources and yet it does a wonderful job. So, I guess I feel some sympathy for that. But I certainly love the idea of coming to Holy Cross. Really, the harder decision was leaving Boston College in ’96, because it meant I was leaving teaching and research. Once I left there, I knew I was going to be in administration, so this was the next logical step.

Q: Were you teaching a course this past semester at Gonzaga?
A: I was.

Q: Is that something you hope to do at Holy Cross?
A: It’s something I’d like to do, but at this point I don’t know how realistic it is. I want to keep an open mind. It would be good to have that kind of contact with students. But my field is pretty labor intensive.

Q: It sounds like you have a passion for teaching.
A: I do. I enjoy it. In fact, I had a great class, just before I got on the plane to come here. We had a debate. We were talking about computers in the workplace and how they distort or change people’s jobs. So I gave them a scenario: a school system doesn’t have any money and is failing. It gets a sizable grant to install an experimental computer system that does most of the teaching. So teachers have maybe a quarter of the time in the classroom and the rest is spent monitoring the computers. And I assigned people...
different roles to have a debate about this. And it was just a great debate! They were really into it and excited and thoughtful. It's wonderful to see that.

Down deep, I really do love science and engineering. Since I was in elementary school, I've loved those things. It's something I've always come back to. In some ways, I am a “techie,” though with a broader background and maybe broader interests. But I still get excited about design issues or new discoveries. I still enjoy the rigorous but creative scientific process or engineering process.

Q: Your area really is at the cutting edge of the culture these days. The last decade of technological progress has taken the general public by surprise.
A: Well, it's changed the way we do everything. Oddly enough, while I enjoy working in this field, I don't have the same reverence for it that some people have. I don't know if this is strange or not, but in some ways I'm more skeptical about pouring money into information technology than somebody who didn’t know the field might be.

Q: Well, your perspective as a Jesuit informs that. You're bringing some philosophical depth to the subject.
A: Well, that's right. You want to always ask the questions: What are we using this for? What will it do for us? And, what are the dangers? Not, how fancy or how neat is it?

Q: You teach a course in computers and ethics. Can you tell us a little bit about the course?
A: I started this at Boston College, probably around 1988 or so. I had gotten interested in talking to other Jesuits about bringing computers into the schools. So I put together a course on that, and I've taught it every year or two since. We start off with a block on basic ethics to make sure we have some language and analysis techniques we can use. I have them read a book called **Hackers: Heroes of the Computer Revolution**, which traces the computer subculture or counterculture from its beginning in the 1950s at MIT, with the founding of the AI Lab and the Tech Model Railroad Club and all that. Then it hops to California where you have more of a populist revolution with computers. And then it shows the eventual commercialization as people get into the game industry and start making a lot of money at it, whereas they hadn't done that before. So, from the author's point of view there's something of a moral decline as the field becomes more a part of the commercial mainstream. The reason I use that book, beside the fact that I think people who are going to work out in this field should know some of the history, is that it brings up a lot of the issues that we talk about now—intellectual property, hacking, privacy, computers and work, computer reliability and failures. It puts these things in a context so the students can understand why people take the positions they do. The students get to see how these issues play out in a particular, concrete set of circumstances. Then we go on to specific issues. We look at copying software or copying things off the Internet. Another issue is liability for computer failure—what do you do when you're putting a computer in a life-critical context but you know it's going to fail? That's a very interesting question. We also talk about the use of computers in the workplace and how it can lead to de-skillling; some jobs become so routine that it can take responsibility away from people. But there are ways you can design systems so that they really enhance people's jobs and skills. These are issues that are going to affect us all.

Q: It sounds like a course that should be required for young people heading out into that field.
A: Right. Actually, our professional organization recommends a model curriculum that includes a course in ethics. The CSAB, which accredits computer science, also requires ethics as part of the program. So there is an awareness in the profession that this is needed. But, of course, it's much more comfortable talking about the technical issues.

Q: How do you envision enlivening the Jesuit identity of Holy Cross?
A: Well, I think being part of the national conversation on Jesuit education is part of it, because there are a lot of interesting things going on. Everybody has unique circumstances and Holy Cross shouldn’t just take what everybody else is doing and adopt it. But there are a lot of common issues, too. I think there are a number of Jesuit schools that are well into the conversation and I think that’s worthwhile. Among the western Jesuit schools they have what are called Western Conversations where groups of faculty from each school will come together at one of the schools about once each semester. I think that’s one thing, just to get involved in the national conversation. I think there's been a lot of work done in

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the last decade on Holy Cross and its mission and I think a number of the initiatives that came out of that are worth following up on. I think we have to talk about curriculum; that’s a perpetual issue. I think the student experience, student life, is another one. Issues of justice are certainly important. So are issues of service—which Holy Cross does very well—and connecting those to the mission. No surprises there, but those are the areas that need to be pursued, I think.

Q: Are there any areas you think we need particular work on at the moment? What are our biggest challenges?

A: Well, diversity is one, and it’s a struggle; but there are things you can do, and people are committed to working on it. Affordability, certainly—you can’t just keep the tuition escalating. And financial aid—how do you use it to make a Holy Cross education available to people and also leverage financial aid to bring together the kind of student body you want, both in terms of quality and diversity? Marketing is important. It’s not a place for amateurs anymore. In the past it has been. I think it’s a much more sophisticated business now and Holy Cross certainly has to pay attention to that. Budget priorities are always a crucial issue. Those are some of the immediate things.

Q: What are your feelings on the Bishops’ vote on Ex Corde and what its impact will be on us in the future?

A: I think it’s legitimate for the Bishops to expect that if a place calls itself Catholic, it has some accountability, because the word Catholic should have a certain meaning. But I think it can mean different things in different contexts. It’s somewhat elastic. I think every place has to work out its Catholicity in its own way; and in the Jesuit tradition we’ve been focused on inquiry, trying to keep Catholicism in dialogue with the contemporary world. I think that’s the mission we have as Jesuits, to be in dialogue with the wider society, to be open to intellectual currents that are happening, to really have a genuine search for the truth, in a way that’s still reverent and looks to the ultimate reality. I think we’ve been very Thomistic that way, in the sense that Thomas always said that you don’t have to fear the truth because the truth is not inconsistent with God. We have to continue to follow our charism that way. I think where we need to continue working is in seeing how the particular juridical norms would fit into our context, because in some ways they don’t. They envision a situation that’s different from ours. So in some ways the question is—how can we adapt them to our context or make them fit? I hope we’d have the freedom to pursue the goals of the statement, but pursue them in a way that makes sense for us.

Q: It’s obvious this debate is going to go on for some time. Will there be more opportunities for colleges to provide reaction to that or is it, at this point, with the Bishops and the Pope?

A: Well, the Bishops have voted. I think if the Vatican rejects it, it will not be because it wants something more favorable for the colleges. It goes to Rome at some point. If it’s approved there’s a year to put it into operation. I think the Bishops have to do more on implementation. It’s not clear how much of that is on a local level and how much is national. Partly it will depend on the local Bishop, but there has been some talk about having certain national norms, or even a board that oversees this. I don’t think that’s been settled.

Q: Another hot area is athletics.

A (laughing): I have nothing to say!
Q: This is always a hot topic among alumni. What is your take on the state of Holy Cross Athletics?
A: At this stage, everybody knows more about this than I do. I like college athletics. But I would hope Holy Cross can run college athletics the way it was meant to be— which is amateur, for the student, with honest competition among student athletes—and maintain some of the idealism and integrity that college athletics ought to have. I think it takes some restraint to do that. I know people especially want to have a competitive basketball program. We'll see how that works out.

Q: What about student life issues. There is a discussion beginning between the administration and the students about ways to improve social life and to look at student life issues. Could you talk about that?
A: I think students feel a bit left out of some of the decision-making here, and it’s too bad that they feel that way. But that’s a hard thing to solve. Long-term strategic planning has to be done by people who are going to be here over the long term, and students move in and out. But ultimately, the decisions made affect them, so they need to have input. I am aware that there are issues about having space on campus where students can feel at home, having more activities that keep them on campus, and so on. I know the administration already does a lot about that, and I think we can do more.

But what distorts everything else in student life is the alcohol problem. It’s very hard to deal with. First of all we have to observe state law, so we’re not going to sanction underage drinking. But I think the real problem is binge drinking, which is a problem everywhere and is much worse than it used to be. I think it’s symptomatic of a lot of other things that are going on in people’s lives; but in any event, it creates a lot of problems—a lot of the relationship problems, date rape and assault, personal injury and property destruction, and problems with academic performance. All these things are tied to it. Of course, it causes some of the off-campus problems with the neighborhood as well. It’s an issue we have to keep trying to get at. It’s an attitudinal problem. It’s a cultural problem. It’s partly a maturity problem. Most students outgrow it, but there’s a lot of damage done along the way. You cannot ignore it. You do have to make people accountable.

Q: We’ve heard you’re a runner? You run marathons?
A: I’m getting ready to run the San Diego marathon. I got roped into this. I have a group of students who are running it for charity, and I’m their advisor, so I’m going to go down with them and I’ll run it with them. It’s January 16th. January in San Diego is not hard to take. I run about 50 miles a week. I started exercising when I quit doing physical labor. When I entered the novitiate there was a group that went out every morning and ran, so I started with that, and it’s something I kept up. I find it very relaxing. I get out early in the morning when the day is fresh. It’s when I get a lot of my thinking done, toss ideas around. When I lived at BC, I used to run up Heartbreak Hill everyday. We had a group from the School of Management faculty that used to run together. They’d usually run at noon, and I would join them sometimes when I could get free. It was fun. I’ve run around the Holy Cross campus before. And I recently peaked in the window of your Smith Wellness Center.
Q: Other interests?
A: I like to follow sports. I still read The Globe's sports page every day on the Web. It's great that you can get it that way. I enjoy following the business world. Comes from teaching management, I guess. I also like to follow what is happening in technology. I get to a movie every once in a while. I like reading, but now I get most of it done on trips.

Q: You mentioned you have a sister. I’m sure she’s happy to have you moving back to New England.
A: She’s very excited. And I still have cousins around the Boston area and friends back at BC and elsewhere around Boston.

Q: Where did the interest in the Jesuits come from?
A: I went to a Jesuit high school. I actually thought about entering during my senior year in high school. One member of my class did enter. My parents talked me out of it, and now I think they were right. But it was always in the back of my mind. I explored lots of other possibilities until I ran out of places to hide (laughing). I guess the call was always there. It eventually caught up with me. I had an interest in social justice, and if you were interested in social justice in the late '60s you thought about law school. But I didn't find what I was looking for there.

Q: Do you have a sense of how you’d like to make your mark on Holy Cross?
A: I guess what I’d like to do most of all is have this be a place where everybody really understood, and felt responsible for, the mission of Holy Cross. I’d like this to be a place where everybody feels that they have a share in creating and maintaining the Jesuit character of the College and its qualities as a community of shared values. Now, I know there’s a lot of that here. But in any institution you tend to become segmented, and in academic institutions probably more than most. So if, when I left Holy Cross, people didn't feel it was so important to have a Jesuit president, I would see that as a really good thing. I am not suggesting that it is not relevant that the president be a Jesuit; but we shouldn't have to rely on the president to make this a Jesuit institution. If we could feel comfortable with a non-Jesuit president it would be a sign of the maturity of the community and that we had arrived at a really strong common understanding of what it meant to be a Jesuit college in the 21st century. This is something we have to create. There isn't a ready-made answer out there. But I think if we could come to that sense as a community, then that would be a fine thing.

Q: Thank you for speaking with us, Father McFarland.

Then they opened up a project using computer-aided instruction in one of the schools. It did not pay much at the start, so initially I also worked with a company that built solar heaters and alternative-style housing. The computer-aided instruction project grew and got better funded. I did the same job pretty much for four years, but we had to go out and get money about every six months, so I worked for about four or five different agencies and institutions during that time. Eventually, we did get the Bureau of Indian Affairs to pick it up, and that regularized my status. I did just about everything, which was a really nice job. I worked with the kids; I supervised the project on-site and did some administrative work; I fixed the equipment and did some tutoring. So I learned a lot of different things and came to know a lot of the people. I was invited into their homes and went to some of the dances and festivals. That was a great experience.

The Worcester Fire
Statement of Frank Vellaccio,
Acting President, College of the Holy Cross

The College’s matching contribution campaign to the Worcester Firefighters Fund closed on 16 January 2000. Over $44,000 was raised by faculty, staff, parents, students and alumni, resulting in a total College contribution of $90,000.

Dec. 8, 1999

The Holy Cross family is struggling to find the appropriate actions and words to express its deepest sympathies to the families, friends and co-workers of the city’s six fallen firefighters, Paul A. Brotherton, Jeremiah M. Lucey, Thomas E. Spencer, James F. Lyons III, Timothy P. Jackson, and Joseph T. McGuirk. They are in our prayers and our thoughts. As part of the community, we are mindful of the vigilance and sacrifice our firefighters provide at all times. In this hour of tragedy, we join the voices of grief and remembrance for the friends and neighbors we have all lost.

Holy Cross shares a special bond with this city’s firefighters. In 1852, just nine years after our founding, the College was devastated by a fire in Fenwick Hall. Worcester firemen attempted to control the blaze but, in the end, most of the building burned to the ground. Students and faculty were left homeless, although that night the proprietor of the Worcester House hotel offered 30 of his rooms to students and firemen free of charge.

There was great doubt that Holy Cross would continue after such a catastrophe, but thanks to the kindness and generosity of the Worcester community and friends of the College, Fenwick Hall was rebuilt. Today, we stand stronger, able to attempt to repay a debt of gratitude to our city’s firefighters.

The firefighters and their families will be remembered at a Memorial Mass in St. Joseph Chapel at Holy Cross, on Friday, Dec. 10. During the Mass, a collection will be taken to benefit the fund that has been established for the families of the firefighters. The College is collecting contributions in the department of personnel to donate to the Firefighters’ Fund and will match all contributions made by members of the Holy Cross community.

In addition, we are joining with the other member schools in the Colleges of Worcester Consortium and offering scholarship assistance to the children of the deceased firefighters who are qualified for admission.

Finally, we will welcome to the College the visiting firefighters from around the country who will attend the memorial service on Thursday. We are able to house 150 firefighters overnight in campus accommodations, and a total of 1,000 visitors for dinner this evening and breakfast on Thursday. We are heartened to be able to offer some assistance during this time of immense grief.

“How Can I Find God?”

The Chaplains’ Office recently introduced a new lunch-time series, entitled “How Can I Find God?” This special program of faith sharing, held at Campion House, took place on several Tuesdays this fall. After lunch, two individuals—members of the faculty and staff as well as students—talked about their personal experience of faith; a brief time for comment and discussion followed. Inspired by the book, How Can I Find God:

The Famous and Not-So-Famous Consider the Quintessential Question, by Rev. James Martin, S.J., the program is designed to initiate conversation about faith in order to increase awareness of God’s presence in life and deepen understanding of faith as a source of connection among people. Marybeth Kearns-Barrett ’84, associate chaplain and coordinator of the series, was pleased by the response. “The cross section of people has been very inspiring,” she says. “It’s amazing to see diverse people telling very different stories—yet discovering a common thread in the way they find God.”
Faculty honored at assembly
Teaching awards presented

Faculty and administrators gathered in Brooks Concert Hall on Sept. 14 for the annual Holy Cross faculty awards presentation. Following an address by Frank Vellaccio, acting president, Stephen C. Ainlay, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College, presented the Distinguished Teaching Award to Thomas M.C. Lawler, professor of English. The award honors faculty who have demonstrated the College’s commitment to teaching and personalized instruction, making ideas come alive for students both in and out of the classroom.

Ainlay also presented the Raymond J. Swords, S.J., Faculty Medal to Patrick J. Ireland, associate professor of English, Virginia C. Raguin, professor of visual arts, and Frank Vellaccio, associate professor of chemistry. The Swords Medal honors those members of the faculty who have served the College for 25 years or more. It is named in honor of Fr. Swords, 28th president of Holy Cross.

Naval War College dedicates memorial to Holy Cross alumni

On Sept. 27, 1999, the Naval War College in Newport, R.I., dedicated a memorial flag-pole in honor of the thousands of Holy Cross men and women who have served as officers in the Navy or Marine Corps. The ceremony was part of the dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony for McCarty Little Hall, a new building at the college.

The memorial to Holy Cross alumni, consisting of a 60-foot nautical flag-pole, was funded with $30,000 contributed by the late Edward J. Brennan ’52, James E. Hayes ’52 and James T. Larkin ’53. Brennan and Hayes served in the Navy; Larkin was in the Marine Corps.

The Holy Cross NROTC color guard participated in the ceremony, which was attended by Acting President Frank Vellaccio and Rev. William J. O’Halloran, S.J.
This fall, the theatre department at Holy Cross presented Elmer Rice’s *The Adding Machine*. The play was directed by Ed Isser, an associate professor in the theatre department, and choreographed by Jessica Sayre, a lecturer in the theatre department.

Gamelan Gita Sari, under the direction of Andy McGraw, a lecturer in the music department, had its inaugural concert this December at Holy Cross. The performance featured internationally acclaimed Balinese guest artists I Nyoman Catra, I Gusti Ngurah Artawan and Ni Ketut Suryatini. Lynn Kremer, professor and chair of the theatre department, and Fenwick Scholar Bethany Collier ’00 were assistant directors.
The Alternate College Theatre (ACT) presented *A Flea in Her Ear* this fall at Holy Cross. The modern adaptation, written by Georges Feydeau and adapted by Frank Galati, was directed by Christen M. Karle and produced by Elizabeth A. Waters and José Lozada, all members of the Class of 2001.
Media Mentions

- The Jan. 21, 2000 issue of The Chronicle of Higher Education contains the article, "Colleges in Worcester, Mass., Help Families of Dead Firefighters." The article notes the College's matching-donation fund, which raised $90,000 for the fallen firefighters.


- The New York Times of Jan. 12, 2000 featured the profile, "Outsider? Insider? New Partner at Powerful Law Firm Wins as Both," by Jan Hoffman. The article reported the move by Ted Wells '72 to the international law firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison. Wells is the first outside lawyer in 30 years to be brought into the firm as a partner.

- "Their Century" was the cover story of the Boston Globe Magazine on Sunday, Jan. 2, 2000. The article profiled 10 New England college students including Charles Meyer, a member of the Class of 2000 at Holy Cross. Meyer cites his parents as his mentors. "My mother [an Air Force major] helped coordinate relief operations for Kurdish refugees in northern Iraq. My father was a surgical operating technician during World War II in the Solomon Islands in battles such as Guadalcanal and Bougainville."

- Boston Software News (December 1999) featured an interview with the incoming Holy Cross president, Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J. The article may be read online at www.bosoft.com or may be accessed at the Holy Cross Web site, www.holycross.edu.

- The Boston Globe offered its take on the Top 100 New England athletes of the past century. Two Holy Cross alumni appeared on the list. In the Dec. 24, 1999 edition of the Globe, Bob Cousy '50, was ranked number eight. "Cousy would play 13 seasons for the Celtics, leading the team to six titles while singularly changing the way the game was played." Tommy Heinsohn '56, was ranked 45th on the list. "Heinsohn played on eight championship teams in nine years, coached the Celtics to two more titles, and gained fame as a broadcaster. He also has achieved recognition in a very different venue as an accomplished artist." To see the entire list go to www.boston.com/sports/top100/


- New Woman magazine included comments from sleep expert Amy Wolfson, associate professor of psychology at Holy Cross. Wolfson noted that "the majority of women work full time, but most are still more responsible for the care of the home. They neglect sleep as a result." The article, "How to get the sleep of your dreams," was featured in the December 1999 issue.

- The New Yorker (Nov. 22, 1999) featured a profile of Kieran Suckling '88, co-founder and executive director of the Center for Biological Diversity, "the most important radical environmental group in the country and a major force in the life of Arizona and New Mexico."

- The Boston Globe of Nov. 18, 1999 included the views of Acting President Frank Vellaccio in an article about the Roman Catholic bishops’ vote on Ex Corde Ecclesiae (see Page 70 for background on the bishops’ decision).

- See the Holy Cross Web site, www.holycross.edu, for numerous articles (from The Boston Globe and the Worcester Telegram & Gazette) about the selection of Fr. McFarland as the next president of the College.

In Brief

Tek.Xam comes to Holy Cross

In October, Holy Cross became a testing site for Tek.Xam, a new information technology certification exam for liberal arts students. Developed by the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges, Tek.Xam has been endorsed by companies such as AT&T and IBM. The five and one-half hour test measures students’ abilities in seven technological skills areas: Internet research and evaluation; general computing concepts; Web site design; presentation software; spreadsheet; word processing; and the legal and ethical issues related to technology.

Hanify-Howland speaker announced

Political commentator Christopher J. Matthews ’67 will be the featured speaker at the annual Hanify-Howland lecture held on Wednesday, April 5 at 8 p.m. in the Hogan Campus Center Ballroom. Matthews is the host of “Hardball” on CNBC and MSNBC.

Admissions Office to Host Open House

The Admissions Office will host an open house for recently accepted students in the Class of 2004 on Sunday, April 16. The students and their parents will have the opportunity to take a tour of the campus, visit a browsing session, speak with representatives from student organizations and attend presentations on financial aid, the First-Year Program, the premedical and prelaw programs, the career resource center and the honors program. After lunch, academic departments will hold information sessions and receptions. Following comments from Stephen Ainlay, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College, the day will conclude with Mass in the St. Joseph Memorial Chapel.
Joe McGinniss ’64 never set out to become a writer. “I didn’t really have any sense of having an aptitude as a writer,” he says, “until I had to write some essay at the end of 11th grade. The teacher said, ‘There’s one essay here that stands out above all the rest, and I’m going to read it out loud.’ And it was mine.”

This experience tipped him off to the idea that, “maybe I had finally found some realm of human activity in which I might have a modicum of talent.” McGinniss wrote for his high school newspaper and, at Holy Cross, he joined the staff of The Crusader as a reporter and editor. Summers, he worked for his hometown newspaper.

“When I went to work professionally for the Port Chester Daily Item the first summer after my sophomore year,” McGinniss explains, “I found out rather quickly that I was fairly adept at getting the salient points down straight and writing a coherent story.”

By Steve Moore

At 26, Joe McGinniss skyrocketed to celebrity as the author of The Selling of the President 1968. The years since have seen success and controversy, but the writer is still as passionate as ever.
Soon after graduating from Holy Cross, McGinniss accepted the position of general assignment reporter at the Worcester Telegram. “It was the year in Worcester that really convinced me that I had a talent worth pursuing,” he says. “One of the things that I really liked was going to work and not knowing what I would be doing in an hour. By then I decided that newspapers were going to be my thing.”

His career as a journalist soon took off. After a nine-month stint at the Telegram, McGinniss worked as a sportswriter, first for The Philadelphia Bulletin and then for its competitor, The Philadelphia Inquirer. “I was already feeling hemmed in by sports,” he says, “and the Inquirer contacted me to see if I wanted to come over and write a sports column. I said ‘yes,’ but what I really wanted was to write a regular column, not a sports column.”

McGinniss became a columnist in the fall of 1966. Almost two years later, during a two-week vacation in June of 1968, he stumbled over the story that became his first book, The Selling of The President 1968. While working on a profile of Howard Cosell for TV Guide, McGinniss discovered that a member of Cosell’s carpool had just landed the advertising account for presidential hopeful Hubert Humphrey’s campaign. “Suddenly this one book idea sprang to mind,” he says.

Humphrey’s people would not cooperate with him, but Richard Nixon’s organization allowed him to observe first hand the process of “selling” a presidential candidate to the public. “It was a fascinating thing to observe,” McGinniss says. “The book was a great success, and I felt that I didn’t have to go back to work at the Inquirer.” As with his columns, he strove “to go someplace that the reader couldn’t go, but to give the reader the feeling of what it would be like to be there. And, I think, that’s been pretty consistently the goal of my writing throughout.”

**Celebrity**

The Selling of the President 1968 turned into a phenomenon. McGinniss became the youngest living writer to land a book at the top of The New York Times bestseller list. Almost overnight, the handsome and congenial young writer was catapulted into the celebrity life. He was asked to appear on national television talk shows, and publishers were eager for a follow-up book.

But the next time out, McGinniss wanted “to do something completely different. As William Buckley would always say whenever we were in public together, I committed one novel.”

The Dream Team was the story of a successful young novelist on a dizzying book tour who winds up unhinged by his obsession with women, alcohol and...
horseracing. The novel’s reception and sales were something of a letdown in the wake of Selling’s juggernaut.

The novel was followed by Heroes, in which McGinniss mixed journalistic sections that looked into the question of why “there didn’t seem to be any national heroes anymore” with “sections about my personal life. I thought of it as being a fairly daring experiment. Everyone else thought of it as being a piece of crap.”

Upon publication, Heroes was treated harshly by the critics, but, in retrospect, it reads as a brutally honest and painful quest for an understanding of self. McGinniss alternates chapters of autobiography with visits to larger-than-life media figures of the early ’70s—people like Gen. William Westmoreland, George McGovern and William Styron. Two individuals whom McGinniss tracks down in his quest to find a definition of a modern hero have Holy Cross connections: Vietnam veteran and prisoner of war Tim Sullivan ’65 and Vietnam activist Rev. Daniel Berrigan, S.J., the College’s commencement speaker in 1973.

“By the time I finished Heroes, I was really burnt out on myself,” McGinniss says. “I needed to go someplace. Someplace far outside the inside of my own head.” That place turned out to be Alaska, and the book that resulted from the trip was Going to Extremes.

“It was a great critical success,” McGinniss says, “and it put me back
Going to Extremes was one of the writer’s most warmly received books. McGinniss spent 18 months trekking around Alaska, meeting and making friends with a succession of characters, all of whom were attempting to find refuge in a frontier that is being rapidly undermined by civilization. More than one critic has praised the book’s lyrical prose, and scholar James N. Stull wrote that McGinniss “transforms this culturally significant landscape into a metaphorical and personally meaningful setting in which the author can once again pursue his quest for the heroic self.”

True Crime

On the heels of his triumph with Extremes, McGinniss became writer-in-residence at the Los Angeles Herald Examiner; it was there that he met and subsequently wrote a column about Princeton-educated Green Beret surgeon Jeffrey MacDonald who was soon to go on trial for the murder of his pregnant wife and two young daughters.

“I decided that this MacDonald thing simply had to be a book,” says McGinniss.

That book, Fatal Vision, became a runaway bestseller. A massive and painstakingly researched roller coaster ride of a story, it continues to sell briskly 17 years after its original publication. Fans of the book are often passionate. One recent reader from Switzerland was prompted to post, in an Amazon.com review, “Joe McGinniss is one of the two or three greatest writers of the century.”

Indeed, McGinniss does a remarkable job of portraying MacDonald as both a keenly intelligent, All-American charmer and a psychotic madman. This eerie characterization was likely the result of the fact that McGinniss became close friends with the murder suspect while spending four years researching the case, then watched his opinion regarding his friend’s innocence change as the complicated murder trial progressed.

Fatal Vision was followed by two more “true crime” books, Blind Faith and Cruel Doubt. Taken together, all three books form a trilogy, a penetrating study of familial dysfunction pushed to homicide. All three books were eventually filmed as successful television miniseries and McGinniss’ status as dean of the true crime bestseller was secure. But, true to form, the writer felt it was time for another change.

Following Cruel Doubt, McGinniss plunged into research for The Last Brother, a biography of Ted Kennedy. The book appeared in 1993 to a firestorm of controversy. Kennedy loyalists were outraged at what they perceived to be an attack on the senator, while the critical establishment raised ferocious objection to the writer’s use of fictional techniques—
such as the creation of dialogue and interior monologue—in a work of nonfiction. But McGinniss stood by his methods, writing that he “tried to distill an essence … to convey to a reader what it might have been like to be Teddy Kennedy.”

**Perception & Reality**

When discussing qualities his books have in common McGinniss says, “Well, I think, first of all it’s the plunging of myself into a whole new and different experience with new and different people whom I’ve never met before and whom I would never ever meet were it not for the fact that I was writing a book about them. But beyond that, the difference between the image and the reality has always fascinated me. I’m not a cynic. I’m perpetually naive and always looking out to believe the best and then constantly being somehow disappointed. It’s this gap between the perception and the reality. What’s between the image, that’s either consciously presented or at least received, and the reality that underpins it, has always fascinated me. I think that applies to the many different subject areas that I’ve wandered into.”

Speaking about his methodology, he explains, “Once I start on a project, my only goal is to write the most compelling narrative I can. I set out simply to tell the best possible story that I can.” What pleases him most about a book is “that it simply has quality. I think it’s the sort of private satisfaction that a good carpenter will get out of making a quality piece of woodwork.”

**Media Adaptations:**

*The Selling of the President 1968* was adapted for stage by Stuart Hample.

*Fatal Vision* was filmed as a television miniseries that aired Nov. 18, 1984.

*Blind Faith* was filmed as a television miniseries that aired Feb. 11, 1990.

*Cruel Doubt* was filmed as a television miniseries that aired May 17, 1992.
Looking back on Holy Cross

McGinniss looks back on his years at Holy Cross with mixed emotions. He went to Holy Cross because “it was the path of least resistance, really. I think if I had been a more dedicated student and had sought out more guidance and assistance, it would have been available, but the atmosphere just wasn’t conducive to that. … You had no freedoms. After having the freedom of being able to live with some responsibility as a senior in high school to suddenly being reduced to this childhood level again, it was very demeaning, and I resisted it all the way through. So it certainly fostered an outlaw spirit in me which had not been there before.”

In 1969, when The Selling of the President 1968 was on the bestseller list, McGinniss returned to give a speech at Holy Cross. “I had a great time because it was so close to the four years that I had been there,” he says. “Other than being delighted to see some of the changes, the whole place was more humane—I just privately felt like this was some kind of a triumph. To go back and be treated with respect by some of the same people who had treated me like a character out of Kafka for four years was enjoyable. I was really happy to see that the place had made such extraordinary strides and progress in five years. By ’69 the place was on the right track and, I think, has stayed there ever since.”

The Desire to be Free

McGinniss’ books seem to have grown out of a desire to be free and independent while living a life of constant discovery and searching for new worlds. “I was an only child and raised by parents who were, to put it mildly, over protective,” he says, “and while I made my own freedoms in high school, basically it was still kind of a sheltered life. I think that through the years of adolescence and continuing through Holy Cross, the desire really to be free, to be independent, just to break out to be really on my own, free from these eyes looking over my shoulder, was a very strong one. The newspaper work gave me a lot of that and then books provided the perfect solution in that respect because I could be totally independent. I could do whatever I wanted. It was independence and freedom, I think, that I was after from an early age.”

“I was different from most of the people around me.”
The best example of this need to discover new worlds is his most recent book *The Miracle of Castel di Sangro* which follows the adventures of a minor league soccer team in a remote part of Italy. McGinniss is extremely proud of this book and feels that it is one of his best. The critics agree.

“I succeeded in writing about Italy in an entirely fresh and original way,” McGinniss says. “When I went over there in ’96, I was 53 years old, and I’m reading my (Holy Cross) class letters and a lot of people 53 years old, they’re being pushed into early retirement or they’re thinking things are sort of winding down now, the kids have been put through school, their careers have peaked, and you can get this sort of sense of creeping twilight coming in.”

“Italy and soccer are two huge new loves that have entered my life at the age of 50,” he says. “I think by that time a lot of people’s capacity for new love and adventure is sort of dwindling, if it’s not entirely withered and died. You may ask if the book writing career keeps this alive in me or if this capacity in me keeps me involved in the book writing career. It’s a chicken or egg thing.

Somehow that sets me apart—and I don’t mean in a qualitative better or worse way—but just in a different way from the majority of my 1964 classmates who, even at that time, were primarily looking for security. I believe, for most of the people in my class, adventure was the furthest thing from their minds; security and consistency and knowing what life would be like five or 10 years down the road was about their highest priority. Whereas for me, it wasn’t a priority at all. I would’ve shuddered to think that I might have known what life would have been like five or 10 years down the road. So that set me apart certainly from the majority of people in the Holy Cross Class of ’64. I was different. There’s just no other way to say it. I was different from most of the people around me.”

“I guess if I weren’t,” he says, “I wouldn’t be a writer.”

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From its humble origins to its heyday in the 1950s and ’60s, the College’s literary magazine has been a launching pad for many writers. But what of the future of The Purple?
Interspersed among the faded yearbooks and the old newspapers on shelf upon shelf of the Holy Cross library archives is the 105-year history of The Purple, the College’s literary journal. The oldest copies are bound by year, covered in faded and cracked leather. The latest editions float loose on a bottom shelf, thin and unassuming heirs to the legacy of The Purple. These volumes hold the hours spent by students huddled late at night over dorm room desks or library tables. They hold the time spent alone, working a line, searching for a phrase. They hold the loud voices of argument, the sure hand of disapproval and the sigh of heartbreak. They hold the dreams of students long dead and long forgotten, and the angst and hope of those who have just left school, degree in hand. They hold the pages where Holy Cross’ young men, and eventually women, lamented over lost love, imitated the poetic forms of the day, celebrated the triumphs of the College and mourned the deaths of classmates and alumni.

Travelers on the Slopes of Parnassus

In 1894, George E. Reidy wrote the introduction to the first successful attempt at publication of a journal of the arts at Holy Cross. It was a 97-page volume called Verses by the Acroama Circle. Photographs of the Acroama writers, staid portraits of young men in brown and white, appear throughout the book, separated by onion skin from the romantic, traditional rhymed musings of the Victorian era. “Footprints of College Life” might be an apt title.

“Something fine lies yellow in the old issues of this magazine. It is something this world may never see again, something blithe, vulnerable, precious.”

Randall Caudill, from the preface to the anniversary edition collection of The Purple, published in 1968
for these little verses, the result of a two-years’ courtship of the Muse of Poetry,” wrote Reidy in the introduction. “If the discerning reader discovers but little of the ‘Divinus afflatus’ of poesy in these pages, let him remember that they are but the efforts of travelers on the slopes of Parnassus, whose path was beset by all the difficulties which such a journey entails. ... May the thoughts and fond memories which we have entwined about our college life by this little souvenir, re-echo in our hearts for many a year. May our years with the muses ever make music in our lives.”

However ambitious and eloquent, Reidy’s soliloquy appears to be his only one. The Acroama Circle never published again, but the muses had already taken hold of Holy Cross, and in June of that same year, the first edition of The Purple was published.

Prior to 1894, Holy Cross had no newspaper, no publication for alumni, no place to report college events or sports results, no creative outlet for the poesy-inspired. That year, The Purple arrived and fulfilled all those needs. It carried advertising from Worcester merchants, including harness and saddle purveyors, clothiers and hat-makers, graineries and stationers. Georgetown University was an advertiser as was Holy Cross itself, which offered tuition, board, linen washing and mending, physicians’ fees and medicine, all for $225 per annum.

The Purple’s first editor, George J. Walsh, described in his inaugural editorial a much different mission for The Purple than the literary aspirations of the Acroama Circle: “The hope so long cherished by students of Holy Cross is at length realized. After several ineffectual attempts, the students of 1893-1894 have succeeded in establishing a paper. Realizing the advantages that must flow from the establishment of a journal in our college, we venture to send forth the Holy Cross Purple into the fields of college journalism.”

The Purple of Walsh’s day was a quick success and was printed monthly. It included editorials, letters, an entire section devoted to alumni news, essays, poetry, lecture reviews and reports on Holy Cross’ “Base Ball” team.

In June 1896, the Purple staff put together the first and apparently only Purple alumni edition, as part of its regular publication. This volume is a collection of biographies and notes on Holy Cross students who had attained military and historic success. The Civil
War was fought by many Holy Cross men, including Gen. Frank C. Armstrong, who entered Holy Cross in 1845.

“Throughout the entire war records we find his name mentioned in terms of the highest praise,” The Purple boasts.


It was not until November 1930, however, that the identity of The Purple’s first mentor was revealed when the death of Rev. Philip M. Finegan, S.J., who taught at Holy Cross from 1893-1897, was noted in a department called “Purple Patches”: “The efforts to foster journalism [at Holy Cross] led to the publication in 1894 of a monthly magazine by the class of 1897. With the graduation issue of 1894 the class turned the magazine over to the whole student body and the publication became the Holy Cross Purple. ... To Father Finegan, the Purple owes one of its greatest debts, the impetus of its foundation.”

Since that time, poets, fiction writers, essayists, photographers and painters have all put their hearts into the pages of The Purple.

### The Transformation

With dedicated staff and a regular publishing schedule, The Purple grew in prestige both on campus and nationally. Reviews of the magazine from national journals continually noted its wealth of talent and its professional presentation.

Rev. David Granfield, OSB, ’43 was a Purple editor from the days of the journal’s greatest national recognition.

“We didn’t have a big staff,” said Fr. Granfield. “We dealt mainly with editing and checking on things. It was something—one of the leading literary magazines.”

Though he only published one poem himself in The Purple—and was able to quote it from memory so many years later—Fr. Granfield spent a good portion of his life writing. He went to Harvard Law School and taught at Catholic University Law School in Washington, D.C. Fr. Granfield later decided to become a priest and joined the Benedictines. He has since written six books, all dealing with U.S. judicial issues and Catholic morality.

His titles include The Abortion Decision, Judas Prudence and Spirituality and Heightened Consciousness: The Mystical Difference. Today, Fr. Granfield is a professor emeritus of Catholic University Law School and lives in Chevy Chase, Md.


But by the early 1950s, The Purple’s readership and staff were ready for something different.
In 1952, The Purple editors “gave warning” of changes in content and design of The Purple. The Purple, they wrote, had previously gained “nationwide reputation as one of the half dozen finest college literary magazines in the country,” but since “the last war,” The Purple had fallen in prestige.

“We realize that there will still be a group that steadfastly refuses to read the magazine, or even to carry it to their rooms,” the editors wrote. And thus launched a format aimed at attracting the “average reader.” Their program included publishing “less abstract poetry” and more fiction. By 1956, the journal, which was published six times a year, no longer grouped stories by department, ceased to solicit advertising, and gave less coverage to school news and sports reports. The Purple was metamorphosing into an artists-only journal.

The Heyday

Whether it was the bold editorial changes of the 1950s-era, editors who attracted new talent, or a bumper crop of exceptional individuals, for the next several decades, The Purple became the nursery for an immensely creative group of artists—many of whom are now nationally recognized in their fields of endeavor.

“The Purple was the last, most difficult-to-cross threshold of aspiration for me my first year at Holy Cross,” said John Callahan ’62. “I was impressed beyond words when the first issue of The Purple came out. Writing a short story for the magazine became something of a grail for me. And, I might add, a welcome distraction from buckling down to work in courses which didn’t much interest me.”

Over Christmas break of his first year, Callahan wrote a short story called “Under the New Rule,” submitted it and waited for the inevitable rejection slip. Instead, editor Barry Gault ’60 called Callahan and told him his story was worth publishing—with a few changes.

“After I revised it, I’ll never forget going to my mailbox and finding his note. ‘Think we can print—BG,’ it read, and it was as exciting to me as if my first novel had been accepted by Scribners—like Fitzgerald’s This Side of Paradise.

To this day I can feel the excitement and satisfaction of opening the distinctive cover of The Purple’s January 1959 issue (the cover had a drawing of Michelangelo’s David) and seeing my story.”

Today, Callahan is a professor at Lewis and Clark College in Oregon and one of this country’s leading scholars on the American writer, Ralph Ellison (he first read Ellison’s Invisible Man as a second-year student at Holy Cross). His latest work is an edition of Ellison’s long-rumored novel, Juneteenth. Like many Purple alumni, Callahan has nothing but admiration for the magazine and those who contributed to it.

Gault, the editor who encouraged Callahan, was a premed student, and eventually gave up writing for the love of medicine. He wrote lyrics for student musicals at Yale Medical School and

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Poet Billy Collins ’63 has made a life of looking at things with his head askance, his sights set just slightly askew.

There’s the poem about the three blind mice, how they got that way, why they had run after the farmer’s wife. There’s the one about looking back at being 10 years old and feeling queasy just in the hindsight. There’s the Mr. Sillypants name-calling in “Child Development,” and the obsessive dissection of seductive lingerie models in “Victoria’s Secret.”

The poetry of Billy Collins sets its hook with a laugh. A laugh of embarrassment, of self-recognition, or perhaps, just plain giddiness. But read on and there is always the tug on the line that runs directly to the heart.

Collins, who is the author of six books of poetry, has enjoyed press runs unheard of in poetry publishing. His Picnic Lighting sold 25,000 copies in 1998 and a compact disc recording of his book The Best Cigarette sold out in its first printing. He has been featured on Fresh Air with Terry Gross and on A Prairie Home Companion with Garrison Keillor, both on National Public Radio. Collins’ seventh poetry collection, A Study in Orange and White, is expected to be published in mid-2000.

Collins has taught English at the City University of New York’s Lehman College long enough to see a generation of students come and go. He has seen plenty of the country, too, during his couple dozen cross-county readings each year, but this popular “blue jeans style” poet got his start in the poetry business as an undergrad-uate at Holy Cross.

The Purple was the first journal to publish his poems, and before he graduated, Collins was working on the journal as editor.

“I didn’t have any idea I would have a real book published,” Collins said of his Holy Cross years. “It was a limited pool of literary talent, as you would have at any college. ... We had literary aspirations and romantic ideas of authorship. ... But I was really very much of a late bloomer.”

Though he’s known for his sarcastic twists on everyday life, Collins admits his wry way with words came later, and that while at Holy Cross, working on The Purple was all business.

“It was very cliquish, we were the campus intellectuals,” Collins said of the editorial staff. “We held our heads above the jocks. We considered ourselves proto-suburban beatniks. We always wore black, filled athletic bags with quarts of beer and played jazz and smoked and carried books of poetry around. We were very serious and, I’m sure, very silly.”

During Collins’ years, The Purple was published quarterly and bound with impressive four-color covers designed specifically for the magazine by student-artists.

“We had an immense budget, something like $10,000 in 1962,” Collins said. “If you look at the issues I edited with the four color covers—for a small liberal arts college it was a great looking magazine.”

Unfortunately, even with the post-beatnik popularity of poetry at the time, literary works were not always received with equal enthusiasm as that put into the creation of the product.

When Purples were delivered via campus mail to the rest of the student body, most copies, recalled Collins, were disposed of quickly.

“On the big day every mailbox would be stuffed with these gorgeous magazines,” Collins said. “And we’d go down to the mailboxes and watch how 90 percent of the students would slam dunk them into the trash. ... I have some of them in the attic now and every time I go there I see them, so I think of them in an unbidden way. They are there as reminders.”

Post-Purple, Collins’ poetry appeared in anthologies, textbooks, and numerous journals including The New Yorker and The Paris Review. Ask him, and he stumblingly says he has received a few grants, won a couple
of awards. Actually, he has a laundry list of them, including one from the Guggenheim Foundation, one from the National Endowment for the Arts, and four from *Poetry* magazine. In 1994, *Poetry* named Collins “Poet of the Year.”

Not bad for a guy who remembers his drive to pursue a literary career at Holy Cross as rising from “feeding off the neglect” of his classmates.

Yet, after graduation, Collins said he stopped writing for a time. He went to the University of California, worked as a teacher’s assistant and earned his Ph.D. “I wasn’t a poet then,” he said. “It was mostly scribbling, private writing. I didn’t know what I was doing. I was writing a real imitative poetry. I read enough poetry and was verbally smart enough to produce stuff that sounded like poems. It was really external.”

Collins placed poems in *Rolling Stone* magazine often during the late ’60s and placed others in “obscure magazines for years and years. It got to the point where I was exhausted with that and the rejection/acceptance drama,” he said.

His first big breakthrough came when he was in his 40s, when *Questions About Angels* won the National Poetry Series book award in 1990.

For Collins, it was the beginning of an unexpected but welcome stardom. For his poetry it was the beginning of a wave of acceptance and popularity, including the addition of an unlikely fan, Collins’ father.

“My father always ignored poetry—until I told him how much money I won,” Collins said wryly. “I could sympathize with him. He was a businessman who worked his way up, and he felt I should go the same route. An interest in poetry to him was a step backwards.”

Collins says his use of humor “probably comes from my father. ... I try to use humor as a door into the serious, and a lot of people see an opposition to that, but I see it as a way in.”

Collins said that idea, to open doors to new possibilities through the familiar and the funny, has always been with him, even in his “serious” days during his *Purple* years.

“*It probably comes out of the fear of seeming to be overly serious,*” he said. “Even from the beginning I wanted my poems to go against the grain. ... The perfect poem for me now would be one which you could never tell if it was serious or funny at any given moment, one that rode a knife edge, but I’m still always falling off to one side.”

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**THE DEAD**

The dead are always looking down on us, they say, while we are putting on our shoes or making a sandwich, they are looking down through the glass-bottom boats of heaven as they row themselves slowly through eternity.

They watch the tops of our heads moving below on earth, drugged perhaps by the hum of a warm afternoon, they think we are looking back at them, which makes them lift their oars and fall silent and wait, like parents, for us to close our eyes.

Billy Collins
from *Questions About Angels*
kept up with poetry for some years during his early career. But since 1994, Gault has been the chief of psychiatry at Newton (Mass.)-Wellesley Hospital and has little time left for creative writing.

“I was in my sopho-

more year when I submitted a poem or two and, over three years, I published a bunch of poems and a short story. I was editor in ’59-60,” he said. “There were some remarkably creative people in the ’50s... I just remember how impressed I was with the individual talent that published there.”

John Hackett ’61, editor of The Purple in his senior year is now an English professor at San Antonio (Texas) College. He was remembered by Callahan, Gault and many others, as a talented writer.

“John Hackett was as gifted as anyone I knew at Holy Cross,” Callahan said. “He was shy, down-to-earth and a hell of a good intramural basketball player.”

“I think we were all very serious about poetry, and I think there was a bunch of good poets in those days,” Hackett said. “I think The Purple was a forum for a more authentic voice, and I must say, The Purple in those years was a remarkably free magazine.”

Hackett added that, although he let poetry slide in importance in his life, it has moved again to the forefront of his creativity.

“When you go off to graduate school and start teaching English... at times poetry seems distant from other urgencies in life. It’s not that I’m ambivalent—It’s more important now, oddly enough, and I’m slowly getting better.”

It was also during the late ’50s and early ’60s that the artistic presentation of The Purple expanded. Artwork by Jim Mullen ’61, Terry O’Shea ’63, and others adorning the covers in four colors. Photographs, drawings and paintings were regularly included, and the visual presentation of The Purple was continually being modified. The Purple appeared four times a year and had a regular staff. Text fonts switched from traditional typefaces to more modern sans serif types and poets experimented with visual forms.

In 1960, The Purple’s table of contents included two poems by the young Billy Collins ’63: “Awakening” and “Her Back is to the Wind.” The author of these works is the Billy Collins, one of today’s best-known contemporary American poets (see sidebar).

In 1968, on the 125th anniversary of the founding of Holy Cross, Purple editor Randall Caudill ’69 felt it was time to put together a retrospective of Purple writers. With the help of faculty moderator Gene McCarthy, he poured through 40,000 pages and 80 volumes of The Purple to create a 125th Anniversary Issue.

In his preface, Caudill wrote:
“A century from now, perhaps this very issue may be regarded in turn. If this issue is ever so perused, its editor would like to say that once in the winter of 1969, we took time out to look back some 80 years, and if anything an awareness of our inheritance increased our humility.”

Caudill left Holy Cross a Rhodes Scholar and spent two years at Oxford in England studying medieval lyric poetry and Shakespeare. He then taught in England for several years before returning to the United States and beginning a career as an investment banker on Wall Street. Although his success in the field was considerable, his love for literature never faded, and now, retired and living in California, Caudill is working on his poetry again.

“I haven’t thought about that for 30 years,” he said, when asked about The Purple. “But it’s funny you should mention it. I’ve just hauled out my old poetry at the request of a local journal.”

While Purple alumni have differing recollections of elitism or cliquishness, and budgets have been alternatively bountiful and bare-boned, no alumni can recall censorship, either from within the group or from the administration. In fact, the editorial freedom allowed The Purple staff to cover just about any subject it wanted. In 1973, Purple staffers scored an all-time interview coup when they tracked down Spanish surrealist painter Salvador Dali in New York and published the interview and photographs in The Purple.

Fred Contrada ’74, now a reporter at the Springfield (Mass.) Union News, was one of the instigators of the interview.

“Salvador Dali was a favorite of ours,” Contrada said. “We knew that he stayed at the St. Regis Hotel in New York and we had an issue of The Purple that was all about art. We’d put together what people like Charles Mingus’ and Anne Sexton’s thoughts about art were. We wanted to call Dali and say, ‘What about art?’ So we said, ‘Let’s call the hotel, and the next thing you know Salvador Dali answers the phone and ... he said, ‘Come see me Wednesday night.’ ”

After graduation, Contrada made his rounds in the nation’s workforce, did time on a boat on the Mississippi River, worked as a cab driver in Santa Fe and waited tables in New Orleans. He took the reporter’s job at the Union News 12 years ago, but he really has not gone far from his roots. Contrada was a copy boy at The Boston Globe during high school and free-lanced news stories during his cross-country days.

He has also written six unpublished novels; the main character of his latest effort is from Worcester.
One of the more recent post-Purple success stories is that of 1988 graduate Lauren McLaughlin, who was an editor of The Purple for four years; as a first-year student, she won the “Purple Purse,” a literary award no longer offered by the magazine.

An English major at Holy Cross, McLaughlin wrote mostly poetry but turned to screenplays after graduation. With two produced scripts to her credit, she is now the vice president of production at Lions Gate Films in New York.

A Purple Future

Lindsay Rose ’00, an English major from Westwood, Mass., is this year’s editor of The Purple. Rose took over at the suggestion of English Professor Robert Cording, The Purple’s faculty advisor for the last 18 years.

Rose’s enthusiasm for her task is as earnest and as dedicated as all The Purple editors who have overseen the journal for over a hundred years. But things are quite different for Rose at The Purple’s helm. While the magazine once published impressive, creative journals four times a year, Rose has taken over a struggling, once-a-year publication.

For the most part, The Purple of the 1990s has been a vehicle for poets and short story writers, although photographers have also contributed to it. Rose said she thinks other campus publications, particularly the weekly Crusader student newspaper, have overshadowed The Purple’s presence.

“There isn’t anybody else,” Rose said. “Maybe there should be more than one person. But I don’t think it’s big enough at this point. I don’t feel overwhelmed.”

The Purple, it seems, has come full circle—back to the days of the Acroama Circle, when a small group of people struggled to see themselves in print. Rose said the journal is no longer mailed to every student, although copies are placed near student mailboxes. Calls for submissions tend to come from English professors. And many students now submit their work to a variety of other student publications.

“The point of it is really to highlight the writers out there and to expose the rest of the campus to the people who do have some talent,” Rose said, but acknowledged that The Purple’s future may be in limbo.

“I wish it could come out more often, there’s certainly enough material for it,” she said. “If it came out four times a year, maybe that would help.”

Most likely, The Purple is simply going through one of its periodic evolutions. But ultimately, only time will tell if the journal will survive into the next century. In a time when students can fashion their own personal Web pages, perhaps the paper-and-ink literary journal is becoming a quaint notion. But whatever the future holds for the College’s oldest magazine, the back issues of The Purple testify to a rich history of creativity and self-expression.

Karen Hart is a freelance journalist from West Boylston, Mass.
The mention of standardized testing, SATs, essay questions and even simple compositions tends to send a shiver through both students and teachers. The idea of writing a cohesive, creative piece of fiction or narrative has, for some reason, taken on a menacing tone. And yet, so many aspects of life depend on the ability to construct a grammatically correct sentence and write an intelligent paragraph. With the help of a three-year grant from the Lloyd G. Balfour Foundation, Holy Cross is attempting to rekindle the passion for writing in Worcester Public School teachers. The project director and teachers involved hope this inspiration will trickle down to students in their classrooms.

When the grant opportunity arose, Charles S. Weiss, director of the Office of Grants and Corporate and Foundation Giving, jumped at the chance to implement a writing program. “The conditions of the grant specified one school system, one grade level and one subject,” said Weiss. Since the college has received numerous science grants to work in the Worcester community, he explained, it seemed time to focus on language and writing.

“We targeted the ninth grade since that is the time when students begin to lose their own voice and acquire the voice of their peers and society,” Weiss said.

The program, “Teaching Creative Writing in the Worcester Public Schools,” is comprised of four parts: a weeklong institute for the public school teachers, a seminar for Holy Cross students on the teaching of creative writing, a student internship in the classroom and a public presentation of the completed literary works in the form of a magazine and/or readings. The intensive weeklong summer institute gives a
group of Worcester Public School teachers a rare opportunity—the chance to devote time strictly to writing. The ultimate goal is to instruct these teachers in the art of creative writing so that they can carry the lessons back to the classroom. A total of 60 teachers and 1,400 students should ultimately benefit from this training.

Originally intended for ninth-grade teachers only, the program was opened up to include English as a Second Language instructors and teachers from other grades as well.

Eve Shelnutt, a professor in the English department, was chosen to spearhead this project based on her vast experience and accomplishments. “She is very knowledgeable about teaching others to be creative and how to teach creative writing,” Weiss said. With 30 years experience, five collections of short stories, three volumes of poetry and several books on teaching creative writing to her credit, and having undertaken similar programs in other states, she was the logical choice for the job. Her most noted book, *The Magic Pencil: Teaching Children Creative Writing*, was distributed to the participants and served as an additional teaching tool. Her strong belief that “to be a teacher of creative writing, you have to write creatively” became the credo behind the grant.

During the first two years of the grant, teachers participating in the summer institute lived on campus in order to eliminate outside distractions. “There was complete immersion in the process of writing,” said Weiss. “They wrote and learned incessantly. Without the pressures of home and work, the teachers were able to tap into their creative energies more effectively.”

In this intense literary environment, peers, visiting professors and other experts inspired the teacher/students to create poetry, short stories and creative nonfiction. Debra Brown, a seventh-grade teacher from the Burncoat Middle School, can testify to the intensity of the institute. “One of our teachers—Barbara Helfgott Hyett—was in your face, brash and too intense at first. I didn’t think I would like this workshop at all. I thought it was a rather odd approach to take,” she said. However, with encouragement from her peers and a little practice, Brown was able to “find [my] own voice by the middle of a poem.” She was especially pleased when Helfgott Hyett complimented her for “being rooted.” Brown said, “If she could see the real me in that poem, I want my students to be able to accomplish the same thing.”

Helfgott Hyett, the director of the Workshop for Publishing Poets, artist-in-residence for the Massachusetts Cultural Council and author of four books of poetry, was joined by guest lecturers William Holinger and Richard Hoffman. Holinger, author of *The Fence-Walker* and numerous other published stories, was awarded the Associate Writing Programs’ Novel Award. He has co-authored six young-adult novels and has taught fiction at Emerson College, Harvard University, the University of Michigan and Brown University. An expert in the nonfiction genre, Hoffman is the author of *Half the House: a Memoir*. He has taught private seminars on the art of the memoir and first-person narrative and is currently working on a novel. The presenters shared their own works and conducted workshops in each of the three genres.

Peter Weyler, an eighth-grade teacher from the Dr. Arthur F. Sullivan Middle School, found the institute, and the three experts, “fabulously encouraging.” Personally, Weyler developed a focused and more critical eye in his writing. He is currently working on a book of poetry, a novel and some assorted short stories. Weyler has applied some of the institute’s lessons to his classroom assignments. “My students just finished a chapter on narrative. I instructed them to add just the right detail, to reflect on the heart of the story,” he said. “It is not an exaggeration to say that this is the best narrative writing I’ve had from my class.” Weyler notes that the more excited he is about a subject, the easier it is to teach it.

Weyler cites a combination of bonding and friendly friction...
between the participants. “Both the writers and the teachers have strong, independent personalities.” Each person walked away from that week with something special, according to Weyler. “I’ve loved it and would certainly participate again. It’s hard to believe it’s only a week long. I saw some bonding and intense personal feelings develop,” Weyler said.

For Brown, her best moment came with the writing of a creative nonfiction piece. “I experienced an epiphany when we did our photo memoir exercise,” said Brown. The teachers were asked to bring in photos of themselves and evaluate the “then and now” aspects of the pictures. “I brought in a professionally taken photograph. Six years ago I thought that beauty was beauty. Now I know it’s really what’s in your mind. All the make-up and external trappings are not important,” she said.

The institute has affected Holy Cross students as well as the teachers who participate in the program. Tess Doyle ’00 worked with teacher Gail Holland in her 10th-grade English class at Doherty High School. Prior to entering the classroom, Doyle spent three weeks with Shelnutt to “talk about the teaching situation.” She was warned about “culture shock.” Many of the Holy Cross students involved in the project come from backgrounds that differ significantly from those of the students they will teach. “I taught a variety of classes at the school. The students are really good kids and are challenging. They come from different backgrounds and are certainly different writers than I would be,” said Doyle. She finds that the students look forward to the days she teaches. “These kids don’t necessarily like to write, but I think they are enjoying it better as time goes on.” Doyle sees a double benefit to her presence in the classroom. “For the teachers, it is a change of pace. I think they like to see someone else come in to teach a class. And for the students, they get to relate to someone closer to their own age. I can share what I have learned in my own classes with them.” As for Doyle, she feels that her leadership skills have improved.

Chad Buri ’00, another participant in the program, has been assisting Weyler with his eighth-graders at the Sullivan Middle School. “This has essentially been an incredible experience. I am getting a different perspective on Worcester from these kids. They let me into their lives,” said Buri. Although he and Weyler collaborate on some projects, for the most part, Buri designs his own lesson plans. Like Doyle, he emphasizes the excellent rapport he has developed with the students. He, too, finds the experience to be a personal challenge. “At first I didn’t know what to expect and neither did the class. It is a challenge keeping everyone involved and interested,” he said.

In addition, the students must focus on teaching literary techniques. Each Holy Cross apprentice is responsible for creating a literary magazine with the students. This publication exemplifies the improvements the students have made over the course of the semester. The final result also becomes a great source of pride for the students, their teachers and the Holy Cross interns.

The teachers were also given an opportunity to showcase their work. Upon completion of the summer institute the participants presented their completed projects to the public. “Some of these readings have seen overflowing crowds. I see this as the greatest testimony to the value of the program,” said Weiss.

Another collaborative project between Holy Cross and the Worcester Public School system has been created through the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. Concern for the growing diverse population in the schools has prompted involvement in the Voices of Diversity in American Literature program, part of the pilot Teachers as Scholars project. Bertram D. Ashe, an assistant professor of English and director of African-American Studies at Holy Cross, uses the book The White Boy Shuffle by Paul Beatty as a teaching tool in his segment of the project. “We talk about the book and its plot as well as identification, cultural hybridity and multiculturalism in the classroom. My main concern is to get a good, solid, intellectually sound conversation among people who want the stimulation of their peers.” Ashe feels that teachers deserve “a kind of intellectual engagement among themselves and to do so in a college setting.” Unfortunately, most teachers do not have that opportuni-
ty. According to Ashe, offering this type of all-day, intense literary refresher, helps to remind teachers of the reasons they entered the profession in the first place.

The mix of personalities provided a perfect discussion arena for the teachers and an “extremely challenging pedagogical experience” for Ashe. The blend of men, women, white, black and Caribbean teachers became a successful experiment in multiculturalism. “Basically, what emerged was an exercise in diversity,” he said.

Sociology Professor Carolyn Howe, director of the Women’s Studies Program and active in Latin American Studies, agrees with Ashe that there is a great need for this type of program. Her required text, Always Running: Living La Vida Loca, relates the story of Luis J. Rodriguez, a former Los Angeles gang member who was involved with alcohol and drugs. His experiences in what he perceived as a world hostile to Latinos provided a focal point for the group. “The discussions were an awakening for some of the teachers. One Latino teacher related incidents of being followed in a store when she is not dressed up,” said Howe. “Unfortunately, the Worcester Public School system does not have a large diverse teacher population. The white teachers appreciated that their Latino and African-American colleagues spoke up about their personal experiences here in Worcester. They did not understand the discrimination and fear that minority teachers can feel.”

In addition to identifying and understanding the problems that minorities endure, the program allowed the teachers to pursue an intellectual endeavor, explained David Lizotte, director of the Teacher Certificate Program at Holy Cross. “This project is looking at the intellectual property of teachers. They don’t usually have this kind of opportunity. The Woodrow Wilson project takes the teacher and attempts to develop his or her personal interests and provide some fulfillment,” said Lizotte.

Holy Cross has formed a strong relationship with the Worcester Public School system over the years. There exists a strong commitment to serve both its teachers and students and, ultimately, the community at large. “With the growing numbers of minority students in the Worcester Public Schools, it is important that cultures, other than Western male, get talked about,” said Weiss. “Both of these programs are about reaching into the community and collaborating for the betterment of teachers, students, the College, and the city.”

Phyllis Hanlon is a free-lance journalist from Charlton, Mass.
When he entered the *Atlantic Monthly* essay contest, Matthew Doherty ’95 hoped to win a subscription to the magazine. Instead, he won first prize. The English degree he had earned at Holy Cross set the stage for this award. However, the subject matter was a bit different from what people might have expected. The nonfiction piece that Doherty submitted recounted “the life and times of a truck-driving poet.”

Throughout high school Doherty had experimented with writing, mostly penning poems. His entrance to Holy Cross in the fall of 1991 allowed him to continue this pursuit. The variety of courses available enabled him to explore various genres in great depth. He credits the school as a whole and the English department in particular for providing him with a strong foundation and the skills to create quality work.

Robert Cording, English professor and published poet, was the first in a series of significant and informative teachers Doherty would have in his four years at the College. This first course so impact-
Trucker and poet Matt Doherty ’95 cruises to publication

ed Doherty that he took three additional classes with Cording. In addition to teaching, Cording facilitated a poetry workshop for the students. His strong affinity for this genre led Doherty to apply for entrance. “I had to submit a few poems for review before being accepted,” he says. His admission to the club gave him the “external confirmation that [he] was good.”

Doherty’s positive experiences with Cording were further enhanced by Professor Anne Bernays who provided solid groundwork in the American novel. “She is a really great teacher,” he says. Once again, the exposure to a high-quality professor encouraged him to enroll in Bernays’ fiction writing class. Even though his first love is poetry, Doherty thought that adding this genre would round out his literary experience. He never regretted it. “When I took that class, I learned how to write.”

Doherty continued his literary training with yet another outstanding English educator at Holy Cross. Professor Justin Kaplan, Pulitzer Prize winner for his biography of Mark Twain, proved to be one of his most influential mentors. “It was such a privilege to be in his class. That was where I really learned how to read.” Bernays, Kaplan and Cording provided invaluable help in directing Doherty toward his ultimate goal. “These professors are very good at teaching. It is obvious that they like to teach. Besides the academics, they have all been widely published.”

Postgraduation plans to obtain a master of fine arts degree in poetry were waylaid when Doherty missed the admissions deadline for graduate school. With undergraduate work behind him and heavy school loans and an uncertain future weighing upon him, he had to find an alternate strategy. Returning to the family home in Scituate, Mass., held no appeal nor did living in an expensive city apartment. He began to brainstorm ways to pay off his debts and save some money in order to pursue his M.F.A.

“I’m not really sure where I got the idea to drive a truck. I had always liked to drive, especially long distances. On spring break my friends and I would drive from one climate to another. That was pretty cool,” he says. From this small spark—regarded by some as a joke—was born the idea to become a truck driver. “I knew that truckers made good money,” Doherty says. He thought this might be the answer to his financial dilemma and admits that the desire to find the “myth of truck
driving” may also have prompted his decision. “I thought I would have time to think and write,” he says. Making the decision to invest $4,000 tuition for trucker school, he began his journey.

It didn’t take long though for Doherty to realize that any romantic notions he had entertained about life on the road were overblown. Very often he would spend two-to-three weeks “over the road”—truckers’ lingo for the regular runs that truck drivers must make. He recalled sometimes feeling like a taxi driver. “I would pick up freight at one place, deliver it and then do it all over again. It’s very hard to be creative when you’re driving that much. In fact, just writing notes or keeping a journal is hard to do when you are living out of a truck.”

Doherty attempted to write a novel when he first “hit the road.” The long hours and grueling schedule, however, drained his creative energy. “The chapters were too hokey,” he says. “Fiction about life on the road was definitely not working.” He believes that it is difficult to write fiction “as something you really know. Fiction has to be free to tell things completely differently.” In his case, he was too close to the situations to translate them successfully to paper. He decided to shelve the idea of writing fiction until later.

His shift to nonfiction “took great pains” but the results have been more rewarding. The year and a half that Doherty spent hauling freight from one end of the country to the other was “an education in itself.” However, some of the experiences were harrowing to say the least. His close encounter with a four-wheeler “flying like a cornerback coming at me” provided a life lesson that could have had disastrous results. Doherty’s quick reflexes and level-headed reaction avoided serious injury to both the other driver and him. After the collision he expected to find minor damages to his vehicle. To his surprise, his truck wound up with a mangled fuel tank that was leaking diesel and a missing drive tire. His concern for the truck dissipated at the sight of the still figure of the other driver. Fortunately his injuries were not life-threatening. Nevertheless, the incident shook Doherty. “The whole scene was ethereal. It is strange how everything in your life changes when you are in the middle of something so serious. I was very glad that the other guy didn’t die. What I had done worked out perfectly,” he says.

Doherty had once joked that he would be a success at truck driving if he didn’t kill anyone. Somehow he didn’t find the statement quite as funny now.

In the fall of 1997 Doherty began taking graduate classes at the University of Alabama. The absence of long-distance driving enabled Doherty to return to the business of writing. He has found that living in an apartment instead of in the cab of an 18-wheeler allows him to concentrate on his craft again, including fiction.

In order to fulfill requirements for his degree, Doherty must complete a book-length manuscript. He has reverted to his first writing love—poetry—for this assignment. He is in the process of creating a series of poems about an imaginary character living at the fictional Albian Hotel. Doherty finds that at times this fictional character assumes some truck driver attributes. His inspiration for this particular style comes from John Berryman, a poet who died in 1972. His book Dream Songs is one of Doherty’s favorites. The volume contains 385 songs/poems that begin as letters from a man named Henry to his cleaning lady, which “morph into poems.”

Doherty’s other literary influences include John Steinbeck, Jack Kerouac and William Faulkner. “Kerouac influences you even if you haven’t read him,” he said, referring to his driving experiences. “But Steinbeck actually wrote of the myth of the road even before Kerouac did. I see a striking similarity between truck-driving episodes and events in Steinbeck’s Travels with Charlie.”
Doherty is referencing Steinbeck's novel that relates a cross-country trip he takes with his dog in 1960. Even though Steinbeck is not considered cutting-edge by some, his style continues to inspire Doherty.

He credits his "lucky break" to Professor George Wolfe of the University of Alabama. "Wolfe handed out the entry forms for the contest to the whole class. I never expected to become the winner," he says. Besides having his story published in the Atlantic Monthly, Doherty received a $1,000 cash prize. He hopes that this national exposure will lead to some agency contacts. He is aware that agents do not typically deal with poetry but he still hopes to get his thesis published. "It helps when the Atlantic Monthly vouches for you," he says.

Now that he has broken into the world of publishing, Doherty is considering his future. "I have two options. I can work really hard or just quit and let people wonder what might have been." After a short pause, Doherty says, "I think I'll continue writing."

The closing sentence of his award-winning essay is 178 words long. "That sentence is a joke, a nod to Faulkner. He invented those kinds of sentences and also made them obsolete. When you imitate Faulkner, you have to do it with a wink. That sentence actually mimics the lack of closure to the story," he says.

His goal is to tie together his "over the road" experiences into a successful book. "Once I do that, I will throw away the keys. There will be no sequel." Doherty intends to incorporate both nonfiction prose and poetry into a new volume on a different subject, possibly dealing with Worcester.

In the summer of 1998, Doherty returned to truck driving, but on a scaled-back schedule. Now he drives a mere 38-hour run on the weekends delivering Mercedes SUV parts from Tuscaloosa, Ala., to Battle Creek, Mich. Doherty does not see himself as a career truck driver. "That life can be very boring and unhappy," he says, "but it would be nice if I could continue driving for just a little while after graduation. Hopefully I will have a book contract by then."

Between his "over the road" experiences, his excellent preparation by top-notch inspirational scholars at Holy Cross and his recent acclaim from the Atlantic Monthly, whatever his future holds, Doherty appears to be driving his career down a promising road.

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MATT DOHERTY '95
Where are they now?

“A door opened and I walked in.”

Since retiring from Holy Cross, Ogretta McNeil has found her cause in public service.

By Pamela Reponen

On Wednesday, Nov. 3, Ogretta V. McNeil stood on the corner of Salisbury Street and Park Avenue greeting early morning commuters with a large sign that read, “Thank You, Worcester Voters!” Re-elected the day before to a second two-year term on the Worcester School Committee, she wanted to express her gratitude to the city residents who supported her candidacy.

One of eight contenders vying for the six seats on the committee, McNeil faced opposition from four other incumbents and three newcomers. Election results showed that four incumbents had retained their seats, including McNeil, who received 11,291 votes. The victory marked the culmination of months of hard work, vigorous campaigning and debate of the issues.

McNeil’s interest in politics developed in 1997. Retiring that year from Holy Cross after teaching for 27 years in the psychology department, she plunged into politics, winning a seat on the
Worcester School Committee in her first bid for public office.

When asked why she decided to enter politics, McNeil says, “People have been coming to me for a long time, asking me to run for public office, and I have always said ‘no.’ I really wasn’t interested.” In 1997, however, when members of the Worcester community approached her about running for school committee, she accepted the challenge. “In my life,” she explains, “opportunities have come, doors have opened, and I have said, ‘Oh, I’ll go and see what it’s like inside.’ And that’s exactly what happened here. A door opened and I walked in.”

Describing her decision to enter politics as a “wonderful transition” following the demands of a hectic and fulfilling teaching career, she says, “It wasn’t as if there were reasons not to. I’m not working any more, and here is this opportunity to advocate for students, help teachers and give back to my community through public service.” In undertaking this responsibility, however, McNeil notes that she does not have the free time associated with retirement: “I’m really busy all the time and it’s great.”

Committed to continuing her service to public education, she decided to seek a second term. During the last weeks before the election, McNeil campaigned vigorously in an ongoing effort to bring her concerns about education before the voters and solicit their support. McNeil notes that campaigning has given her a deep appreciation for the political process. “It takes a lot to run for public life,” she says. “You really put yourself out front—it’s a very vulnerable position to be in.”

McNeil speaks passionately about her role on the school committee and her concerns for the future of public education. Dressed in yellow and black, the signature colors of her campaign, she zeroes in on the pressing issues of the election: ensuring achievement for all students; obtaining adequate aid to fund existing programs; involving parents in the education process; and making professional development opportunities available for staff. Providing a safe and nurturing environment for teaching and learning is also a top concern.

McNeil feels that serving on the school committee gives her the opportunity to shape and implement educational policy. Noting her experience as a member of the board of trustees of the University of Massachusetts for the five campuses and her work as an advisor for students of color at Holy Cross, she feels she has a firsthand understanding of the challenges students face. Committed to ensuring the academic achievement of all students, she supports the development of education programs that meet the individual needs of each child. “That is what has been exciting about serving on the Worcester School Committee,” she says.

In discussing the importance of professional development, McNeil emphasizes the significant role local colleges have played by providing in-service programs for teachers in the Worcester public school system. One example is Holy Cross’ participation in a sabbatical program for two Worcester Public School secondary science teachers; funded through a grant to the College from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, the teachers take part in a yearlong program of study at Holy Cross while recent graduates of the College teach their classes. Students attending Worcester Public Schools also benefit from the collaboration. During February and April vacation weeks, middle school students of color in grades six through eight have the opportunity to participate in science programs at Holy Cross designed to foster their interest in the subject and enable them to experience college life firsthand.

Since retiring from teaching, McNeil has devoted herself full time to her school-committee responsibilities. In addition to attending committee meetings, she spends many hours visiting each of the schools in the system, participating in special programs for parents and students, fostering parental involvement and interacting with teachers, parents and administrators. And the demands of campaigning—strategy-planning sessions, public speaking engagements, fund raising, advertising, and voter solicitation—add hours to an already hectic schedule.

McNeil brings to office years of experience in the areas of education and public service. In addition to teaching at Holy Cross, she served as department chair and assistant dean and, also, as a member of numerous faculty committees. Appointed assistant professor in 1971, she was the first woman on tenure track to teach in the psychology department and the first African American woman to serve on the faculty. Her community involvement has included participation on various local boards, including the Worcester Art Museum Members Council, the Human Rights Commission, and the Alliance for Education Board of Directors as well as the board of trustees of the University of Massachusetts. A 1954 graduate of Howard University in Washington, D.C., she received her master of arts degree and Ph.D. in psychology from Clark University.

In her campaign literature, McNeil describes retirement as “an opportunity for opening new doors,” and her life, “a story of new doors.” In January, yet another door opened as she began her second term on the Worcester School Committee, ready to address the challenges facing the city’s public school system at the millennium.
As exciting and empowering as new technologies may be, “It is not enough to wire the world, if you short-circuit your soul,” NBC’s Tom Brokaw told more than 700 President’s Council members and guests at their annual fall dinner.

“It is not enough to explore space, if we tolerate racial hatred,” he said. “As we turn the page to a new century, we can only wonder what people were thinking in 1899 about their technology—like the first flights. As it turns out ... they were only in their most primitive stages.” Yet Brokaw admitted that after nearly 40 years as a journalist, “I’m not entirely clear how the picture gets from where I work to your home.”

Brokaw complimented President’s Council members on their strong support of the College (nearly $8 million from a record 1,760-plus members in fiscal 1999).

“With all the concerns, hopes and beliefs before us, you should feel a swelling in your heart for all you represent,” he said. “We take for granted all the prosperity and achievement in this room.”

The veteran newsman and now first-time author of an instant bestseller, The Greatest Generation, did not take for granted the opportunity to visit Holy Cross on the very day the American league playoffs took place at Fenway. He told the crowd that his boss, NBC president and chief executive officer Robert “Bob” Wright ’65, provided two tickets to Game 4 and his helicopter to help him find his way from New York to Boston and then to campus, where he landed near the Hart Center.

Brokaw punctuated his talk with stories of the “remarkable men and women” of the World War II generation, who, “through extraordinary acts by ordinary people, did nothing less than save the world to give us the lives we have today.” In closing, he cautioned, “There is no software to make us more racially tolerant. That is within us. This technology is in our hands—an extension of our hearts and souls. Use it well to become color-blind; to hate hate; to take care of our mother (Earth) and, most of all, to take care of each other.”
Young, smart and very grateful. That descriptor fit the nearly 100 students who attended the first-ever reception for scholars and their benefactors at Holy Cross. The December gathering, followed by the traditional recital of Advent Lessons and Carols in St. Joseph Memorial Chapel, began another tradition on The Hill that will become an annual holiday event for scholarship donors and their students.

Bringing donors and scholarship recipients together connects faces, names and hearts to the tremendous philanthropy of Holy Cross alumni and friends, said Stephen Ainlay, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College. Ainlay spoke to the gathering on behalf of Acting President Frank Vellaccio, who was unable to get back to Worcester in time for the event. He expressed Vellaccio's deep regret at missing the reception, adding that it was the culmination of his (Vellaccio's) and Fr. Brooks' (president-emeritus) efforts to change College policies to allow the names of donors to be shared with recipients.

“We want to publicly recognize the generosity of our alumni and friends of the College, and thank them for creating new and life-changing opportunities through the scholarships they have established,” Ainlay said. “Some of those generous individuals are with us only in spirit—though Mike Joyce of the Class of ’79 found his way here from the Chicago area. Also with us in spirit are those who left behind legacies for the generations to come and those in whose honor or memory, like Mary Clare Joyce, Garrett Spillane III, and Kieran Dale Sr., scholarships were given by family and friends.”

Ainlay thanked the benefactors for investing in both “the future of these bright young leaders and in the future of the College.”

“Young scholarship gifts will carry in perpetuity your names or those whom you love or admire, and want to honor and remember,” he said. “Those names—Glowik, Scully, Migliaccio and Higgins among them—will be spoken aloud each time your scholarship is awarded to bring another gifted student to Holy Cross.”

The journey up the hill cannot be completed alone, Ainlay noted. “Through scholarships, our alumni and friends extend their reach to take the hand of gifted young people to enable them either to begin to climb The Hill or to complete a climb already begun.”

The dean also had a message for the students in the crowd.

“Remember this evening and the person who extended a hand to you,” Ainlay said. “I encourage you to give back to Holy Cross students when you are in a position to do so; to honor the name that your scholarship bears by providing life-changing opportunities for the generations that follow.”
Increasingly, Holy Cross alumni/ae are directing their support to the sports and facilities that speak to their passions or their past. On the heels of a gift from Park Smith ’54 to the Park and Carol Smith Wellness Center on campus and an athletic scholarship that John Glowik ’73 endowed, Richard “Dick” Ahern ’51 has made a gift to the Holy Cross track program. Ahern hopes to transform the cross-country, and track and field programs at the College by directing his support to their coaching component.

“With all the demands Title IX and fielding a wide variety of sports have had on athletic funding over the years, my aim was to do something for track, especially in the area of recruiting,” Ahern said. “Track meant a lot to me at the time I was involved. It helped me grow up and find myself. Also, my daughter, Keelin ’95, ran at Holy Cross. I hope to inspire someone else.”

Ahern, whose other two children, Brendan ’97 and Ashling ’99, both graduated from The Cross, made the gesture to help support the full array of coaching activities.

“I’m excited about the prospect of full-time coaches,” he said. “It’s difficult to do all they need to do on a part-time basis. In addition to coaching, they need to be out there scouting, recruiting and meeting with the Admissions Office to build the program.”

The building already has begun. Former men’s track coach Jim Kavanaugh, has been named director of track with Egetta Alphonso now the full-time head coach for women’s track.

“This gift has allowed us to combine these additional funds with existing funds to elevate the men’s and women’s head coach positions from part- to full-time,” according to Holy Cross Athletic Director Dick Regan ’76. “This allows us to do a much better job recruiting for and administering the program.”

As a high school runner, Ahern was just the kind of recruit college coaches look for—smart and fast. He ran in New York at a time when the exploits of the city’s Catholic secondary schools’ track teams generated great excitement and headlines on the sports pages of The New York Times and other prominent newspapers in the city. His outstanding achievements on the run were well-known before he got to Holy Cross where he became co-captain of the team in his senior year.

Even if alumni gifts do not result in headline grabbing by the Holy Cross track program and other teams, Ahern hopes that his, Smith’s and Glowik’s gestures will help increase alumni support for Holy Cross athletics.

“I hope this will light some fires for alumni to support nonrevenue sports,” Ahern said. “Our peer schools are way ahead of us in this regard.”
Biology professor George Hoffmann, the first Anthony and Renee Marlon Professor in the Sciences, delivered the inaugural Marlon Lecture in December to an audience of students, colleagues, his family and his generous benefactors. Hoffmann presented the lecture, “A Personal Reflection on Mutations and Students,” in the newly-renovated O’Neil Hall.

“A common misconception is that scientific discovery is the result of dramatic breakthroughs,” Hoffmann said. “In fact, while breakthroughs do occasionally occur, much of science is a process of chipping away at the unknown. Students must be able to do science, not just read about it, and the undergraduate years are the ideal time to introduce students to research.”

That philosophy impressed alumnus Anthony Marlon, M.D., ’63 and his wife, Renee, on an earlier visit to campus when they met with faculty and students. It brought them back to The Hill from their home in Nevada to attend the first lecture delivered in celebration of the professorship that carries their names. Marlon, is chairman and chief executive officer of Sierra Health Services, Inc., in Las Vegas. As he explained when he made the gift that created the Marlon Professorship, “I appreciate the level of sophistication and the whole training process that goes on at Holy Cross—and I really think it needs to be supported.”

Hoffmann expressed deep gratitude to the Marlons for that support. He also spoke of the pleasure of working with the gifted and enthusiastic Holy Cross undergraduates who populate his classroom and lab each day, and of the freedom he and his students enjoy while pursuing their research projects at a liberal arts college.

Stephen Ainlay, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College, discussed the importance of the Marlons’ generous gift and the appropriateness of selecting Hoffmann as the first recipient of the newly-endowed professorship. Ainlay cited the biology professor’s commitment to serving his profession, his gift for teaching, his tireless pursuit of compelling research questions and his intense desire to share his passion for science.

“The Marlon Professorship is intended to acknowledge the contributions of a faculty member working in the sciences, but it is not simply a ‘lifetime achievement award,’” Ainlay said. “It is a significant resource for a faculty member pursuing an active program of teaching and research. We are very grateful to Anthony and Renee Marlon for this wonderfully generous and tremendously vital investment in our faculty, our students and our future.”

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Alden Trust Helps O’Neil Spread Its Wing

By Elizabeth Walker

The biology department’s presence on campus has increased by 12,000 square feet, thanks in part, to a $600,000 grant from the Worcester-based George I. Alden Trust.

Originally housed in two rooms in Beaven Hall at the turn of the last century, the biology department made a significant move to a new building of its own, constructed in 1951 at a cost of $616,000. Known as the Biology Building, it was renamed O’Neil Memorial Hall eight years later in honor of the generous family of William F. O’Neil ’07. Now, as another new century unfolds, the department has again spread its wings, but this time with a dramatic renovation and added space, rather than a major move. The 35,000-square-foot O’Neil Hall was completely renovated by the start of the fall term with a brand new 12,000-square-foot teaching and research addition, completed in time for spring semester 2000.

The $9.3-million O’Neil project includes a total interior redesign of the existing building and a new, as-yet-unnamed, two-story undergraduate research wing. This top-to-bottom gutting and redesign, and additional teaching and research lab space allow biology faculty and students to put to work more effectively the new knowledge, teaching methods and research protocols that did not exist when O’Neil was constructed nearly a half century ago. When the building was dedicated in 1951, former biology Chair Rev. John A. Frisch, S. J., spoke of the distance the discipline had traveled in the first half of the 20th century and the significance of the new structure.

“Biology has come a long way since the time it consisted mainly in the collection and classification of plants and animals and in dissecting their structures,” Fr. Frisch observed. “The emphasis shifted gradually from morphology to a study of function and of the physical and chemical factors that operate in life processes. … that Holy Cross has kept pace with the growth of biology is eloquently shown by the mute testimony of the new structure we are dedicating today to the study of biological sciences.”

While the faculty and curricula continued to advance during the ensuing five decades, the building, despite periodic renovations, could not. In fact, in recent years, it became the single limiting factor in the department’s continued growth and accomplishment. At the time O’Neil was built, the fields of molecular biology, neuroscience and environmental science had yet to evolve; computers had yet to debut, and electron microscopes and hands-on, discovery-based science curricula had yet to make their way to undergraduate institutions.

Today the Holy Cross biology program, a leader in undergraduate research, is nationally recognized for curricular innovation, a renowned facul-
ty and student achievement. With access to modern instrumentation that rivals that of any U.S. liberal arts college, a science library ranked fifth in the nation and a state-of-the-art computer network, the department has maintained its strength, vitality and reputation despite outgrowing its outdated facilities. Biology has attracted generations of students intent on pursuing careers in science and medicine. Thousands of those students have become the nation’s finest healers, teachers, policymakers and researchers. This prestigious litany includes the first director of the National Institutes of Health, the late James Shannon, M.D., ’25; Anthony Fauci, M.D., ’62, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, and Joseph E. Murray, M.D., ’40, who was awarded a Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine.

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“The foundation is dedicated to supporting capital projects in education with a major emphasis on higher education,” Weiss said. “We approached the Alden Trust because this project was so appropriate. It not only supports science education at Holy Cross, but also will affect the Worcester community through our many links to the Worcester public schools. Worcester teachers and their students will come to this new wing for hands-on science and discovery in the new labs. The Alden Teaching Labs for neurobiology, biochemistry, cell biology and courses for nonbiology majors comprise the major teaching suite in the new wing.”

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Looking for Reunion dates, regional club events or ways to make a gift? Visit the new Development and Alumni Relations Web pages on the Holy Cross Web site (http://www.holycross.edu). From the Holy Cross main page, click on the Alumnae and Friends option to find us or access our site through the Community Life photo, then click on Alumni.

Though still under construction, we look forward to your feedback as we continue to evolve. Look for online giving and event registration options in the coming months. Our new site was designed by Little Tornadoes, a New York-based Web development and consulting firm founded by Spencer Hayman ’74.

(Note: If you sent a green slip or change of address info via our new Web site between Dec. 15 and Jan. 15, please re-send it.)
Oct. 16, President’s Council Dinner: (from top left, clockwise) GAA President-elect William “Bud” McManus ’58; James Haggerty ’57 with trustees Cecelia Lynett Haggerty and Kevin Condron ’67; VP Jacqueline D. Peterson greets Pat Lentz; Walter Roy ’72 with VP and Dean Stephen Ainlay; Susan Feitelberg ’84 retrieves guest speaker Tom Brokaw’s name tag to the delight of Julie Halpin ’84; Edgar Kelley ’49 chats with Tom Brokaw; Jack Lentz, ’67 and his wife, Pat.

Nov. 16, President’s Council NYC Reception: Hosts John Murphy ’73 and his wife, Monica, greet their first guest, Acting President Frank Vellaccio, at Windows on the World; trustee Stan Grayson ’72 with Frank Vellaccio.
Oct. 29-30, St. Mary’s of California Weekend: 
(clockwise from top left) Friday, Jay and Maggie Wilderotter ’77 visit with AD Dick Regan ’76 at a pregame reception hosted by Joe Mullen ’57 at his Moraga home; Joe Mullen ’57; BeBe and B.J. Cassin ’55 with daughter Catherine. Saturday, San Francisco-area alumni/ae cheer on Holy Cross; (center) fervent fans and family of defensive back Mike Blake ’02 traveled from Arizona.

Dec. 7, Holiday Reception: Scholarship donors and recipients meet for the first time before heading off to St. Joseph Memorial Chapel for the annual Festival of Lessons and Carols. (counterclockwise from top left) Kerry Dale ’78 and his mother, Mrs. Claire Dale, traveled from Philadelphia to meet Diana Sperger ’01; Amanda Abraham ’02 and John Glowik ’73; Jennie Murack ’03, and friend Carlos Perez with Garrett Spillane ’55 and his wife, Frances; Michael Joyce ’79 (Chicago) and Kerianne Travis ’01.
A Passion for Sailing

Megan Kehew ’01 rides the wind to championship

By Margaret LeRoux

Megan Kehew ’01 is a high-energy Holy Cross student, double majoring in political science and economics and minoring in art history. Her weekdays are filled with classes, projects, papers—everything one would expect in the life of a serious young woman with the ambitious goal of a career in politics.

Most weekends, however, Megan is on the water. Sailing is her passion, and she’s already made her mark in the world of competitive racing. For five glorious days in September, Megan was “Puff Baby,” the youngest member of the crew who won the Rolex Women’s Keelboat Championship in Newport, R.I.

Megan’s nickname refers to her responsibilities during the championship races. She was the one who sighted the wind, hoisted the spinnaker, and when the boat made a roll jibe—a fast, downwind turn—she’d grab hold of the wing line that stretched across the foredeck, hang on for dear life, and hurl herself off to the side to provide counterbalance so the boat wouldn’t lose speed.

“I’d look out and call, ‘puff in 10 seconds—five, four, three, two, one,’ and there had better be wind by the end of my countdown,” Megan laughs as she recalls the series of high pressure races that pitted her crew against some of the best women sailors in the world.

Three hundred competitors all sailed identical 24-foot, single-design keelboats, J24s, in a series of races on
Narragansett Bay and the Rhode Island Sound in mid-September. The skipper of Megan’s crew was veteran sailor Pat Connerney, who has participated in six Rolex races.

“I chose Megan as a crew member because of her youth, enthusiasm, her experience in Narragansett Bay and her ability to read the wind and current,” says Connerney.

Reading the wind to a non-sailor is the almost magical ability to predict the direction of the wind and when the sail will fill.

“I’ve learned to recognize how the color of the water changes, and how the shapes of the waves change as the wind approaches,” says Megan.

When it was founded in 1985, the Rolex Championship “charted new territory for women’s keelboat racing in a sailing world that associated females mainly with dinghy competition,” says event chair Denise MacGillivray of Middletown, R.I.

“The Rolex Women’s has become one of the best gauges of talent in women’s sailing,” MacGillivray adds. “The competition roster typically reads like a who’s who of women’s sailing and includes Rolex Yachtswomen of the Year, Olympic medalists, and America’s Cup veterans.”

Just to be included among such talented sailors was a thrill, Megan says.

“It was a phenomenal experience, meeting the people I’d heard about and read about, not only racing with them, but actually beating them.”

Sailing has been a major focus for Megan ever since she took her first lesson at age 11. “I grew up in Newport,” she explains. “You can’t get away from sailing there.”

She spent part of her sophomore year in high school aboard a 58-foot yawl, sailing from Newport to the Bahamas, one of seven students who learned marine biology as well as English, math and the other academic subjects during a semester at sea.

“It was just the seven of us plus the captain and first mate,” Megan notes. “We also learned a lot about ourselves out there in the ocean.”

By the end of the voyage, Megan decided that sailing would always be a part of her life. She has spent every summer since racing competitively off Newport.

“Newport’s fleet is the most competitive fleet in the country,” she says. “There are so many phenomenal sailors to learn from.”

After her first day of practice as a member of the Connerney crew for the Rolex Championship, however, Megan almost lost confidence.

“They were all so amazing,” she says. “I felt completely out of my element.”

According to Skipper Connerney, the youngest member of the crew caught on quickly.

“On the race course Megan was steady and predictable, flawless tacking up on the bow,” she says. “She made no mistakes in hairy conditions.”

Megan notes that the crew got excellent coaching from past world champion racer Brad Read. “He was out there with us day after day, helping us develop our tactics,” she says.

“On the first day of the race we were so excited,” she recalls. “We were at the top of the pack and 30 seconds from the first mark when the race was called because of wind. Then, in the second race of the day we were in third place when the race was called.”

Despite the disappointment of the races being canceled and the frustration at the lack of wind, the crew was feeling pretty confident. On the second day of competition, the wind was brisk; they won both races wearing their foul weather gear.

“They were perfect races,” Megan says, “everything felt exactly right. The wind shifted with us.”

The first win was a close race, though; the crew came across the finish line not knowing for sure it had won. A gun sounds for the first boat to finish, and it wasn’t until they heard the gunshot that they realized they had come in first.

After those wins, “I went from being happy just to compete for the experience, to praying that we’d win the championship,” Megan says.

On the second day of competition the crew ran into trouble. A block blew. This piece of equipment holds the halyard, the line that hoists the sail, “and it meant that the we had no way to keep the halyard from falling down,” explains Megan.

“We found an extra part on board and rigged a temporary replacement, but it prevented us from tacking when we had our best advantage.”

Nevertheless, they still managed to finish fourth in the first race of the day and fifth in the second race.

On the third day of the races the wind was blowing at a stiff 35 knots. Once more the crew donned full foul weather gear.

“It was hectic and crazy out there on the water,” Megan says. “We were never first around a mark, but we fought our way through the races with smart sailing. We did everything right.”

During the second race the crew continued to use the heavy wind to their advantage.
“Some of the other crews weren’t able to use their spinnakers,” Megan explains, “because the wind was just too much for them.”

Such a strong wind leaves no room for error. With waves cresting at four and five feet, there is a very real danger of burying the bow of the boat into the ocean. The wind took its toll on other competitors that day; eight people were swept overboard.

“We were just flying downwind,” Megan says, “but we kept our cool.” Their reward was another first-place finish.

The fifth and final day of races was almost anti-climactic.

“We knew it looked good for us going into the races,” Megan notes, “and we were all a little nervous. It was another windless day, however, and both races were canceled.”

“We were out there in the Sound, waiting to be towed in when the winner was announced—it was us! Crews from the other boats came by and sprayed us with champagne and tossed bouquets of roses to us. As we approached the dock, I spotted my Mom. She’d come to watch the race and didn’t realize we’d won until she saw me waving my bouquet of roses.”

That night the crew was feted at an awards ceremony at Rosecliff Mansion in Newport where the movie “The Great Gatsby” was filmed.

“What a contrast,” Megan says. “We won the championship in ratty old torn clothes and foul weather gear, and that night we were all dressed in ball gowns.”

The next day she was back to reality in political science class at Holy Cross.

“Everybody at school was so supportive,” Megan says. “I got daily e-mails from my friends, and my professors were understanding about the classes I had to miss.”

Until next summer when she will be competing regularly in Newport, Megan keeps her sailing skills sharp as skipper of the Holy Cross sailing team.

“There are only five of us, but we hold our own against teams from Harvard, MIT, the Coast Guard Academy and the Massachusetts Maritime Academy,” she says.

In the spring Megan will be doing an internship in Washington, D.C., where she will try to squeeze in some sailing on Chesapeake Bay.

“No matter what I do, I can always find time to race,” she notes.

Besides the excitement and satisfaction of competing, Megan has learned other important lessons from sailing.

“Sailing teaches you to stay calm and focused,” she says. “If you’ve ever been in a dangerous situation on the water, you’ve learned to forget about any thing else except keeping the boat afloat.”

Her lifetime goal is to compete someday in the Whitbread, a race around the world sailed in 60-foot boats.

“It’s a race for hard-core sailors,” she explains, “there are not a lot of people in their right mind who want to do it.”

To compete in the Whitbread, a sailor needs experience, imagination and a great deal of determination, all the qualities Megan has developed in her sailing and academic careers. Look for her to be crossing that spectacular finish line someday.
It takes a lot of dedication for an athlete to receive First Team All-Patriot League and First Team All-Northeast Region honors in the same season. Annie Lavigne ’01 earned this recognition during the 1999-2000 season for her contributions to the Crusader field hockey team.

Lavigne, who is from New Hampshire, decided to attend Holy Cross after seeing the way Coach Meg Galligan ran the field hockey program. “Meg runs the program like a family, which is what I was used to in high school,” she says. “The girls on the team seemed so happy—I knew I would like Holy Cross.”

Playing time was another factor that led her to Holy Cross. During her first year, Lavigne started in all 21 games and earned the team’s Rookie of the Year award.

Although Lavigne had played as center forward during high school, she became a mid-fielder when she began playing at Holy Cross. “I wasn’t as fast as the other forwards at this level—my passing skills are more tailored to mid-field,” she explains. “But it was a big change because I had to learn to play defense!”

The switch was a good one. Lavigne, who has been named First Team-All Patriot League twice, has totaled 50 career points on 20 goals and 10 assists, a number that ranks her eighth on the College’s all-time career scoring list. “Playing mid-field allows me to control the field and get the most action,” she says. “I like this position because I can make assists and create opportunities for the forwards.”

Lavigne fought injuries for most of last season. “In June I found out that I had stress fractures in both legs as well as tendonitis and nerve damage, probably a result of over-training and playing on the old turf.” Despite the pain, she played with the injuries all season, an effort that earned recognition from her teammates and the title of captain for next season.

One of Lavigne’s favorite memories from the fall was the Crusaders’ 5-0 victory over Yale in the final home game of the season. “It was a good revenge game because we had lost to them the previous year,” she says.

The team, which hopes to return to the Patriot League Tournament for its fourth consecutive season, has made many improvements in the past few years. “The depth of the team has improved a lot—we have a great bench—which means we can put in any player and continue to play well,” says Lavigne. “While we are losing four seniors (Kate Sitterly, Maquel Salley, Maura McGonagle and Michelle Fecteau), there are many returning players, including the freshmen who worked really hard last season.”

“Field hockey has been even better than I expected it to be,” she says. “I played during my first year and the team won the Patriot League Tournament during my first two years. It was great!”
The transition from high school to college is often a difficult one, especially when it involves moving far away from home. Such was the case for Crusader men’s soccer player George Maillis ’00 who came to Worcester from the Bahamas four years ago.

Maillis grew up in a country where soccer lacks the support it enjoys in the United States. During the college application process, he decided that he wanted to play the sport in the United States. “My coaches told me to go to college in the States—they thought it would give me an avenue to continue playing,” Maillis says. “And, my parents wanted me to attend a good school—I looked at a list of the top liberal arts schools and decided to visit Holy Cross.”

The College’s size appealed to him. “I wanted to go to a school where I wouldn’t be a number,” he says. “I saw the family atmosphere here and I liked it.” It was more than just standard information and statistics that convinced him, however. Explaining that he only applied to Holy Cross, Maillis says, “I liked Coach (Elvis Comrie) and the guys on the team … I really wanted to come here.”

Despite his confidence in Holy Cross, Maillis had doubts about his playing abilities. “I didn’t think I was good enough for the team. There is a lot more training and discipline required in the United States,” he explains. As it turns out, his doubts were unfounded. Last season Maillis earned Second Team All-Patriot League honors for the third consecutive season while helping the Crusaders to a 9-4-4 record and the Patriot League regular season title. He leaves with the sixth highest point total in history, 48, with 19 career goals and 10 assists.

One of Maillis’ fondest memories of the 1999 season was the Army game at West Point under the lights. “I knew it would be an important game,” he says. “If we won, we would host the Patriot League tournament and win the league—we really wanted to host the tournament.” According to Maillis, that game was the culmination of four years. “I knew it would be the last time we would play Army,” he says, “and they were one of our rivals. It was always a good game.” The result was a 4-1 victory for Holy Cross; Maillis scored the Crusaders’ first goal, tying the score. During the Patriot League Tournament, the Crusaders were upset in the first round by Lafayette in double overtime, 2-1.

According to Maillis, his best memories of Holy Cross come from his experience as a member of the soccer team. “I made great friendships and had the opportunity to travel,” he says. “We went to Napa Valley, Calif., Florida and other places I really enjoyed.”

After graduation, Maillis is planning to return home to the Bahamas. “I miss the warm weather,” he says with a laugh. Even though he is leaving Holy Cross, he knows his interest in soccer will continue, either as a player or as a coach at the high school level. Maillis says, “I definitely will be involved with soccer for a long time.”

M.M.
Greetings! As graduates of Holy Cross we can all attest to the fact that our alma mater enjoys communicating with us, and this relationship is fostered strongly through the United States Post Office. We are regularly receiving information and invitations to attend reunions and other activities on Mount Saint James or in our local areas. As an alumnus you receive quarterly the Holy Cross Magazine which I find to be an excellent resource on so many levels. We are kept informed about life on campus through articles chronicling the happenings of students, faculty and administrators. We are able to read about the milestones reached by classmates and other alumni.

Thanks to technology we are able to connect by the Internet and click on www.holycross.edu/departments/alumni_office. Having done this the other day I know how easy it is to connect with the Cross and have a calendar of regional club events at my fingertips. The Web site offers great information and soon will be new and improved.

As General Alumni Association president, I am treated to a bimonthly special missive from Pat McCarthy’s office. The manila envelope tends to take over my entire mailbox as it is chock-full of special invitations and notices to all sorts of wonderful events. I spilled the contents on my dining room table. Just some of the invitations are noted here … The Holy Cross Club of Worcester sponsored a Boston Pops Holiday Concert with Keith Lockhart … The “Battle in the Bronx” with the Holy Cross Crusaders vs. the Fordham Rams where the alumni from the Holy Cross Clubs of Long Island, Fairfield County and New York City were invited to cheer on Crusader football … The Holy Cross Club of Greater Boston respectfully invited members to attend the annual Memorial Mass celebrated by Rev. Bruce Morrill, S.J., ’81 on a Sunday evening in November. The Holy Cross Alumni Club of Washington D.C., announced a day of volunteerism for fellow alumni to be performed at Mary House in Northeast D.C. Co-founders Bill ’73 and Sharon Murphy started Mary House in 1978 and, it now provides housing and other services for 30 families at a time. Operating on volunteerism and private donations, the House has a 98 percent success rate with moving families to new levels of confidence, self-esteem and safer and more affordable housing. Crusaders were invited to use rakes, paint brushes, shovels and strong hands to pitch in enthusiastically and prepare the organization for winter. Many invitations from various clubs featured members of the Holy Cross faculty and administration as featured speakers. Rev. Anthony Kuzniewski, S.J., was scheduled to be the special guest at the Holy Cross Clubs of Western New York, Central New York and Rochester, on successive nights.

I wish that I could attend each and every regional club event. Especially wonderful would be the opportunity to meet and greet fellow Crusaders. But, alas, it is totally impractical for this hockey mom from Dracut, Mass., to travel around the country as much as I would love to do so.

There is one regional club weekend that I was privileged to attend this fall. A purple and white rendition of the Golden Gate Bridge adorned a flier proclaiming Crusader football in the San Francisco Bay Area. The Holy Cross Crusaders were meeting the Gaels of St. Mary’s College on the gridiron Saturday afternoon, Sept. 30. The Holy Cross Club of Northern California packaged a wonderful series of events to celebrate the weekend. Thursday evening a reception was held in MacArthur Park. Friday evening the beautiful home of Joe Mullen ’57 was the setting for a West Coast President’s Council reception. An amazingly gracious host, Joe’s breathtaking Moraga, Calif., backyard proved an idyllic setting for a congenial gathering of some Holy Cross alumni. The pièce de résistance for Friday night was the lecture at St. Mary’s College of California which was sponsored by its John Henning Institute. Our own Chris Matthews ’67 of Hardball and syndicated columnist fame delighted the crowd with his remarks and musings. It was an extremely entertaining and enlightening evening with a reception and book signing following the talk. Saturday was another California masterpiece with perfect weather and scenery. The Holy Cross Club of Northern California hosted over 250 alumni, family and friends at a tailgate marked by those infamous royal purple balloons and beautiful purple and white floral arrangements, courtesy of Joe Mullen. There was great food, conversation and camaraderie. I was thrilled to be welcomed to the “left coast” by a classmate of mine, Steve Corrigan ’78 and his bride, Buff. It was great to hear about California life and to see the strong affection for Holy Cross shared by the large group. Some alumni traveled more than four hours to come to the game!

Club President Chris Piron ’86 should be congratulated for his leadership of (continued on Page 54)
The General Alumni Association has announced the names of those alumni nominated to serve as officers and members of its board of directors.

Patrick L. McCarthy ’63 has been reappointed as executive secretary. Michael H. Shanahan ’78 has been reappointed as treasurer. GAA bylaws do not require yearly nominations to this office.

The nominations for the board were selected in accordance with the GAA bylaws, which allow for no more than 20 alumni to be chosen annually for three-year terms, at least 10 of them as at-large, and 10 of them drawn one each from the immediate graduating class and from each third class preceding the graduating class.

Although this slate of candidates represents the choices of the GAA nominating committee, it should be noted that any member of the GAA may be nominated in accordance with Article VII of the bylaws, as follows: “Any member of the Alumni Association may be nominated for director by a petition containing the signatures of 20 alumni with the executive secretary no later than April 1.”

Any member of the GAA who would like to be nominated should submit a petition to Patrick L. McCarthy by April 1. If any petition should be received, a ballot will appear in the next issue of the Holy Cross Magazine so that alumni can vote for the candidate(s) nominated by petition. The names of newly elected officers and directors will be announced at the GAA’s annual banquet during Reunion Weekend. All alumni are invited to attend.

President
William “Bud” McManus ’58 has served as vice president of the General Alumni Association. He received the In Hoc Signo Award in 1998. As a member of the Holy Cross Club of Greater Worcester, he has served as president, vice president, treasurer and secretary. Named Crusader of the Year in 1989, Bud has been a member of the President’s Council since 1979. Retired from IBM, he formed a real estate company, McManus Associates. Bud and his wife, Sharon, reside in Holden. They are the parents of Beth, Marcy ’87 and Mark.

President-elect
Martha M. McGuane ’77 teaches English at Malden (Mass.) Catholic High School. A past president of the Holy Cross Club of Merimack Valley, she is active in GAA activities, serving as a mentor for the GAA’s Bishop Healy Committee, conducting senior interviews for the admissions office, working at college fairs and volunteering on the GAA’s book prize committee.

Immediate Past President
Anne Reilly Ziaja ’78 was the first female president of the General Alumni Association. She is the director of the Massachusetts State Senate Legislative Education Office. Anne’s involvement in the GAA has been extensive, including participation in nearly every committee of the GAA. Anne is a past president of the Holy Cross Club of Merimack Valley and a past president, executive secretary and director of the Holy Cross Club of Greater Boston.

Nominees for GAA Board of Directors Announced

The Pirons are to be thanked for fostering the connection of our West Coast alumni with the Cross. We are truly a national and international community of alumni.

On a personal note, I would like to thank my godfather, B.J. Cassin ’55, and his gracious wife, Bebe, for enabling my Dad (Joe Reilly ’55) and me to attend this spectacular alumni event. B.J. is a trustee at St. Mary’s as well as a college roommate of my Dad’s. Although he has ties to both institutions, he did sit in the Holy Cross stands for the game. Bebe is always a lady and so much fun to know!

The General Alumni Association is proud to be the umbrella organization for the Regional Clubs. The clubs are the gems on our crown! All of the committee chairmen for this year’s General Alumni Association have worked diligently in their home regional clubs. I urge you to check out your own club. You’ll be pleased that you did!
Vice Presidents

Patricia G. Haylon ’83 is the director of special events and donor relations in the Holy Cross development office. She resides in Worcester with her husband, Tim, and their three children.

Daniel L. Spada, M.D., ’69 practices pediatrics in Connecticut. Active in the Varsity Club, he also serves as a career planning counselor. His daughter Amy is a 1998 graduate of Holy Cross.

Marcy M. Vandale ’87, who lives in Duxbury, Mass., serves as a lobbyist for the Massachusetts Association of HMOs. This will be her third year as a vice president of the GAA.

2000-2003 Directors
(Designated Classes)
Jennifer C. O’Neil ’00
Jon J. Sarra ’97
Michael P. Carbone ’94
Jeffrey D. Hart ’91
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John P. Benzam ’85
Jean K. Cummings ’82
Robert J. Knowles ’79
Ellen M. McKone-Stafford ’76
Hon. Gregory C. Flynn ’73

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(At Large)
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Kathleen A. Quinn ’86
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Joseph F. Whalen ’52


Message from
The Holy Cross Club of Northern California

On behalf of the Holy Cross Club of Northern California, I would like to thank all alumni, family, and friends who traveled to Moraga on Saturday, Oct. 30, 1999, to witness the football game between St. Mary’s and Holy Cross. We had a most enjoyable day of sun, friendship, food and beverage.

We’d like to make special mention of the members of the organizing committee: Joe Mullen, George Fargis, Lisa Gardner and Kim Morrow Laguzza, for their hard work and efforts in making the events a success. It’s hard to believe that “Holy Cross Football by the Bay” was more than a year in the planning. Thanks for a great weekend!

In addition, I would like to thank the following individuals for their help: Steve Corrigan, Mike Benziger, Dr. Frank Berry, Randall Caudill, John Collins, Bernard Cummins, John and Lisa Figge, Richard Lussier, Kevin Moran, William O’Connor, Maggie Wilderotter and Ann Wilson.

Thanks again to all, and we look forward to hosting another football weekend.

Sincerely,

Christopher M. Piron ’86
President, Holy Cross Club of Northern California

Alumni Tour to Australia and New Zealand
Oct. 4-26, 2000

Spend 22 days in Australia and New Zealand on our GAA tour. This package features a seven-night Great Barrier Reef Cruise. Visit Melbourne, Cairns, the Coral Sea, Hamilton Island, Mackay, Brisbane, Sydney, Queenstown, Mount Cook National Park and Christchurch. Cost is $5,199 (Single $5,749; Triple $4,994) and includes round-trip airfare from Boston or New York, hotel transfers, port charges and 40 meals. A deposit of $400 per person is due to the Holy Cross Alumni Office by April 1. For additional information contact Pat McCarthy at (508) 793-2418.
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1926
Helen McCuart, wife of the late Francis E. McCuart, has received membership in the George H. Hixson Fellowship-dimension level, in recognition of her commitment to the Kiwanis New London Club; a contribution has been made in her name to the Kiwanis International Worldwide Service.

1940
Class Chair Paul E. Point
Rev. Robert C. Howes, a retired priest of the Diocese of Worcester, has won a Catholic Press Association award for his latest book, Bridges-Toward the Inter-Parish Regional Community... Deaneer's, Clusters, Plural Parishes.

1942
Class Chair Thomas P. O'Boyle
Class Correspondent Robert J. M. O'Hare
The Sept. 29 edition of the Kingston, N.Y., newspaper, the Daily Freeman, included a profile of Thomas D. Connolly which described the highlights of his 40-year career in the pharmaceutical field as well as his involvement in many civic activities.

1943
Class Chair James L. Garrity
Class Correspondent Anthony N. Tomasiello
Cornelius V. McColliclucky was honored in June at a ceremony held in Delaware Park, Buffalo, N.Y. Baseball fans and former players from the western New York area gathered as Mayor Anthony Masiello officially named a baseball diamond for him, in recognition of the 50 years he devoted to coaching high school-level teams in a variety of school and summer leagues at this field.

1944
Francis R. Grady has been appointed by Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge to serve on the state regulatory board for social workers, mental health counselors and family therapists.

1945
Class Chair Francis J. McCabe Jr.
Roland F. Largay continues to manage Largay Travel Inc. of Waterbury and Southbury, Conn.

1946
Class Chair Thomas H. Smith
Joseph Azzolina wrote an article, "As School Starts, a Lesson in the American Dream," for the Sept. 3 edition of the Red Bank, N.J., newspaper, Two River Times. In the essay, Azzolina, who is the president of Food Circus Supermarkets, Middletown, and a New Jersey state assemblyman, gave examples from his own life to illustrate the importance of hard work and personal sacrifice in achieving the American Dream. Rev. Joseph H. Morrisette, who has served in the Diocese of Norwich, Conn., since 1966, retired in September from his full-time duties at the Diocesan Tribunal. Appointed in 1971, Fr. Morrisette had served as associate judge and then as full-time advocate; in 1985, he was appointed to a five-year term as judge and instructor for the tribunal.

1947
Class Chair George A. Cashman
Joseph F. Kilmartin Jr. has embarked on a second career as a builder/developer of a 500-unit community for young military families entitled "Heritage Village," located in Cameron, N.C.

1949
Class Co-Chairs Donal D. Burns George F. Cahill
By George Cahill
Dear Classmates:
Bob Masse is starting his 50th year of high school recruiting for football. Now you know why so many Holy Cross football players through the years have been from Cincinnati, Ohio. One of the friendships Bob made along the way was with former head coach, Mark Duffner. Now that Duffner is line coach of the Cincinnati Bengals, Bob continues his friendship with him.

Mike Marchese has been elected to the Long Island section of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Council. He also serves as vice president of his local AARP Chapter of 400 members. A New York Jets fan, Mike still enjoys following collegiate sports.

Leo Troy has recently celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary. Can you believe that all of his 10 children, their wives and 26 grandchildren attended? Leo reports that he rested for a week thereafter! Congratulations!

1950
Class Chair James P. Diggins
The California-based recording studio, Hilfiger Records, includes two songs written by Austin T. Fitzgerald on its newest cassette album, America: "The Only Thing That I Do Well Is Dream" and "Red Roses Make Me Blue." John J. North, who retired as a coordinator with the Middlesex Community College in Middletown, Conn., continues on the Advisory Council. For several years, he has acted and sung solos at the Ivoryton Theatre in Essex and, for many years, has been a member of the 12th Street Cappella Cantorum, which recently performed at Carnegie Hall.

1951

1952
Class Chair William J. Casey
Class Correspondent Rev. John R. Mulvehill, S.T.D.
Ralph L. Lancaster Jr. has been working as an independent counsel since his appointment in 1996 to investigate allegations of campaign finance improprieties. As U.S. Labor Secretary Alexis M. Herman; Lancaster is associated with the Portland, Maine law firm of Pierce Atwood where he has served as managing partner and chair of the litigation department. Robert H. McCoey Sr. was profiled in the Aug./Sept. 1999 issue of Irish America magazine, as part of its second annual "Wall Street 50/A Tribute to Irish Americans in Investment and Banking." McCoey is the chairman of the Griswold Co. Inc. in New York City. Jack McKeon was the recipient of the 1999 Associated Press (Baseball) Manager of the Year award.

1954
Class Chair Barry R. McDonough
Class Correspondent Paul F. Dupuis
Robert E. Dorton has retired as an editor of The Wall Street Journal after 42 years of service.

1955
Class Chair Paul C. Company
Class Correspondent Robert F. Danahy
The Uniroyal Chemical Co., Middletown, Conn., recently presented the company’s 1999 Robert W. Brown Award for lifetime technical achievement to Frank E. Luehr, manager of the chemical characterization laboratory, in recognition of high ethical standards, technical excellence, sound business judgment, enthusiasm and loyalty to the company and colleagues. Paul R. Murphy, who continues to be active in life, annuity and mutual fund sales, works for H & R Block in South Portland, Mass., during tax season. Murphy is treasurer for the Barnstable (Mass.) Friends, Council on Aging, and assistant treasurer for the Hyannis (Mass.) Rotary Club.

1956
Class Chair Daniel M. Dunn
James J. Killbride, who is the chairman and chief executive officer of Morse, Payson & Noyes Insurance, South Portland, Maine, has been elected the chairman of the National Council of Insurance Agents and Brokers. The International Association for Financial Planning (IAFP) presented William J. Lane II its award for "Innovated Leadership," in recognition of his three years as president and chairman of the IAFP/Fairfield County Chapter. Lane, who also serves as chairman of the editorial review board as a member of its chapter’s grants committee, is the president of Austin Associates in Stamford, Conn.

1958
Class Chair Braden A. Mecchley
Class Correspondent Arthur J. Andreoli
In October, Michael F. Maynihan Jr., with his brothers, Gerard W. ’61 and John J. ’67, celebrated the 40th anniversary of their business, Maynihan Lumber Inc., located in North Reading and Beverly, Mass., and Plaistow, N.H.

1959
Class Chair William P. Maloney
Class Correspondent John J. Ormond
James M. Farino Jr., is a senior loan officer at Nevada State Bank in Las Vegas. James C. Griffin has been named executive vice president of administration for the Chamberlain Group Inc., a Duchessesss enterprise based in Elmhurst, Ill. His duties include management of distribution, parts and services, transportation, human resources, informa- tion technology and building services, Walter L. Murphy, who is an Associate Justice on the New Hampshire Superior Court, recently was the keynote speaker at the annual meeting of the New Hampshire Trial Lawyers Associ- ation. In January 1999, the New Hampshire Bar Association awarded him its first Justice William A. Cirmo award for Judicial Professionalism. In addition to serving as an adjunct professor at the Franklin Pierce Law Center, he is currently a member of the Supreme Court committee on media in the courtroom and a member of the Supreme Court committee on corrections.

1960
Class Co-Chairs George W. Ford George F. Sullivan Jr.
By George Ford
Dear Classmates:
John Rotsaw writes that he is still engaged in the practice of...
law in Buffalo. Aside from running his new law firm, raising the family, and playing golf, he is in the process of building a townhouse in Florida. John has four children—all have completed school, except that the last child is in her third year at the College of Charleston in South Carolina. His oldest son is married and John has a 7-year-old grandchild. His law firm comprises four attorneys and John does mostly corporate, estate and real estate work.

Dave Mills, who is currently employed by the city of Honolulu as director of golf, manages six public courses. He is a retired lieutenant colonel in the Marine Corps.

J.J. Ryan continues to practice law in Haverhill, Mass. He has been active with local politics, assisting others with their campaigns.

Peter H. Baker is vice president for institutional research and planning at Marymount Manhattan College in New York City. He has been teaching there since 1962. Prior to his present position, he was chair of the division of sciences for 16 years and was acting academic vice president for a year.

Tom Cassin has been named vice president, sales, national accounts, for a new sales alliance created by Stanley Knight Corporation, Traulsen & Co., Inc. and Vulklin-Hart Company. Tom left his previous position as vice president of marketing at Pitco Friolator, Inc. where he had spent 25 years in the food service equipment industry. Tom and his wife, who reside in Nashua, N.H., have six daughters. Tom serves on the board of directors of the National Association of Food Service Equipment Manufacturers as well as a member of the National Restaurant Association and the American Oil Chemists Society.

Peter Fallon retired as of January 1999. He describes the retirement as “fantastic”—time for golf, fishing and other interests. Peter is still quite busy in a number of volunteer groups, including the boards of “Christmas in April,” and “Life Resources” and is the president of the Union Club in Boston. He still remains as a consultant to his former company, Boston Financial, where he had served as senior vice president. He and his wife, Ellen, became grandparents when their daughter, Jennifer, who is a television producer in San Francisco, presented them with a grandchild.

Jim FitzPatrick, who practices law in Syracuse, was recently named as one of the outstanding people of the 20th century by the International Biographical Centre, Cambridge, England. Jim specializes in international banking law. He mentioned that he has spent a considerable amount of time in the emerging European countries, assisting them to develop banking regulations.

John Issa has received some honors recently. In 1998 he received Jamaica’s highest national honor which is The Order of Jamaica for his pioneering work in tourism in Jamaica and in the Caribbean. In June of this year, he received an honorary doctor of law degree from the Northern Caribbean University, again presented to him for his outstanding contribution in the fields of training and tourism.

Joe Jawaisas lives in Richmond, Va., and is still very active in residential real estate. He also spends a considerable amount of time in church work. He is currently president of the Serra Club of Richmond, which is a group fostering vocations to the ordained priesthood and religious life. Joe reports that Bob Bruce has moved to Williamsburg, Va.

Paul McEnery, M.D., is a nephrologist at the Children’s Hospital in Cincinnati. He is also president of a large community-based management service organization for pediatric and family physicians of Cincinnati. His three daughters have attended Holy Cross, with the third graduating in the Class of 2000.

Art Menard, who is an attorney specializing in management, labor and employment law, opened a Washington, D.C., branch of his firm, Menard, Murphy & Walsh. He indicates he did so because his wife, Ellen, had a great job offer as senior vice president for human resources with Inova Healthcare Systems. Art travels to Boston frequently and reports that he has a grandson living in the Boston area.

1961

Class Chair
Joseph E. Dietinger Jr.

Charles F. Benoit is now teaching math at the Cardinal Gibbons High School in Raleigh, N.C. Harvey C. Clermont, M.D., who has served as a general surgeon with the Fallon Clinic in Worcester for the past 27 years, is the founder of the free medical program operating once a week at St. Anne’s Church in Shrewsbury, Mass. In the spring, Rev. James N. Laughnan, S.J., was honored as Brooklyn Prep alumnus of the year.

1962

Class Chair
William J. O’Leary Jr.

Vito H. Acconci, artist and owner of Acconci Studio in Brooklyn, N.Y., was recently selected to present the first lecture of Arkansas State University’s 1999-2000 Lecture-Concert Series. Rev. John E. Crean Jr. is currently a visiting professor of German at Grand Valley State University, Allendale, Mich., and the part-time pastor of a small church. Named co-editor of the scholarly journal, Magistra, in 1998, he continues to give scholarly papers on Benedictine spirituality and liturgies.

Our lady of Guadalupe School, Brooklyn, N.Y., announced that the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) has named Anthony S. Feuci, M.D., a 1999 NCEA Catholic Elementary School Distinguished Graduate; he is currently the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Md.

1963

Class Chair
Charles J. Buchta

Class Correspondent
Michael J. Toner

In October, Gerard W. Moynihan, with his brothers, Michael F. Jr. ’58 and John J. ’67, celebrated the 40th anniversary of their business, Moynihan Lumber Inc., located in North Reading and Beverly, Mass., and Plaistow, N.H.

1964

Class Chair
Ronald T. Mahew

In October, Samuel E. Zoll, Chief Justice of the District Court, announced the appointment of Charles A. Abdella as First Justice of the East Brookfield (Mass.) District Court. Charles N. Jolly has joined the Glattanougas, tennis, law firm of Baker, Donelson, Bearman & Caldwell as of counsel.

1967

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

Albert F. Barber Jr., who had joined e-Media, a global Internet company headquartered in New Canaan, Conn., as a vice chairman, recently assumed the additional position of chief operating officer for the company. John T. Hickey continues to

Land Ho!

Dick Wotruba ’60 and his wife, Pat, spent four months last year sailing their boat, “Crusader,” through 3,000 nautical miles and stopping in at 26 ports of call! The Wotrubas departed Santa Barbara, Calif., in early December 1998 and ventured to Cabo San Lucas, Puerta Vallarta, Mazatlan, La Paz, and Mexico before returning home in March 1999. Wotruba reports that since his arrival home the two questions he is most frequently asked are, “Would you do it again?” and “Are you still married?” His answer to both is an emphatic “Yes!”

“Transferring fuel in jerry cans on 20-foot seas is even harder than it looks,” Wotruba says. "Sailing is a life within a life, and it requires constant support, patience, persistence, hard work, courage, and a positive attitude. The capable sailor weathers the storms he cannot avoid and tries to avoid the storms he cannot weather.”
1968
Class Co-Chairs
John T. Collins Brian W. Hoterek
Edward B. Dinan, who has served as president and chief executive officer of Bell Atlantic-Maine since 1992, was recently selected by Central Maine Technical College, Auburn, to serve as one of its 1999-2000 executives-in-residence. Keith J. Hoterek, a partner of Turkey Hill Middle School in Lunenburg, Mass. Paul F. McGrath, a partner in the certified public accounting firm of Mastro, McGrath, Braney and Flynn in Worcester, is currently serving as the president of the Westminster/Northborough (Mass.) Chamber of Commerce. Paul E. Petry, president and chief executive officer, Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company, has been re-elected to a four-year term on the company's board of directors.

1969
Class Chair
David H. Drisan
John C. Dean Jr., the chairman and chief executive officer of Silicon Valley Bank in Santa Clara, Calif., recently accepted the position of president of Metrolina State University at Charlotte, N.C. Title of the consular section at the Glenside, Pa., office of the Defense Equal Opportunity Office.

1970
Class Co-Chairs
Brian I. Mahon James O. Walsh
Richard A. Morin was recently elected president of finance and chief financial officer of Gogo Corp., Natick, Mass., a leading maker of Vision Systems for the semiconductor and electronics industries.

1971
Class Chair
Robert T. Bonagura
Class Correspondent Jerome J. Cora Jr.
William J. Coughlin recently accepted a position as director of operations with the human services division of The Community Builders Inc. in Boston. Michael E. Duffy recently retired from the Navy as a captain after 28 years of service; at the time of his retirement, he was awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal. Duffy is now with the Logic Corp. at the Office of Naval Research in Washington, D.C. The National Association of Independent Insurers recently named Michael M. McLaughlin its New Hampshire local counsel. McLaughlin, who is president of the Capital Insights Group in Washington, D.C., had been a summer research fellow at the Defense Equal Opportunity Institute, at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla.

1972
Class Chair
Allan F. Kramer II
Stanley E. Gerson, manager of public finance at Prudential Securities Inc. in New York City, has been elected to a three-year term on the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, effective Oct. 1. Rev. Robert F. Sleisinski has accepted a position on the staff of Mary Queen of the Apostles Church Seminary, St. Petersburg, Russia, as a professor of philosophy. The author of two books, he specializes in Russian religious philosophy.

1973
Class Co-Chairs
Gregory C. Flynn Edward P. Meyers
Andrew Aklan is now on the faculty of the Arizona State University College of Law at Tempe. Richard M. Harty, who continues to serve as an officer in the retirement and investment services department at CIGNA in Hartford, Conn., has been elected to the Farmington (Conn.) Board of Education; he also serves as a town constable. Michael D. McCue was the researcher for the recently published biography, Derek Jeter, Pride of the Yankees, by Patricia Gies. John W. McKerman, who is a professional marketing specialist for All-State Legal, is a printer, engraver and supplier of marketing products for law firms, works in downtown Boston and north, to Portland, Maine. He is also a senior representative for the long-distance company, Excel Communications Inc. Alaska Airlines, a subsidiary of Alaska Air Group, recently announced the appointment of Thomas J. O'Grady to the new post of staff vice president of labor and employment law and deputy general counsel. In this position, O'Grady is responsible for the airline's labor contract negotiations, the administration of grievances and the supervision of arbitration proceedings; he also oversees legal issues related to the company's employment practices and policies. Stephen A. Trust has been a summer research fellow at the Defense Equal Opportunity Institute, at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla.

1974
Class Co-Chairs
Stanley J. Kostka Jr. Edward J. Sullivan
Alexander R. Marasco is now the executive vice president of marketing for USFANS, a national sports fan association.

1975
Class Co-Chairs
Joseph W. Cummings Joseph A. Sasso Jr.
Dennis J. Darcey, M.D., who has been a member of the faculty of the Duke University Medical Center, Durham, N.C., since 1989, has been appointed residency director, occupational and environmental medicine. Maureen F. Ferguson is the special education director for the Danbury (Conn.) Board of Education; she also serves as a board member of the local chapter of the National Association of Independent Insurers recently named Michael M. McLaughlin its New Hampshire local counsel. McLaughlin, who is president of the Capital Insights Group in Washington, D.C., had been a summer research fellow at the Defense Equal Opportunity Institute, at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla.

1976
Class Chair
Thomas E. Ryan
Class Correspondent Thomas C. Healey
Mark J. Andrews is the principal of Groton-Dunstable Elementary School in West Warwick, R.I. The Keene, N.H.-based Monadnock Family Services recently announced that Michael F. Haranek, R.N., joined the adult outpatient department as a psychiatric nurse. Margaret Connolly May is currently the campaign treasurer for Congressman Carolyn McCarthy from the 45th Congressional District in New York. John P. McDermott and his wife, Lena Jessup, announce the birth of their daughter, Maria Elizabeth, on Aug. 7. McDermott, who recently retired, had taught for 20 years in Alaska. In September, Rev. Gerard F. McElroy, S.J., joined the staff of Cross Chaplains' Office as assistant chaplain. Previously, he had served four years in Kingston, Jamaica, where he worked at the Pastoral Center for the archdiocese. Fr. McKeon had also served in Jamaica from 1987 to 1991. Michael J. Palmer has accepted the position of executive director of the Office of Community Affairs at Duke University, Durham, N.C.

1977
Class Co-Chairs
Kathleen T. Connolly Shaun P. Mathews
Raymond E. Veroneau Jr. recently co-chaired a campaign to raise funds for the Sacred Heart/St. Dominic Parish in Portland, Maine. On July 22, Maine's Catholic weekly, Church World, published this article outlining the key principles of a successful campaign effort.

1978
Class Co-Chairs
Marcia Hennelly Moran Mark T. Murray
Col. Michael F. Cuenin, USA, who was promoted to the rank of colonel in June, continues to serve as the director of the Army periodontist postgraduate residency program at the University of Vermont. Joseph W. Cummings has been named by Congresswoman Carolyn McCarthy from the 45th Congressional District in New York, as chief of the consular section at the U.S. Embassy in Sofia, Bulgaria.
Please note our new alternative Classic 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 hcmag@holycross.edu.

Downtown Brokerage Group, his responsibilities include managing the day-to-day operations of the group and serving as an active downtown broker. In June, Alfred P. Quirk Jr., was named the treasurer of AquaTech Inc., based in Hartford, Conn.

1981

Class Co-Chairs
James G. Healy
Elizabeth Stevens Murphy
William J. Sapelle

Louis M. Ciavatta has been elected vice president for the First Circuit of the Federal Bar Association, a professional organization for attorneys and judges involved in federal practice. Ciavatta is associated with the Worcester-based law firm of Bowditch and Dewey.

1983

Class Co-Chairs
Patricia C. Hoyton
David J. Trasatti

Michael W. Anderson and his wife, Susan, announce the birth of their son, Daniel Ross, on Oct. 28, 1998. Anderson is vice president of institutional markets, for New York Life Benefit Services Inc., in Norwood, Mass. Jane Zelazny Belz has been promoted to manager of outsourcing services for Midwest Mechanical Contractors of New Jersey Inc., in Parsippany.

Christopher H. Casey recently accepted an appointment as an assistant U.S. attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania in Scranton, specializing in narcotics prosecution and asset forfeiture.


Douglas A. Donnell and his wife, Melissa, announce the birth of their son, Matthew Douglas, on July 3. O’Connell is working at Insights Capital Management as a managing partner. Reynold C. Spadoni was recently named director of training and development for Harvard Pilgrim Health Care.

Mary White-Bowaxor, who is an elementary school teacher at the Abraham Lincoln School in New York City, recently completed her master’s degree in history at Hunter College.

1984

Class Co-Chairs
Frank E. O’Connor
Richard W. Shea Jr.

N. Derek Brugman, D.O., has expanded his medical practice in North Carolina and started his own Internet-based practice, Brugman’s Web. Lynne (Larocce) Caver and her husband, Frank, announce the birth of their son, Brendan, on July 12.

Mary Beth Griffin and her husband, John, announce the birth of their son, Luke Peter Griffin Benson, on Jan. 24, 1999.

Jane DeSisto Harney, M.D., and her husband, Francis, announce the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Teresa, on June 7. The New England Dairy Promotion Board recently announced the appointment of Jeanne L. Hebert as an account manager, in the company’s Worcester office. Her responsibilities include implementing and managing marketing plans for the Hannaford/Shop & Save, Big Y Foods and DeMoulas Market Basket accounts; building processor partnering programs with New England dairy processors in conjunction with the “got milk?” advertising program; and conducting seminars in customer service and category management.

Lynn M. Guindon and Brian R. Findlay, on April 24, in Derry, N.H.

1980

Class Co-Chairs
J. Christopher Collins
Elizabeth Palomba Sprague
Katherine J. Wine

John G. Begley is a member of the 1990-1999 board of editors of Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly. Begley, who has been a member of the Springfield, Mass., law firm of Egan, Flanagan & Cohen since 1997, concentrates his practice on medical malpractice, professional liability, commercial litigation, corporate litigation and general negligence.

Maureen E. Byrne and her husband, Michael Gottfried, announce the birth of their son, Ian. Anne Baker, on Oct. 29, 1997. Byrne, who recently completed a “welfare to work” project with the Rockefeller Foundation, is now affiliated with the Great Books Foundation of Chicago.

Margaret E. Michaelis received her degree from St. John’s University School of Law in January 1998. In April, Julie S. Mullen completed her Ph.D. dissertation in engineering at Brown University. Michael & Grew Inc. has announced that Ronald K. Perry has rejoined the company in its Boston office as a senior vice president and director, effective Sept. 1. As head of the controller for Cliquot Inc. in New York City, he is the founder, director and producer of KLAITU, a member improvement troupe featuring high level audience interaction; beginning in mid-September, the troupe has scheduled weekly performances at the Producers’ Club Theaters in New York City. Since 1997, Sullivan has also been working as a substitute teacher at HB Studio and teaching classes on his own under the name of GSIM-PROV. Dennis J. Welch, M.D., and his wife, Donna, announce the birth of their son, Thomas Lamberti, on July 27.

1982

Class Co-Chairs
Robert E. Chiarello
Joan Kelly Cummings
Thomas P. Joyce Jr.

Mary Cunningham Boyce, D.O., and her husband, Ward, announce the birth of their sons, Nathanial and John, on April 16. Maura Ann (Ryan) Cruz and her husband, Carlos, announce the birth of their son, Nicolas Enrique, on May 23.

Mary V. Diaz has joined the faculty of Burr and Burton Academy, Manches- ter, Vt., as a learning specialist. Daniel J. Kelly has been associated with the Boston law firm of Gadsky and Hannah since 1988.

Donna Fleischer Knott and her husband, David, announce the birth of their son, Brian Frederick, on Sept. 8. Thomas F. Kogut has been appointed media relations coordinator for Rhode Island’s University of Rhode Island.

Almond. Edward O. Mazzaferro has recently been appointed to the board of trustees of the Massachusetts Medical and Health Alliance Hospital system and named chairman of the finance committee.

Jeanne-Marie DeSalvo and Steven J. Rapillo announce the birth of their son, Brian Joseph, on April 21. Gregory E. Sullivan, who is currently the
serves as the District 3 representative for the Massachusetts Society of Anesthesiology. 

**1986**

**Class Co-Chairs**

Patrick L. McCarthy Jr.  
Kathleen A. Quinlan

Kirk L. Chartier, who is a major in the United States Marine Corps Reserve, recently accepted a position as director, strategy, with Think New Ideas Inc. in Atlanta, Ga. Ut.

CmDr. David A. Chase, USN, and his wife, Caroline, announce the birth of their son, Evan, on Oct. 10, 1988. Chase assumed command of the USS Avenger (MCM-1) in Palma de Mallorca, Spain, on Jan. 13, 1999. Steven T. Colavito and his wife, Katie, announce the birth of their daughter, Ashley Marie, on May 7. The Colavitos continue to operate a real estate brokerage and management firm in New York City.

Donna Kaley Cooney and her husband, Jim, announce the birth of their son, Jack Michael, on June 19. Cooney works as a registered nurse in Berkshire Health Systems – their son, Timothy Nichols, on Aug. 21. Cynthia A. Kruger and Lt. CmDr. John J. Schneider, USN, announce the birth of their son, Brendan Kroger, on May 25. 

Schneider is the executive officer on the trident submarine USS Pennsylvania. 

Marc S. Lampkin recently relocated to Austin, Texas, where he currently serves as the deputy campaign manager for Gov. George W. Bush's presidential campaign.

Joseph L. Lunny, and his wife, Christine '97, announce the birth of their daughter, Hayley Suzanne, on July 9.

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**Class Co-Chairs**

Erin B. Grimes  
Kathleen E. Molyan  
James W. Nawn Jr.

Mary (Butler) Burgess and her husband, Peter, announce the birth of their son, Matthew Butler, on Feb. 5, 1999. Burgess is a senior attorney for ARTI in New York City and Albany, N.Y. Thomas J. Conte and his wife, Ellen '88, announce the birth of their son, Ryan Shields, on May 13. Conte recently accepted a position with the Worcester law firm of Bowditch and Dewey.

Andrew K. Cuddy, an attorney whose practice is in criminal defense, manages the office of the private investigation firm, Bellerdine Investigative Agency in Auburn, N.Y.

Brett D. Delfino is now serving as counsel at Rabobank International in New York City.

Charles E. Dubois is now employed by Perma Pure Inc., a manufacturer of humidification and dehumidification devices and components; as the vice president of sales and marketing, he is responsible for worldwide sales efforts.

David M. Goodman and his wife, Karen '88, announce the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth "Liza" Rose, on May 15.

Charles E. Graney is a founding partner of Webster Stryan, a new law firm based in Buffalo, N.Y.; Graney concentrates his practice in civil litigation, primarily in the areas of product liability, civil rights, municipal law, railroad defense and personal injury. In September, Virginia L. Grey-Clarke, M.D., joined the practice of Sharron (Gunn) Pediatrics. 

Lynn (Jennings) Hargrave and her husband, Dan, announce the birth of their daughter, Sara, on Aug. 5.

Philip Gregory Hilton and his wife, Kathleen '80, announce the birth of their son, John Francis, on July 19. Hilton is now an associate with Corbin, Scharf and Aviles, a student-created Web page that lists full- and part-time job opportunities for teens; and Youth Internet Entrepreneurs, a program that trains students to develop Web pages for local businesses to market their products. Floyd notes, "A kid who may have defaced or stolen from a business in the past can now be an asset to both the business and the community."

Floyd is very optimistic about prospects for the growth of Pride Productions Inc. and welcomes input from the Holy Cross community. Anyone interested in mentoring or providing an idea for a new program can call Pride Productions Inc. at 508-753-5767 or send an e-mail to pridein@macultranet.com
supervisor at Cohn and Wolfe. Public Relations in New York City.

Thomas C. Trett is a partner at the Amnesys, Mass., law firm of Healey, Deshaies and Gagliardi.

Nancy McKeen Wilg and her hus-
band, John, announce the birth of their
son, John Halvdan Jr., on July 19.

MARRIED: Kathleen M. Bannon, M.D., and Leonard J. Wroblewski, on June 5, at St. John’s Roman Catholic Church, Middletown, Conn. Sarah Nicole. LLiianne  EE..  AAllleenissand her husband, Brad Pappas, announce the birth of their twins, Sophia Milano and Troy Milano, on June 1. Eileen Lynch O’Hara and her husband, Tom, announce the birth of their son, Patrick Lynch, on May 5. Mary Ellen Casey and Russell F. Piparo announce the birth of their daughter, M. Casey, on Feb. 29, 1999. Helene
Harney and George F. Pyne IV announce the birth of their daughter, Shannon Florence, on Jan. 4, 1999. George, who is vice president of marketing for NASDAQ, manages the company’s offices in New York and Charlotte, N.C., and its meeting
division in Dayton, Ohio. Marilyn
Mulshine Timoney and her husband,
Utley, Pa., as the companies’ chief
financial analyst for Jones, Day Reavis
and Pappas, announce the birth of their daughter, Camille A. Gartner, on Jan. 26, in St. Joseph Memorial Chapel. Susan
Susan Hoflund and her husband, Scott Hallenberg, Jr., on July 31, at St. Mary’s Church, Park City, Utah. Geoffrey M. Fitzgerald, M.D., and Danielle Bergeron at St. Theresa Church, Methuen, Mass. Christie

1999

Class Co-Chairs John P. Faggiano Camille A. Gartner Paul P. Donald, who continues to live in Hong Kong, was recently promoted to executive director of Asia Equity Research at Goldman Sachs. Timothy J. Brown and his wife, Christine, announce the birth of their child, Hunter Addison, on April 18, Brown, who is a partner with Progressive Solutions Corp. in Needham, Mass., lives in Topsfield, Mass., where he and his wife volun-
teeer as resident directors for “A Better Chance” program. Timothy P. Donovan and his wife, Michelle, announce the birth of their daughter, Kyla A. Donovan, on July 31. Darren F. Farrington is an attorney currently practicing com-
mercial and first amendment litiga-
tion. Teresa Julian Jeffry and her husband, Lawrence, announce the birth of their son, Ryan Michael, on July 19. Kristen Hagner Koelke and her husband, Keith, announce the birth of their daughter, Paige Ford, on March 25. Rebecca Scholz

Kovtij and her husband, Drasko, announce the birth of their daughter, Emily, on April 21. Stephen C. Peck has joined the commercial lending department of Plymouth Savings Bank, Middleboro, Mass., as vice president/commercial
lender. Kristen (Pfaff) Palicastro and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of their daugh-
ter, Gia Marie, on Nov. 19.


1999

Class Co-Chairs Peter J. Capizzi Kristin M. Kraeger By George Grattan

Dear Classmates:

One of the laws of physics regarding alumna news: there’s an inverse relationship between the amount of time you wait to send in your infor-
amation and the likelihood it will appear. Greenslips at rest (say, at the bottom of your “to do” pile or lounging in the processing files at Holy Cross waiting for others to join them) tend to stay at rest, which means that by the time I get them, it seems a bit absurd to include some of the names. Let me just say you feel about this, and, more importantly, get your slips in early and often, as Boss Tweed used to say.

Now that I’ve exhausted your patience, the “news” – Kathleen (Cilligan) Monroe and her husband, Chris, welcomed daughter, Emma Jane, back in September of 1998. Elisabeth (Elly) and Eric Proctor welcomed Hannah Marie to the upcoming census in May of this year, and brought some other projects to term as well: Eric completed his first year as an adjunct professor of legal research and writing at Seton Hall Law School and Elisabeth got the sheep shearing on an M.B.A. trip to Rutgers in January. Maura Sullivan, M.D., writes “to announce the birth of my son one year late.” Sorry, Maura, this has to have been an extraordinarily difficult year—Were you going for a record, or some-
thing? Maura and husband, John Horrigan, recently moved to Keene, N.H. on June 1, 1998, only to watch the kid promptly walk out of the delivery

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room on his own. Maura and John are both in family medicine, employed by a group practice in the Hudson River Valley in Red Hook, N.Y. They were at Emily Braunstein’s wedding this past May, though not exactly those two. Emily and Maura’s Holy Cross connection turns out Emily’s groom, Steve Nazarian, had been friends with John since high school. Yes, it is a small world.

Deb Fuller, D.M.D., and husband, Brian Gaudette, D.M.D., ’89 (Must all of you people have the same careers? It’s so…cozy…), announced the arrival of Tim, Eric David, on Dec. 16, 1998. Deb’s finishing a master’s in health care management. Paul and Regina (Sharlow) Johnson announce their completion of a hat trick with the arrival of third son, James Francis, on July 21. Acquisition of crusty Uncle Charlie to follow, bratty kid sister only when ratings start to drop. … Maura Daniela married Daniel Silbo on April 24 in Midlothian, Conn., and Gregory Pinto were wed over the summer in South East, Mass. And just ‘cause Julie used to put up with that freshman anti-beard we were both in Clark, I’m not gonna make an exploding fuel tank joke. Nope. Not one.

Krisen (Mahoney) Shannon and her husband, Sam, announce the birth of Kevin Joseph on August 22.

And now, in their own, nice and current words, via the magic of e-mail, the following correspondents: Tim Hanlon writes “I have recently resigned from Andersen Consulting to accept a position as the HR Manager for the Atlanta office of Deloitte Consulting. I am thrilled about the new opportunity. My wife, Carrie Hanlon, and I are well, Carrie moved from one law firm to another here in Atlanta in the spring of ’99. She is currently a litigator at Sutherland, Asbill, and Brennan. We were happy to have a visit from Mark and his wife Kathy that past month. Mark’s brief business trip to Atlanta allowed us to share a beer and hear all about Mark and his wife Kathy’s baby, Matt. We even got to see some pictures of the handsome little guy. As always, our door is open for any friends heading down to Atlanta. Please look us up?” OK, Tim, deal. But be careful what you ask for.

Continuing the hospitable spirit, Kathleen (Kicy) Couley writes “just wanted to drop a line to all ’91 grads to say hello. That being said, a lot of news recently, having finally finished my Ph.D. from the University of Virginia in May, … it is great to be done, and I have stayed on at Brown University in Providence. I will be kept busy during a two-year fellowship doing clinical work at the Rhode Island Hospital, 35 Head Street, in Providence, Rhode Island. I also am happy to say that I am living in Providence with my husband, Jeff, after our wedding this June in New York. … Cath McCoolindr, Eileen Whyte, Kathleen O’Connor, and Paula Fishbaugh all were bridesmaids. Also in attendance from the class were Eric and Katie (Grease) Mick, Both Eileen and Eric had reasons to celebrate, themselves, this spring, as Eileen received her Ph.D. in May and Eric finished his doctorate. … If anyone is in the Providence area (or just wants to watch the show on the NBC network) and wants to reminisce, give a line.” Congrats on the accomplishments, Kathleen. And yes, I agree with our explicative deleting thoughts on dissertations, but we’ve got a family show here. (Speaking of which, how much would you be willing to pay me to watch this show? NBC?) I might consider it for remuneration. … Life is short, you know.)

From across the electronic globe (it ain’t called the World Wide Web for nothing, people) come these lines from Marty Teenen: “I was married on April 17, 1999 to Shevna Marie Mellifont at St. Catherine’s Roman Catholic Church in Holmdel, N.J. I watched CBS in June 1998 and have moved to London as vice president and head of European High Yield Bond Trading at ING Barings. Chantelle and I see Bill O’Connor and his wife, Eileen, who have also recently relocated to London.” Since he wrote from five- or six- to seven time zones away from me, I almost gave Marty the long awaited prize for Most Interesting Greensleeves (yeah, the competition was just that fierce, people), but then read the following from Anthony Oliva. I think you’ll agree we’ve found a winner:

“I am currently in the third year of my general surgery residency. My wife, Debra, and I were blessed with the arrival of our second daughter, Maria Isabelle, on March 3, 1999. Her arrival was extra-special, since we took place on that fateful bathroom floor at 8 a.m., under the watchful eyes of our two-year-old, Gabriella, while I delivered her sister, Tucker. Unfortunately, all were born with mothers and child were fine, but Dad was exhausted, having been in the operating room from 2-5 a.m. that morning, and going on 27 years hours without sleep.” Not to quib- ble, Anthony, and you still get the prize, but I bet Debra was a bit tuckered out from the whole experience, too. Did you cut the cord with nail scissors? (What? It’s a fair question!) Anthony, I appoint you the cornerman and authorize you to bother John Hayes in the Holy Cross Annual Fund Office until he sends you some wonderful trinket. Congratulations! (Oh, yeah, on the baby thing, too.)

By the time you read this, the holidays will have come and gone, and Y2K hysteria with them. (That line’s not gonna look so wise if you’re reading this hunkered down in a freezing, abandoned office park, hiding from the mobs while guarding your stash of Spam, but I’m betting it’ll all amount to nothing.) … I hope that you gather with family and friends as much as you can this year to enjoy the blessings that we bring to each other’s lives. As Lenny Kravitz said, “We got ta let love rule.” Peace and goodwill to you all.

1992
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Sean T. Keaveny
Heather L. Keaveny

Daniel P. and Jill M. Comeaux announce the birth of their son, Kevin John, on July 9, 1992. He has been promoted to director of information systems at Magellan Health Services. Janet (Borrego) Davidson and her husband, Matthew, announce the birth of their daughter, Shannon Elle, on March 10. Davidson is currently employed by CGI Inc., as a systems consulting firm, as a computer programmer. James B. Delechany is currently pursuing his Ph.D. in molecular biology at the Tulane University Medical Center in New Orleans. La. Celeste (Pilotto) Feren and her husband, Andrew, announce the birth of their son, Alexander Joseph. The Sallie Mae Corp. recently selected Cheri R. Cowen as Maine’s first-year teacher. Cowen currently teaches ninth-grade French and English at Thornton Academy in Saco. Jennifer E. Greenway, who received her juris doctor degree from the Boston College School of Law, is now associated with the Boston law firm of Gouldston and Stroth. Lori (Mulquen) Hamlin and her husband, Brian, announce the birth of their daughter, Erin Catherine, on July 8. Robert A. Hannigan received his degree from the New England College of Optometry, Boston, in May, Matthew R. Hjert, M.D., is currently pursuing a medical fellowship in neonatology and critical care pediatrics. Brendan I. (Buddy) Mechley has accepted a position in the classics department at Rutgers University in New Jersey. Paul R. Macagno continues to work employed as a bilingual school psychologist, working with underprivi-leaged preschoolers and their families. Paul and Mary, N.Y. Patricia O’Hagan is the assistant brand manager for GuildHouse Candles, a division of American Greetings Corp., Cleveland, and going on two years to the winner and authorize you to continue the hospitable spirit…

John C. Demers, who received his degree from Harvard Law School in June, is now a law clerk for the U.S. Court of Appeals in Portland, Ore. Michelle L. DiMattia is working in pediatrics as a speech pathologist at Westchester Medical Center, Valhalla, N.Y. Steven J. D’Imatia, who teaches English full time at Rice High School in New York City, is pursuing his master’s degree in history at Fordham University. Libya Ann M. Divine has recently been promoted to assistant director of medical affairs with the Arthritis Foundation of New York Chapter, in Manhattan. Derek P. Farkas is currently employed by Athletes in Action, a Christian sports ministry.

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1993
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Patrick J. Comerford
Jackson P. Sansometti

Peter C. Amann, who received his degree from the University of Connecticut School of Law in May, accepted a residency in family medicine at the Maine Medical Center in Portland. Peter M. Repp, who received his degree from UMDNJ–New Jersey Dental School, is currently pursuing her residency at the Columbia-Shore Medical Center.

J. Howard Ammons Jr., who received his degree from Harvard Law School in June, is now a law clerk for the U.S. Court of Appeals in Portland, Ore. Michelle L. DiMattia is working in pediatrics as a speech pathologist at Westchester Medical Center, Valhalla, N.Y. Steven J. D’Imatia, who teaches English full time at Rice High School in New York City, is pursuing his master’s degree in history at Fordham University. Libya Ann M. Divine has recently been promoted to assistant director of medical affairs with the Arthritis Foundation of New York Chapter, in Manhattan. Derek P. Farkas is currently employed by Athletes in Action, a Christian sports ministry.

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Simpson recently accepted a position as assistant criminal district attorney for Collin County, Texas, as a misdemeanor prosecutor.

Matthew T. Smith, who is a second-year law student at the Camden, N.J., campus of Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, is the recipient of a 1996 West Publishing Company Book Award for Outstanding Scholastic Achievement.

Isabella M. (Isa) Squciarianni, who received her degree from the University of Connecticut School of Law, is now an attorney with the Waterbury, Conn., law firm of Carmony and Torrance. Jennifer F. Stuart, who received her master of arts degree in classical Greek at Bryn Mawr (Pa.) College, is May, is now an associate consultant with the GSG Consulting Group in West Orange, N.J.


1996

Class Co-Chairs
Jennifer L. Burns
Holly R. Khachadorian
Christopher L. Sears

Alison A. Baikal is currently a first-year student at the New England College of Optometry in Boston. Janice (Bittekar) Branco is a senior applications consultant at Meditech Company in Canton, Mass. Roselee J. Brown is currently pursuing her master's degree in education at the University of Massachusetts.

Deirdre (Valvo) Calley, who received her master's degree in economics from Boston University, works as an economic analyst for the MTA in New York City. Laura C. Corcella, who is pursuing her master's degree in public administration at Pace University in New York, works as a marketing associate for Kids in Crisis in Greenwich, Conn. Sheila C. Collins is enrolled in the master of arts degree program in communication disorders at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Jane (Correllus) Crane recently accepted a position as a librarian at the Naval Surface Warfare Center-Dahlgren (Va.) Division. Alison M. Daigneault is in her fourth year at Tufts University, Medford, Mass., in the M.D./M.B.A. program. Marie E. Dalmianian, who received her degree from the University of Miami (Fla.) School of Law in May, has accepted a position as an associate with a small civil defense firm in Miami. Kari-Shane Davis received her master's degree in historical studies at the University of Vermont, and she recently accepted a position at Dartmouth College as an intern in the historic preservation program.

Matthew T. Smith and his wife, Jennifer F. Stuart, are now living in Washington, D.C. They have been continuing their education at Northeastern University through the evening division, completing both the Advanced Management and Commercial Real Estate degree programs.

1997

Class Co-Chairs
Marnie J. Cambria
Brian T. O'Connor
Julie E. Orlo

Jennifer Blume, who is currently a second-year student at the University of Maryland Dental School, recently joined the Navy as an ensign under the Health Professions Scholarship Program.

Micole M. Cambria, who is in her first year of the UConn School of Dental Medicine, has spent the last three summers working at Paul Newman's summer camp for children who are chronically ill.

Peter J. Capuano teaches English at Cushing Academy in Ashburnham, Mass. Christine C. Carney is currently attending UMass-Amherst as a postgraduate student, completing prerequisites and requirements and pursuing a bachelor of science degree in biology.

Emily F. Chadwick, who had worked for two years in the Admissions Office at Holy Cross, is now with New Dimensions in Technology, a technical recruiting firm based in Marblehead, Mass.

Laurene Chite, who is a graduate of Fordham University Law School in New York City, is currently working at the firm of Life Sciences at the University of Miami's Business School. Buse J. Cregg is a housing case manager at the AIDS Foundation Houston, Inc., in Texas, where she had worked as a volunteer with the JVC. Jerome A. de Guzman, who received his master's degree in applied physics from Texas Tech University, Lubbock, is currently employed as a systems engineer with Intel Corp. in Hudson, Mass. Eric L. Driscoll, who is an international account executive for IDG in Framingham, Mass., also volunteer works with Intel as a Big Sister and as an English as a Second Language teacher for the Red Cross. Laurie B. Forcier, who completed her master's degree in women and international development at the University of York in September 1996, now works as a research associate with the Urban Institute in Washington, D.C. Nicole M. Cordia works as a human resources assistant in Norwood, Mass.

Matthew J. Haluch, a third-year student at the C reighton University Dental School in Omaha, Neb., received his master's degree in biological anthropology from the University of Washington in 1997, and has been working as a financial analyst at Morgan Stanley Dean Witter. He is in his third year of law school at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas.

Michael M. Hetherley is currently working as a financial analyst for Bank of America in San Francisco, Calif. He graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1996.

Mary Hooper-Buckley, who works at the Bell Atlantic Center for customers with disabilities in Washington, D.C., has been continuing her education at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. Eileen M. Joy is currently working in marketing/sales for the athletic department at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Adam A. LeDang, who teaches Latin and Spanish at Reading (Mass.) Memorial High School, is also pursuing a master of education degree.

Stephen J. Lynch is in his third year of law school in Portland, Ore. Marc A. Mahoney is a first-year student at Georgetown University School of Medicine, Washington, D.C. Rebecca Y. Martel is a first-year graduate student in mathematics at Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H. Deborah M. Martin is pursuing her Ph.D. in neuroscience at the Weill Graduate School of Cornell University.

Christine M. Molloy teaches sixth grade at Hogwarts School, Hopkinton, Mass. Heather C. O'Donnell is relocating to St. Louis, Mo., to attend Washington University Medical School. Elena E. Olsennik works as a research specialist in the biochemistry department at the School of Medicine at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. Max Pappas, who received his master's degree in politics of the world economy from the London School of Economics in England, is working at the Cato Institute in Washington, D.C., as a research assistant. Angela M. Querena, who received her master's degree in English from Syracuse University in May, is now the education outreach coordinator at the windows of hope Center in Burlington, Vt. Matthew J. Ragan, who recently transferred to the Pittsburgh, Pa., office of Mellon Trust, works as a global securities services department. Melissa J. Richard, who is based in the Boston office of Andersen Consulting, has been promoted to the position of consultant. Heather K. Russell is pursuing her master's degree in physical therapy at Boston University. Kathleen A. Sturtevant, who recently completed her master's degree in public health degree in health law at Boston University, is relocating to Chicago, Ill., to attend Loyola University Law School. Andrew T. Young, who is a third-year Ph.D. candidate in economics at Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., recently presented a paper at the 1996 Joint Economic Committee hearing on the Committee on Economic Dynamics at the Parle Conto Research Center in Alghero, Sardinia, Italy. Benjamin E. Zweifel, who received his B.A. from the University of Wisconsin in 1996, worked for two years in Micronesia with the JVC. The International in June, entered the George Washington University Law School in the fall.
1998

Class Co-Chairs
Jamie D. Hoag
Eric B. Javier

2nd Lt. Jan P. Bourdon, USMC, recently reported for duty with 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C. 2nd Lt. R. James Crawford Jr., USMC, is a platoon commander of Company "A," 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, Camp Pendleton, Calif. Lauren DePaul is currently working for the New York Daily News Publishing in New York City where she is an assistant production manager for the sports group. Cheryl Marinin Gatto is now in her second year of the Ph.D. program at the University of Massachusetts Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, Worcester, studying cell biology. After serving two years with the JVC Southwest at the Santa Teresita School, Theresa E. Bannon enrolled in the Ph.D. program in chemistry at Stanford (Calif.) University, starting in September.

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Charles J. Jarvis
Oct. 10, 1999

At Griffin Hospital, Derby, Conn., at 88. Mr. Jarvis, who coached football, basketball and track at Ansonia (Conn.) High School for 29 years, retired as athletic director in 1986. The recipient of numerous awards, he was named to the Connecticut High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1978. Mr. Jarvis had been a member of the varsity football team at Holy Cross. He is survived by his wife, Constance; a sister; and several nephews and nieces.

John J. Kelly
Sept. 12, 1999

In Holyoke (Mass.) Hospital, at 87. During his career, Mr. Kelly had been a paralegal in the office of his brother, the late attorney Joseph F. Kelly and a law librarian at the Hampden (Mass.) County Courthouse, in Springfield, for 20 years, retiring in 1981. He had been a member of the President’s Council. Mr. Kelly is survived by several cousins in Ireland.

1936

Frederick T. Moore, M.D.
May 21, 1999

At Mercy Hospital in South Buffalo, N.Y., at 84. Dr. Moore was a general surgeon in Springfield, Mass., from 1946 to 1970; he then relocated to Mattapoisett, Mass., where he continued to practice medicine until his retirement in 1980. A member of the American Medical Association and the Massachusetts Medical Society, he was a past consultant for the authenticity of cures at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Shrine in Lourdes, France. A veteran of World War II, Dr. Moore had been a captain in the Army Medical Corps. He is survived by three sons, including Frederick T. Jr., D.M.D., ’65; and six grandchildren.

1937

James F. Hackett Jr.
Oct. 5, 1999

In Newport (R.I.) Hospital, at 85. Mr. Hackett had served in the Navy for 25 years, retiring as a captain in 1965. A veteran of World War II, and the Korean and Vietnam Wars, he had been the commanding officer of the Gen. William Mitchell AP114, the John W. Thomason DD770 and, from 1960 to 1963, the commanding officer for the Navy ROTC at Notre Dame. Mr. Hackett had most recently worked for International Minerals and Chemical Corporation in Framingham, Mass., at 84. Mr. Hackett had worked as a sales manager for Boston Edison at several locations in the Boston area before his retirement. A lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy during World War II, he had served in the Pacific, North and South Atlantic. Mr. LaCroix is survived by his wife, Marjorie; two sons; five daughters; a brother; 14 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and nephews and nieces.

Edward B. O’Connell
Oct. 17, 1999

In Connecticut, at 84. Dr. O’Connell, who had maintained a private practice in the New Haven, Conn., area, had most recently worked at the Health Services Department of Southern Connecticut State University and served as director of the Colposcopy Clinic at St. Raphael’s Hospital. Following military service in the U.S. Army during World War II, he completed his residency in obstetrics and gynecology at St. Vincent’s Hospital, New York. He is survived by his wife, Catherine; three sons, including Edward B. Jr. ’65; four daughters; a sister; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

1938

Charles J. Brucato
Aug. 9, 1999

In the St. Camillus Nursing Home, Whitinsville, Mass., at 83. Prior to his retirement in 1973, Mr. Brucato had been a teacher, coach, athletic director and assistant principal at Milford (Mass.) High School. A Marine Corps officer in the Pacific during World War II, he had participated in four major campaigns and received the Purple Heart award for wounds received in battle. After the war, Mr. Brucato served in the Marine Corps Reserve, attaining the rank of major. A member of the Holy Cross Hall of Fame in both baseball and football, he had been the captain of the 1938 baseball team. Following graduation, Mr. Brucato played and coached professional baseball. He is survived by his wife, Concetta; three sons, including Joseph N. ’75; a daughter; a sister; and nine grandchildren.

Hector A. Duplessis
Sept. 8, 1999

At the University of Massachusetts Medical Center, Worcester, at 83. Prior to his retirement in 1981, Mr. Duplessis had owned and operated a law firm in Worcester. He is survived by a son; a daughter; a grandson; four granddaughters; a granddaughter; and several nieces and nephews.

1939

Bernard G. Walsh
Sept. 1, 1999

In New York, at 83. Mr. Walsh had worked for C.N.A. Insurance and had served as an account executive for the Plumbers Welfare Association of Harrison, N.Y. He is survived by a son; a daughter; a grandson; four granddaughters; a granddaughter; and several nieces and nephews.

1941

W. Arthur Garrity Jr.
Sept. 16, 1999

U.S. District Court Judge W. Arthur Garrity Jr. died of cancer at his Wellesley (Mass.) home on Sept. 16, at 79.

Judge Garrity gained national attention for his 1974 decision to achieve racial equality in the Boston Public Schools through court-ordered busing. The ruling, which resulted in rioting and racial turmoil, continues to be a topic of debate.

After receiving his degree from Harvard Law School in 1946, Garrity served as a federal law clerk from 1946-47, and as an assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Massachusetts, from 1948 to 1950. He then maintained a private practice for 11 years with the Boston law firm of Maguire Roche Garrity and Maloney. Garrity was appointed U.S. Attorney for the District of Massachusetts in 1961. After serving a five-year term, he was appointed U.S. District Court Judge for the District of Massachusetts.

His lengthy judicial service included rulings on other school issues, such as new bilingual and special education requirements and the provision of greater job opportunities for minority teachers. Well-known cases involved a series of gambling raids documented in the 1962 CBS film, “Biography of a Bookie Joint” and the $1.5 million Plymouth bank robbery which took place in 1963. Presiding over a case in 1972 that would determine the fate of the Charles Street Jail, he spent a night at the jail in order to gather evidence firsthand about conditions there.

A veteran of World War II, Garrity served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps, achieving the rank of staff sergeant. He participated in the invasion of Normandy and received five European Theater campaign ribbons.

During his career, he was the recipient of numerous awards and honors. In 1976, Holy Cross awarded him an honorary doctor of laws degree at the College’s 130th Commencement. In 1978, the St. Thomas More Society presented him with its Silver Medal Award at the 23rd annual Red Mass held in Worcester at the Immaculate Conception Church.

Garrity had been a lifetime member of the President’s Council.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara; two sons, including Charles A. ’76; two daughters, Anne ’78 and Jean M. ’81; two sons-in-law, including David S. Kennedy ’81; a brother, James L. ’43; a sister; eight grandchildren; nephews, including John T. ’71, James L. ’77, John B. ’80, David M. ’83, and Paul W. ’89; and nieces, Deirdre ’79 and Sarah ’82. His brother was the late W. Arthur ’05.
1940
Philip W. Boivin
Aug. 21, 1999
In the skilled nursing home at
Covenant Village of Cromwell,
Conn., at 80. Prior to his retire-
ment, Mr. Boivin had been a man-
ger of textile technology with the
Rayonier division of ITT; previously,
he had worked in New York for
Werner Consultants. During World
War II, Mr. Boivin served in the
Navy from January 1941 until
December 1944. He then began his
career as a market development
executive in the textile industry.
Mr. Boivin is survived by his
wife, Edith; and a daughter.

1940
Gerard M. Lally
Sept. 8, 1999
At his home in Milford, Mass., at
81. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Lally
had been a security supervisor at
the Jordan Marsh Company in
Framingham, Mass. Previously, he
had been employed at the former
Milford Shoe Company for more
than 10 years as well as at the
Krippendorf Calculating Co. in Lynn,
Mass. Mr. Lally is survived by a
nephew; several nieces; and several
grandnieces and grandchildren.

1940
Joseph L. Porrata, M.D.
Aug. 1, 1999
In Puerto Rico, of a heart attack, at
81. A retired physician, Dr. Porrata
had served as a deacon of the
Archdiocese of San Juan, Puerto
Rico, for 25 years. He is survived by
a son; a daughter; six grandchil-
dren; and one great-granddaughter.
His brother was the late Frank C.,
M.D., ’40.

1942
E. Roy Williams
Oct. 6, 1999
In Massachusetts, at 81. Prior to his
retirement, Mr. Williams had been
an international trade specialist for
the U.S. Commerce Department.
During World War II, he served in the
Navy. Mr. Williams had been a
member of the President’s Council
and a past president of the Varsity
Club. He is survived by his wife,
Helen; two daughters; and six
grandchildren.

1943
Daniel J. Lynch
Sept. 12, 1999
In North Merrick, N.Y., at 78. Mr.
Lynch, who was retired, had most
recently served as vice president of
Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette in
New York City; he previously had
been executive vice president and
treasurer of Wood, Struthers &
Winthrop, also in New York City.
Mr. Lynch is survived by his wife,
Eleanor; four sons, including
Daniel J., Jr. ’75; three daughters;
and seven grandchildren.

1943
Daniel J. Moran
Aug. 2, 1999
In Rhode Island Hospital,
Providence, at 77. Prior to his
retirement in 1998, Mr. Moran
had been an insurance broker for
51 years. He began his career with
the former State Mutual Insurance
Co. and then worked as a broker
for the National Life Insurance
Co.; during his association with
National Life, he became a
life member of the Million Dollar
Round Table. A U.S. Navy veteran of
World War II, Mr. Moran served
with the rank of lieutenant. He is
surrounded by his wife, Patricia; a
son; two daughters; a brother, William
H., Jr. ’40; two sisters; and two
grandsons.

1944
Edward T. O’Malley
Aug. 30, 1999
At his home in Worcester, at 78.
Mr. O’Malley had most recently been
the owner and operator of an
import-export business, specializing
in artwork and giftware, in Canada
and Europe. He had also been a
stockbroker for many years. In addi-
tion to Worcester, Mr. O’Malley had
lived in Canada and Spain for
extended periods. During World
War II, he served as a lieutenant
juniors grade and as a pilot in the
U.S. Navy Air Corps. Mr. O’Malley
is survived by two sons; three
daugughters; a brother; a sister; four
grandchildren; and nephews and
nieces.

1944
Joseph J. Stapor, M.D.
Oct. 18, 1999
In the Yale-New Haven (Conn.)
Hospital, at 77. Dr. Stapor had most
recently been medical director for
American Home Products, Ayerst
Division in New York, for seven
years, retiring in 1987. Previously, he
had been medical director of public
health for the state of Connecticut
Department of Public Health for 25
years before his retirement in 1983.
Dr. Stapor had interned at St. Francis Hospital,
Hartford, and St. Mary’s Hospital in
Waterbury before attending the
University of Michigan’s School of
Public Health. He served with the
U.S. Air Force during the Korean
War, achieving the rank of captain.
Dr. Stapor is survived by his wife,
Florence; a son; a daughter; Margaret
M. ’82; a son-in-law, John
F. Costa ’82; a sister; and four
grandchildren.

1945
William H. Tracy, M.D.
Oct. 29, 1999
At his home in Gardner, Mass., at
75. A retired orthopedic physician,
Dr. Tracy had also served on the
Medical Staff of the University of
Michigan’s School of Medicine.
During the 1960s, he served in the
U.S. Navy during World War II, he
served in the Pacific Theater. Dr.
Tracy is survived by his wife, Mary;
two sons; a daughter; two sisters;
and three grandchildren.

1946
Marvin G. Wells
May 3, 1999
In California, Mr. Wells had most
recently worked for Lockheed
Missiles and Space for 22 years.
Commissioned as an ensign after
graduation, he had served in the
Navy for 15 years. Prior to his retire-
ment in 1961, Mr. Wells was award-
ed the Purple Heart for his involve-
ment in the Battle of Guadalcanal.
He is survived by two sons;
daughter; and two grandchildren.

1948
Charles D. Tuppen Jr.
Oct. 8, 1999
In Brothers of Mercy Nursing
Home, Clarence, N.Y., after a
lengthy illness, Prior to his retire-
ment in 1993, Mr. Tuppen had been
associated with the Buffalo, N.Y.,
law firm Falk & Siemer for 42 years.
During the 1960s, he served in the
Erie County Legislature. Mr. Tuppen
had also been president of the
Buffalo Zoological Society from
1975 to 1979, as a former member of
the Buffalo and Fort Erie Bridge
Commission, and a board member of
the Irish Classical Theater. An
enlisted in the U.S. Navy during
World War II, he served in the
Pacific Theater. Mr. Tuppen is
survived by his wife, Mary; two sons;
a daughter; two sisters; and three
grandchildren.

1949
John E. Hannibal Jr., M.D.
Sept. 5, 1999
At Rae-Arn Center, Cleveland,
Ohio, of complications from pro-
gressive supranuclear palsy, at 71.
Dr. Hannibal, a dermatologist, had
maintained a private practice in
Rocky River, Ohio, from 1961 until his
retirement in 1993. He had also
served on the medical staffs at
Fairview General and St. John hos-
pitals, both in Cleveland, and at St.
John Westshore Hospital in
Westlake. During this time, Dr.
Hannibal had served as an assistant
clinical professor of dermatology at
the Case Western Reserve
University School of Medicine. After
earning his medical degree, he had
been a general medical officer for
two years in the Air Force. Dr.
Hannibal is survived by his wife,
Patricia; two sons; two daughters;
two brothers, including Mark J.,
M.D., ’54; a sister; and four grand-
children.

1950
James J. Caulfield Jr.
Sept. 9, 1999
In Beverly (Mass.) Hospital, at 71.
Prior to his retirement, Mr. Caulfield
had been employed as a sales
representative in the leather
industry for many years. A veteran
of the Korean War, he served in the
U.S. Navy. He is survived by his
wife, Dorothy; a son, a daughter,
Maureen B. ’81; six grandchildren;
and several nieces and nephews.

1954
Everett L. Ashle
Sept. 16, 1999
At Brigham and Women’s Hospital,
Boston, Mass., of lymphoma at 66.
Prior to his retirement in 1990, Mr.
Ashle had been vice president of
contracts and management at
Sanders, a Lockheed Martin com-
pany in Nashua, N.H. A Navy veter-
an of the Korean War, he retired
from the Naval Reserves as a lieu-
tenant commander. He is survived
by his wife, Theresa; two daughters;
a brother, Emmett J. Jr. ’51; a sister;
a grandson; and several nieces and
nephews.

1956
Denis J. Donovan, M.D.
Sept. 5, 1999
At the New York United Hospital
Medical Center, Port Chester, at 65.
Mr. Donovan, who maintained a
medical practice in Rye, N.Y., had
most recently been chairman of the
department of family practice at
the New York United Hospital Medical
Center. He had also been a former
member of the Medical Board, pre-
ceptor of medical students at New
York Presbyterian Hospital and
New York Medical College in Rye, police
and fire surgeon and Rye City
School District physician. Dr.
Donovan is survived by his wife, Lin;
three sons; five grandsons; and 14
grandchildren.

1958
Paul J. Hintelmann Jr.
July 28, 1999
At the Riverview Medical Center,
Red Bank, N.J., at 62. For the past
37 years, Mr. Hintelmann had worked as an insurance and financi-
sral services representative for
Prudential Insurance, most recently
in Oakland, N.J. He was past presi-
dent of the National Association of
Life Underwriters. Mr. Hintelmann
is survived by his wife, Maureen;
two daughters; and two brothers.

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1959

**Philip T. Cunningham**

*Nov. 6, 1999*

At his home in Alexandria, Va. Prior to his retirement in 1998, Mr. Cunningham had been chairman of the board, president and chief executive officer of Microdyne Corp. of Alexandria, Va. A retired commander, he had served in the U.S. Navy for 20 years, Following his retirement from the military in 1979, he founded Basic Technology Corp. in Alexandria. After selling the company, he started the Federal Technology Corp., serving as chairman of the board and president; the company name was later changed when the Federal Technology Corp. absorbed the Microdyne Co. of Florida. He is survived by his wife Lizzanne; a son; five daughters; a sister; and two grandsons.

William J. Lally

*Sept. 26, 1999*

At the Waveny Care Center in Connecticut, at 61. A certified financial planner, Mr. Lally had headed his own firm, Lally and Associates, Inc., New Canaan, Conn. A former president of the Fairfield County Chapter of the International Association for Financial Planning, Inc., he was also a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants. In addition, Mr. Lally had served on the boards of the Chamber of Commerce and the New Canaan Historical Society. He is survived by his wife, Janet Lous; five daughters; and seven grandchildren.

1961

**August Paul Cervini Jr.**

*Sept. 8, 1999*

At his home in Worcester, Mass., at 61. Mr. Cervini had most recently been a physical education teacher in the Webster (Mass.) public school system for 30 years. He had previously worked for General Motors Acceptance Corp. A member of the basketball team at Holy Cross, Mr. Cervini served as a referee for several years. He is survived by two sons; four daughters; a sister; and a granddaughter.

1963

**Rev. Michael J. Doyle**

*Aug. 3, 1999*

At Baystate Medical Center, Springfield, Mass., at 57. Fr. Doyle had most recently been coordinator of the Spanish Apostolate, from June 1990 to the time of his death. As a curate, he was first assigned to Notre Dame Church, Adams, Mass., and later to Our Lady of Hope Church in Springfield, Mass. From 1970 to 1973, Fr. Doyle served at St. Michael’s Cathedral. After receiving his master’s degree from Catholic University, Washington, D.C., in 1970, he was associated with Catholic Charities in the Springfield Diocese. During this time, he was a chaplain at the Hampden County Jail and the Hampden County Training School in Agawam, Mass. Fr. Doyle taught at Elms College in Chicopee from 1971 to 1974. He was assigned to St. Matthew’s Church in the Indian Orchard section from 1973-1978 and then served at St. Mary’s Church until 1984. Fr. Doyle served two terms on the Diocesan Senate from 1972 to 1978 and was director of the annual Catholic Stewardship Appeal from 1982 to 1997. He was appointed pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church, Springfield, in 1984, and the administrator of All Souls Church Parish, also in Springfield, in 1997. Fr. Doyle served on many boards, including the Our Lady of Providence Home for Children in Brighton, Mass., and the Massachusetts Catholic Conference in Boston. He is survived by his wife, Patricia.”

1964

**Raymond Sprindzunas**

*July 22, 1999*

At his home in Florida, at 57. Mr. Sprindzunas had jointly owned and operated ISP Homes Inc. in Northboro, Mass., for 10 years. Previously, he had been a regional manager for the state Department of Public Health in Central Massachusetts for more than 10 years. Mr. Sprindzunas had also been a business consultant and manager of the Milford downtown partnership. He is survived by a son; a daughter; his mother; a sister; and nephews and nieces.

1970

**Edward M. Walsh**

*Aug. 27, 1999*

In New York, at 50. Prior to his retirement in 1997, Mr. Walsh had been a clerk for the County of Westchester, N.Y. He is survived by five brothers, including William J., Jr., ‘60 and Francis X., ‘63; and three sisters. His father was the late William J., ‘34.

1971

**Paul V. Hajjar**

*July 27, 1999*

At Saints Memorial Medical Center, Lowell, Mass., at 49. A certified public accountant, Mr. Hajjar had been associated with the Lowell, Mass.-based Village Concepts Inc. He had also been an associate professor at Rivier College, Nashua, N.H. Mr. Hajjar is survived by a son; two daughters; two brothers; two sisters; an aunt; and several nephews and nieces.

1973

**Daniel L. O’Donnell Jr.**

*Oct. 5, 1999*

At South Shore Hospital, Weymouth, Mass., at 49. Mr. O’Donnell had most recently been vice president of the Trans-Global Mortgage Services, South Easton, Mass., for eight years. Previously, he had worked as a mortgage broker for Northern Financial, Hanover, Mass., for seven years, and as a social worker for the Massachusetts Department of Welfare in Hingham and Norwell for 10 years. He is survived by his wife, Janice; and two daughters.

1974

**Richard K. Skinner**

*Sept. 2, 1999*

At Sentara General Hospital, Norfolk, Va., of cancer, at 47. Dr. Skinner, a chiropractor, owned the Skinner Chiropractic Clinic in Seattle, Wash., for eight years, until 1989. Previously, he had been a math and science teacher at the Hebron Academy in Maine, for several years. Dr. Skinner is survived by his wife, Paulette Fluic; his parents; four brothers; and eight nephews and nieces.

1979

**Gary H. Houser**

*Sept. 16, 1999*

In Branford, Conn., at 47. Mr. Houser, a certified public accountant, had most recently been associated with the firm of Searles and Houser, LLC. Previously, he had been employed with the former firm of Haskins and Sells in New York City, the former Penn Central Corp. of Greenwich, Conn., and Cole, Frago, Cusick, Chestler and Co., Westerfield, Conn. He is survived by his wife; his mother; and a sister.

1980

**Matthew Christian Larkin**

*July 13, 1999*

In White Plains, N.Y., at 41. Mr. Larkin had most recently volunteered at the Children’s Museum of Chicago, Ill. Previously, he had worked in the corporate insurance field. Mr. Larkin is survived by his mother and father, Philip C., M.D., ‘43; four brothers, including Timothy J., ‘78 and Edward W., ‘75; two sisters; and 12 nephews and nieces.

1981

**Mark V. Robichaud**

*Sept. 18, 1999*

At his home in Broadview, Ill, of cancer, at 40. Most recently, Mr. Robichaud had been a regional sales manager with Hirose Electronics in Broadview, Ill. He is survived by his wife, Alison; his parents; and two brothers.

1986

**Beverly J. Cass**

*Sept. 14, 1999*

At the Berkshire Medical Center, Pittsfield, Mass., at 34. A certified public accountant, Ms. Cass had been associated with Coopers & Lybrand in Albany, N.Y., and Boston, Mass. She had also been an account executive at the Boston Edison Co. Inc. Ms. Cass is survived by her parents; a brother; two sisters; a nephew; and four nieces.

FRIENDS:


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On Nov. 17, 1999, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, by a substantial majority, adopted a set of regulations to implement the Apostolic Constitution on Catholic Higher Education, *Ex Corde Ecclesiae* ("From the Heart of the Church"). The vote came after almost a decade of intensive debate involving Vatican officials, American bishops, theologians and college and university presidents.

The November vote brought to a climax two important debates in the Catholic Church, one dealing with the relationship between Catholic colleges and universities and the hierarchy, the second with the relationship between theologians and the teaching authority of the church’s pastoral leaders, Pope and bishops.

The higher education debate began when, between 1967 and 1972, the majority of American Catholic colleges and universities transferred ownership and responsibility from their sponsoring religious orders, like the Jesuits, to independent boards of trustees with a majority of lay members. In the years since, the colleges and universities have prospered but Rome has always been wary. The problem was simple but very hard to resolve. American academics believe that an institution cannot be an authentic university if it does not enjoy “institutional autonomy” (control over its internal decisions) and academic freedom. As the Vatican sees it, however, no institution can be Catholic that is not accountable in some way to the hierarchy and ultimately to the Holy See, under the laws of the church.

For 30 years this difference has persisted, but no crisis arose because the American bishops treasured these centers of Catholic scholarship and trusted their leaders. The bishops and the college and university presidents, many still members of religious orders, relied on mutual respect and structured dialogue to work out problems that developed.

After publication of *Ex Corde* in 1989, some bishops wanted to tighten control by specifying legal relationships in canon law, but the majority preferred the more pastoral approach. In November 1996, after five years of heated debate, the bishops by near unanimous vote sent to Rome a text of implementation based on shared responsibility and continuing dialogue. University officials were pleased, but the Vatican rejected this text and demanded one that clarified canon law relationships.

This forced attention to the most difficult canonical issue, the requirement that Catholics teaching theological disciplines must obtain a formal mandatum clarifying their relationship to the teaching authority of the Catholic Church. In the 1996 text the bishops relegated the issue to a footnote “for further study” but Rome insisted that the mandate should be required. The issue of the theologians had intersected the problem of the universities.

The text adopted in November contains many of the good points of the 1996 message. It affirms institutional autonomy and academic freedom. It suggests that the majority of trustees...
and faculty should be Catholic but leaves room for adaptation with phrases like “to the extent possible.” Still, the overall tone suggests a submission to canon law that will be hard for trustees to accept. And the document requires that “Catholics teaching theological disciplines” obtain the mandate.

Anxieties center on three aspects of the mandatum. First, it seems to place an academic question: Who is qualified to teach Catholic theology? in the hands of non-academics, a move which damages the standing of theology as an academic discipline and might weaken the church’s public articulation of the faith by limiting its voice solely to the hierarchy. Second, it requires acceptance of an understanding of theology that is less a partnership and more a matter of professing truths defined by the hierarchy. For many theological scholars deeply committed to the church this requires a surrender of professional integrity. And third, and from the point of view of many administrators, most important, it opens the door to continued wrangling. Ideologically-driven groups claiming orthodoxy and loyalty to the Pope are many and vigilant, and they have been after the theologians and the universities for years. They now have a legal foundation to challenge theologians and harass administrators whenever they hear of remarks that seem to depart from papal teaching (as on the role of women, or birth control).

Still, the future is not entirely bleak. There is a large dose of common sense among the bishops. They have indicated there will be time now to engage in extended dialogue with the theologians, trying to find a method to handle the mandate which will be fair and unobtrusive. Among the questions to be worked out are

- Who grants, and withdraws, the mandate (most bishops probably will not want to exercise that role alone)?
- How does the presence or absence of a mandate affect the status of individual theologians in the university?
- What are the limits of dissent, and how will disputes be worked out?

Despite the mandate adopted under Vatican pressure, theologians, academic officials and bishops hopefully will continue the hard won spirit of the 1996 text. These schools are filled with students, staff and professors who think hard about issues of meaning and value in human life. They provide tremendous assets for the American church. We can be sure bishops do not want to harm them. And we can be equally sure that the vast majority of faculty and staff want to contribute to fostering an intelligent Catholic community as a public as well as a spiritual good. In that spirit even the mandate issue can be handled. Without it we are headed into treacherous waters.

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Statement of Acting President Frank Vellaccio on Ex Corde Ecclesiae

W e at Holy Cross have welcomed the continuing dialogue regarding Catholic mission and identity sparked by Ex Corde Ecclesiae. With other representatives of Catholic higher education we have participated in numerous conversations with the bishops in a spirit of mutual respect and shared responsibility. Invariably these conversations have deepened our appreciation of the hierarchy’s pastoral leadership and our commitment to the church and its mission.

Today’s vote is disappointing. It focuses attention on a small number of issues of canon law at the expense of the overall spirit of cooperation that has always marked the relationship between the American bishops and Catholic colleges and universities. We at Holy Cross have worked hard to insure a vital and creative Catholic life on our campus. We have enjoyed the generous support of our local bishops. We will be working closely with Bishop Daniel P. Reilly to see how we can move forward.

The mandate is a complicated issue of canon law. We anticipate continuing dialogue between the bishops and the Catholic theological community aimed at finding a set of procedures which will be broadly acceptable, which will protect academic freedom and acknowledge the pastoral responsibilities of the bishops. For our part we have complete confidence in the ability, fidelity and integrity of all members of our department of religious studies. We will continue to do all we can to enrich Catholic intellectual life, on campus and in the wider church.
The Family Issue

Thank you for a superb magazine. I read each issue through cover to cover, and you have truly made the magazine into a first-class publication.

With regard to the Family Issue: There are no coincidences, only miracles. Here’s why:

1) A week ago, my wife, Cheryl, and I completed all of the requirements to qualify for care-giving, foster care, and adoption. This required 40 hours of classroom, a full day of Red Cross, an FBI fingerprint check, DMV printouts, physical exams, and a 10-foot high pile of paperwork.

2) We are seeking to adopt special needs African American infants with siblings attached. I found two sisters at an Adoption Fair, and things look promising for us, as per our caseworker and the sisters’ caseworker.

3) Last night, our caseworker asked if we could take a 6-year-old boy on an emergency relocation. I called my wife in Cincinnati, where she is her denomination’s delegate to the National Council of Churches, and she said let’s go for it.

Your issue hit me on all four cylinders, because of the articles on (1) Adoption; (2) Special Need Children; and (3) I, the male, will be the full-time caregiver. It’s too early to say what God’s plan is for us in this area, but we want to do what God calls us for. (One of my friends asked me: “Mike, how old will you be when your adopted child[ren] turn 20?” I answered: “I will be 87, which means I will be able to go through the teen years in my 80s!”)

Again, many thanks for the superb issue.

Mike Kirk-Duggan ’53
Durham, N.C.

“Rethinking the College”

Professor Lawrence’s summer magazine article on Jesuit-based liberal arts education at Holy Cross (“Rethinking the College”) was as accurate a distillation of the topic as I’ve ever read. As the secular world that college graduates enter becomes more hyper-specialized and utilitarian, the idea and practice of a Christian-informed liberal arts education seems countercultural, almost radical. Kudos to your decision to publish this piece. However, I suspect some alumni may not buy Professor Lawrence’s view.

I also enjoyed reading the Admissions Committee prayer before applications assessment. Absent religion, Holy Cross looks and smells like many other small, high-end New England colleges. This prayer struck me as one stark indicator of how it differs. Thanks for letting us inside the process.

Greg Maher ’83
Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y.

Those who worry about Holy Cross remaining a Roman Catholic, Jesuit liberal arts college should read associate philosophy professor Joseph Lawrence’s article, “Rethinking the College” in the September issue of Holy Cross Magazine. It will further unsettle such souls. Let me make two points.

One: Professor Lawrence waxes eloquent about “Jesuit spirituality,” which, however, he regularly equates with “independent inquiry,” “real thinking,” asking questions, gazing beyond the empirical, and challenging fundamental assumptions about life, society, culture, and the purpose of it all. Never does he mention “Jesus Christ,” Jesuit dedication to the person of Jesus Christ, “Taking on Christ,” living in His presence, or serving others in His name. “Jesuit spirituality” without Jesus Christ? In the vernacular, give us a break.

Two: Professor Lawrence’s understanding of “God” is equally empty of orthodoxy. Thus, he writes of the world “Made by god (or nature),” “the unfathomable center we call God,” our end as “the revelation of what we call God,” and communion “with the Divine.” (All italics are mine.) Never does the professor identify God as a Person, “I Who Am,” the one supreme and infinite personal Being, Creator, the Almighty, or Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. For Professor Lawrence, God is a “what.” Again, give us a break.

I suggest that the professor, who seemingly cannot get beyond Plato, Aristotle, Patanjali, and Zen Buddhism, ponder those words emblazoned on Dinand: “Ut Cognoscant Te Solum Deum Verum et Quem Missisti Jesum Christum.” Otherwise his “Rethinking the College” is scary.

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“Special Needs, Unconditional Love”

Phyllis Hanlon’s article “Special Needs, Unconditional Love” (Fall 1999) brought memories of times with our handicapped son, Georgie. Like Bob Naseef, my wife and I initially struggled with disbelief, anger, denial, and all the other emotions associated with this circumstance that so suddenly changed our lives.

The article notes that Naseef’s book Special Children, Challenged Parents addresses the issue of faith. While our faith was challenged, we quickly learned to rely on our walk with Jesus Christ. Through prayer and study of the Bible we came to realize that Georgie was a special gift from God, that his life had meaning, and that God would provide the strength to deal with the challenges of caring for our son.

We also learned that despite all his problems, this little boy was able to witness the glory of God’s love to us and to our four other children. This witnessing extended to the many volunteers from our small town in the Adirondack Mountains who came to our home to assist in Georgie’s extensive therapy program. Their unconditional love was clearly evident.

Georgie is now home with the Lord but the legacy of his life remains. To his family he left revised priorities and stronger faith. To those members of our former community who served as volunteers, he provided a life-enriching experience that will not be forgotten.

Thank you for publishing Ms. Hanlon’s article and for sharing Bob Naseef’s encouraging words.

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Avon, N.Y.
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